

Riverbend Elementary

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2024-2025**

**RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY
730 E WALKER ST
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO 83221**

SCHOOL NUMBER: 785-8832

“HOME OF THE COLTS”



RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY School
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Welcome to the new 2024-2025 School Year at Riverbend Elementary School!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope you have had a fruitful, enjoyable and relaxing summer and ready for another learning packed school year. How quickly summer concludes and our thoughts turn to eagerly preparing for the commencement of another school year. This is always one of my favorite times of the year! I love the excitement of beginning each new school year and enthusiastically await welcoming our families and students.

The staff has been hard at work getting ready for the new year and we are looking forward to welcoming all of our previous students as well as our new students on the first day of school. Our wonderful staff works diligently to provide the best education while students strive to adhere to our motto stating, “Prepare students for success in academic and social skills, develop responsibility, be respectful to others and become a self assured individual.”

I encourage all of you to become an active member in our PTO. These funds provide monies for equipment, supplies, and programs that benefit our children. I also encourage you to support our annual fundraising activities. These funds provide additional funds to support Riverbend student’s school-wide field trips and much, much more!

Finally, if your child needs additional support or if you have a concern please don’t hesitate to contact their teacher or myself. It is our mission to support your child in whatever way we can.

On behalf of the entire staff at Riverbend Elementary School we thank you for your support and cooperation. Welcome to the New School Year!

Respectfully,

Ms. Christine F. Silzly, Principal

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Riverbend Elementary School
208-785-8832**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chair– Bonnie Hepworth
Board Vice Chair – Carlos Mercado
Board Treasure – Cleon Chapman
Board Trustee – Kevin Callahan
Board Trustee- Mary Jo Marlow

The following are Riverbend Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Values and Beliefs, and Student Goals that have been developed by our staff and parents.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Riverbend School in partnership with our patrons is to prepare students for success in academic and social skills, develop responsibility, be respectful to others and become a self -assured individual.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide a school climate which affirms the worth and diversity of all our students and also gives them the opportunity and motivation for success in learning and to function productively in society.

VALUES AND BELIEFS

All students can learn to be responsible, confident, respectful and be independent.

All students will be provided a safe, healthy, caring, and nurturing environment.

Curriculum will be current and responsive to performance outcomes that have been established by our school and school district.

Parents, students, teachers, and patrons must accept their roles in the educational process with support for one another.

Recognize all students in our school for any good effort by phone calls, letters, certificates, and awards.

Provide students and parents accurate information regarding progress toward student performance outcomes for each individual student.

Provide all students with a variety of activities and experiences in which to participate.

Teach students skills using modern technology to enable them to compete effectively in our high- tech society.

STUDENT GOALS

Teach students to communicate in a functional manner; reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and performing arts.

Teach students proper respect for themselves, other individuals, property, and develop a sense of responsibility for their own actions.

Teach students proper health habits and proper ways of being physically fit.

All students will demonstrate competencies in each core subject (math, language arts, science, social studies) by using different assessment methods, including test taking skills.

Students will be taught critical thinking skills to be better prepared in all areas of our world.

SCHOOL DAY

School Begins:	8:00 a.m.
Tardy Bell	8:10 a.m.
School Dismisses:	3:05 p.m.
Teachers' Hours:	7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Office Hours.	7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

TIPS TO PARENTS

1. Share your concerns, suggestions, questions, and compliments. We can only help when we know what is needed. Feel free to contact the teacher or principal. Early communication is important to us and your child.
2. Show an interest in your child's work and praise his/her constructive accomplishments. Encouragement and praise will help every child.
3. Help develop self-reliance by giving your child responsibilities suitable to his/her age.
4. Become acquainted with your child's teacher. Communicate frequently with the school concerning your child's progress. We invite you to visit your child's classroom at any time.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Riverbend School Leadership Team meets the 1st Monday of each month in the office or as often as needed.

Members include:

Christine Silzly – Principal

Leadership Team- Natalie Baker, Mary Argueta, Sandra Ramos, Tiffanie McNeel, Shellie Jensen, Fairley Faroni, Allison Randall

ATTENDANCE

Please read District #55 Discipline Policy and understand attendance procedures. Please call the school before 8:30 a.m. if your child is not going to be in school. We need to know the location of all the children. We find a direct correlation between absenteeism and poor academic achievement. Please see that your children are in school except for illness. We want them here at school.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

When a student has been absent approximately nine (9) times during any one semester regardless of the reason, the school will investigate the student's attendance pattern and, if necessary, a conference with the student's parents/guardians will be arranged or a letter sent home. In the event of further absences, a letter will be sent on approximately the 5th and the 10th absence. After the 15th absence, the student is a candidate for review with the school administrator.

VISITING AND CALLING

We urge parents to visit their child's classroom. We hope that you will become acquainted with your child's teachers. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see us or call 785-8832. As a matter of policy, teachers will not be called away from their classrooms during school hours except in extreme emergencies, but you may call any time and leave a message for a teacher who will return your call as soon as possible. The Principal welcomes visits with parents, either in person or by the telephone.

Children will be allowed to use the office phone only to inform parents if they need to remain after the regular day or in case of emergencies. Social calls by children cannot be permitted because of the necessity of keeping the telephone lines free for school business.

RIVERBEND PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The PTO President for the 2024-2025 school year is Jami Cook. If your needing to speak with her, call the school at (208) 785-8832

RIVERBEND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

2024-2025

SILZLY
ALLEN
ARGUETA
BAKER
BARROW
BECK
BINGHAM
BYSTROM
CODY
COLLARD
CUMMENS
FARONI
FOLSOM
HERNANDEZ
HOOVER
JENSEN
JENSEN
LEAVITT
MCNEEL
MOYSH
OLSON
PAYNE
PETERSON
RAMOS
RANDALL
RICH
SANDERS
SPEAS
STUCKI
THOMPSON
VANORDEN
WAGNER
WEBSTER
WHITEHEAD
WIELAND
YANCEY

CHRISTINE,
JANET,
MARY,
NATALIE
TESSA,
JILL,
LORI,
KATHLEEN,
ALICIA,
MELISSA,
SHARON,
FAIRLEY,
TRACY,
ERICA,
GAYLE,
SHELLIE,
RACHEL
NADENE,
TIFFANIE,
AYDRE,
EMILY,
JARED,
NAOMI,
SANDRA
ALISON,
STACI,
JUSTINE,
MISTY,
KATRINA,
DEB,
MARISSA
KERRI,
KAYLA,
AMANDA,
NICOLE,
CAMELLE,

Principal
Kindergarten Tchr
1st Grade Teacher
Kindergarten Tchr
2nd Grade Teacher
2nd Grade Teacher
Music Teacher
Para
5th Grade Teacher
4th Grade Teacher
Special Ed Teacher
5TH Grade Teacher
5th Grade Teacher
Intervention Tchr
Lunch rm/ Para
4th Grade Teacher
Special Ed Para
Secretary
3rd Grade Teacher
3rd Grade Teacher
Special Ed Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Speech Lang. Path
2nd Grade Teacher
Counselor
4th Grade Teacher
Kindergarten Tchr
1st Grade Teacher
1st Grade Teacher
Secretary
Special Ed Para
Kitchen Mgr.
Kitchen Asst.
Special Ed Para
3rd Gr. Teacher
Media Para

LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES

This school qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision, which entitles free Breakfast and free Lunch to all students who take the whole meal. Individual drinks will be charged to the child's account.

Five Rules to follow:

1. Eat only your own food. No trading.
2. Raise your hand if you need help.
3. Use positive, helpful words only.
4. Use voices that can only be heard at your own table.
5. Eat with appropriate table manners.

SCHOOL RULES AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

Student Handbook 502

Riverbend school is continually trying to improve in all areas of our school curriculum, activities, and programs. Our staff and students continually work toward our goal of wanting to provide a school climate which is conducive for students to learn and teachers to instruct by having an organized, calm atmosphere in which to work.

Running in the halls, being disrespectful to adults and other students, being tardy to class, and throwing objects will be addressed by the following procedure. Each classroom teacher will keep track of their own students who are having difficulty in the areas listed above. Each of the four areas of concern will be addressed separately as follows:

For example: On the first offense, the student will be warned; on the second offense, the classroom teacher will call or notify parents; on the third offense, the principal will call or notify parents that their student will possibly be suspended in school for one day. After the fourth offense, the student will not be allowed to come back to school until a parent conference is held.

Fighting is not an acceptable behavior at school and will be handled by the principal according to the district discipline policy. Please talk to your child about the seriousness of making our school a better place. With your support, our school will be a much safer and friendly learning environment. If you have any questions, please call the school. Thank you.

STUDENT HARASSMENT POLICY – 506.5F1

It is the policy of this district to maintain a learning environment that is free from bullying, intimidation and harassment. Each student has the right to attend school in an atmosphere that promotes equal opportunities and that is free from all forms of discrimination and conduct that can be considered harassing, coercive or disruptive. The complete policy is available at our district office and is available at your request. (Policy Title: Student Harassment, Policy No. 506 and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, Policy 506.50)

SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

The safety of your children is a shared concern between home and school. Please take time to plan a safe route with your child to and from school if they walk.

If your child rides a bus, please walk with him/her a few times to the bus stop and explain the importance of safety.

A teacher will be on duty at 7:45 a.m. Children should not arrive before this time as

there is no supervision. Children should go home immediately after they are dismissed from school at 3:05 p.m.

Please do not request that your child remain inside the classroom during lunch periods or recesses unless the child has just recovered from a serious illness. The playground, gymnasium and halls are supervised at recesses and noon. We do not have sufficient supervision for the children to remain in the rooms.

CLOTHING AND LOST AND FOUND

We have a lost and found box at school. Each year many articles of clothing are not claimed. Please put your child's name on the inside of his/her clothing. Money or small precious articles are kept in the office when found. Children should feel free to inquire about them. All unclaimed items are taken to a charity organization at the end of the school year.

DRESS CODE - POLICY 517 EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

Infrequently we are forced to close a school or all of the schools in the district. Sometimes a closure will occur before the school children are to report to school for the day. On other occasions the closure will occur after school has started. Closures may be for civil defense alerts, natural disasters, weather, problems related to the school physical facility, or many other things. Should there be a need for a school (or all schools) to close, we will follow some standard procedures so parents will be notified as soon as possible. Obviously, a personal contact cannot be made with each child's parents.

1. In the event of an emergency the public will be notified by radio and/or television. If the emergency involves civil defense problems, police mobile broadcasts and civil defense procedures will be used.
2. Students who ordinarily walk to school will be dismissed and will be expected to proceed directly home. Parents may give their children specific instructions to go to another location, as family situations may dictate.
3. Bus students will be transported to their regular route drop-off point. As is usual at the close of a regular school day it will be the responsibility of the parents to get their children at these bus stops. If parents may not be available, they should provide their children with specific instructions as how to proceed from the bus stop.
4. Parents should:
 - a. Review with their children the procedures they are to follow should school close early.
 - b. Provide other additional specific instructions such as:
 - * Location of house key.
 - * What to do when getting home if no one else is there.
 - * What to do at home should there be a real or simulated emergency conducted by civil defense people.
 - c. Call the school should they have any questions.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Our school office maintains an enrollment form for each child with address, telephone number, whom to contact in case of emergency, etc. We do ask that parents keep the school informed of any changes in addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment or other vital information.

This is a reminder that your child's records are open to you. If you desire to review these records at any time, please call the principal for an appointment. You also have the right to question any material or information included in your children's records and recommend its removal.

LIBRARY

Riverbend is fortunate to have a fine library. This year our goal is to teach each child how to properly use and respect the library.

Children will be allowed to check out one or two books at a time for two weeks. Children must pay for lost books. Encourage your children to make use of the library, help them to take care of the books, and remind them to return all books.

Parents are welcome to use the library and may come and check out books to read to your children.

COMPUTER LAB

Riverbend School is proud to have a Computer Lab. Each student will have the opportunity to learn computer and educational skills weekly. Please feel free to come observe or use our computers at Riverbend.

BICYCLES

For safety reasons, bicycles should never be ridden on school grounds. All bicycles should be locked to insure their safekeeping. The school is not responsible for bicycles, scooters, or skateboards.

PLAYGROUND

Riverbend School is fortunate to have a large well-kept playground area for the children to enjoy. Our concern is for the safety of the children; therefore, teachers supervise the playground whenever students are at recess.

To ensure our student's safety, we request that children not play in front of the building during loading and unloading of busses. Students are asked to play on the blacktop or grass area.

When weather does not permit an outdoor recess, the children will be supervised in the gymnasium or in their individual rooms during recess time. A teacher will be on duty at 8:00 a.m. Children will be allowed into the building at that time. Please do not allow children to arrive at school prior to 8:00 a.m.

It is our goal to help students learn respect for each other and for their adult supervisors, therefore, it is expected that the students will treat each other and their supervisors with courtesy at all times. Fighting of either a verbal or physical nature will not be tolerated.

SCHOOL SERVICES

Riverbend School is a Title I Schooled program which allows us to provide services to all students. The following programs support our educational effort with our teachers, students and parents.

Title I

Migrant

Speech and Hearing

FERPA

FERPA gives parents access to their child's education records, an opportunity to seek to have the records amended, and some control over the disclosure of information from the records. With several exceptions, schools must have a student's consent prior to the disclosure of education records after that student is 18 years old. The law applies only to educational agencies and institutions that receive funding under a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

As a part of the emergency procedures in place in our schools, any student who poses an imminent risk of injury to him/herself or others may be physically restrained and/or placed in seclusion by school staff in accordance with school board policies. These could occur along with other emergency actions such as calling the police. Significant violations of the law including assaults on students and staff will be reported to the police. The parent/guardian will be informed when any of these actions have occurred as soon as possible after any such incident. These policies will be available with other school board policies to all parents electronically via our website or as a hard copy on request.

(2016, Blackfoot School Board Policy No: 553 Restraint and Seclusion, pg. 7)

TITLE IX: COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, PL 92-318:

"No student will be denied admittance to any class or extracurricular activity based on color, race, national origin, religion, age, sex, or exceptionality."

Any questions or concerns should be directed to :

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Asst. Superintendent
Blackfoot School District No. 55
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Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

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Student Support Director and 504 Coordinator

Lynette Carter
Phone: 785-8832

School 504 Coordinator

Christine Silzly, Principal
Phone: 785-8832

Federal Programs Coordinator

Joy Mickelsen
Phone: 785-8800