

# EAGLE EXPRESS



## Rivers Edge Elementary School PTA

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April 2011 PTA Newsletter

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### Calendar:

4/1	Spring Treat Day
4/1	End of 9 Week Marking Period
4/1	Student Holiday - Half Day
4/7	Kindergarten Registration
4/8	Book Celebration
4/10-	Volunteer Week
4/11	Litterless Day
4/11	Sponsor Day: California Pizza Kitchen
4/12	PTA Meeting: REES Around the World
4/15	PTA Newsletter Deadline
4/18	Spring Break

### President's Message

Emily Fagan



Happy Spring everyone and welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks. The school year has certainly flow by fast.

**Community Priorities Workshop Summary:** On March 19, parents and teachers came together on a beautiful Saturday morning to discuss the results of the 2011 REES survey. The workshop discussed ways to improve our volunteer programs at REES and ways to incorporate additional academic programs into the school calendar. Suggestions from the forum will be used in planning for the 2011-2012 school year. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Shannon Hodges for your hard work in planning the forum. Your feedback is invaluable.

**Rivers Edge Around the World:** The REES PTA meeting program for April is the Rivers Edge International Night called "Rivers Edge around the World." The program will begin at **6:30 pm on April 12** with a brief PTA meeting followed by remarks by Superintendent Patrick Russo about the cultural diversity across Henrico County. Rivers Edge around the World represents countries from at least three continents with crafts, food, dance, music and displays. Mark your calendar today to attend this wonderful event. Thank you, Grace Xu, and committee for your hard work to put together this community event.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Leslie Baker and Mia Watts are busy planning for Teacher Appreciation Week on May 2-6. Look for more information after spring break about the wonderful events planned to celebrate the amazing staff at Rivers Edge.

**Spring Carnival:** On May 6, the Rivers Edge ES PTA annual Spring Carnival will return with favorite games and new activities certain to please everyone. Sheila Barden and the Spring Carnival committee are hard at work planning the event. Ticket order forms will go home soon and must be returned before spring break. Numerous volunteers are always needed to make the carnival a success so please sign up to help out that night.

Have a wonderful spring! It is a busy time for everyone so I especially appreciate your continued support of the Rivers Edge ES PTA.



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## Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



Spring has sprung here at the Edge, which means more exciting events just around the corner!!! There are several important pieces of information below for your attention – especially helping us get the word out to your neighbors about Kindergarten Registration. Thank you for taking a moment to read each section.

### 1. Kindergarten Registration – April 7 – Spread the Word!

Please help us in getting word to your neighbors that Kindergarten Registration for next year will be held Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 – 8 p.m. Students must be age five on or before September 30, 2011 to register. Parents need to bring a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, social security number, proof of residency (house contract, lease agreement, rent receipt, mortgage statement, or tax assessment AND current utility bill), and a picture ID. The school must receive a copy of a completed physical and a copy of immunizations before the start of school. Please have your neighbors call the school office at 935-6760 if they have questions.

### 2. Community Priorities Workshop Huge Success

Thank you to all of the staff and parents who spent a couple of hours on a beautiful Saturday to problem solve and develop plans of action for the two main areas of focus that came from our Parent Survey: Increasing Volunteers and Programs for PTA Nights. Thank you, again, to all for such a positive, collaborative effort to help The Edge reach new heights!

### 3. Volunteer Week = April 10 - 16

The week of April 10 – 16 is Volunteer Week. Everyday we are thankful for all of the volunteers helping to make our school so successful. In an effort to say "thank you" to all of our parents for volunteering, we will be having a Volunteer Reception Lunch in the Library from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. We hope you can stop by during that time (preferably during your child's lunch time) and enjoy a bite to eat. THANK YOU for all of the time you have given to us this year!



**4. Spring Break = April 18 - 22!** Take the time to play, rest, read, and have fun with family and friends! When we return, we will finish out the last nine weeks of school. Please remind students to return focused and ready to end their school year with huge success!

### 5. Spring Carnival = May 6

Hope your family can join us for all the fun on Friday, May 6, for the annual Spring Carnival! Ticket Order Forms will be sent home soon for families to complete.

Happy Spring!  
Johnna Riley  
Principal

**A BIG thank you to**

**Royal Virginia Granite**

**They are our \$500.00 sponsor for the Spring Carnival.**

**Contact sales representatives, Maggie Wilhoite or Zach Price at (804) 201-4126 or visit their website at**

**[www.rvgstone.com](http://www.rvgstone.com)**

## Volunteers

Jill Kraus

April means spring is in full swing and I know the families of Rivers Edge are excited to welcome the many school wide events such as Spring Carnival on May 6, Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, and Field Day on May 20 (rain date May 23). If you haven't already, please submit your purple volunteer form or contact me at [rkandijk@verizon.net](mailto:rkandijk@verizon.net) if you'd like to help with any of the upcoming spring events. Additionally, if you have a fifth grader and would like to help with the fifth grade party, please contact Brenda Miller at [brenda.miller@dom.com](mailto:brenda.miller@dom.com). And as usual, there is a long list of volunteer jobs that people have filled throughout the month of March:

- ◆ Working in the copy center and scheduling copy volunteers
- ◆ Helping in the art room
- ◆ Chaperoning field trips
- ◆ Working in the front office
- ◆ Being a mystery reader
- ◆ Creating the Eagle Express newsletter
- ◆ Working in the library
- ◆ Helping in the classroom
- ◆ Working in the lunch room
- ◆ Changing the marquee
- ◆ Coordinating and presenting Teacher Work Day breakfast on 3/16
- ◆ Maintaining the PTA website
- ◆ Helping in the music room



Each and every job is greatly appreciated – volunteers truly make a difference!

## Spring Carnival

Sheila Barden

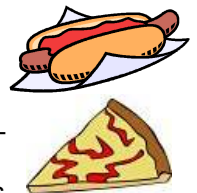
Spring has sprung at Rivers Edge so hop on over to the Rivers Edge PTA's Spring Carnival on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The carnival will be held in the back of the school again this year. Games, tattoos, face painting, and prizes will all be available for your entertainment. There will be Bruster's ice cream, popcorn and beverages for sale.



Please keep in mind that this is not a drop off event. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Adults DO NOT need to purchase carnival tickets but for \$3.00 a meal ticket can be pre-ordered. Carnival tickets are \$7.00 through April 15<sup>th</sup> and are required for ALL children who wish to participate in the carnival games and activities. There is a \$21.00 maximum per family with advanced TICKET sales only. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00. The carnival will go on rain or shine, in case of rain we will move the carnival inside.

This year all proceeds from the Spring Carnival will go towards our own PTA programs here at REES. Spring Carnival Ticket Order Forms have been distributed to the students. If you need another order form they are avail-

ble in the Main Office and on the PTA Bulletin Board at school. Please order your tickets now. Hot dog or pizza meal tickets are \$3.00 and include either a hot dog, chips, and a drink or two slices of pizza and a drink. You WILL NOT be able to purchase meals at the Spring Carnival this year. **ALL MEALS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED.** Carnival tickets and meal tickets will be sent home with students on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Volunteers are also needed the day of the carnival. Many different time slots and activities are available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sheila Barden at [sheila.barden@yahoo.com](mailto:sheila.barden@yahoo.com). Corporate sponsorships are also available. This is a great way to support your local community and customers. We have several different sponsorship levels available. Please contact Natalie Lewis at [lewis4546@comcast.net](mailto:lewis4546@comcast.net) for more information.

Thank you!



## Websites to Try at Home

Shannon Hodges

If you are looking for some student websites, try some of the ones listed below.

### SOL Review Sites

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released\\_tests/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/index.shtml) - released SOL tests from the Department of Education

<http://www.iq.poquoson.org/> - arranged by subject and grade level

<http://education.ilab.org/solquiz/index.html> - released SOL test questions organized by subject and grade level

<http://www.virginiasol.com/test.htm> - practice/review sites organized by grade levels

### Basic Math Practice

<http://www.ixl.com/math/grades> - organized by grade and skill

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html> - leveled skill practice for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

### Online Logic Puzzles

<http://skonline.org/website/mathonline/logic/solving.htm>

### Printable Sudoku Puzzles

<http://www.krazydad.com/sudoku/>

### Online Analogies

<http://www.quia.com/cb/7146.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/18755.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/18633.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/12977.html>

### SPIRIT WEAR LOGO APPAREL FOR SALE

Short Sleeve t-shirts \$ 12

Hooded Pullovers \$ 25

Contact **Kathryn Sperry**  
at [kisperry@msn.com](mailto:kisperry@msn.com)  
to purchase.



## Rivers Edge Around the World

Grace Xu

The **April 12** PTA meeting is our "Rivers Edge Around the World" cultural arts fair. Please consider helping with this exciting event for Rivers Edge.

**Please note the April PTA meeting is on a Tuesday night and not Thursday!!**

No matter where you or your ancestors are from – Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North or South America or even locally, come and celebrate your heritage and culture with us! Bring your cultural artifacts and music, ethnic food, and unique cultural crafts and games to the school, and we will have tables setup for you to display, space for you to show and tell, and paper goods for the whole school to taste your dishes! We will have "passports" for students to "travel" around different nations and cultures. And the whole school staff will come and join the festivities too! We will have so much fun and learn so much about the world from this night!



For more information, contact Grace Xu at [grace@3d-llc.com](mailto:grace@3d-llc.com).

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Leslie Baker & Mia Watts

With Teacher Appreciation Week just around the corner, the Teacher Appreciation Committee has been working diligently to plan an exciting week for both teachers and the students. During the week the PTA, along with other parent volunteers, will be providing breakfasts, lunches, and other goodies to show our appreciation for our "High Five" teachers at River's Edge. The committee thanks everyone in advance for making this upcoming week a success.

Below is a reminder of the week's agenda for student participation:

- Monday- Please have your child copy a family favorite recipe onto a 3x5 index card and send in for his/ her teacher.
- Tuesday- Please have your child send in a flower for his/ her teacher. Please no bouquets.
- Wednesday- Please send in an item for the classroom's "theme" basket.
- Thursday- Please have your child write a Thank You note, poem, or draw a picture for his/ her teacher on 8x11 paper.
- Friday- Please have your child send in a teacher desk supply.



Please contact Leslie Baker at [lesdanb@gmail.com](mailto:lesdanb@gmail.com) or Mia Watts [micas@msn.com](mailto:micas@msn.com) if you have any questions regarding TAW.

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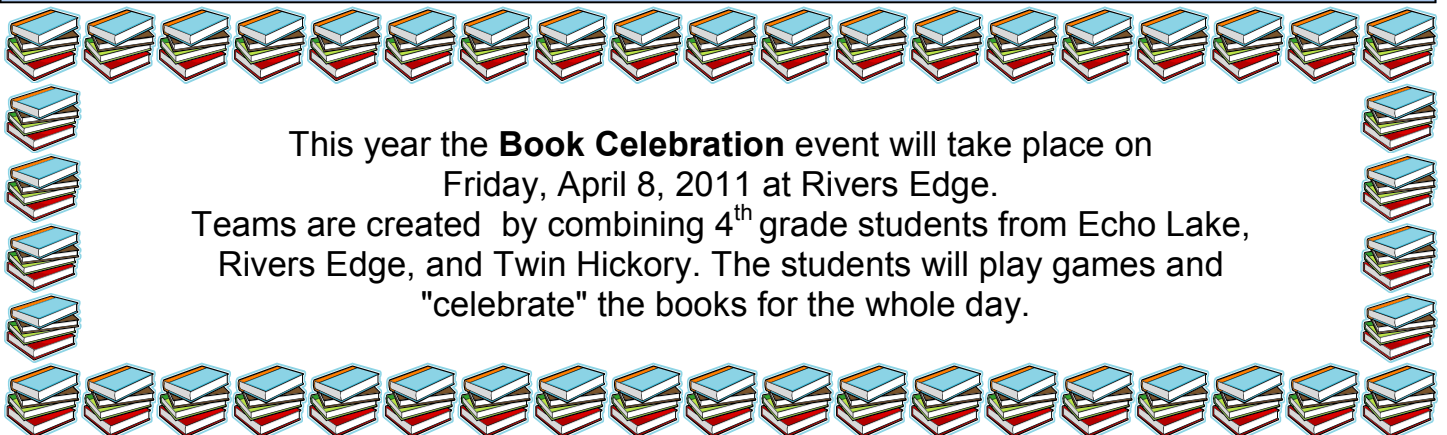


**Envision EyeCare**

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## Book Celebration

Kathleen Roberts



This year the **Book Celebration** event will take place on  
Friday, April 8, 2011 at Rivers Edge.

Teams are created by combining 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from Echo Lake,  
Rivers Edge, and Twin Hickory. The students will play games and  
"celebrate" the books for the whole day.

## 2011-2012 Rivers Edge PTA Proposed Slate of Officers


The REES PTA nominating committee has selected the following candidates for the 2011-2012 slate of officers. Elections will take place on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm. Thank you to each of them for serving the Rivers Edge ES PTA.



President	Rose Mary Jordan
1 <sup>st</sup> VP Ways & Means	Renee Kreiser
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Volunteers	Jackie Rajabi
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP Programs	Divya Verma
Secretary	Jill Kraus
Treasurer	Chris Spillare
County Council Rep.	Julie Klose
County Council Rep.	Emily Fagan
County Council Alternate	Kathy Burcher

### SCIENCE FAIR

Look in the May PTA newsletter for details regarding our REES Science Fair held on Thursday, March 24. Hope you were there and had a blast with us!!



## Reflections

*Diane Lail*

The Henrico County Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Deep Run High School. Reflections is a National PTA program that focuses on the Arts as a major component of a student's complete education. This year the theme was "Together We Can". We would like to congratulate our 8 county-level reflections award winners from Rivers Edge Elementary. We are very proud of these students. The Outstanding Interpretation Award winners moved on to the District level to be judged again.



Name of Student	Category	Level	Award
Sydney Brophy	Dance Choreography	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation
Abby Dodd	Dance Choreography	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation
Joseph Harrell	Film Production	Primary	Award of Merit
Nicole Bailey	Film Production	Intermediate	Award of Merit
Caroline Glass	Music Composition	Primary	Award of Excellence
Emily Zheng	Music Composition	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation
Rayyan Siddiqui	Photography	Primary	Award of Merit
Brandon Bolino	Photography	Intermediate	Award of Excellence

The Richmond District Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Deep Run High School. We would like to congratulate our 3 students who moved on to this level. Abby Dodd won an Award of Excellence in Dance Choreography – Intermediate Division and Emily Zheng won an Award of Excellence in Music Composition - Intermediate Division. Sydney Brophy won an Outstanding Interpretation Award for Dance Choreography – Primary Division. Sydney's entry was sent on to the Virginia State PTA where she received an Award of Excellence in Dance Choreography – Primary Division.

Parents, students, and teachers: Make a note! The 2011-2012 Reflections theme is "Diversity is...". It is never too early to start thinking about ideas for next year's theme.

## PTA Membership Form

### VIRGINIA PTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR RIVERS EDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Glen Allen, VA                      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone                      (804) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships are \$5 per members. Please make checks payable to the Rivers Edge PTA.**

**Return this form  
and your pay-  
ment to school.**

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Paid by:  Cash     Check    Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Card Issued? \_\_\_\_\_



## Community Fundraising

*Jessica Benson*

Rivers Edge Families – It has been so good to see so many of you coming out to our Sponsor nights and helping us earn money for the school while getting a night off from cooking! We don't have the numbers back from Arby's in time for this printing, but I wanted to remind you that our next sponsor night is an ALL DAY affair! Flyers will be coming home for you in April for our California Pizza Kitchen sponsor day on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget California Pizza Kitchen will also offer a FREE Pizza Party to the class that has the most students attend our sponsor day there, so this is one you definitely won't want to miss!



Don't forget to donate your Coke points! Between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, each time you donate 5 points to Rivers Edge Elementary on [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com), our school will be entered for one of two chances to win \$10K in new library books!

**Thanks for your support!**



# April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 End of 9 week marking period Student Holiday - Half Day Spring Treat Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 Kindergarten Registration	8 Book Celebration	9
10	11 Litterless Day Sponsor Day: California Pizza Kitchen	12 PTA Meeting: Rivers Edge Around the World	13	14	15 PTA Newsletter Deadline	16
V O L U N T E E R W E E K						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
S P R I N G B R E A K						
24	25	26	27	28	28	30



**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- April 11: Sponsor Day: California Pizza Kitchen
- April 12: PTA Meeting: REES Around the World
- May 6: Spring Carnival
- May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week