

# River Woods Newsletter

2929 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50320 515-242-8433

Traci Shipley, Principal - Staci Allison, Dean of Students

## Important Dates

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – October  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Break

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Fall School \*invitation only

2<sup>nd</sup> Session of 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Programming  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – December  
12<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
School Pride Day



River Woods Eagles are  
Safe, Responsible and  
Respectful!

## Important Information

Breakfast served  
8:10 to 8:30

School Hours  
8:45 – 3:30

Wednesday Dismissal  
2:00

Daily attendance is important to maximize learning. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time and remains all day.



## Reevaluating the Continuous Calendar

Over the last year DMPS has been monitoring and discussing the effectiveness of the continuous calendar with respect to alignment of resources, student and staff attendance, as well as achievement data. All three schools, River Woods, Moulton and Capitol View have been gathering staff and community feedback regarding calendar preference. Two community calendar forums were held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at River Woods to discuss the benefits and challenges of our current school calendar. Additionally, administration and staff connected with families during conferences to share a summary of information discussed in our forums. Thank you everyone for your input as it is a very valuable component of our future discussions. Moving forward, principals of all three schools will be meeting with directors as a team over our fall break to discuss building needs, student data, as well as community input to determine the calendar that best addresses the educational needs of our students. We plan to have a decision prior to Thanksgiving break to help families plan.

## PTA Information

Cookie Dough Fundraiser  
October 14<sup>th</sup> – 23

### Support our school with non-sales fundraisers

Coke Rewards      Labels for Education      Box Tops

Grades will be competing so start collecting!  
Redemption containers are in classrooms.

## Students Raise Nearly \$500 Dollars for ALS

We kicked off our event with staff participating in the Ice Bucket Challenge during which they charged Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Shipley to take the icy plunge. Students showed their support by donating their spare change to raise nearly \$500 dollars to support the search for a cure. The funds were given in honor of Mrs. O'Conner's brother who recently lost a battle to ALS. We celebrated students' efforts

during a school-wide assembly on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> lead by our River Woods Cheerleaders. Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Shipley got drenched on one of the coldest days this school year. The students thought it was AWESOME!

## Field Day a BIG Success

The weather cooperated for us to have a fabulous field day. Students participated in relay games that reinforced the importance of team work. Their favorite station was the sponge relay because the students had the opportunity to get wet and in some cases soaked. Thanks Ms. Moore for organizing our special day!