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## CALENDAR:

3/2	NEA's Read Across America
3/2	Grades 4 & 5 Multiple-Choice Writing Test (SOL and HA)
3/3	World Math Day
3/4	Grades 4 & 5 Multiple-Choice Writing Test (SOL and HA)
3/5	Spring Picture Day
3/11	PTA Meeting/2nd Grade Program
3/12	3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Field Trip to VA Living Museum
3/15	Ledo's Pizza Night
3/16	Tornado Preparedness Day
3/18	Half-Day for Students
3/19	5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Field Trip to Pamplin Park
3/19	Newsletter Deadline
3/20	Parent Forum
3/19	PTA Newsletter Deadline
3/23	Dads & Donuts
3/23	Theater IV "The Little House of Laura Ingalls"
3/26	Theater IV "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" gr. K-2

## President's Message

Emily Fagan



February was quite the weather month. Digging out from all that snow was the focus early on. Hopefully, March will be more like a lamb than a lion.

**Dads and Donuts Rescheduled:** Dads and Donuts was rescheduled because of the unpredictable weather that plagued Richmond in early February. The new date is **Tuesday, March 23 from 7:30-7:50 a.m.** If you sent in your RSVP form, then your name is still on the list to attend the event.

**Second Grade Music Extravaganza Program:** The March PTA meeting program is the always popular Second Grade Musical Program. Mark your calendars today to attend this fabulous event on **Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Mrs. Adelstein, the second grade teachers and those fabulous second grade students will entertain the entire family.

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee is looking for PTA members to serve on the 2010-2011 REES PTA Executive Committee. The PTA is searching for a VP of Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, County Council Representative and Lay Advisory Representatives. Please consider serving in one of these open positions. Forms were sent home recently for you to nominate someone to help out with the PTA. REES PTA leadership is a very rewarding

way to volunteer at your child's school. Contact Diane Lail, chair of the nominating committee or any PTA board member if you are interested in one of the elected positions.

**Parent Survey and Forum:** Thank you to the many families who have already responded to the Parent Survey. The survey link is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T6WNZQP>. The survey responses are used during our annual Parent-Faculty forum as a means of constantly improving Rivers Edge Elementary School. If you are interested in participating in the parent forum scheduled for **Saturday, March 20**, please fill out the invitation that will go home in early March. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is truly valuable.

**PTA Volunteer of the Year:** Jill Kraiss, VP of Volunteers, is currently looking for your nominations for PTA Volunteer of the Year. The PTA Volunteer of the Year program is a wonderful way to recognize the many parents who dedicate so much of their time to the betterment of Rivers Edge ES and its students. Please return your forms no later than **Tuesday, March 9**.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rivers Edge PTA!



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## Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



March brings lots of exciting events in schools: Music in Our Schools Month; Youth Art Month; NEA Read Across America (Dr. Seuss Day – March 2); National School Breakfast Week (March 8-12); and the state-wide Tornado Preparedness Day on March 16, which includes practicing a tornado drill.

This month at Rivers Edge we will also focus our attention to practicing a Fire Drill in all areas of the school. Students will practice how to respond to a Fire Drill in each area of the school and on the buses. As students go to each Resource Class (Art, Music, PE, Library) during the last week of the month, they will practice having a Fire Drill in each of those classes so they will know what to do in case they are ever in that class in an emergency. Students will also practice where to go in case there was ever a fire when they are in the cafeteria and/or in an assembly in the gym.

This month also brings attention to the significance of music and art education in our schools. The benefits of involving children in musical and art activities are immense: from developing a love of music and art to promoting brain growth. Most importantly, music and art are fun. If a child is having fun, their brain is open to learning. Below are some ideas for getting your child involved in "the arts."

### **Music:**

1. Listen to music daily.
2. Take your child to a music concert.
3. Expose your child to many styles of music.



4. Make musical instruments/crafts.
5. Sing to your child.
6. Turn on music and dance with your child to the beat.
7. Give your child musical toys.
8. Enroll your child in a school band, choir, or orchestra program.
9. Start your child in private music lessons.
10. Rent a musical instrument from a local music store.

### **Art:**

1. Introduce your kids to imaginative activities.
2. Lead by example.
3. Be enthusiastic about your kids' chosen activities.
4. Get your kids the right tools.
5. Make a big deal about the little things.
6. Take your kids to museums.
7. Limit your children's TV time.
8. Make drawing fun.
9. Learn to draw with your children.
10. Make drawing an outdoor activity.



Please join us this month as we celebrate the great music and art education at Rivers Edge. Our thanks to Mrs. Adelstein, Mrs. Pennington, and Mrs. Siler, as well as each classroom teacher, for bringing us the beauty of music and art in our lives!

Johnna Riley  
Principal



## H1N1 Second Doses now widely available

In the fall, many Rivers Edge ES students received dose one of the H1N1 vaccine through the school system's H1N1 vaccination program.

Students under age 10 should receive a second dose of nasal H1N1 vaccine to ensure effectiveness against the disease. Parents should contact their family doctor or consult a neighborhood pharmacy to receive this second dose.

## Rivers Edge ES Parent Faculty Forum

The Rivers Edge PTA is looking for parent representatives for the REES Parent Faculty Forum on Saturday, March 20. The forum is an annual review of the Parent Survey results and an opportunity for parents and faculty to propose changes and enhancements to the school's procedures. If you would like to attend, please contact Emily Fagan at [emilyfagan@comcast.net](mailto:emilyfagan@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing you there!



The Fourth Grade Teachers, Ms. Ott, Ms. Ramsey, Ms. Boyer, Ms. York and Mr. Brinkman meet the Richmond Flying Squirrels mascot, Nutzy. The Flying Squirrels are Richmond's new professional baseball team.



## Science Fair

Kristina Catizone & Anita Chaturvedi

Don't miss the "EAGLES IN THE LAB" Science Fair

**THURSDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

Information Packets available:

- ON-LINE:** 1. Rivers Edge PTA Website: <http://www.reespta.org/>  
2. Request an e-mail copy from Anita Chaturvedi @ [anita.mogili@sprint.com](mailto:anita.mogili@sprint.com)

OR

- PAPER COPIES:** 1. Rees office and on the PTA bulletin board in main hallway  
2. E-mail Kristina requesting a paper copy @ [petercat5@aol.com](mailto:petercat5@aol.com)



### Need Ideas?

- The information packet is LOADED with them!!!
- Visit the Science Fair resource Center in the library!  
<http://www.portaportal.com/> guest name: reessf



Project Idea forms due by: **MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**

Kristina Catizone 747-6141 [petercat5@aol.com](mailto:petercat5@aol.com)

Anita Chaturvedi 346-3484 [anita.mogili@sprint.com](mailto:anita.mogili@sprint.com)

**A Fun Learning Experience.....Hope to see you there!!!!**

## Arts & Education

Susie Milwit

This Spring we have 3 exciting events scheduled for Rivers Edge. In March, our 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will welcome Theatre IV back for a performance of Laura Ingalls Wilder and our K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders will see Lyle, Lyle the Crocodile. That will complete the 4 programs Theatre IV will perform for our students this school year. All of the Arts & Education programs are made possible through the generous donations of our families to the PTA Eagle Fund. Thank you for your support!

In April, the REES PTA is excited to present Linda Salisbury, the author of the award-winning Bailey Fish Adventure series. She will visit **Rivers Edge Elementary on April 22, 2010**. Mrs. Salisbury will discuss **The Mysterious Jamestown Suitcase** and answer student questions about characters, plot, researching the historical aspects, and the writing process. The books in her series are sequential, but may be read independently. The books appeal equally to boys and girls. Although fiction, they are embedded with Virginia and American history. If you purchased a book, there will be a book signing opportunity for the students after each assembly. Books will be sent home by March 30, 2010.

The PTA will be purchasing a book for each teacher to read to their students before the visit and the series will be available in the REES library.

Please contact Susie Milwit with any questions at ([smilwit@yahoo.com](mailto:smilwit@yahoo.com)).



## Rivers Edge Around the World

The **April 15** PTA meeting is our "Rivers Edge Around the World" cultural arts fair. Superintendent Russo has agreed to speak at the event!! Please consider helping with this exciting event for Rivers Edge.



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).



## Reflections

**Congratulations** to REES student, **Gauri Harsha**, who is the outstanding interpretation winner for Henrico County for literature in the Intermediate Grades 3-5 group. She along with the 22 other Henrico County winners advance onto the Richmond District level!



**Fun at the Sock Hop!**

## Community Fundraising

*Jessica Benson*

Our Arby's Sponsor night was enjoyed by 30 families and earned the PTA \$57.00! REES families, you are doing an amazing job helping our PTA earn funds to help our school. Thank You!



Our next Sponsor night will be on Monday, March 15, 5-10pm at the Ledo's Pizza at West Broad Village. Look for flyers to come home in your child's backpack the Friday before the event. Hope to see you there!

## Spring Carnival

*Sheila Barden*

### The Spring Carnival is coming!!

Bring your family out for a fun-filled time on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Rivers Edge Spring Carnival is raising money this year to support the PTA programs at REES. We are in need of volunteers! If you would like to volunteer at the carnival, please contact Sheila Barden at 364-3399 or email her at [sheila.barden@yahoo.com](mailto:sheila.barden@yahoo.com).

Carnival sponsorships are available. This is a great way to support your local community and customers. Please contact Laura Mullins at [mulnhd@comcast.net](mailto:mulnhd@comcast.net) for more information



**Rally at the River**

## Need Information on 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>





# Help our school win a \$25,000 recycled playground from Sprite®



Let's play - Sprite is giving one lucky My Coke Rewards school \$25,000 towards a recycled playground and 10 schools will win 25,000 Bonus Points to spend on rewards. We can earn one entry for every 10 My Coke Rewards points donated from February 25 through April 30, 2010. Donate your points today to help us get rewards for our school and the chance to win.

#### 4 Refreshingly Simple Steps to Donate Points:

- 1 Purchase participating Coca-Cola beverages - like Sprite® and Sprite Zero™ - to get My Coke Rewards codes
- 2 Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you are not already a member)
- 3 Enter codes to get points - choose "Donate to Your School" from the Six Ways to Spend Points
- 4 Find our school then click "Donate Points Now" to enter the amount you would like to donate

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32-pack  
12 oz. cans  
25 Points



24-pack  
12 oz. cans  
10 Points



12-pack  
12 oz. cans  
10 Points



2-liter bottle  
3 Points

Registered schools will earn 10 entries for the first 10 points donated by My Coke Rewards members and 1 additional entry for every incremental 10 points donated from 2/25/10 - 4/30/10. See Rules at mycokerewards.com/schools for details. © 2010 The Coca-Cola Company.

# Don't forget Spring Picture Day on March 5!

## Rivers Edge PTA Student Directory Updates

Please update your student directory with the following additions:

Mrs. Woody's Class (Kindergarten)

**Grace Parham**

(760) 670-9418

Rob & Julie Parham

11309 Sadler Green Lane, Glen Allen 23060

[jrjparham@gmail.com](mailto:jrjparham@gmail.com)

Mrs. Evans Baker's Class (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Jack Parham**

(760) 670-9418

Rob & Julie Parham

11309 Sadler Green Lane, Glen Allen 23060

[jrjparham@gmail.com](mailto:jrjparham@gmail.com)

Mrs. Atkins' Class (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

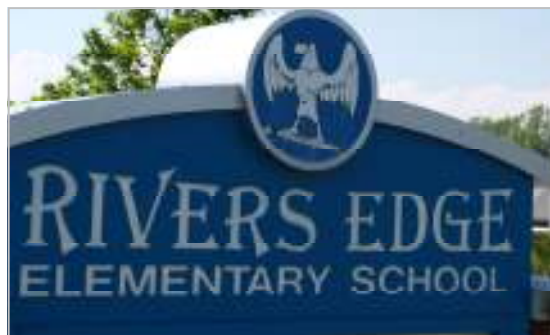
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## PTA Membership Form

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_



# March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 NEA Read Across America / Dr. Seuss Day Grades 4 & 5 Multiple-Choice Writing Test (SOL and HA)	3 World Math Day	4 Grades 4 & 5 Direct Writing Prompt Test (SOL and HA)	5 Picture Day / Writing Tests Make-ups	6
7	8	9	10	11 PTA Meeting/2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Program	12 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Field Trip to Virginia Living Museum	13
National School Breakfast Week						
14	15 Ledo's Pizza Night - 5:00-10:00 p.m.	16 Tornado Preparedness Day – Tornado Drill	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Half-Day for Students (11:15 dismissal) / Staff Development	19 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Field Trip to Pamplin Park PTA Newsletter Deadline	20 Parent / Faculty Forum—10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
21	22	23 Dads & Donuts- 7:30-7:50 a.m. Theater IV "The Little House of Laura Ingalls Wilder" gr 3-5	24	25 School Board Meeting @ 7pm – Recognition of Rivers Edge for Governor's Award for Educational Excellence	26 Theater IV "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" gr. K-2	27
28	29	30	31			

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- March 5: Spring Picture Day
- March 11: PTA Meeting/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program
- March 15: Ledo's Pizza Night
- March 18; Half Day - Students (11:15 dismissal)
- March 20: Parent/Faculty Forum
- March 19: PTA Newsletter Deadline
- April 1: Science Fair @ 6 p.m.
- April 2: Half Day for Students/Rally at the River