



# Riverside Elementary School

58 Riverside Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540



(609) 806-4260  
Ms. Ebony Lattimer, Principal

February 18, 2022

Dear Riverside Families,

*“The happiest people are those that do the most for others.” ~Booker T. Washington*

This week at Riverside we are showing our happiness in an abundance of ways!

- Students in Ms. Solovay’s class have used their voices to improve the environment by having plastic straws replaced with paper straws in the cafeteria. Nicely done, Rosemarie Luijendijk, Lucy Renolds, Mabel Treuting and Siena Rowe!
- Ms. Kollipara’s class shared their passion for social issues during their writing celebration. Some of the topics we learned about were the importance of protecting bees, protecting the environment is important for all of us, and gender equity is important.

Please take note of the updates and reminders:

### Updates:

- **The Princeton Health Department and Princeton Public Schools are partnering to offer three additional vaccination clinics.**
  - **The clinics will be held at the PPS Administration Building at 25 Valley Road from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**
  - **There are several appointments times still available for on the 24th.**

○ Please use the links below to schedule a booster or vaccine for our next three (3) PPS and Princeton Health Department clinics.

■ Wednesday, February 9 Valley Road Administration Building [Click Here](#)

■ Thursday, February 17 Valley Road Administration Building [Click Here](#)

○ Thursday, February 24 Valley Road Administration Building [Click Here](#)

○ All students 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

○ Please complete and print the appropriate forms prior to your scheduled appointment and bring the forms with you to your appointment.

■ [COVID-19 Consent Form](#) For individuals 12 years old and over.

■ [Pediatric Pfizer Consent Form](#) For children 5 to 11 years old.

● **New Princeton COVID-19 Testing Site:** Ridgewood Diagnostic Center will be opening a testing facility on Monday, Jan. 4th at 237 N. Harrison Street (the old Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad building). The testing center will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The site will take both walk-ins and appointments. Appointments can be made here: <https://testnj.online/reg.aspx>. The appointment registration page is available in English and Spanish.

● To help become a little more transparent about the safety of Riverside. We will be sending a monthly email to all families after we have completed a security drill. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 (“Drill Law”), **each public and nonpublic school must conduct at least one fire drill and one security drill each month during school hours.**

Gov. Murphy recently signed into law more school age-appropriate drill requirements. You can find the information about the legislation here:

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562022/approved/20220110a.shtml>

One of those key components is to alert students that the security event is a drill and to help them understand why we may be doing said drill. Riverside will be implementing this as part of its Security Drill procedures.

● If you are sending in birthday treats for your student please remember, food items will not be eaten in the building, but will be sent home with students provided they are:

- Store bought.
- Individually packaged and sealed.
- The ingredients list is legible and firmly attached to the package.

**Reminders:**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences are the week of March 2; the Sign-Up Genius has been released this week.
- Morning Arrival, Car Line and Parking: Please be mindful of the morning arrival procedures for parking and the carline to ensure the safety of all at Riverside. These items include but are not limited to:
  - Please stay with your car while in the car line. Leaving the car unattended in the car line stops the flow and backs up traffic. This includes at the end of the car line near the garden.
  - Please park on Riverside Dr. and walk your students to the school, this includes the PreK and Kindergarten doors. Please do not use the staff parking lot.
  - Please be mindful of driving speed.
  - Please pull all the way up to the green cones before letting your student out the car.
  - Please do not park between the signs on Prospect Ave. This is the designated bus area.
  - If your child is having symptoms of COVID-19, OR has a pending PCR test, regardless of vaccination status, please keep them home and report the absence by doing the following:
    - Calling (609) 806-4266 and select Option 4
    - **OR** email Nurse Sarah [sarahgooen-chen@princetonk12.org](mailto:sarahgooen-chen@princetonk12.org) **AND** Rosanna Duran at [rosannaduran@princetonk12.org](mailto:rosannaduran@princetonk12.org)
    - Provide the following information:
      - The first name and last name of your student(s)
      - The grade of your student(s)
      - The reason for the absence
      - A phone number for a follow-up call if necessary
  - If you are interested in getting tested for COVID-19, please use this link to find a testing site near you <https://www.princetonnj.gov/999/COVID-19-Testing>

**Vaccination Card Upload Instructions**

To keep students safe and to facilitate contact tracing, we ask that parents **upload their student's vaccination card** into our existing Student Information System, PowerSchool after the student's second shot.

- Contact tracing requires PPS nurses to inquire about each student's vaccination status.
- If a student is named a "close contact," the student will not need to quarantine or miss school if they are in fact vaccinated.

PPS will maintain student confidentiality. Only staff directly involved in contact tracing will have access to vaccination status.

Please see the directions below which are provided in both English and Spanish.

[English Instructions](#)

[En Español](#)

We are looking forward to an awesome week at Riverside!

Kindly,

Ebony Lattimer, Principal