

# Crocker/Riverside Elementary School



## Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information is for your December calendar and planning.



### Make-up Picture Day & Re-takes

Thursday, November 29, 2018

**FREE DRESS FOR THOSE HAVING RE-TAKES DONE**

Excel Photographers will be here on this day to take make-up pictures for any new students and students who did not have their photo taken during picture day on October 17, 2018. If you do not like the way your pictures turned out from the first picture day you can bring them back on this day and have your photo re-taken. October pictures were sent home with students before Thanksgiving Break. Picture order forms were sent home with students on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Teacher Reports and Records Day

### Shortened Day Friday, November 30, 2018

Teacher Record Day is on Friday, November 30, 2018, as this day is designated for teachers to complete their report cards and student records. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be on a shortened day schedule.



### Shortened Day Schedule is as follows:

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| AM Kindergarten                          | 8:00 a.m. – 11:20 p.m. |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades | 9:00 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades | 9:00 a.m. – 1:19 p.m.  |
| PM Kindergarten                          | 11:40 a.m. – 3:12 p.m. |



**Students in grades 1-6 will be served lunch after their dismissal time.**

Please send a light snack with your child to hold them over until their dismissal time.



### **FREE DRESS DAY - Friday, November 30, 2018**

It's the last Friday of the school month so students have a FREE Dress Day.



# Scholastic Book Fair Week

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, December 8, 2017



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in our school auditorium and will be open for students and parents who would like to do some shopping from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. except for Friday it will only be open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Don't forget parents and students can also shop on Wednesday evening. Cath Mascal and Lauren Zimmerman are chairing our Scholastic Book Fair and **THEY ARE STILL IN NEED OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS.** Please go to our school web page [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org) or [www.konstella.com](http://www.konstella.com) if you can volunteer some time to help us make this Book Fair successful.



## Extra Extra Extra Parent Book Fair Night

Wednesday, December 5, 2018  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium



Thank you in advance for your support of our school auditorium. All proceeds from this event go back into our library services.



# Parent-Teacher Conferences

Teachers will be conducting parent/teacher conferences December 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>. Important information about your child's school progress for the first trimester will be shared at the conference. Report Cards will be given to parents at their conference. All students in grades 1-6 will be on a shortened day schedule. No change for Kindergarten.

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**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, December 10, 2018**

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## Band Winter Concert



Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

Crocker/Riverside's School Band will be performing for our students and families during this evening under the direction of our Band Instructor, Mr. Steven Bingen. We hope that you and your family can attend.



**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 4, 2019**



Let it  
Snow



**School Resumes on  
Monday, January 7, 2019**

# Perseverance

Resource for Families

SEL Core Competencies:  
Self Management & Growth  
Mindset

## what is perseverance?

Showing perseverance means not giving up when things get difficult or when success doesn't come easy.

Why do we need to practice perseverance?

"If you can't fly,  
then run.  
If you can't run,  
then walk. If you  
can't walk, then  
crawl, but  
whatever you do,  
you have to keep  
moving forward."

- Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr

Research on the brain shows that the prefrontal cortex is not fully developed until our mid to late 20's. The prefrontal cortex is the region of our brain that is responsible for our higher order thinking skills (cause and effect, impulse control, problem solving, etc.). The development of the prefrontal cortex is not like that of a light switch. There is no flip of the switch and suddenly a person is capable of high-order thinking skills. Like anything, for the prefrontal cortex to develop, there needs to be explicit learning opportunities.

What does this mean?

Provide time everyday for creation and application of opportunities for your child to practice responsibility.

## Let's Practice perseverance!

### what can you do at home?

- Set small and achievable goals. Each time your child meets their goal, set a new goal. Setting and achieving goals will help develop their prefrontal cortex. The skills they learn about perseverance will help them realize they are capable of achieving their goals.
- At the end of each school day, have your child share an example of something they struggled to accomplish that day. Brainstorm ways to make that struggle more productive the next time they face it.
- Share with your child examples of your own struggles and how you persevered.

### Online Resources:

- <http://parenttoolkit.com>
- <http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/style/how-to-teach-kids-perseverance-goal-setting/>

Coming Next Month:  
Integrity

We Are. We Belong. We Can.