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CALENDAR:

4/1	Science Fair
4/2	Rally @ the River
4/2	Spring Treat Day
4/2	Half Day of School
4/5-4/9	Spring Break
4/13	PTA Executive Board Meeting
4/15	PTA Meeting/"Rivers Edge Around the World"
4/19	Cheeburger Cheeburger Night
4/22	Report cards go home
4/22	Paperless Day
4/23	PTA Newsletter Deadline
4/27	Kindergarten Registration
4/30	Spring Carnival

President's Message

Emily Fagan



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

Parent Teacher Forum Summary: On March 20, parents and teachers came together on a beautiful Saturday morning to discuss the results of the 2010 REES survey. The forum broke into three groups to discuss ways to improve or enhance home and school communications, community service and PTA programs. Suggestions from the forum will be used in planning for the 2010-2011 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 15** 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 five continents with crafts, food, dance, music and displays. A representative from the Henrico County Public Library will also be in attendance to promote library programs and sign participants up with library cards. 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.

Spring Carnival: On April 30, the Rivers Edge ES PTA annual Spring Carnival will return to the back of the school with favorite games and new activities certain to please everyone. Maria Mengel and the Spring Carnival committee are hard at work planning the event. Ticket order forms went home in mid-March 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 break.



Kindergarten Registration

REES Kindergarten registration is April 27
 from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.



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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 27 – Spread the Word!** Please help us in getting word to your neighbors that Kindergarten Registration for next year will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 – 8 p.m. Students must be age five on or before September 30 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. Parent/Teacher Forum 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 our three main areas of focus: Communication, Community Service, and PTA Programs. Thank you, again, to all for such a positive, collaborative effort to help The Edge reach new heights!

- 3. Volunteer Week = April 18 - 24** - The week of April 18 – 24 is Volunteer Week. Everyday we are thankful for all of the volunteers helping to make our school so successful. During the week of April 19 - 25, we want to thank our volunteers for all they do! Please stop by the office anytime during the day that week, as we will have a token of our appreciation for the time you have given this school year. THANK YOU!
- 4. Spring Break = April 5 - 9!** Take the time to play, rest, read, and have fun with family and friends! When we return, we will complete the last nine weeks of school. Please remind students to return focused and ready to end their school year with huge success! Report Cards will be sent home April 22.
- 5. Spring Carnival = April 30** - Hope your family can join us for all the fun on Friday, April 30, for the annual Spring Carnival! Ticket Order Forms have been sent home for families to complete.



Happy Spring!
Johnna Riley
Principal



Science Fair

Kristina Catizone & Anita Chaturvedi

Look in the May PTA newsletter for details regarding our REES Science Fair held on Thursday April 1st.

Hope you were there and had a blast with us!!



Spring Carnival

Maria Mengel

Spring has sprung at Rivers Edge so hop on over to the Rivers Edge PTA's Spring Carnival on Friday, April 30th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The carnival will be held in the back of the school 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 2nd 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 available 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, April 27th.



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 364-3399 or 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 Laura Mullins at 270-3303 or mulnhd@comcast.net for more information.

Thank you!



5th Grade End of Year Party

Kimberly Lee

Plans are currently underway for organizing the 5th grade end of year party which will be held on Wednesday, June 16th from 5-7 p.m.

This year's theme is "**A Night in New York City**". The children will make subway stops to Chinatown, Little Italy, Yankee Stadium, Dylan's Candy Bar, and they'll have a NYC photo opportunity.

Rivers Edge Elementary School Invitations will be going home in May, but in the meantime, the planning committee is seeking 5th grade parents who can volunteer or are able to donate their time, talents, goods and services.

The following is a list of volunteers, talents and services we are seeking: set-up and clean-up volunteers, chaperones, subway station volunteers, individually wrapped candy, apple juice boxes, water bottles, printed promotional items such as t-shirts, artistic skills such as painting and drawing, and folding tables.

If you can help-out with any of the items listed above, please contact Kimberly Lee at 364-1141 or lee4661@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity to help make our children's last event at REES a memorable one!!



Reflections

Susan DuPuis & Diane Lail

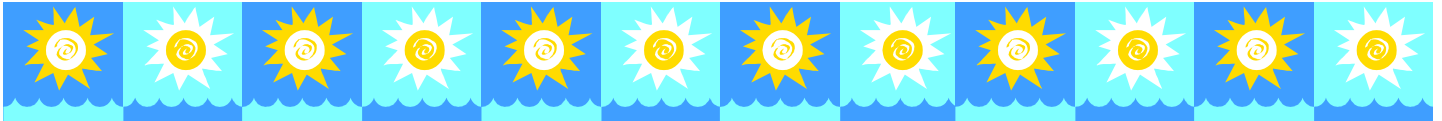
The Henrico County Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, March 9th at Deep Run High School. Reflections is a National PTA program that focuses on the Arts as a major component of a student's complete education. This year, the theme "Beauty is..." marked the programs 40th anniversary. We would like to congratulate our 6 county-level reflections award winners from Rivers Edge Elementary. We are very proud of these students.

- Mahima Murali - Award of Excellence for Intermediate Dance Choreography
- Christine Essah – Award of Merit for Primary Literature
- Gauri Harsha – Outstanding Interpretation Award for Intermediate Literature
- Connie Xu - Award of Merit for Intermediate Musical Composition
- Camille Sager - Award of Excellence for Intermediate Photography
- Ashley Roundtree - Award of Merit for Intermediate Visual Arts



The Richmond District Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, March 7th at Mary Munford Elementary School. Gauri Harsha won an Outstanding Interpretation Award for Intermediate Literature. Her entry was sent on to the Virginia State PTA where she received an Award of Merit for Intermediate Literature.

Parents, students, and teachers: Make a note! The 2010-2011 Reflections theme is "Together We Can". It is never too early to start thinking about ideas for next year's theme.



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 April 30, Teacher Appreciation Week in early May, and Field Day in mid-May. If you haven't already, please submit your purple volunteer form or contact me at rkandjk@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 Kimberly Lee at lee4661@verizon.net.

Finally, I want to give a special shout-out to Susie Milwit for scheduling the wonderful Arts and Education programs throughout the year. We had performances during the month of March by Theatre IV. Also, there will be a special Author Visit on April 22. Thanks, Susie, for all your hard work.

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
- Helping with Dads and Donuts

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



Nominating Committee

Diane Lail

Over the past couple of months the Nominating Committee has been working to fill the 2010-2011 PTA Executive Board positions. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee members that served this year:

- Diane Lail (chair)
- Brenda Miller
- Kathy Burcher
- Julie Klose
- Sheila Barden

The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following candidates for the 2010-2011 PTA Executive Board.

Office	Nominated Candidate
President	Emily Fagan
1 st VP – Ways and Means	Megan Carter
2 nd VP – Volunteers	Jill Kraiss
3 rd VP – Programs	Sara Lewis
Secretary	Julie Parham
Treasurer	Crystal Jacobs
County Council 1	Holley Nilson
County Council 2	Julie Klose
County Council Alternate	Brenda Miller
Lay Advisory 1	Not filling per pending By-laws change
Lay Advisory Alternate	Not filling per pending By-laws change

We would like to thank each of you for volunteering to serve REES, the students, families, faculty, and staff in these PTA positions.

Elections will be held at the next PTA meeting on April 15, 2010.

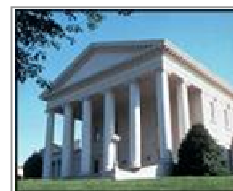
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2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINAL REPORT

Virginia PTA Members
Sent Nearly 5,000 Emails
Urging Legislators to Pro-
tect K-12 Public Education
Funding.

Check out the Virginia PTA
web site to learn about the
2010-2012 Biennium
Budget and more.

<http://www.vapta.org/>



THANK YOU!!!

A **BIG** thank you to **Weeded! Lawn Service**.

They are our \$500.00 sponsor for the carnival. The owner of Weeded! is **David Bender**. You can contact him at 672-CUTS (2887) or <http://weededlawnservice.com>. Congrats and thanks again!



Destination ImagiNation Update

Eric Rosenberg

It has been a fantastic season for Destination ImagiNation this year. Rivers Edge had three teams compete in the Regional Tournament held at Hermitage High School on March 13th. We had our First grade team the "DI Reporters" take on and crush the Rising Stars challenge. Next was the Third grade Team, "The Amazing Explorers" who quite frankly, did an "Amazing" job with their DI-Bot challenge. Last, but certainly not least, was the Fifth grade team "The Flippers" who sent a very strong ecological message about recycling when they cleaned up their city with the "You're Gonna Flip" challenge. We are all very proud of our DI teams that competed this year. They all deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they poured in each week to deliver their solutions. The end result was to perform on a stage before a team of judges.

My personal thanks to all of the Managers and Assistant Managers for helping to coordinate this terrific program!

DI REPORTERS

- Hayden Brown
- Joseph Harrell
- Sam Soltanian
- Susie Orelana
- Yousef Karim
- Thanvi Kodai
- Laasy Chennon

AMAZING EXPLORER

- Adam Elwood
- Iksita Nallapaneni
- Pallav Chaturvedi
- Devin Pendse
- Hamsini Muralikrishnan
- Gauri Harsha

THE FLIPPERS

- Stephen Rosenberg
- Anna White
- Sara Elwood
- Andrew Kroll
- Justin Nguyen
- Omar Karim



Holman Middle School

The Holman Middle School website is a great way to stay informed about the new school. Visit the web site at the link below.

<http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/ms/holman/index.html>



Family Enrichment Center

Come see what's new in the Family Enrichment Center. We have some great new exercise DVDs for kids and families. Our Parent Resource Library has been growing and we now have many helpful and fun books on a variety of topics related to school, family and friendship. We have DVDs on social topics that your children will enjoy watching with you. The Family Enrichment Center is located in the library.



Teacher Appreciation

Michelle Harrell

With the school year quickly coming to an end, we are eagerly planning Teacher Appreciation Week. This year Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 3rd-May 7th and it is a great time to thank all of our wonderful teachers at REES. They work so hard all year so this is our opportunity to show our gratitude and appreciation. In order to do just that we will have 2 luncheons, a breakfast, daily raffles and some other fun things. The students will actively participate too. During the week they will bring various items for the teachers. The order will be as follows:

Monday - Bring a card or picture. This can be homemade or bought.

Tuesday - Bring your favorite family recipe on an index card.

Wednesday - Bring in a desk supply item. Something fun and unusual.

Thursday - Bring in a sweet or spa item.

Friday - Bring a flower. Please no bouquets. It can be real or artificial.

Parents if you are interested in helping with set up, clean up, donating food items or gift cards or assist in any other way, please contact me, Michelle Harrell, Teacher Appreciation Chair, at mwharrell4@aol.com or 399-0700.

REES PTA Membership

The PTA is only 10 members shy of reaching the goal for the 2009-2010 school year. Complete membership form below and send it in your child's folder. Each membership is only \$5 and it goes to support the many programs, educational items and services offered by the Rivers Edge PTA. Both parents are encouraged to join.

Thank you to everyone who has already joined the PTA this year.



**Cheeburger Cheeburger
Night is Monday,
April 19.**

PTA Membership Form

**Virginia PTA Annual Membership Enrollment
2009-2010 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 payment to school.




PTA Use Only

Paid by: ___Cash ___Check Check Number _____

Membership Card Issued? _____



April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Science Fair	2 Rally at the River Spring Treat Day Half-Day of School (11:15 dismissal)	3
4 Easter 	5	6	7	8	9	10
SPRING BREAK						
11	12	13 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	14	15 PTA Meet- ing/"Rivers Edge Around the World" - 6:30 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Cheeburger Chee- burger Night	20	21	22 Report cards go home Paperless Day Earth Day 	23 PTA Newsletter Deadline	24
25	26	27 Kindergarten Registration - 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.	28	29	30 Spring Carnival 	

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- April 2: Rally at the River/Half Day (11:15 dismissal)
- April 15: PTA Meeting/Cultural Program - "Rivers Edge Around the World"
- April 19 - Cheeburger Cheeburger Night
- April 22 - Reports cards go home
- April 23: PTA Newsletter Deadline
- April 27 - Kindergarten Registration
- April 30 - Spring Carnival



The first Earth Day was in 1970. This day is celebrated around the world. Earth Day was established to encourage environmental awareness of our planet. For more information, games, and puzzles, visit the website: earthday.gov