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Rivers Edge Elementary School PTA

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September 2010 PTA Newsletter

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Calendar:

9/2	REES Open House
9/7	First Day of School
9/10	Student Directory Deadline
9/14	REES PTA Board Meeting
9/16	PTA Meeting and Back to School Night
9/24	Movie Night
9/28	PTA County Council Meeting
9/29	Room Parent Training
9/29	Fall Picture Day
9/29	Committee Chair Training

President's Message

Emily Fagan



Welcome to the new school year. My name is Emily Fagan and I am excited to serve as the Rivers Edge Elementary School (REES) PTA President for 2010-2011. I have three children – Caroline is a 8th grader at Holman MS, Rebecca is a 6th grader at Holman MS and Eric is entering Kindergarten at Rivers Edge. The PTA website offers contact information for the REES PTA Executive Committee as well as a wealth of school related information. Please visit often

www.reespta.org to stay well informed.

nListhelp: Rivers Edge ES and PTA have implemented the use of nListhelp to coordinate volunteer sign ups and classroom needs throughout the school year. You received sign up information with your class assignment letters for your child this year. Please take a minute to sign up for the nList site for your class. We hope this method of online signups will streamline our process this school year.

Membership: Please join the REES PTA. Membership is \$5.00 per adult. Our goal is to increase our membership by 10% this year over last year's membership. With each membership, you become a voice in the largest child advocacy group in the country and join over 340,000 members in Virginia and 5 million members nationwide. Every member is a show of support for our children, the school and the programs and resources offered by the PTA. Membership forms can be found in your child's open house folder, on the PTA bulletin board and in the main office. Membership forms will also be in every PTA newsletter this year.

Back to School Night - September 16: Mark your calendar today to attend the REES Back to School Night on **Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Back to school night is a wonderful way to learn about your teacher's plans for the upcoming school year, sign up to volunteer in the classroom, school and PTA, purchase spirit wear, become a PTA member, donate to the Eagle Fund and pick up information about the Reflections program. The PTA membership will also vote on the 2010-2011 budget and 2009-2010 audit. I look forward to seeing you there.

New PTA Programs: The PTA is excited to offer two new programs this fall. Please mark your calendars to join us for our **First Annual Movie Night on Friday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Watch your child's folder for information about the movie night. We are also pleased to offer the first ever **PTA sponsored yard sale on Saturday, October 2.** We look forward to seeing you at both events.

Volunteers truly make a difference: Thank you to the many volunteers who help out at folder stuffing and the open house the week before school opened. Numerous volunteers also helped with transportation transitions during the first week of school. Your help is truly appreciated. Please continue to check the REES PTA website at www.reespta.org and your class' nListhelp site for volunteer opportunities and school needs.

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Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



Welcome to the start of what promises to be the best school year yet for you and your family at Rivers Edge!! The teachers, staff, and I are thrilled to kick-off the 2010-2011 School Year where we are celebrating being "High 5 Heroes!" A special thank you to the efforts of the teachers, staff, and many parent volunteers who have worked hard, often behind the scenes, to prepare for this new school year.

Thank you for helping me welcome Mr. Joe Koontz, our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Koontz comes to us Dumbarton Elementary School where he served as Resource Teacher. Prior to that, he taught fourth grade at Maybeury Elementary School. It has been such a blessing to have him join our team at The Edge.

Our theme this year, "High 5 Heroes" celebrates and focuses on creating a school climate that encourages respect for everyone. As a school, we will celebrate and reward five main characteristics: 1) Being kind to others; 2) Respecting others; 3) Helping others; 4) Including others; and 5) Encouraging others. We look forward to having a kick-off assembly to help students understand the focus and expectation of respect through an assembly on Friday, September 10. Grades K-2 will have their celebration from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m., and grades 3-5 will have their celebration from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcomed to come join the fun and see our Eagle "Super Hero" Mascot, REES.

Over the summer, Henrico County Public Schools installed security cameras at each of the schools. Our doors will remain open from 7:20 – 7:50 a.m. When the tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m., the doors will be locked for

the rest of the day. All visitors will need to ring the bell when they arrive at school and wait for a response. Each visitor will be asked for their name and the reason for the visit. Visitors will still need to stop in the office to sign in and get a Visitor's Badge to wear.

We were pleased to get the results of our 2010 SOL tests. Our overall SOL Pass Rates for 2010 are:
English = 97.85% pass
Math = 97.24% pass
SS = 98.14% pass
Sci = 99.53% pass

A reminder that the Dress Code is found in the Student Code of Conduct. The main guidelines to remember are: 1) All skirts, dresses, shorts, etc. cannot be higher than 4 inches above the knee; 2) Shoulder straps must be at least 2-inches wide; 3) No flip flops or high heels. If your child's clothing does not meet the guidelines, you will be contacted to let you know that your child needs to wear a different outfit. If a student continues to dress in ways that do not follow the dress code, the administration will get involved and you will be asked to bring a change of clothing for your student.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. I encourage you to join the PTA, as the membership provides great support to the school, your child, and our continuous improvement. Excitement is in the air and you can feel the spirit and passion needed for a "High 5" year! If you have any questions or if I can be of service to you or your family, please contact me at jwriley@henrico.k12.va.us or at 935-6760.

Johnna W. Riley, Principal



Volunteers

Jill Kraus



Volunteers make all the difference in the school and surrounding community. Luckily, there are so many ways to volunteer here at Rivers Edge Elementary. The purple form that went home in the communication folders lists all the volunteer opportunities for the fall.

There will be a separate form for the spring opportunities. Please review the form and check which events interest you (and your spouse, grandparents, etc.). The HCPS volunteer form must be completed for each person who comes into school to give their time. Classroom teachers and room parents will also have many needs for the programs your child(ren) will enjoy.

Please contribute as you can – we appreciate and any all help!!

We are still looking for the following committee chairs to help the PTA this year: Grounds Beautification, School Picture Day coordinator, Reflections co-chair, Silent Auction co-chair, Spring Carnival co-chair, Lay Advisory Representative, and Destination Imagination coordinator.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact Jill Kraus, VP of Volunteers, at 968-5995 or rkandjk@verizon.net.



Programs

Sara Lewis

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! The REES PTA is pleased to be bringing back some favorite REES programs as well as introducing some brand new ones.

Our Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 16th. The vote on the budget and audit will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the information sessions in individual classrooms will follow. This is your chance to find out how your PTA dollars are being spent and hear important information first-hand from your child's teacher. There will be opportunities to purchase Memory Books, contribute to the Eagle Fund, buy Spirit Wear and find out more about Reflections and this year's theme of "Together We Can."

Our first ever Movie Night will be held on Friday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. REES will be showing Disney's *Aladdin* at 7:00 p.m. on the blacktop in back of the school, so be sure to bring the whole family and plenty of cash!



Start gathering items at home you'd like to sell at the REES PTA Yard Sale! We will be renting spaces in our parking lot to families who would like clean house and make some extra money. The Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We hope to see lots of REES families participating this year.

President's Message

Emily Fagan

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Eagle Fund: The REES PTA annual direct donation fundraising campaign, "The Eagle Fund," will kick off on Friday, September 10. We have two goals this year. Our first goal is to raise **\$14,000** to provide the many programs the PTA offers each year. The second goal is to **increase family participation in the campaign to 50%**. Donations of **\$48 or more** make you an Eagle Club member, but any donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Megan Carter, VP of Ways and Means, at megancarter10@yahoo.com for additional information and how to get involved.

Community Service: The PTA is proud to partner with Rivers Edge Elementary School to support our school supply drive for students at Montrose Elementary School. Rivers Edge plans to work in partnership this year with Montrose Elementary School and their PTA to continue with our community service efforts and allow our students to get to know students at the other end of our county. School supplies like notebooks, lined paper, pencils, folders and glue sticks are needed to help students who have limited resources throughout the county. Donation boxes are in the front hallway across from the office and will be accepted through September 17.

I look forward to an exciting school year.



Fall Picture Day is September 30!



Ways and Means

Megan Carter

Our major fundraiser this year will again be the direct donation campaign. No selling any merchandise for you or your child! The direct donation campaign is the easiest way for you to support REES and raise funds to support the incredible plans the PTA has for our children and faculty this school year.

This year we have 2 big goals that we need your help with. The first goal is to **raise \$14,000** with this campaign and I know with all the generous families at REES we can do it. The second goal is to **increase our participation in the campaign to 50% of our families** donating to The Eagle Fund. Last year we had just 43% participation and we need to increase that to make sure we are hitting our monetary goal.

Capital One, Verizon, Bank of America, Wachovia and many more companies will match your donation. Please remember to check with your company's human resources department to see if they will match your donation. For more companies that match, check out the REES PTA website www.reespta.org.



Any family who donates \$48 or more to The Eagle Fund this year will get a car magnet with a new look! Thank you for all your support! We kick off September 9th so look for information in your students backpacks.

If you have any questions, please call me at 346-8672 or megancarter10@yahoo.com.

Room Parents

Renee Kreiser

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Rivers Edge. During Open House, the teachers had volunteer sign-ups in their classrooms for those parents wishing to sign-up either as room parent, assistant room parent or as a classroom volunteer. If you did not have an opportunity to sign-up then, you will have another chance at Back to School Night on September 16th. Look for the sheets in your child's classroom.

There will be an orientation for room parents in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, September 29th at 7 p.m. If you are considering becoming a room parent and have further questions, please contact Renee Kreiser at kreiserfamily@gmail.com.

Membership

Allyson Mehwhirter

WELCOME BACK RIVERS EDGE FAMILIES!!!

What is the easiest way to get involved in the PTA?? Become a member! Any adult in your family can do it – moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles ... Forms should have been in your blue communication folder, will also be available up at the school and are located on page 7 of this newsletter. Dues are just \$5.00 per individual. Please, lets get that coveted 100% membership again this year!

GO EAGLES!!!!!!



Community Service

Michelle McBride

Welcome back to a brand new year at Rivers Edge! The Community Service team is excited to continue our relationship with Montrose Elementary School, which is in eastern Henrico County. We began helping Montrose before school even started by collecting school supplies to fill their backpacks.

The collection ran from August 23 to September 10 - thanks so much to all the families that picked up extra supplies to share with our friends at Montrose! We have some exciting plans in store for the year to give us a chance to get to know students on the other side of the county. Stay tuned to see how you and your students can get involve



Back to School Night is September 16



Year Book

Courtney Headley (Yearbook Sales) and Carole Moore (Yearbook Chair)

School is in! We're all excited about the 2010-2011 Yearbook. The Rivers Edge Elementary Yearbook is a fun tradition for the children, so we don't want you to miss the opportunity to pre-order yours now.

There are two ways to order your REES Yearbook. You can log onto www.reespta.org and click on "Buy a Yearbook". Or, you can fill out the information flyer that was sent home in your child's folder and place your order that way. With online orders only, you have the option to personalize the cover of your child's Yearbook. You can personalize the cover with his or her name, as well as icons of interests and activities for a nominal charge.

The cost for the Yearbook is only \$23, but you will want to order early. After Nov. 1st, the price will increase, so get yours today!

If you have any photos that you would like to share in the Rivers Edge Yearbook, you can submit them by going to www.REESPTA.org and click on the "Yearbook" tab to upload to the REES PTA website, or by sending them via email to Carole Moore at cxmoore2@verizon.net. Photos of "Back to School" day, candid shots, group activities, and any other special days are perfect! If your pictures are selected, they will be included in the 2010-2011 Yearbook. Students love getting their Yearbooks and having their classmates sign them at the end of the year. So, don't wait! Order yours **TODAY!**

If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Headley at 217-9766 (Yearbook Sales) or Carole Moore (Yearbook Chair) at 360-0190.



Community Fundraising

Jessica Benson

Welcome Back to school Rivers Edge Families! I hope you have all had an absolutely wonderful summer! Last year through programs like Kroger Rewards, mycokerewards, and Food Lion Classroom Rewards we earned quite a few wonderful classroom supplies: white board signs to help share information, science experiment kits, magnifying glasses, a projection screen and more. This year with your help, we can earn even more for our classrooms. Below is information on our 3 big programs!

Kroger Rewards

Flyers will come home with the registration bar code, but feel free to get started with the one posted here. REES families and friends can begin registering their Kroger Plus card by taking it with the Rivers Edge barcode to their local Kroger, beginning August 27th. Once your card is registered, each time you use your Kroger Plus Card when shopping at any Kroger, between September 3, 2010 and March 21, 2011, our school will earn credits to be used for acquiring new supplies for our school like the ones mentioned above.

www.mycokerewards.com

Each time you purchase a Coke product, whether it's a 20oz, 2 Liter, or case, it comes with a code. Create an online account at mycokerewards.com and each time you have a code, take a minute to enter it. Then select, Donate to my school and choose Rivers Edge Elementary. Once you have done this it will ask you how many points you would like to donate. The more points we receive the more classroom supplies we earn at the end of the year!

Food Lion Rewards

Earning rewards with Food Lion is easy! Simply follow the directions for linking your MVP card, then each time you use it in any Food Lion anywhere, our school earns classroom rewards!

And, as an added bonus, any time you shop on the 10th day of the month and purchase Food Lion brand products, our school earns double points when you swipe your MVP card!



32-pack 12 oz. cans
25 Points

24-pack 16.9 oz bottles
20 Points



12-pack 12 oz. cans
10 Points



2-liter bottle
3 Points



32 oz. bottle
3 Points

To link an MVP Card, please follow these steps:

Go to www.foodlion.com

Click on Community Outreach on the left side of the screen
Click on the MVP Rewards Tab

Click Register your MVP Card (below the picture of a piggy bank)

Click on the arrow that says, "Shoppers register here"

Once on the MVP Shopper Registration page, enter the MVP Card number (all 12 digits), contact information and link it to your school's code. Once your school's information appears on the screen, press the add button.

Last but not least, our sponsor nights have been a huge success! In the 2009-2010 school year we earned \$1077.00 from sponsor nights for our school. Thank You for taking a night off from cooking and enjoying an evening out to benefit our school. My hope is that this year we can earn even more!

In the fall of 2010 we have the following sponsor nights scheduled:

Monday, September 20, 2010 – Head out for dinner and dessert!

Firehouse Subs and Dairy Queen in the Shoppes at Innsbrook will be hosting us from **5-9 p.m.**

Monday, October 18, 2010 – **California Pizza Kitchen** at Short Pump Town Center is hosting us **ALL DAY!**

***Flyers will be sent home the Friday before in student folders and are **REQUIRED** for it to count.*

Monday, November 15, 2010 – **Tropical Smoothie Café** in the Twin Hickory Shopping Center will be hosting us from **4-8 p.m.**

Monday, December 13, 2010 – **Home Team Grill** in the Twin Hickory Shopping Center will be hosting us from **4-9 p.m.**

Additional dates and locations will be posted as soon as they are confirmed and get a little closer. Flyers will come home in Student folders the Friday before each event and we ask that you please remember to take them with you to the restaurant to guarantee Rivers Edge PTA earns the credit for the sales, regardless of whether or not they specifically require the flyer to be presented.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on any of these programs, please contact Jessica Benson, Retail Donation and Sponsor Nights Chair at jessica@creativeadvising.com.

REES PTA Newsletter

Kim Collins



After the September issues, paper copies of the newsletter will no longer be distributed. The monthly newsletter will be posted on our PTA website at www.reespta.org on the first Friday of each month beginning October 1st. You will be able to view the newsletter online or print a copy from your own computer.

If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy, please complete the form below and return it to your teacher. Please contact Kim Collins at kimbiec@verizon.net if you have any questions.



I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY OF THE EAGLE EXPRESS PTA NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____



Useful Websites for REES Parents:

Rivers Edge Elementary School:	www.henrico.k12.va.us/es/riversedge
Rivers Edge PTA:	www.reespta.org
nList:	www.nlisthelp.com
National PTA:	www.pta.org
Virginia State PTA:	www.vapta.org
Henrico County Council PTA:	www.hccpta.com

Reflections

Michelle Harrell

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition and achievement program. The Reflections Program provides an opportunity for students of all backgrounds to express their creativity through dance choreography, film production, literature, photography, visual arts, and original music composition.



The theme for this year is **"Together We Can."**

- Students may submit entries in the following categories:
- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production

The deadline for all entries will be announced. A table will be set up at Back to School Night to pick up entry forms and to answer any questions. Awards will be announced at the November 9th PTA meeting. All students participating will be recognized and entries receiving the Award of Excellence will advance to the County level.

If anyone is interested in being on the reflections committee or being a co chair please contact me or Jill Kraus. Please contact Michelle Harrell at mwharrell4@aol.com with any questions.

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? _____



Birthday Board

Christine Kroll

Back by popular demand...the REES PTA Birthday Board!

Welcome back everyone! The birthday board is up and ready for all those September birthdays. Last year the children loved walking by the board on their way to lunch or PE and finding their names and photos on the board. It's a great way to celebrate your child's birthday (or ½ birthdays for those born during the summer). Last year we had hundreds of children's names on the board throughout the school year. This year we would like to encourage our wonderful teachers to participate also.

The birthday board forms are in your blue folders. Please give us **1 week** to get the photos and names up on the board. Also, please put your child's name, grade, DOB, and teacher on the back of all photos so they can be returned. Photos will be returned to your child's teacher at the end of their birthday month.

If you have any questions about the birthday board you may contact Christine Kroll at



Spiritwear

Kathryn Sperry

Get your game on for new REES Spirit Wear offerings coming this fall! New items as well as back by popular demand items will be on display soon. Order deadline will be Friday, October 1st. Please contact Kathryn Sperry, at kis-perry@msn.com with any questions. Thank you!





September 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 REES Open House	3	4
5	6	7 First Day of School	8	9	10 Student Directory Deadline	11
12	13	14 PTA Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16 Back to School Night and PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Movie Night - 6:00 pm PTA Newsletter Deadline	25
26	27	28 PTA County Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	29 Room Parent Orientation 7:00 p.m.	30 Fall Picture Day - 8:15 a.m. Committee Chair Training - 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.		

Plan a Family Day Trip: Pick some apples

Did you know that Virginia ranks sixth in the nation in apple production? The majority of Virginia's apples are harvested from September to early November. For a great fall family outing, pick some apples or attend a fall festival.

Apple Harvest & Apple Butter Festival at Drumheller's Orchard

Located in Nelson County.
Dates: Sept 25-26; Oct. 16-17
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 434-263-5036
Website:
www.drumhellersorchard.com

Apple Harvest Festival at Carter Mountain Orchard

Located Albemarle County
Dates: Oct. 2-3, and Oct. 10-11
Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Phone: 434-977-1833
Website:
www.CarterMountainOrchard.com

Apple Butter Makin' Festival

Located in Nelson County
Dates: Oct. 2, 16
Time: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 434-277-5824
Website: www.flippin-seaman.com

Dickie Brothers Orchard

Located: Roseland, Virginia
phone: 434.277.5516
Website: www.dickiebros.com

