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June 2011 PTA Newsletter

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Calendar:

6/1	3 rd Grade Science SOL
	2 nd Grade Science HAT
	4 th Grade Science HAT
6/2	5 th Grade Science SOL
6/2	2 nd Grade Math HAT
6/2	Chess Team Celebration
6/3	3 rd Grade Math SOL
6/6	4 th Grade Math SOL
6/7	3 rd Grade Social Studies SOL
	2 nd Grade Social Studies HAT
6/8	5 th Grade Math SOL
	3 rd Grade Career Center
6/9	4 th Grade Virginia History SOL
	PTA Executive Board Meeting
6/10	Make-up Testing
6/13	Sponsor Night: Firehouse Subs
	5 th Grade Celebration
6/14	5 th Grade Talent Show
6/16	5 th Grade Awards Assembly
6/17	Last Day of School

President's Message

Rose Mary Jordan



Let me take a moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Rose Mary Jordan and I have the privilege of serving as the PTA President for the up-coming 2011-2012 school year. It is with great enthusiasm that I take on this role! I have had the pleasure of being a Rivers Edge parent for the past six years. My daughter, Jessica Anne, is spending her last days here as a 5th grader. Fortunately, my son, Jack, is only completing first grade, so I am looking forward to four more years at the Edge.

My first "official" event as president, was to present a brief overview of our PTA to the incoming kindergarten parents at Kindergarten Preview in late May. As I was able to meet and greet these newest Eagles, I was quickly reminded of why we do what we do. Our bottom line is serving children and their families!

We have an outstanding PTA here at Rivers Edge that is noted as active and positive in its achievements. Our efforts are complimented by our dedicated staff which is welcoming and supportive of our programs! We have just received the Virginia PTA Membership Award for exceptional membership accomplishments! Our membership increased by 3.5% for the 2010-2011 school year as we reached 103.79% membership! Thank you very much to everyone who worked in any capacity this school year on behalf of the PTA. Your time and commitment are an invaluable service to our children and the school. Our committees worked extremely hard on their projects and the outcomes were amazing!

As we celebrate this successful school year, we thank the outgoing board members for their service to Rivers Edge and welcome our newest officers. Planning for the 2011-2012 school year is underway. As you read through this newsletter, you will find information regarding committee chair needs. Please consider volunteering your time.

I wish you a successful end to the school year and a restful summer. We look forward to seeing our returning families in September, for what surely will be, another amazing year!

Have a great summer!!



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Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



As this school year comes quickly to an end, I want to thank you for placing your trust in our teachers, staff, PTA, and me throughout the last 9 months – as our partnership is the heart of being a successful school. We are excited to begin planning and making decisions to create even better programs for next year!

The assembling of classes is a task that we take very seriously and into which we put much thought, as there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration. We take a great deal of time and effort to place each child with a teacher and classmates that will help him/her experience success. We work diligently to meet the needs of each individual student to match student-learning styles with teacher instructional styles. We look at the overall “picture” of the new class, as far as instructional, social, and emotional needs of the students. We appreciate the trust you put in our staff in making decisions about your child’s class assignment and knowing that the professional educators at Rivers Edge have your child’s best interest at heart! Our teachers realize that REES parents are as concerned about their children’s educational well being as they themselves are. Each year we work very hard to be sensitive to our students’ needs going into a new learning environment. Together, we make a great team!

As we start the process of developing class rolls for 2011-2012, I would like to extend the opportunity for you to share specific information with the administrative team regarding special needs that may need to be considered before determining your child’s placement for next year. If you feel the need to inform me of any concerns, you may send a letter to me to express your feelings. (Information sent in email format will not be accepted or considered.) If it is helpful, we have put a form on our website that you can print out and use for this purpose.

Letters (or forms) must be received by **Friday, June 17, 2011**. Please understand that we cannot take specific requests for teachers next year. As you know, depending on the fluctuation of student enrollment, teachers may be moved to different grade level during the summer. It is best to describe the teaching style and qualities that would best help your child be successful in school. Most of you will not have a need to communicate with us, but if you do, please know that we are available to listen.

Information to include in your letter (or just use the form on our school website):

- Student’s Full Name
- Current Teacher
- Current Grade Level
- Name of Person Completing the Form
- Daytime Phone number
- Tell how your child learns best
- Tell what teacher characteristics are most important to you and your child
- Explain any social issues or peer interactions that we should take into consideration when placing your child
- Include any other pertinent information

Thank you, again, for your support and trust as we have collaborated this school year to make it the best for your child. On behalf of the entire staff, we are most grateful and appreciative for your assistance this year and we look forward to ending on a high note!

Johnna Riley
Principal

*Check out the school website
to view the complete
results of the Parent Survey.*

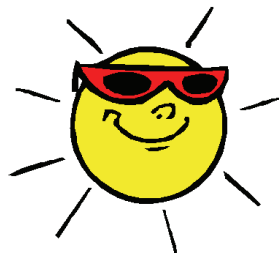


Mark Your Calendars

Back to School Open House is
Thursday, September 1, 2011.

Kindergarten - 3:15-4:00 PM
(Parents need to attend the entire
session)

Grades 1 - 5 - 4:00-6:00 PM (Open
House Style)



THANK YOU

From the River’s Edge Teacher Appreciation Committee: Thanks to everyone who helped make the week so special for the teachers. There were many parents who provided donations of food, gift cards, candy treats, time, and energy to make the week such a fantastic success. And to all the parents of our Eagles, thank you for your daily contributions. It was the perfect expression of gratitude and appreciation for the teachers and staff at

Volunteers

Jill Kraus

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their intent form to lead a committee. Committee chairpersons will be contacted by me or Jackie Rajabi up until the end of the school year to discuss assignments.

The following committees still need a chairperson:

- Lunch Bunch
- Office Volunteers
- Family Enrichment Center
- Community Service
- Silent Auction
- Reflections

- Rivers Edge Around the World
- Spirit Wear
- Retail Donations/Sponsor Nights
- Dads & Donuts
- REES Movie Night

Please contact Jackie Rajabi at 2kkids2jf@gmail.com. Thanks to all our volunteers for all the hard work this year!!



SPIRIT WEAR LOGO APPAREL FOR SALE

Short Sleeve t-shirts \$ 12

Hooded Pullovers \$ 25

Contact **Kathryn Sperry** at kisperry@msn.com to purchase.



Reflections

Diane Lail

Parents, students, and teachers: Make a note! The theme for the 2011-2012 Reflections Program is

“Diversity Means...”

Reflections is a program sponsored by the National PTA. This program encourages students to express their artistic talents by writing, dancing, composing and creating visual art. Entries will be due mid-October 2011. More information will be sent home in the fall. Students - don't wait until September to start thinking about your entry.

Get creative and start working on your entry over the summer!



Yearbook

Carole Moore (Chair) and Courtney Headley (Sales)

The Yearbook Committee has worked really hard on the 2010-11 REES Yearbook, and we can't wait for you to see it! The students are always excited to get their book at the end of the year and search for pictures of themselves and friends. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who submitted pictures or who helped take pictures this year!

All students will have their yearbook by June 13th. If your child does not come home with a book and you believe you purchased one, **please contact Courtney Headley as soon as possible**. Any remaining books will be sold Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 a.m. on a first come-first served basis. Cost is \$30.00. Please bring cash. (If you are unsure whether you have purchased a book, feel free to contact me.)

Courtney Headley
(Yearbook Sales)

ccheadley@aol.com or 217-9766

Carole Moore
(Yearbook Editor)

cxmoore2@verizon.net or 360-0190



If you are interested in serving on the Yearbook Committee for next year, please let the PTA know.

Spring Carnival

Natalie Lewis

Spring Carnival

The REES Spring Carnival was a success! We had over 1,000 people in attendance! Families appeared to enjoy their time together playing games and talking with friends.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Spring Carnival committee would like to thank all the volunteers that helped during the carnival. Your quick action and hard work greatly contributed to the success of the carnival, especially during the rain interruption. Thank you for your time and support.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

The REES PTA would like to thank all of the businesses that offered their sponsorship of the Spring Carnival. We truly appreciate your support of Rivers Edge.

Thank You Presenting Sponsor - Royal Virginia Granite!



Thank you Eagle Sponsors!



Thank you Community Sponsors!



See you in September
School Begins on September 6

Sponsor Night



Please join us for this month's sponsor night at Firehouse Subs.

Monday, June 13 from 4:00-10:00 pm

Hope to see you there!



Fun at the Spring Carnival



Summer Reading Programs

Shannon Hodges

Barnes & Noble

1. Kids read any 8 books and record them in the Reading Journal that can be downloaded from the site below.
2. Kids turn in a completed journal at Barnes & Noble and choose a FREE BOOK from the Barnes & Noble list.
3. Activities and teaching tips can be downloaded from the Parent Activity Kit located on the site below.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

Twin Hickory Library

Watch for Summer Reading Club updates on the Henrico County Public Library website:

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

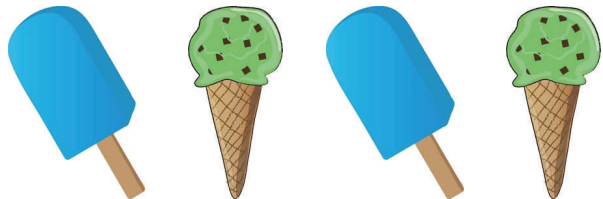
Rivers Edge Library

The library at Rivers Edge will be open one day each week during the month of July. Watch for details on our website:

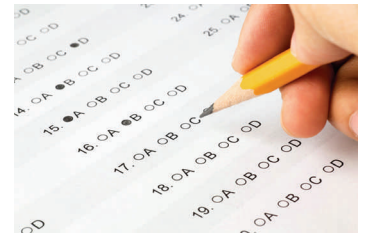
<http://henrico.k12.va.us/es/riversedge/>

Henrico County's Elementary Summer Reading Lists will be available June 1, 2011 at:

<http://henrico.k12.va.us/instruction/SummerReadingLists.html>



**MAKE UP TESTING IS
SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, JUNE 10**



5th Grade Celebration Party

Rose Mary Jordan

Bon Voyage!

The PTA is happy to sponsor the annual 5th Grade Party on Monday, June 13th from 6:00 - 7:30pm. We are looking forward to kicking off the last week of school and our 5th graders' last week at Rivers Edge! This year's theme is "Cruising to Middle School." The students will cruise the world without ever leaving the REES building! The evening will include exciting Ports of Call as our 5th graders travel aboard The R.E.E.S. -The Royal Eagle Explorer of the Seas and visit exotic destinations.

Fifth Grade Parents: If you have not returned your child's permission slip, please do so as soon as possible. All students must have a permission slip on file to attend this drop-off event. The Party Planning Committee is looking for 5th

Grade parents who can donate their time, talents, goods and/or services. Please check nList as we still are in need of a few party items. Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful event as our 5th graders prepare to leave us!

If you have any questions please contact:



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 payment to school.

PTA Use Only

Paid by: ___Cash ___Check Check Number _____

Membership Card Issued? _____



Teacher Appreciation Night at The Diamond

The Richmond Flying Squirrels are having a **Teacher Appreciation Night on June 15th**! The purpose of this event is to honor area educators that are making a difference in the lives of their students. The evening is sure to be filled with excitement, fun, and Flying Squirrels Baseball.

To nominate a teacher please send your explanation of why they should be the Richmond Flying Squirrels "**Teacher of the Year**" to Amanda Shuman at amanda.shuman@squirrelsbaseball.com. That evening, selected nominees will be recognized on the field pregame. The winner will have their story highlighted and will have the opportunity to throw out a ceremonial FIRST PITCH!



In honor of Teacher Appreciation Night, and to show your school pride, all educators will receive tickets at the **discounted group rate** when bought in advance. All schools represented that night will also be announced over the PA and recognized on the video board. To purchase tickets call Amanda Shuman at (804)359-3866 ext. 327 or email her at amanda.shuman@squirrelsbaseball.com.

In addition to honoring our local educators, a special guest appearance will be made by **Mr. Belding**, played by Denis Haskins from the hit TV show **Saved by the Bell!**

Hope to see you at The Diamond!

Summer Vacation June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3 rd Grade Science SOL 2 nd Grade Science HAT 4 th Grade Science HAT	2 5 th Grade Science SOL 2 nd Grade Math HAT Chess Team Celebration - 6:30 PM	3 3 rd Grade Math SOL	4
5	6 4 th Grade Math SOL	7 3 rd Grade Social Studies SOL 2 nd Grade Social Studies HAT	8 5 th Grade Math SOL 3 rd Grade Career Fair - 8:30 AM	9 4 th Grade Virginia History SOL PTA Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM	10 Make-up Testing	11
12	13 Sponsor Night: Firehouse Subs 5 th Grade Celebration - 5:30 PM	14 5 th Grade Talent Show - 9:30 AM Deep Run HS Graduation - 7 PM	15	16 5 th Grade Awards Assembly 8:30 AM	17 Last Day of School - Half Day Report Cards Sent Home	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- June 9: PTA Executive Board Meeting
- June 10: Make-up Testing
- June 13: Sponsor Night - Firehouse Subs
- June 13 - 5th Grade Celebration
- June 17 - Last Day of School - Half Day
- September 1 - Back to School Open House
- September 6 - First Day of School