



RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-8)

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Hello Riverbend Students and Families.

On the behalf of our staff, I would like to welcome the students back to Riverbend. We plan to have another exciting and productive school year ahead of us. As a school, we are planning and preparing vigorously to navigate through this upcoming school year while dealing with the global COVID-19 Pandemic.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to focus on establishing a safe school culture, increasing student academic achievement, and preparing our students for the future. The school year will begin operation on a distance learning model. Our school theme this year is: ***Facing Forward and Meeting Challenges Together***. Our leadership team and staff will work with this theme at the forefront of everything we do. Our focus is to strive to do what is in the best interest of our students.

Our school will continue with our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. PBIS will continue to help make Riverbend a more effective and equitable learning environment for ALL students. Our goal is that we can progress into the next phase shortly, which will be a hybrid learning model. The final phase would be returning back to a traditional learning model.

We plan to keep our Riverbend AVID program expanding in 2020-2021. AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination. AVID was developed several decades ago and is proven to increase student academic performance and skill level. During the 2019-2020 school year, Riverbend expanded AVID to include grades 2-8. AVID focuses on making improvements in the areas of instruction, systems, leadership, and culture. The key strategies that it emphasizes through instruction are writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. During the 2020-2021 school year we plan to continue taking steps towards expanding AVID schoolwide at Riverbend.

Yuba City Unified School District has changed its registration and re-registration process. All forms and information are online through the Aeries parent portal. Parents are encouraged to stop by or contact our front office if they need any assistance or have questions. Our office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm. Our office phone number is (530) 822-3100. Due to the Pandemic, our office is closed to the public. However, we will work with anyone who would like to come in person by scheduling an appointment.

My commitment to students and families is to provide students with a good education, positive experiences, social and emotional support, and increased communication.

Here are some key dates and times that I would like families to make note of:

- *First day of school (distance learning model) – August 12th
- *Back to school night – date & time TBA
- *Drive-thru materials pick-up – date & time TBA
- *Distance learning instructional schedule – TBA

Thank you and Go Colts!



Jevan S. Bains
Principal