

January 19, 2016

5280 Farm Rd., Waterford, MI 48327

Mark Your Calendar

- January 25th** Pizza Kit orders due
- January 29th** Spell-a-thon Pledges due
1/2 day for students
- February 2nd** Pizza Kit Pick-up
(4:15-6:30 pm School Cafeteria)
- February 5th** Riverside Snow Ball
- February 13th** Sledding Extravaganza
Waterford Oaks (11-1)
- February 18-19** February Break
No school
- February 25th** Kindergarten Orientation
at Riverside 6:00 pm
- March 25 & 28** Good Friday/Easter Break
- April 4-8** Spring Break

January Focus:

Habit One - Be Proactive

- I am a responsible person.
- I take initiative
- I choose my actions.
- I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Ask your child about their "Circle of Control."



SNOW BALL WINTER DANCE

Friday, February 5th

6pm-8pm

Details coming soon



2015-2016 School hours:

M,T,W,F - 8:45am-3:57pm

EARLY RELEASE ON THURSDAYS

Thursdays - 8:45am-2:57pm

Half Day Dismissal - 11:58 am

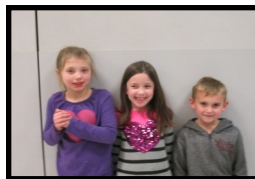
Entry to Building: 8:35am

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in **December** by the Oakland County Sheriff and Riverside Teachers for displaying outstanding citizenship and demonstrating great leadership qualities.

First Grade:

Lillian Hall, Autumn Elder, and Jeffrey Reber



Second Grade:

Logan Levitt, Haidyn Bigelow, and Talia Ruhl



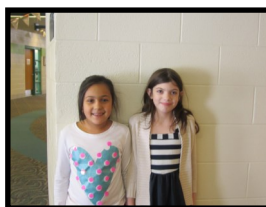
Third Grade:

Madison Palmer



Fourth Grade:

Breonna Koch and Isabel Martinez



Fifth Grade:

Gage Bradshaw and Nino Pena



Attention all 5th Grade Parents:

In order to make an awesome DVD for our 5th graders, please send in two pictures: a baby picture of your child, and also their 5th grade school picture.

Please e-mail these to Amber Balhorn asap so your child can be included in the DVD.

The email is: grade5pics@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Thank you for all the great work on our yearbook cover coloring entries.

Our winner is:

Rylee Stimpson
5th Grade

Please continue to send in box tops and Campbell's soup labels through the end of February. We reached \$867.00 so far towards our Box Tops goal of \$1000!



Please remember to visit our Weebly Site to hear read alouds and for information on our Sled Cardboard Challenge.

<http://riversideracers.weebly.com>



ARRIVAL AND ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Our school day begins at 8:45 AM each day. A positive attitude about attendance impacts a student's successful achievement in class. Frequent absences/tardies often create frustrations when students enter their classroom. We want our students to feel good about school, their work, and their successes!

We need your support and help in seeing to it that your child(ren) are in school, on time, and prepared to learn each day. We take our responsibility to educate them seriously and we know you do as well. Our school family is important and it matters that students are here, on time, every day.

If a student is brought to school after 8:45 AM, a parent must walk the student inside and sign them in at the office. If a student is being picked up prior to the end of the school day, a parent/guardian must come in to the building and sign the student out in the attendance office. (Please remember a photo ID is required when picking up a student.)

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

It's that time of the year again! If you have a child, or know of a child, who will be five years old by September 1, 2016, there will be a Kindergarten Orientation/parent and child meeting on **Thursday, February 25th, 2016**. If you are interested in our **Junior Kindergarten program**, please plan to attend the Kindergarten Round-up at your home elementary school, or contact the school and speak with the principal.

In addition to attending our Riverside Orientation, district enrollment paperwork needs to be completed. Please contact Central Enrollment at 248-681-2076 between 8:00-4:00 p.m. for more information.



Vision Screening for Kindergarten Entry

Michigan Law mandates vision screening before kindergarten entry **by the first day of school**. To assist parents in meeting this law, the Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screening by appointment for County residents. **To insure that all students are screened by the first day of school, parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.** Please see the flyer on last page of this newsletter with specific

SCHOOL CLOSING Information

Inclement weather, hazardous road conditions, power outages or other incidents may require the closing of school. School closings will be announced to the public on the following: TV Channels 22, 2, 4, and 7; Radio stations: WJR760 AM, WWJ950 AM, and the district's web site at www.waterford.k12.mi.us.



In addition, parents will be notified via the district's emergency notification system, Blackboard Connect.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please remember to send cold weather gear with your children. Students must have a warm coat, hats, mittens or gloves and boots to go outside for recess. If students do not have boots they will be asked to stay on the pavement during recess.

Honoring our Veterans



Do you have a family member or adult who you would like to honor for their service and dedication to our country during our Community Meeting? We will mention their name, branch of the military, and share their photo (if provided).

Please fill out the application and return to your classroom teacher.

Your Name: _____

Grade and Classroom Teacher: _____

Whom you would like to honor: _____

How this individual served our country and why you would like to honor him or her:



WATERFORD ELEMENTARY SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Time: 4:15p.m. Every Tuesday (Weather Permitting)

Place: Pine Knob Ski Resort (Pinery Café – upstairs next to the bar)

Who: Waterford Elementary Students, Parents and Friends (ages 7-18)

Pricing: **Club Card - \$19.00** - one time membership fee which includes 2 ski lessons or 1 snowboard lesson and discounted lift tickets and rentals.

Lift tickets - \$19.00

Ski/Snowboard Rental - \$19.00

Helmet Rental - \$10.00

Patches - \$2.50

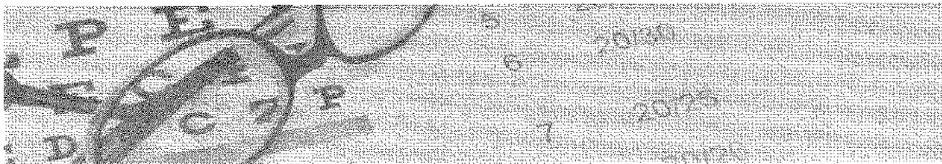
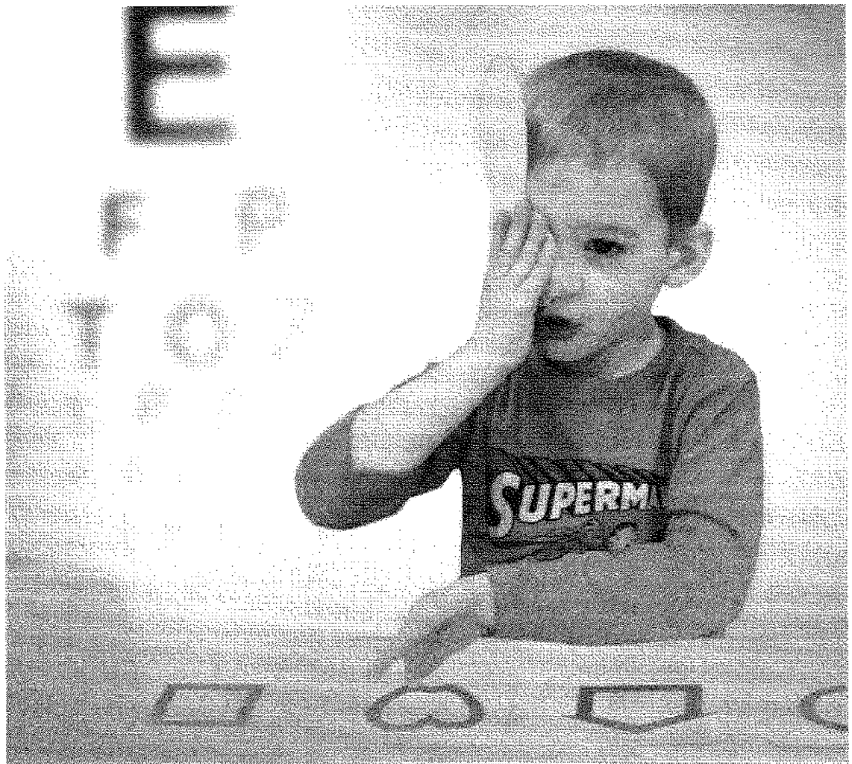
Patch Program – students must take ski/snowboard lessons to earn patches and adhere to the lesson guidelines set forth by Pine Knob Ski Resort in order to receive discounted lift tickets and rentals.

For questions or to purchase club cards in advance, please contact:

Mike Morgan: 248-895-8057 - mykm29@yahoo.com

FREE VISION SCREENING

For Oakland County Residents



Vision Tests are Required to Enter Kindergarten

Call **248.424.7070** to set an appointment for your child.

THREE LOCATIONS TO BETTER SERVE YOU

PONTIAC
1200 N Telegraph Rd • Bldg. 34 E
Pontiac, MI 48341

**WALLED LAKE COMMUNITY
EDUCATION CENTER**
615 N Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake, MI 48390

SOUTHFIELD
27725 Greenfield Rd
Southfield, MI 48076

Limited availability at the Walled Lake Community Education Center.

Vision tests done in preschool by a Public Health Technician or doctor's office will also fulfill this requirement.



@PUBLICHEALTHOC

The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. State and Federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.

Michigan Law (Public Health Code, Act 369 and the 1995 Revised School Code, Act 291) states your child needs a vision test before going to Kindergarten.

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