

SCHOOL OPENING INFORMATION 2010-2011

ALL River Bend Schools will open for classes on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, for a partial day. Fulton Elementary School and River Bend Middle School students will be in attendance from 8:10 A.M. to 11:10 A.M. **ONLY FRESHMEN AND NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** will attend Fulton High School on Wednesday from 8:10 A.M. until 11:20 A.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010, will be the first full day of School attendance at all River Bend Schools. Daily start and dismissal times are as follows:

Fulton Elementary School	8:10 A.M. - 3:10 P.M.
River Bend Middle School	8:07 A.M. - 3:05 P.M.
Fulton High School	8:10 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.

NOTICE TO NEW PUPILS

A pupil registering in a River Bend School for the first time after having attended school in another district should request the former school to send his/her grade and health records to the School he/she will attend this year. If this has not been done, the parent must sign a release and we will send a request for these records.

REGISTRATION & FEE COLLECTION

To reduce costs, the district will not mail registration packets to the homes. However, all forms are posted at www.riverbendschools.org so parents/guardians can download them and fill them out in advance of registration. All school offices will be open for registration and fee collection the following dates and time:

August 2, 2010 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

August 3, 2010 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Fulton Blended Pre-school begins with home visits and the teacher will contact parents.

Fulton Elementary School: There will be a Meet & Greet Night at Fulton Elementary School on Tuesday August 17, 2010, from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

River Bend Middle School: There will be a Meet & Greet Night at River Bend Middle School on Monday, August 16, 2010, from 6:30-7:00 P.M. Orientation for 6th graders and new students to the River Bend Middle School will be the same night from 7:00 P.M. -7:30 P.M.

Fees will be collected at the time of registration.

School Registration Fee:	
K-5	\$70.00
6-8	\$85.00
9-12	\$105.00
Other fees are:	
P.E. Lock Fee (9-12)	\$6.00
Driver Education	\$150.00
Extra Curricular (6-8)	\$85.00
Extra Curricular (9-12)	\$235.00 (one activity)
Extra Curricular (9-12)	\$285.00 (multiple activities)
Gym Suit: (@ cost) (6-12)	
Shirt	\$6.00
Shorts	\$7.00
9" inseam shorts	\$11.00

(Extra curricular includes interscholastic athletics, jazz choir, jazz band, scholastic bowl, thespians, cheerleading and speech team.)

Parents and students will be required to sign the handbook release form and the computer usage (Internet) agreement at the time of registration.

Illinois law requires the school district to waive or reduce fees for children whose parents are unable to afford them, including but not limited to children receiving aid under Article IV of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Parents who feel that they cannot afford to pay full fees should contact the Principal to discuss their situation.

The Fulton Kiwanis will once again have back packs for kids containing school supplies for those who qualify.

NOTE: You may register at any School in the District regardless of where your children may attend. Example: A family with a fourth grader, seventh grader, and a Junior may register all the students at the grade school office. You DO NOT have to go to two or three Schools.

PHYSICAL, DENTAL, & EYE EXAMINATIONS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, all students upon entrance into Kindergarten or school for the first time, Sixth, or Ninth Grade must have a physical examination performed and be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, polio, and varicella. Children entering K are required to have a lead screen. A dental examination is also required for all students entering Kindergarten, Second, and Sixth Grade. Physicals must be on an Illinois Department of Health form and on file in the School where the student is in attendance. Forms are available in all School Offices. Physical exams are not accepted by chiropractors in the State of Illinois. Students entering Kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time are required to have an eye examination completed by an optometrist or physician who provides complete eye examinations.

Students in these grades must have the physical on file, or an appointment made by October 15th, or be suspended from School. Every effort should be made to have this completed by registration time. New students entering the District will have thirty (30) days to obtain such examinations or appointments after they are enrolled. **STRICTLY ENFORCED, SO PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

The only waiver to this Policy is if the individuals involved can prove a constitutional reason for failure to comply. The Administration may require additional physical examinations at any time to protect the health and safety of students under their control.

ENTRANCE AGE

A child must be five (5) years of age before September 1, 2010, to enroll in Kindergarten. A state certified birth certificate must be presented to School officials at the time of enrollment of a Kindergarten child. If a pupil is enrolling in the First Grade and did not attend Kindergarten, a state certified birth certificate must be presented. To be eligible to enter First Grade a student must have attained the age of six (6) years by September 1, 2010.

PHONE NUMBERS

Superintendent of Schools
Jane M. Bauer
815/589-2711

Fulton Elementary School
James H. Spielman, Principal
815/589-2911

River Bend Middle School
Kathleen S. Schipper, Principal
815/589-2611

Fulton High School
Loren T. Beswick, Principal
815/589-3511

Bus Garage
Dale Wiersema
815/589-2902

Fulton Blended Pre-school
Carol Wilkens
815/589-2309

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Regular school attendance is directly related to success at school. If a student must be absent from school, please call the school office by 9:00 A.M. to report the child's absence and the reason for the absence. If a student who is subject to compulsory attendance laws is absent without valid cause for 10% or more of regular days, he/she will be referred to the Regional Office of Education for truancy intervention.

ANNUAL ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTICE

This is to inform you of the status of the River Bend CUSD #2 Asbestos Management Plan. It has been determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the federal Environmental Protection Agency that asbestos is a potential health hazard and precautions should be taken to avoid disturbing any asbestos containing materials.

As required, our buildings were initially inspected for asbestos on August 9, 1988. The AHERA law requires that visual surveillance of asbestos containing areas be completed every six months, and a reinspection conducted every three years which was completed on October 5, 2009. Any evidence of disturbance or change in condition will be documented in the Management Plan as required.

The Inspection/Management plan is available for public review in the principal's office in each building.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Activity School Calendars will be distributed at registration (**One** per family).

EARLY OUTS AND DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED:

August 16, 2010Teacher's Institute
August 17, 2010Teacher's Institute
September 6, 2010.....Labor Day
September 15, 2010.....12:30 P.M. Early Release
September 29, 2010.....12:30 P.M. Early Release
October 11, 2010Columbus Day
October 27, 201012:30 P.M. Early Release
November 11, 2010.....Veteran's Day
November 4 & 9, 2010Parent-Teacher Conferences
All schools dismiss at 1:50 P.M. Conferences 2:00-7:00 P.M.
November 17, 2010.....12:30 P.M. Early Release
November 24-26, 2010Thanksgiving
December 20-December 31, 2010.....Winter Break
January 17, 2011Martin Luther King
January 26, 201112:30 P.M. Early Release
February 18, 2011.....Teacher's Institute
February 21, 2011.....President's Day
February 23, 2011.....12:30 P.M. Early Release
March 7, 2011Casimir Pulaski Day

March 30, 2011 12:30 P.M. Early Release
 April 6, 2011 12:30 P.M. Early Release
 April 18 – April 25, 2011 Spring Break
 May 25, 2011 Teacher's Institute (dependent on use of snow days)
 May 26, 2011 Report Card Day (dependent on use of snow days)
 May 30, 2011 Memorial Day

Make up days for emergency/snow days at the end of the calendar.

GRADING PERIODS

1st Quarter will end on October 15, 2010
 2nd Quarter will end on December 17, 2010
 3rd Quarter will end on March 11, 2011
 4th Quarter will end on May 26, 2011**
 **The last day of school depending on the use of the "Snow/Emergency Days".

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Optional accident insurance is available for River Bend pupils. The insurance rates this year are:

	SCHOOL TIME	24-HR. COVERAGE	FOOTBALL COVERAGE
Pre-K-8	\$18.50	\$94.00	
9-12	\$37.00	\$120.00	
9-12			\$85.00

Forms will be distributed at each School at registration time. Application forms and premiums may be returned to any school office or the River Bend District Office by August 30, 2010. Insurance claim forms will be available at all School Offices. Accident insurance is required for all football players. Families having full-coverage under another policy may waive this requirement.

**RIVER BEND SCHOOLS
 HAZARDOUS WEATHER PROCEDURE**

Occasionally hazardous weather conditions make it necessary to cancel school or to adjust daily school beginning and ending times. School officials attempt to get such information to the local radio stations, TV stations, the internet AND A GLOBAL CONNECT MESSAGE SENT OUT, in most cases by 6:30 A.M. Please check listings below if you feel there is a possibility for one of these changes.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL ON MORNINGS WHEN THE WEATHER IS BAD. TO DO SO TIES UP THE PHONE LINES UNNECESSARILY. RIVER BEND SCHOOL MAY ADJUST SCHOOL TIMES OR DISMISS COMPLETELY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Late starts are sometimes necessary due to heavy fog or icing conditions, making school bus and other vehicle travel extremely hazardous. Starting school later than usual will sometimes allow these conditions to improve.
2. Early dismissals are sometimes advisable because of hazardous weather conditions developing after school has started for the day.
3. Entire day dismissals are sometimes necessary because of severe weather conditions, such as heavy snow or ice and/or severe wind and cold temperatures, or a combination of these conditions.

www.riverbendschools.org
www.emergencyclosings.com
 KROS (1340) AM
 WSDR (1240)
 KCLN (1390) AM
 WLLT (107.7) FM
 WQAD (TV-8) www.wqad.com
 WHBF (TV-4) www.whbf.com
 KWQC (TV-6) www.kwqc.net

KMXG MIX (96.1) FM
 KZEG (94.7) FM
 WCCI (100.3) FM
 WLLR (103.7) FM
 KLJB (TV-18)

WGN (TV-9)

Global Connect (Missed messages on your cell phone will display the number **815-589-2711**. Please keep your contact information current by notifying the school office of any changes.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast programs are prepared at the River Bend Middle School and Fulton High School and serve elementary, middle, and high school students from 7:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. Upon completion of breakfast, students move to their assigned morning areas. Students are offered 8 ounces of milk, 1/2 cup fruit, vegetable, or juice; and two servings of bread or meat or one of each. The breakfast menu provides the nourishment your child needs to perform in morning classes. The price of a paid breakfast is \$1.40 and the reduced price breakfast is 30¢. If the student is eligible for free or reduced lunch, he/she can also receive a free or reduced breakfast.

LUNCH PRICES

Grades	Daily
K-5	\$2.00
6-12	\$2.25
Second lunch	\$2.75
Adults	\$2.75
Extra Milk	35¢

Ala Carte is also available at the Fulton High School

RIVER BEND MUSIC BOOSTERS

The River Bend Music Boosters invite all parents with a student involved in one of the River Bend music programs or a Fifth Grader, to the first Music Boosters Meeting at the Fulton High School Band and Choir room on Monday, August 23, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. The Music Booster is an organization that raises money to help provide the extras to the music departments that might not otherwise be attainable. Projects funded include band/chorus uniforms, pianos/key boards, field trips, classroom instruments, sound/audio equipment, accompanists, awards, etc. Any parental support is greatly appreciated.

ATHLETIC TICKETS

HIGH SCHOOL

ADULTS	\$4.00
STUDENTS	\$3.00
JV ADULTS	\$2.00
JV STUDENTS	\$1.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ADULTS	\$2.00
STUDENTS	\$1.00

SENIOR CITIZENS.....\$20.00 for a school year pass that is good at all schools
RIVER BEND STUDENTS – No charge with a school issued River Bend Student Athletic Activity Pass

ALL - VARSITY EVENT - TICKETS

- ADULTS
- \$28.00 - 8 events (Saves .50/ticket)
- \$43.00 - 13 events (Saves .69/ticket)
- \$56.00 - 18 events (Saves .88/ticket)
- \$74.00 - 24 events (Saves .92 ticket)

The River Bend CUSD #2 Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month at the District Office beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Bus lists will be printed in the August 11, 2010, paper.