



RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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Whose year will it be?



Jmps Or Tigers



So far the score is **Jmps** 310, **Tigers** 310!

Welcome to the newest Turner!



Reilly Ann Turner was born on Friday, September 19 at 2:11 AM. She is 7 lbs 11oz. and 19.5 in. long.

The new mom & dad say she is "precious and beautiful."

Rivermont Goes to the Great Wall

Rivermont students, teachers, and parents were among the 400 people to celebrate the Moon Festival at the Bettendorf Library on Sunday, September 14th. Rivermont's Chinese I students helped children of all ages dress up in period Chinese costumes for a photo session in front of the Great Wall 長城 mural.



Demonstrations included calligraphy, a suan pan 算盤 (Chinese abacus) versus calculator challenge, chopstick 子 challenge, and lantern making. The evening ended with readings of poems celebrating the moon.

Fall Campus Beautification is Coming!

October 10, 10–11 AM students and teachers will be doing outdoor projects on the campus. Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun of keeping our beautiful campus a Quad City jewel.



This year we will be collecting **yellow daffodil bulbs** to plant on campus. You may drop off your bulb donation in the wheelbarrow in Central Hall.

Rivermont Night School

Several teachers and parents met to view the Frontline program "Growing Up Online." The group followed up with an hour's worth of discussion about how best to guide our students (sons and daughters) through the online world in which they live.

If you were not able to attend and would like to view the program, go to www.pbs.org/frontline/kidsonline. A number of online resources are available at the site.

If you are interested in monitoring or blocking software for your home computers, you may want to do some research at www.download.com. Click on the "home software" link on the left side of the page. You will find a link for "kids and parenting." From there you will be able to navigate through the different kinds of software available. You will be able to read reviews from users as well as the software experts who manage the site. Some of the software is free, others may offer a free trial.

Another quality source of parental control software can be located at www.consumersearch.com/www/software/parental-control-software/. Some of the featured software allows remote access so a parent can unblock sites from any computer.

Newer editions of Windows VISTA and MAC OS-X have included parental controls.



The next Night School program will be **“Football 101”** on **Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.** The session is geared for upper school students and adults. Come and enjoy Monday Night Football and learn more about the game with *Steamwheelers* quarterback **J.J. Raterink**. Of course we’ll have some of your favorite tailgating refreshments.

Rivermont Collegiate Students Participate in Jump Rope for Heart

Our students are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation’s No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On Friday, October 3rd starting at 1:00 p.m. the school will hold its annual Jump Rope For Heart event. Please help your child remember to turn pledge forms in to their classroom teachers no later than Monday, October 6th.

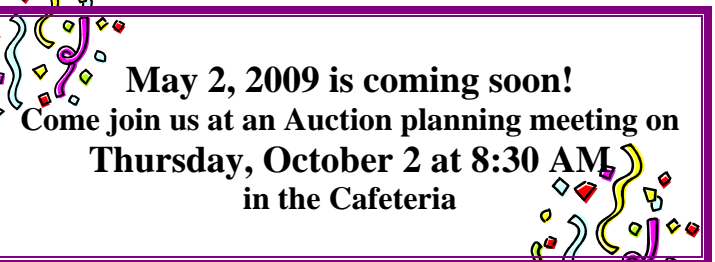


Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association, which funds cardiovascular disease research and public and professional education programs. Over the past week and continuing next week students will learn and practice their jumping skills and tricks to prepare for the event.

In addition to the prizes the AHA provides, this year as a special incentive each form turned in with funds raised of a minimum of \$50 will be entered into a raffle for that student to have a chance to win one of two prizes: a private hour of coaching with Mr. Knupp for the winning student and two friends to learn or improve their skills in one of a selection of sports OR a trip to the Quad City Sports Center for an hour of ice skating with two friends and Ms.

Brown. The raffle will take place at the Jump Rope for Heart event *so the envelopes must be turned in on or before that day to be eligible*. Non-winning entries and the envelopes of any amount of pledges raised will be drawn for other fun prizes.

The school’s goal for fundraising this year is \$1500, approximately \$500 more than last year’s total. The students’ success will determine how long the event will last this year: if we raise a minimum of \$500 the event will last 15 minutes; if we raise \$1000, it will last 30 minutes. If we reach our goal of \$1500, we’ll stay out and jump for a total of 45 minutes, which will give everyone time to show off all of our skills. When you’re talking to your children about the event, please emphasize that the purpose of this event is to learn how exercise benefits the heart and that volunteering can be fun and beneficial to the entire community. They can really make a difference to an organization that funds lifesaving research and educational programs. Please help our students help others.



May 2, 2009 is coming soon!
Come join us at an Auction planning meeting on
Thursday, October 2 at 8:30 AM
in the Cafeteria

KUDOS **Lion Pride!**

Third grader **Aviana Zahara** made it as a “Silver” on the Blue Marlins Swim Team in Moline.
Congratulations Aviana!

Eighth Grader Prepares to Lead to Greatness
Meghana Pagadala had the honor of attending The National Young Leaders State Conference last weekend in Chicago, IL. Meghana was nominated for the conference by Leigh Ann Schroeder, fifth grade teacher and National Junior Honor Society Advisor. Specifically geared towards eighth and ninth grade students, the conference challenges students to grasp the concepts of leadership and make a difference in their communities. Students work to develop their plan of leadership, specifically focusing on core leadership tools such as communication, conflict resolution, group

dynamics, and project management. Meghana gained experience in adjusting her leadership style to fit the group and the task at hand, improved her presentation and public speaking skills, and sharpened her project planning skills in committee meetings. Meghana left the conference well-prepared to step up and make a difference – we look forward to her future endeavors at both Rivermont and within the community!

Early School

Early School October Fest

October 7th 5:00-7:00 P.M.

It is early but please mark your calendars. Your whole family is invited to Early School's first October Fest. Youngsters will enjoy crafts, games and flashlight games at the playground. Be our guests for pizza, veggies, fruit and juice.

Middle School



The Sixth Grade has been very busy behind the scenes this last month. It has partnered with first grade as English Buddies and with third

grade for Reading Buddies as well as Gone Nuts for Chad Pregracke's One Million Tree Project.

Sixth grade students are helping first graders to write an autobiography using complete sentences, capital letters, and punctuation. In return, first grade is reminding sixth graders of the correct way to print letters and space words.



(There are no better experts of correct penmanship technique than the first grade!) This partnership is a fun way to practice and solidify the English skills both grades will learn throughout the year. Watch for joint projects to be displayed outside the first grade classroom throughout the year.



Third grade students are listening to each other read. Sixth grade is listening for fluency, confidence, punctuation recognition, enthusiasm, and comprehension. Third grade, while practicing these skills, will also listen to and watch the sixth grade model these skills. In addition, sixth grade will practice writing skills through a "report of progress" to Mrs. Carr, as well as hone both communication skills and patience with their first grade partner during 20 minute sessions. It is a reciprocal relationship with many benefits.

Going Nuts!

Each month sixth grade is participating in some type of service project. This month, on Saturday, September 20, the students "went nuts" at Lolly Telleen's house picking up acorns for the Million Trees project. The morning of September 22, sixth graders sorted, counted, float tested, and weighed the over 3,000 acorns they collected. Monday afternoon, Chad Pregracke (and "Mr. Mike") spoke to Rivermont students about his eleven year's experience in restoring the Mississippi River and the success of his organization, Living Lands and Waters. Immediately following the presentation, the sixth grade presented Mr. Pregracke with their acorn donation. He was very appreciative and said that in two years he would bring saplings back to Rivermont for students to replant. We are all proud to be a part of aiding in the protection, preservation, and restoration of the area's natural environment.

To read more about how you can help go to www.livinglandsandwaters.org. or, ask a 6th grader☺. Special thanks to all the parents that made this possible!!!!

Upper School



Coach Knupp reports that Joey VanDuyne, Nick Petre, Austin Finley, and Daniel Foster-Pray have been logging the miles around Bettendorf to prepare for their varsity cross country meets!

Saturday, September 27

Rock Island Invite at Camden Park in Milan
HWY 67 and the Milan Beltway

Monday, October 6

Bellevue Marquette Invite

Bellevue Gold Club north of Bellevue on 395th Ave

Thursday, October 9

Central Clinton Invitational

Grace Lutheran Camp west of DeWitt, HWY 30

Thursday, October 23

District/Regional Meet

Pekin or Starmont

Saturday, November 1

State Meet at Fort Dodge



From the College Corner:

What's **new** and making Princeton Review as well as other traditional print college reviews possibly sit up and take notice? This month Jordan Goldman's Web site, "called Unigo.com — a free, gigantic, student-generated guide to North American colleges for prospective applicants and their families — went live for the benefit of tens of thousands of trepidatious high-school students as they try to figure out where and how to go to college." This site is similar to the paperback *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges* written by students, but Unigo.com has **limitless space and is basically unedited**. Although there are 25 editors, very little is censored. It is an online blog/video format and "with the exception of brief editorial overviews of each of the 267 colleges featured at start-up, all of it is voluntarily provided by current students at those colleges" with "reviews in the form of responses to an essay-based questionnaire, but also photos, videos, uploaded writing samples, etc." The upside? More interesting visually than the 3" thick *Peterson's Guide* and possibly more informative. The downside? Possibly more details than you ever wanted to know.

The New York Times, Sunday, September 21, 2008

Beloit College, Beloit, WI will be in Coralville, Iowa on September 29th www.beloit.edu.

St. Ambrose University will host a **College Fair** on Monday, October 13 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Rogalski Center. Representatives from 90 colleges and universities will be available; please see www.sau.edu/igcep/ for further information. **Ten \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school students who attend the fair.**

Wednesday, October 15 - Anne Gannaway of the University of Iowa will be on campus at 12:30.

D.J. Loerzel of Iowa State University will be on campus at 9:00 AM Thursday, October 23rd to meet with interested juniors and seniors in the Mansion Reading Room.

College Fair

Golden Circle College Fair, Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:00 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Approximately 150 colleges will be represented.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

September

- 27 Cross Country Rock Island Inv., 9:30 AM**
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!
- 29 MS Girls VB vs. Eagle Ridge, 4:30 PM**
Night School – Football 101, 7:00 PM
- 30 MS Girls VB at Trinity Lutheran, 4:30 PM**
Student Food Drive Kick-Off Party

October

- 2 Auction Planning Meeting, 8:30 AM**
MS Girls VB vs. Silvis, 4:30 PM
- 3 Jump Rope for Heart K-6, 1:00 PM
- 6 Cross Country Bellevue Marquette Inv., 4:30 PM**
- 7 Open Admission Tour, 8:30 AM**
Young Scholars, 10-11:00 AM
Early School OctoberFest, 5-7 PM
- 8 Parents' Council Meeting, 8:30 AM**
- 9 MS Girls VB at Morning Star, 4:30 PM**
Cross Country Central Clinton Inv., 5:00 PM
- 10 First Quarter Ends
Joseph Bettendorf Birthday
Campus Beautification Day
Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- 12-15 ISACS Visiting Team on campus

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.

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