



RIVERBEND FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a wonderful winter break filled with friends and family. As we head into February, Riverbend Elementary will begin planning for the administration of Oregon's Statewide Assessments. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will take both the reading and math assessment and 5th grade will take an additional assessment in science. These are very important assessments as the results are used, in part, to help us make academic decisions regarding your child.

In addition, these results are also an indicator of progress specific to Riverbend. Please contact your child's teacher if

you have questions regarding the assessments. Reading is the key academic skill

that unlocks numerous learning opportunities for our children and the month of February is a great opportunity for us all to pick up a book and do a little reading. I wish you all a prosperous new year,

Jim Crist, Principal

GET TO KNOW MS. MCKINNON RIVERBENDS NEW MUSIC TEACHER

Ms. McKinnon moved to Oregon 3 years ago from Dallas, TX where she taught music for 5 years.

She has always wanted to teach music but before she came to the classroom, she used to work for

Walt Disney World! Some of her favorite places to visit are Greune, TX, Pike Place Market, and Washington D.C. In

her free time she enjoys being a "foodie", country dancing, traveling, and spending time with her pet rabbit, Gershwin.



VALENTINES DAY PARTIES

Your student will be having a valentine party in his/her classroom. They last around 30-45 min and are usually at the end of the day. Please contact their teacher directly to see what items they would like brought in to class for the parties and if they need parent volunteers.

[1st Grade Penguin Parade](#) – Annual Penguin parade February 21st @9am

Music Notes

This month is our "Jammin' in Our Jammies" event on February 7th at 6:30pm. For the last month we've been learning folk dances from around the world and it's time for students to take the lead and teach their parents to dance with us!

Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite pair of pajamas.

4th grade is preparing to learn recorder. If your child is interested in buying one for personal use, be sure to return the order form no later than Friday, February 8th

Nurses Corner

With cold and flu season here, please make sure to keep your student home with fever or vomiting and at least 24 hours after resolved. If medication and/or cough drops are needed, these need to be checked in by the parent and a form needs to be signed.

PTA: February 15th is Bingo Night and we are looking for donations for prizes for raffle and for bingo winners! If you would like to donate please contact Jeff Sanders at 541-520-7649