

Panther Press

RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY



Empathy

This month the durable skill that we are working on is EMPATHY. The Portrait of an NC Graduate is broken down into 7 durable skills that students should have before they graduate <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/operation-polaris/portrait-graduate>, we are focusing on one of these skills each month.

Ideas to encourage Empathy at home:

- Comforting Behavior: Encourage your child to offer comfort to a friend or family member who is upset through words, gestures, or physical contact like a hug.
- Active Listening: Encourage your child to be an active listener by paying attention to others when they talk, maintaining eye contact, and showing genuine interest in what is being said.
- Apologizing and Taking Responsibility: Encourage your child to apologize when they realize they have hurt someone's feelings.
- Celebrating Others' Success: Encourage your child to be happy for others when they succeed or achieve something positive.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Thursday, 2/1: Blood Drive 2-6:30 PM
- Mon. and Tues., 2/12-2/13: Jump Rope for Heart (during PE)
- All Week, 2/12- 2/16: LOVE the Bus Week! Love on your child's bus driver!
- Friday, 2/23: Popcorn Friday!
- Thursday, 2/29: Riverbend Reading Night
- All Week, 3/4-3/8: Spring Book Fair!



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Pennies for Panthers!

Thank you for making our Annual Pennies for Panthers fundraiser a HUGE success! Every coin, dollar, and time spent counting money is greatly appreciated! We were able to raise over \$5,000 for our school! Mrs. Finger's 5th-grade class came out on top and will be rewarded with a pool party! Ms. Lusk's 2nd-grade class landed in 2nd place and will be rewarded with a snow-cone party! We have already placed an order for 2 new SMART panels for our classrooms with the money raised through Pennies for Panthers and Panther Party Fun Night! We couldn't do it without the support of our families! Thank you!

NC School Report Card

Each year the Department of Public Instruction releases a report card for each school. The report card gives an overall letter grade for each school using performance data from the End of Grade tests. The school report card also displays other important data about your child's school including technology availability, attendance, teacher qualification, etc. Check out the newest Riverbend School Report card here: [RES 2023 NC School Report Card](#)



Valentines

With Valentine's Day approaching we wanted to remind you of Riverbend Elementary School's year-round policy regarding items you may want to send to your child, or that your child may want to have delivered to another student:

We ask that no flowers, balloons, or gifts for students be delivered to school for any occasion or reason. These cannot be transported on our buses safely; therefore, we do not allow car riders or After School participants to receive them either as we desire equity for all students. Thank you for your cooperation.

We ask that you share this information with family members who may want to send any of these types of items to school for students. Your child's classroom teacher may (or may not) have a classroom celebration that students may exchange Valentines to share and enjoy. Teachers will share those details with you in the coming days.

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