



RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

2023-2024

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**COMMITTED
TO EXCELLENCE.**

Dear School Community,

When our students were off on MLK Day, our staff members had a productive day of learning and collaboration.

The in-service day was typical of how our teachers and staff continuously expand their knowledge to provide our students with the best possible education.

Participants attended various professional learning workshops that focused on strategies to support and teach our students. Teachers and staff attended general-interest sessions, as well as those in their areas of specialty. The wide range of topics included:

- Discussing the English Language Arts curriculum, with a focus on writing lessons and creating cross-curricular connections with the social studies department.
- Middle school science teachers edited the curriculum infusing content so it would spiral throughout each grade level.
- Math teachers planned Data-Driven Instruction Periods (DDI) and infused New Jersey Student Learning Standards into the curriculum.
- Teachers learned more about the tools to support data-driven instruction and created differentiated plans to meet the needs of individual learners.
- CPR training and recertification's for various staff members.
- Health, music, and art planning.

Thank you to all our teachers and staff for continuing to learn and stay at the top of their craft to advance our students' education.

And thank you to the PTA for providing breakfast, and all our supportive families for showing our staff that they are appreciated!

Sincerely,
Melissa Signore
Superintendent of Schools



**INSIDE
OUR
SCHOOLS**





All our River Vale students are noteworthy, but we're giving a special shout-out this month to our young musicians at Roberge, Woodside, and Holdrum. The students recently performed in winter concerts that delighted their classmates, parents, teachers, and school staff. The talented students in the beginning band, advanced band, and chorus have worked hard this year, and their wonderful concerts captured their efforts. Congratulations to them and their music teachers on the amazing performances!



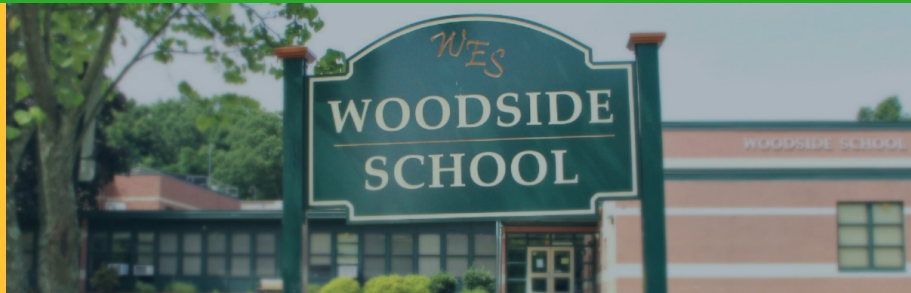
Children who reside in River Vale and will be five (5) years of age on or before October 1, 2024 are eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school-year.

Pre-registration opened online January 2, 2024. Registration forms and additional information is available on the district website ([click here](#)).

Please note; students will not be officially enrolled until the registration is completed at a scheduled appointment with the school staff.



**STRONG
SCHOOLS
STATUS**



The first steps to renovate Woodside Elementary School will begin this month in a few classrooms. More classrooms will receive preliminary work over spring break in preparation for construction over the summer.

Summer projects also will include canopies at each school. The Board of Education awarded the contract for the work at its February meeting. The canopies will prominently feature the name of each school and will offer shelter and improved lighting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 19-20, 2024
Schools Closed/Mid-Winter Recess

The 2024-2025 River Vale School Calendar was approved by the Board of Education on January 23, 2024. [Click here to view on the district website.](#)

River Vale Public Schools

2024-2025 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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29	30																			

DECEMBER 2024							JANUARY 2025							FEBRUARY 2025							MARCH 2025						
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APRIL 2025							MAY 2025							JUNE 2025							Number of Scheduled Days				
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Please note, this calendar does not reflect any emergency closing days.
If schools are closed for inclement weather or other emergencies, the days will be made up in the following manner, June 23, 24, 25 and so forth.
Plans that cannot be changed should not be made without taking this calendar into consideration.

<p>Sep 2 Schools Closed / Labor Day</p> <p>5-6 Orientation: All Staff</p> <p>9 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS</p> <p>Oct 3-4 Schools Closed / Religious Holiday</p> <p>14 Schools Closed / Staff Development Day</p> <p>Nov 7-8 Schools Closed / NJEA Convention</p> <p>12-14 One Session Day / Parent Conferences</p> <p>27 One Session Day</p> <p>28-29 Schools Closed / Thanksgiving Recess</p> <p>Dec 20 One Session Day</p> <p>23-31 Schools Closed / Winter Recess</p>	<p>Jan 1 Schools Closed / Winter Recess</p> <p>2 Schools Re-Opens</p> <p>20 Schools Closed / Staff Development Day</p> <p>Feb 17-18 Schools Closed / Mid-Winter Recess</p> <p>Mar 11-13 One Session Day / Parent Conferences</p> <p>Apr 14-18 Schools Closed / Spring Recess</p> <p>May 26 Schools Closed / Memorial Day</p> <p>Jun 18-19 One Session Day Students / Full Day for Staff</p> <p>20 One Session Day / Last Day for Students & Staff <i>(if no emergency days are used)</i></p>
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BOE Approved: January 23, 2024

DISTRICT PTA UPDATE

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