

# Riley Rap

## Counselor Corner



Dear Riley Families,

It is my pleasure to work at Riley Elementary School with you and your students and our dedicated staff. I am looking forward to 2019 and all of the learning and community building that will continue to take place each day. As mentioned, our upcoming school wide theme is **emotion management**. We will be teaching students Second Step skills to help calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges. These social-emotional skills will help them succeed academically and get along well with others.

Students are continuing to being recognized during morning announcements by students and other Riley staff members for demonstrating kindness, respect and some of our Second Step skills. Students have been acknowledged for: being a friend, using their assertiveness skills to communicate, focusing and ignoring distractions, demonstrating empathy, respectfully disagreeing, being a bystander hero, etc. Keep up the great work Riley students!

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge Riley students and our Riley Student Leadership Team for demonstrating **empathy** and **compassion** by making heartwarming holiday cards for the Sunday Anderson Senior Center in our community. The cards were beautiful and meaningful and our Student Leaders delivered the cards today and brought smiles to the faces of many seniors at the center.

With appreciation,

Mrs. Stern, Riley Elementary School Social Worker



JANUARY 2019  
Riley Elementary



DAN ARAGON  
PRINCIPAL

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Principal's Message

Hello Riley Families:

As we near the half way point of the school year, I would like to share some of my observations.

First, we have amazing families! Every student and parent or guardian that I speak with are concerned about the education of our students.

Second, we have amazing people that work at Riley! Every day, I am impressed with the way our employees love our students and work together to get students to learn difficult things.

Finally, we have an amazing community! When I am in the community, I see a lot of hard-working people that are doing the best they can every single day.

Sincerely,

Dan Aragon, Principal

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#### Coming Events:

- 7 First day back from winter break
- 15 Chuck E Cheese Night
- 16 SEPs/Short Day
- Short Day 2:45 dismissal
- 17 SEPs/Short Day
- 18 Non-Student Day
- 21 MLK Jr Day: No School
- 24 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: Movie Night
- 25 Student of the Month assembly 2:05pm
- Short Day 12:45 dismissal



#### Did You Know?

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



## Nov. Students of the Month



SAFE



On-Time



Achiever



Respectful



Employee of the Month

## 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 by collecting holiday cards created by Riley students and delivered them to our Westside Senior Center.



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

Students who had three or fewer absences in the first trimester were invited to celebrate during lunch. We know our students have the capacity to learn at high levels, and we need them here **everyday** to do this!

Thank you!

To our community partners.

Great Dane of Utah

UBS Bank

UEPC

Playworks

Beverly Taylor Sorensen

Utah Reads

Valley Cares



## ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

