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WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

Critical Thinking

This month the durable skill that we are working on is CRITICAL THINKING. 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 Critical Thinking at home:

- Ask Open-ended Questions: Engage your child in discussions that require more than a simple yes or no answer. Encourage them to express their thoughts, opinions, and reasoning behind their answers.
- Teach Decision-Making Skills: Involve your child in decision-making processes at home, like planning family activities or making shopping choices. Encourage them to consider different options, weigh the pros and cons, and explain their decisions.
- Encourage Reflection: Help your child reflect on their experiences. Ask them what they learned from a particular activity, what worked well, or what they might do differently next time.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Monday, Jan. 8th: 1st Student Day back from break!
- Wednesday, Jan. 10th: Panther PAC Meeting, 8:30 AM
- Monday, Jan. 15th: MLK Jr. Holiday, No School
- Jan. 22nd - 26th: Pennies for Panthers!
- Friday, Jan. 26th: Panther Party Fun Night, 3:00-5:00 PM
- Thursday, Feb. 1st: Riverbend Blood Drive, 2-6:30 PM



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THANK
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Food Drive Success!

Thank you for making our White Christmas Food Drive such a success this year! The Riverbend Giving Tree was filled with ornaments! **Our school collected over 2,600 non-perishable food items!**

Ms. Lusk's 2nd Grade class came in 1st place collecting 320 cans! Ms. Eckard's 4th Grade class came in 2nd place collecting 310 cans! Ms. Carter's 3rd Grade class came in 3rd place collecting 290 cans!



November Attendance Award Winners! (December Drawing on 1/8!)



Blood Drive

Riverbend is hosting our first Blood Drive on Thursday, Feb. 1st from 2 PM - 6:30 PM. If you or anyone you know would be interested in giving blood please sign-up! Appointments can be made through the American Red Cross Donor App, or at RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code Riverbend. Student recruiters will earn a prize from the American Red Cross!

Pennies for Panthers

Our Annual Pennies for Panthers Fundraiser is here, in a new month! The fundraiser will run all week from Jan. 22nd-26th, ending at 8:00 AM on Friday morning. Classes will start competing to collect the most pennies for a chance to win the grand prize trip to go swimming at the Waynesville Recreation Center! Each year we ask our families and community members to bring in pennies for our fundraiser where 100% of proceeds go to purchasing new SMART Pannels for our classrooms!

There is some strategy to this Fundraiser! Any donation other than pennies that is put into a class box is deducted at face value from that class' total! Although it's nice for your class to be on top, with the most pennies collected, be careful because other students might just drop some dollars in your box to bring your total down! Just one dollar deducts 100 pennies! The winning class will be announced at the Panther Party on Friday, January 26th!

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