

RILEY ELEMENTARY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



September 7

This week's theme: Outdoor Air Quality

Dear Parents:

In recent years we have seen inversions, fires and other factors affect our outdoor air quality. There is concern about the effects of poor air quality on children's health and their ability to breathe easily. Because of this, our school has adopted an outdoor air quality policy.

What will the school do?

We will check the Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) levels. This information will guide our outdoor physical activities.

1. When the PM_{2.5} level falls between 35.5 and 55.4 ug/m³, we will let "sensitive" students stay indoors.
2. When the PM_{2.5} level falls between 55.5 and 90 ug/m³, we will let "sensitive" students and students experiencing respiratory symptoms, such as with a cold or allergies, stay indoors.
3. When the PM_{2.5} level rises above 90 ug/m³, outdoor recess will be cancelled for all children and alternative play/exercise opportunities will be offered indoors. Principals or their designees may exercise their discretion and allow affected students to stay indoors at lower PM_{2.5} levels.

What should parents do?

1. Parents, with advice from your health care provider, need to contact the school secretary or nurse if your child is "sensitive" to poor air quality.
2. Sensitive children may include those with significant or poorly controlled asthma, cystic fibrosis, chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or other respiratory problems.

For your information:

1. The daily PM_{2.5} level is located at www.airquality.utah.gov.
2. Additional information on air quality guidance is located at www.health.utah.gov/asthma.

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy school environment for your child. Please contact the school if you have questions about this issue.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin