



# The Bear Facts



A Newsletter for Friends and Families of Riverhill School

January 27, 2012

## RAPS Reminders

The Riverhill Run is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2012! We will have a planning and organization meeting in the science lab on Friday, February 3rd immediately after morning drop-off. For more information, contact Annette Moore at 256-366-7109 or via e-mail (amoore@mtattys.com).

## Donate Your Gently Used Backpacks

Mrs. Hayes is going to South Africa in March and will be taking backpacks to the shanty towns for teachers and children. If you would like to donate a backpack, please drop it off at the front desk or in the hall of the Lester Building. She is also accepting donations to buy school supplies when she gets there.

Mrs. McGee hopes to send in 1,000 more Box Tops before March 10th, so please continue to clip the coupons from participating products.



You can help Riverhill School by dropping off your inkjet and laser cartridges. A box can be found in the Lester Building.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Riverhill Run is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th.



### The fourth graders have been very busy!

-We are in the process of creating an Alabama History state symbol book. Did you know that the official state bird is the Yellowhammer, our state rock is marble, and the Longleaf Pine is our state tree? We even have a state fossil - the zeuglodon. Zeuglodons were prehistoric whales that averaged from 55 to 75 feet long with tails up to 40 feet long!

-We went back in time as we learned about the three different flags that have flown over our state as the Spanish, the French, and the British established colonies in what is now Alabama.

-In addition to the Golden Rule of treating others as you want to be treated, the fourth grade has a Golden Rule for Math - "Always Reduce."

-The fourth graders loved reading *Shiloh* and creating a timeline of the book's major events to display in our room. Currently, we are reading *Mr. Popper's Penguins* and learning facts about penguins, the Arctic, and the Antarctic. We are also racking up minutes as we read in our AR books each night.

-Upon the completion of our science unit on animals, each student chose an animal to research, write a report on, and create a corresponding Keynote presentation in technology class.

-We completed an interesting report on the Statue of Liberty after learning about chemical reactions in another science unit.

Learning is fun in 4th grade!

We are committed to providing a child-centered, academic environment whereby we empower our students to become informed, responsible, productive, life-long learners with solid values and positive self-images.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 	30	31	1	2	3	4 Books-A-Million Grand Opening Ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:00
5	6	7	8 Riverhill Science Fair	9	10	11
12 6th grade Dauphin Island trip	13 6th grade Dauphin Island trip	14 6th grade Dauphin Island trip	15 6th grade Dauphin Island trip	16 6th grade Dauphin Island trip	17 Scholars Bowl Riverhill vs. Hibbett	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21	22	23 Skating Party 3:30-5:30 Chick-fil-A Night 5:00-8:00 Cox Creek Pkwy (Drive-Thru Only)	24	25
26	27	28	29	Staff Appreciation Week		

Parents,

Hope you are all having a wonderful January!

I regret that I have not had the opportunity to meet many of you yet, but hopefully as the school year progresses our paths will cross at some point!

The purpose of this e-mail is to let you know that I will be offering private piano, voice, and beginning guitar lessons to any interested students. I taught private lessons full-time at Grace Community Church in Athens, AL, before coming to teach at Riverhill and am excited at the prospect of teaching one-on-one again!

I know that Mr. Johnson taught private lessons at Riverhill for many years and was valued highly by his students. They were always eager to show me what they had learned from week to week. I hope I will also have such a positive impact on their musical journeys!

Lessons are one half-hour per week, and the price is \$15 per lesson. If you are interested or would like more information, please feel free to call me on my cell phone (256)412-6502.

Thank you!

*Elisabeth Claytor*

You're Invited to Our


# BOOK FAIR!

It's a Reading Celebration!

Monday, January 30 – Friday, February 3

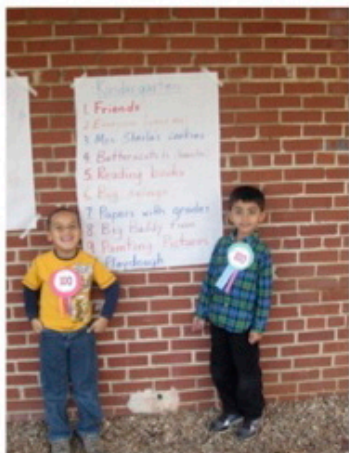
7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Come visit us in the front hall of the Big House!



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We celebrated the 100th day of school on January 25th!