

Riggio Review

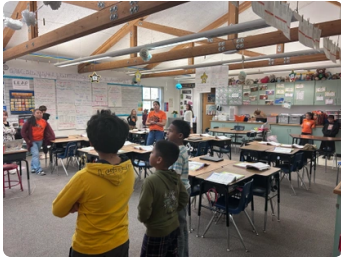
School Newsletter

FEBRUARY 3, 2025



Hello Don Riggio Families

Welcome to this month's edition of our Riggio Review! Please read on to learn about the latest information and updates from our school community.



Principal's Message

Winter Parent/Teacher conferences are February 3-7. If your child's teacher has reached out to you to schedule a conference, please make it a priority to attend. Your presence is a critical piece in our three-way partnership to ensure your child's growth and success.

In just two short months we will start our yearly state testing known as the Smarter Balance Assessments (SBAC).

Students in 3rd-6th grade participate in this test to assess their proficiency in reading and math. Our 5th graders also take the state science test (CAST). Now is the time to start preparing your child for this important time in the school year where they "show what they know".

Some ways you can support at home are as follows:

- Make sure your child is on time for school. Tardies mean a loss of instructional minutes in the area of reading or math, which could make them fall behind.
- Work with the teacher to determine specific areas your child may need support in and make a plan to practice and fine tune these skills at home.
- If they took the state test last year, review their score on Aeries and set a goal for improvement. Teachers are also doing this in class.
- Set high expectations and goals at home and include rewards for reaching their goals.

Over the next two months, students will be taking practice interim tests and will be talking through testing strategies in the classroom as well.

Finally, This month we are focusing on INTEGRITY. We will spend time reviewing the importance of standing by your word and being honest even when it's hard. I have attached a helpful website by Common Sense Media with resources and apps that promote integrity in our students. **Integrity**

Activities

Full Color Yearbook

2024-2025

Time to Pre-Order

January 27 - February 28, 2025

TWO WAYS TO ORDER THIS YEAR!

ORDER YEARBOOKS ONLINE!

www.yearbookordercenter.com

- 1) Under "new order" insert our school's order number (12444)
- 2) Click "Buy A Yearbook, Yearbook Package" tab
- 3) Select how many yearbooks you wish to order
- 4) Click "Buy These Items"
- 5) Select "Buy This Item For: Student" **Enter your child's name.**
If you child's name isn't listed in the search, go to "Add Student" and insert your child's information.
- 6) Follow instructions for payment.

RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU AREN'T ORDERING ONLINE!

Please check all that apply, complete the form and return it to school **with payment.**

HARD

Yearbook:

Hard Cover \$30

Payment Type:

Cash

Check #

Money Order

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Room# _____

Send **EXACT** cash or make check/money order payable to Don Riggio School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ADVERTISEMENT OR CONGRATULATIONS:

Advertise a Business or Congratulate Your Student!

Space is available for purchase until February 9th

(All pictures, text, and/or all content must be submitted by February 10th to meet our production deadline.)

Email address: _____

1/16th of a Page (portrait) \$30

1/8th of a Page (landscape) \$50

1/4th of a Page (portrait) \$85

1/2 of a Page (landscape) \$150

Full Page (portrait) \$280

Yearbook Sales

Enjoy this everlasting keepsake!

You can pre-order your Don Riggio yearbook from February 1st - February 28th. They are \$30 and are hard cover. You can order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com

If interested, you can also purchase an advertisement or a congratulations space in the yearbook. More information will be sent home with your child and in future Parent Square messages.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for important February dates.

Feb 3 - Youth Truth Survey Opens for Students & Families

Feb 3-7 - Winter Conferences

Feb 4 - PTSA Meeting at 6:00pm in Library

Feb 10 - NO SCHOOL - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day & School Safety Officer Day

Feb 17 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

Feb 21 - HOUSE Meeting Day

Mar 3 - Youth Truth Survey Ends for Students & Families

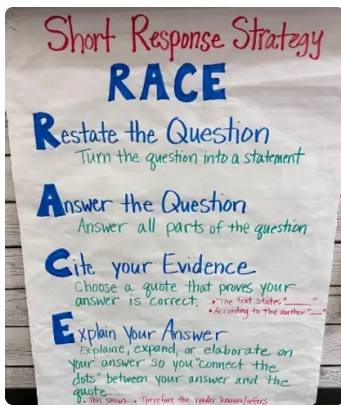


English Language Advisory Committee



ELAC Meeting

Come join our English Learner Advisory Committee! Help the school better support English language learners. Meet other families and build connections to our school community. Snacks and coffee included. Our next meeting is on **March 3rd at 7:30am in Room 120**. See you there!



RACE Strategy

In our efforts to improve student comprehension and writing skills, our fifth and sixth grade students specifically learn and practice the RACE strategy.

The short response strategy is as follows:

1. **Restate the Question** - Turn the question into a statement.
2. **Answer the Question** - Answer all parts of the question.
3. **Cite your Evidence** - Choose a quote from the text to support your answer.
4. **Explain your Answer** - Explain, expand, and elaborate on your answer, so you connect the dots between your answer and the text evidence

This strategy allows students to develop a deeper understanding of what is learned and reinforces the importance of answering in complete sentences. I highly recommend practicing this strategy at home.

Parents can ask while reviewing student homework:

- How do you know that is correct?
- Where did you find that in the text?
- (In Math) Show me the work you did to come up with this answer. Did you check your answer?

PTSA Updates



Check out the latest PTSA news.

DON RIGGIO READ-A-THON is on March 7th for Read Across America Week! Calling all Dolphins to wear PJ's, grab a good book, and join us for our school wide READ-A-THON as we celebrate Read Across America Day!

Don Riggio PTSA, inspired by this national event, has planned a school wide day of reading together while raising funds to support our Don Riggio Performing Arts Program. Funds raised will go toward upgrades to our theater, as well as support for class field trips.

The top two student earners will win a \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card and the top two earning classrooms will win a Snack Party!!! More information to come home soon.

We are also always looking for new parents to join the board. Being a part of PTSA is a very rewarding and fun way to be involved in your child's education, so we hope you will consider joining the team. If you're interested, check in with your student's teacher or the front office.



Don Riggio Contact Info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out in the following ways:

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