

# The Riverside Roar

For the week of April 12, 2021

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## It's Testing Time!

All Riverside students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking the Ohio State Tests beginning the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. **Virtual students must come to the building to take the tests.** State testing is mandatory. If your child is absent, we will reach out to you each day to do what we can to get them to the building to test. If transportation is an issue, we will try to help. Please see the schedule below and let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Test	Student Group Grades 3 through 8	Dates
Math	Traditional and Virtual Students	April 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Hybrid Students	April 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>

Test	Student Group Grades 5 and 8	Dates
Science	Traditional and Virtual Students	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
	Hybrid Students	April 20 <sup>th</sup>

### For State Testing:

- All virtual students must arrive by 8:00 A.M. on the day of testing and have a ride home at 11:00 A.M.
- All students will receive breakfast. All virtual students will receive a grab and go lunch to take home.
- All students must wear masks and will receive temperature check.

## Upcoming Events

### April 12

Math Testing Begins

### April 19

Science Testing Begins

### May 19

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration  
4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

### Grab and Go Meals

Hybrid students will bring meals home every Wednesday.

Online families may pick up meals by pulling up to the kitchen door on the east side of the building. Pick up is on Thursdays from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.



## Kindergarten and First Grade

Ms. Zwirgzdas – [azwirgzdas@acariverside.com](mailto:azwirgzdas@acariverside.com)

This week the older grades have been testing. Kindergarten and First graders have done an excellent job being flexible with all the changes. So a big pat on the back for them! This week we continued counting tens and ones with cubes, and extended this to compare two numbers to tell which was greater or less than. In reading we read the text *Nate is late* which focuses on forming an opinion after sequencing events in order. Students pea plants went home this week. Please water them every other day, keep them in direct sunlight. You may also want to tie them with a twist tie to a chop stick when the vines grow longer for extra support.

Have a great weekend Miss. Z

## Second and Third Grade

Miss DeLong- [vdelong@acariverside.com](mailto:vdelong@acariverside.com)

Hello! This week, 3rd graders did a wonderful job testing! The 2nd grade did a wonderful job accommodating to the testing schedule. They practiced multiplication facts this week! 3rd grade did a wonderful job reviewing for the test along with multiplication as well. We finished our Magic School Bus book, *The Truth About Bats*. Ask your child what they learned about bats! We will start a new book next week!

## Fourth and Fifth Grade

Ms. Kenner - [akenner@acariverside.com](mailto:akenner@acariverside.com)

Hello Families,

Students have math testing this coming week! Please make sure students are getting enough sleep so they can perform their best and show what they know! It would be a great idea to practice shapes at home.

This week in 4th and 5th grade, we continued reading the novel *Holes*. This is a book about a boy who is sent to a camp to dig holes as punishment, but finds the camp has more than meets the eye. We will be spending the next 5 weeks reading and writing the book as well as learning new vocabulary words. Students are doing a fantastic job tracking their Iready Minutes! The goal is to have 75 minutes (at least) by Friday in both math and reading (15 minutes a day). If your student is staying home but is not sick, I would encourage them to still get their minutes in at home. Also, if you are interested in re-enrolling for next year, we will be giving out free long sleeve t-shirts to students who turn in their re-enrollment form and proof of address. It should be noted that proof of address should be something from the past 30 days.

## Physical Education

Mr. Louis - [plouis@acariverside.com](mailto:plouis@acariverside.com)

## Middle School Language Arts

Ms. Brents - [adbrents001@acariverside.com](mailto:adbrents001@acariverside.com)

One week of testing down, two more to go ! This past week, the Middle school completed Ohio State Testing in English Language Arts. It was very nice meeting the online students in person. If you haven't come to take Part I and II of the English Language tests please contact the school so arrangements are made. This week we'll be supporting the math test, and doing a little refresher on poetry every day.

## Middle School Math

Mrs. McConnell - [mmcconnell@acariverside.com](mailto:mmcconnell@acariverside.com)

Hello Middle school! Testing frenzy is in full swing. We are focused on test specific practice because the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> is Math testing! It is super important not to lose focus. Testing and the change in schedule can be difficult for everyone, but we are in the home stretch for this school crazy year and I know we can all finish strong! GO LIONS. Let's rock this Math assessment.

## Middle School Social Studies

Ms. Charley - [mcharley@acariverside.com](mailto:mcharley@acariverside.com)

This week, the middle school students started testing! They've done a great job focusing on their tests. In social studies class, the 8th grade started writing a DBQ about the Industrial Revolution. The 7th Grade started learning about the Mongols. The 6th Grade is learning about Polytheistic religions. I hope everyone keeps their testing attitudes positives for next week's math tests!

## Middle School Science

Mr. Voegle - [SMVoegle001@acariverside.com](mailto:SMVoegle001@acariverside.com)

Spring has SPRUNG!

Testing has BEGUN!

Ok enough rhyming from Mr. V. As we are progressing we are now in fourth, wait FOURTH quarter. It is time to get your grades up if you need to. Plan for next year. 8<sup>th</sup> graders HIGH SCHOOL IS CALLING, you need to be signing up for next year. Speaking of next year all my Riverside LIONS need to re-enroll to come back. Man the new Riverside T-shirts are cool and I want one but I can't get one because it's only for returning students. On to next week. 6<sup>th</sup> grade we are going to continue working on CELLS! 7<sup>th</sup> grade is moving on to my favorite topic ECOSYSTEMS! 8<sup>th</sup> grade May the FORCE be with you.

## Intervention Specialists

Mrs. Frohlich [cfrohlich@acariverside.com](mailto:cfrohlich@acariverside.com)

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Now that it's Spring, finally, your children may be spending more time outside. It's important that the children know safety facts for playing outside. Here is a list of ten safety facts to discuss with your children.

- Establish safe play areas. ...
- Never speak to strangers. ...
- Never wander off alone. ...
- Be aware of surroundings. ...
- Be mindful of the rainy weather. ...
- Always wear sunscreen or protective clothing. ...
- Remember to hydrate. ...
- Wear proper clothing and equipment for the sport or activity.

The Special Education Team hopes everyone stays safe and has a good time outside.

Ms. Burns [aburns@acariverside.com](mailto:aburns@acariverside.com)

Hi Riverside Families!

Since this we have begun State Testing this week, I wanted to send you some tips to review with your kiddos at home regarding state testing. These tips are helpful for all students but especially students with disabilities.

1. **Emphasize Learning**- testing has its place and is important for various reasons. When talking about taking state tests always emphasize how **being a great learner** is the priority, not **just** being a great test taker. Discuss how tests are there to help see all that we know, have learned and what we can continue to work on.
2. **Preparation**- It will significantly help reduce anxiety to talk with students about what to expect from tests, what's normal and allow them to process through those feelings, fears and questions ahead of time.
3. **Comfort** (specifically for students with disabilities)- Allow students to know what works for them and what helps them be their best test taker. Maybe it's a wiggly seat, knowing when to ask for a break or having a fidget.
4. **Taking Your Time**- Encourage students to take their time, practice filling in bubbles properly (3rd grade), how to carefully read instructions and take their time constructing written responses.
5. **Rest**- It is so important to make sure your child is getting an adequate amount of sleep in general and is sticking to a healthy bedtime routine.
6. **Fun**- Keep it lighthearted, tell your child a joke on the way to school, help plan a fun activity after they have had a long day of testing to unwind and look forward to.

We all know testing can take a toll on our students, but we are in this together. It's so important that we are working together at home and school to help our students do their best and be their best while showing Riverside Pride!

### Music

Ms. Sargent – [hsargent@acariverside.com](mailto:hsargent@acariverside.com)

This week in Music class, students in grades 2-5 got to research a musician of their choice, and present their findings to the class! Kindergarten and first grade students got to learn about the Piano this week. Middle school students have music class only on Fridays during testing!

### We Want You Back!

If you haven't already, please let us know if your scholar will be a Riverside Lion again next year! Let us know as soon as possible so we can hire enough staff to guarantee your scholar will have an in-person spot! Here's what you do:

1. Fill out the short form on our website. Go to [acariverside.com](http://acariverside.com)
2. Send us a proof of residence (such as a utility bill) with your address and the date within the last 30 days. Even if you have provided this for us in the past, we need a new one.