

# Riley Rap

## Counselor Corner



Dear Families,

During the month of November our school wide theme was **empathy**.

Students will continue to learn to **identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion**. Students are receiving recognition tickets for demonstrating Second Step skills.

During the month of December, our school wide theme is **emotion management**. In our morning announcements we will be prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we will be reminding them to use their *Second Step* skills to calm down:

**Stop—Use your signal**

**Name your feeling**

**Calm down: Breathe, count, use positive self-talk**

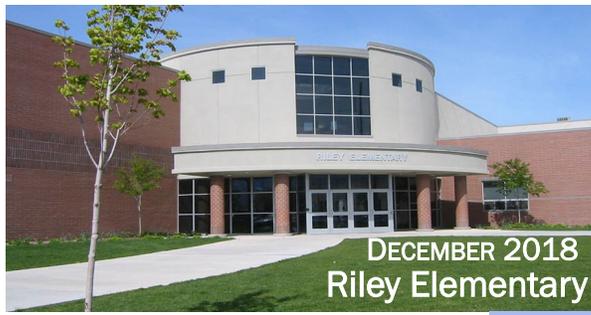
These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

*Second Step* lessons specifically teach about calming down strong emotions such as anger, disappointment, frustration, and anxiety. You'll be receiving Home Links that describe why managing strong emotions is important and help your child to identify strong feelings and calm down. We hope the Home Links will give you tools to use together when your child is upset.

Please tell your child's teacher if you have questions about how you can help your child learn to calm down.

With appreciation,

Mrs. Stern, Riley Elementary School Social Worker



DECEMBER 2018  
Riley Elementary



DAN ARAGON  
PRINCIPAL

ANGELA SOLUM  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Principal's Message

Hello Riley Families:

Thanks to all of you who have been able to enter the building so far this year. We love when you are able to come to Riley and participate in the education of our students. A few members of our district have been able to learn more about the families in the state of Utah and have made three recommendations:

1. Make our school a welcoming place to all of our families.
2. Learn from our families.
3. Respond to the needs of our families.

We take these recommendations very seriously. Please let me know if you ever feel unwelcome in our school. We would like to learn more about our families and community as well. If you'd like to speak with our faculty and staff about your culture or anything that affects our community, please let me know and we will be asking some of you as well. Also, we want to respond to your needs. Please let us know if you ever have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to address them.

Again, it is an honor for me to serve as your Principal.

Sincerely,  
Dan Aragon

#### NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaint regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Whitney Banks, Compliance Officer and Investigator, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-6386. You may also contact the Office for Civil Right, Denver CO, (303) 844-5695



DECEMBER

#### Coming Events:

- 7 College Spirit Day!
- 7 4th Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts 9:15-12:15
- 13 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Aquarium 9:15-1:30
- 20 Reading Buddies (grades 3-5) 8:40-9:10 (grades k-2) 1:45-2:15  
Second Cup 9:15  
School Community Council 5:30pm  
6:30pm Family Night:  
Winter Festival
- 21 Student of the Month assembly 8:45-9:45am  
Short Day 12:45 dismissal

Dec 24-Jan. 4 Winter break, no school!

Thank you Brandon Brady and the Thanksgiving Heroes for your generous donation of 100 Thanksgiving Meals!



#### Did You Know?

We have great opportunities for students to participate in afterschool clubs! Come and pick up a flyer in the office today!

## Students of the Month for

November will appear on next month's newsletter as we will not have had our

assembly before this letter is printed!

Here is an overview of how students may be selected.

### SAFE

Students who are being safe in their classroom or on the playground keep their hands, feet and other objects to themselves. They may also be staying safe by using kind language.

### On-Time

We are expecting all students at Riley to learn at high levels. This means we have to be here everyday and on time so we can strengthen our brains like a muscle!

### Achiever

To be an achiever, you are always pushing yourself to do your personal best each day. If we are on grade level, above grade level, or below grade level, we all have opportunities to grow!

### Respectful

We are respectful when we follow directions the first time given. We are also respectful when we think of others before ourselves and we work to make our school community a better place.

### Teacher of the Month

Faculty members, students, and families may nominate a teacher or staff member of the month by emailing or talking to Ms. Solum!



## Vision of Riley 2018-2019



**Dream**-We have the capacity to learn at high levels through meaningful collaboration and self-reflection.

**Achieve**-We consistently have high expectations for ALL and we don't give up.

**Create**-We celebrate learning opportunities!

**Together**-We promote a safe and caring environment where everyone can be vulnerable and feels valued, supported and capable.

Our Student Council helped spread kindness on National Kindness day by passing out notes for people to write kind things to others!



### Winter Celebrations

We will have our winter festival on Thursday, December 20th. Students from each grade level will perform and dinner will be provided after the show!



We still need volunteers to help with dinner plans and to help with the costumes. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Maria Mendoza at 801-974-8310 ext. 2010

Families who are unable to attend this performance, we will have a second performance Friday, December 21st as part of our student of the month assembly!

Thank you!

To our community partners.

Great Dane of Utah

UBS Bank

UEPC

Playworks

Beverly Taylor Sorensen

Utah Reads

Valley Cares

## **FAMILY NIGHT FUN**



We had another successful family night where Google Fiber had multiple exhibits that allowed students to explore and think like scientists.



Interested in helping out with events like this in the future? Contact Maria Mendoza to join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

