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Rivers Edge Elementary School PTA

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February 2012 PTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Rose Mary Jordan



Happy February! Although we have no PTA meeting this month, The Rivers Edge PTA is offering two great programs for our Rivers Edge students.

Dads and Donuts: Will return for two mornings this year. Dads are invited to join their students for breakfast on Monday, February 6 (Last Names A-L) and on Tuesday, February 7 (Last Names M-Z) from 7:20-7:50 am in the REES cafeteria.

RSVP forms were recently sent home in folders. All Rivers Edge Dads and their students are invited to attend. It is a wonderful way for you to enjoy time at school with your child and to meet other dads. Opportunities are also available for dads to meet and greet with the Rivers Edge Administrators. Dads may walk their student(s) to his or her classroom. Donuts, coffee, and juice are provided by the PTA.

Sock Hop & Silent Auction: The Annual Sock Hop and Silent Auction will take place on Thursday, February 23. Thank you to Shea Bethea and Laura Taylor for chairing the Sock Hop committee and planning the event this year. Due to the event popularity and space restrictions, Sock Hop is for current REES students and parents only. We are once again reserving tickets for REES students and parents only, so that as many REES students as possible can attend. Tickets are limited.

Mimi Moore is chairing the Silent Auction this year. With the help of Mitzi Batterson and Divya Verma, we are able to offer some interesting and appealing Silent Auction bid items. Thank you to the local businesses for donating items to our Silent Auction. Tickets are not needed for the Silent Auction and is open to all adults. Another big thank you to the staff for the donation of their time as raffle prizes! A huge thank you goes out to the Rivers Edge families who donated items to the gift basket auction and the room parents who coordinated this event. Thank you everyone for your hard work on behalf of the Rivers Edge PTA.

Membership: Keep those memberships coming in. We are still working to reach our goal of 100% membership! It is never too late in the year to join. There is a membership form in this newsletter. 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.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee is looking for PTA members to serve on the 2011-2012 REES PTA Executive Committee. The PTA is searching for a VP of Volunteers, VP of Programs, and a Secretary. Please consider serving in one of these open positions. Forms are available on the reespta.org for you to nominate yourself or someone else to help out with the PTA. REES PTA leadership is a very rewarding way to volunteer at your child's school.

Thank you to the wonderful Rivers Edge community for your help and support of our PTA programs.

Calendar:

2/6	Dads & Donuts A-L
2/7	Dads and Donuts M-Z
2/20	Sponsor Night— Pizzaro Pizza
2/20	Student Holiday
2/23	Sock Hop
2/23	Silent Auction



Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



Thank you to all our families who took the time to complete and turn in the HCPS Parent Satisfaction Survey! Your feedback and input will help us with continued growth and improvement!

We are excited as a school to begin putting together a leveled reader book room. This room will store many books on all reading levels for our teachers to use during daily instructional time. Before we go out and purchase book cases, we wanted to reach out to the community to see if anyone knew of a business that might be remodeling and would have book cases to donate. If you know of someone who can help us out, please let me know.

We are looking forward to several fun events this month! We hope to see lots of families for Dads and Donuts (Feb. 6-7), Rally at the River (Feb. 23), and the Sock Hop/Silent Auction (Feb. 23).

The staff here at The Edge LOVES working with the students and their families. During this February month of love, here are some ways to show your kids that you care:

- 1) Say the word "love" a lot.
- 2) Be careful not to criticize, simply tell them a better way.
- 3) If you withdraw your attention, avoid withdrawing your love.

- 4) Teach the principles of why, not just what to do or not to do.
- 5) Discipline with love, especially if you are angry.
- 6) Teach them to trust the truth.
- 7) Ask them what they need from you and do whatever you can to meet those needs.
- 8) When you are stressed and unavailable, help them know your condition is about your life, not them; and reaffirm your love.
- 9) Remember that children often need love the most when they deserve it the least.
- 10) Apologize when you have made a mistake or overreacted.
- 11) Tell them their feelings are okay.
- 12) Set boundaries that keeps them safe.
- 13) Be honest with them and model honesty for them.
- 14) Help them become really good at something.
- 15) Listen to their stories.
- 16) Present options when they seek your counsel.
- 17) Contribute to their collections.
- 18) Create a tradition with them and keep it.
- 19) Teach them ethics.
- 20) Tell them how much you like being with them.

Have a "love"-ly Heart Month!

Johnna Riley
Principal

REB Award for Educational Excellence

What: The time has come again to nominate an outstanding Henrico teacher for an R.E.B. Award of up to \$12,000. Teachers from Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Richmond City public schools and the Department of Correctional Education (in the metro Richmond area) are eligible. The R.E.B. awards are designed to identify, recognize, and support teaching excellence in the metropolitan Richmond public school systems. Professional development grants ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 each will be awarded to teachers who have distinguished themselves by their inspiring classroom performance.

Who: The Community Foundation invites nominations from students, parents, colleagues, school personnel and administrators (except for the school Principal), and the community at-large.

When: Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. February 23, 2012

Where: Please mail nominations to:
The Community Foundation
7501 Boulders View Drive
Suite 110
Richmond, VA 23225



**All questions from school staff, parents, and students regarding nominations should go to Patrese Pruden, Human Resources Specialist, at 652-3668.

Silent Auction

Mimi Moore

Hang on to your poodle skirts everyone! You are going to have fun bidding on all the great items our wonderful community has donated. New this year we will also have four BIG prize raffles you could win. The first raffle is the Great Escape package which is the use of a one week beachfront condo in Sandbridge, VA (value \$2400). The second raffle is the Local Escape package which will include a one night stay at the Hyatt House Hotel (formerly known as Hotel Sierra) and dinner to a local restaurant (value \$250). The third raffle is a golf package at Stonehenge Golf and Country Club (value \$296). The final raffle is a birthday party package to Kangaroo Jacs (value up to \$250). Raffle tickets will be presold and sold at the event. The winner will be announced at the sock hop/silent auction on February 23rd. See page 4 for flyer.



Sock Hop

Shea Bethea



Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Sock Hop! The Sock Hop, which will be on Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 pm, is now SOLD OUT.

All tickets and meal coupons will be sent home Friday, February 17. No tickets or meal coupons will be available at the door. Please check your tickets as soon as you get them to assure accuracy. You will also want to fill out the raffle ticket part of your entry ticket at home. Every ticket offers the chance to win a grade-level prize!

Students and their parents are encouraged to come dressed in 50s attire. Both golden oldies and more modern music will get everyone moving! Plus, the Silent Auction will be going on simultaneously, so you will have the chance to bid on some great items! For those of you who have purchased Sock Hop tickets, your bid number for the Silent Auction will accompany your Sock Hop tickets in the envelope that will go home.

If you have purchased a ticket and find that you cannot use it, please email Laura Taylor at mkskinsfan@verizon.net. We have a waiting list for tickets and would hate for a ticket to go to waste. So, even if it's at the last minute, PLEASE let us know as soon as possible if you will not be using your ticket. Thank you for your cooperation! See you at the Hop!

After School Programs

Divya Verma & Mitzi Batterson

We are very excited to offer After School programs here at Rivers Edge. We are offering three programs which are a great mix of science, Art and Sports. All classes are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. The 6-week program will start on February 28 and run through April 3. Please send registration forms along with the payment directly to the vendor.

Sports : Over Time Athletics <http://www.otathletics.com>

Arts : Young Rembrandts <http://www.youngrembrandts.com>

Science : Mad Science <http://www.madscience.org>



Flyers and Registration details coming home soon.

Questions: Please contact Divya Verma at sonu.verma@gmail.com.

Membership

Megan Carter

I want to personally thank all of you who have joined the PTA. Every year we hope to meet or surpass 100% PTA Membership (at least one member for each student enrolled). Right now we are at about 98% ; we only need a few more members to reach 100% ! If you have not joined this year we would love to have you! You can get the form off the PTA website www.REESPta.org and just send it though your child's backpack. It is \$5 per member and we encourage both Moms and Dads to join. If you have any questions please contact me. Thank you so much for your participation in the REES PTA this year! Megan Carter megancarter10@yahoo.com



Silent Auction & Raffle

The Rivers Edge E.S. PTA invites you to a fun night of silent auction bidding & raffles. All proceeds benefit the students and staff of REES. We have collected a great variety of items for you to win. A list of businesses that have already donated are listed on the back of this sheet.

New this year we have four great raffles to win! Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance by completing the order form below or may be purchased the night of the Sock Hop & Silent Auction. Pre-ordered raffle tickets must be requested by February 16, 2012.

Raffle prize #1: The Great Escape.

This package includes a one week stay in a beachfront condo in Sandbridge, VA. The package is for up to nine people. The value of this package is \$2400. For more details, please visit <http://www.sanctuaryrealtyna.com/rental/house.html?ID=141>

Raffle prize #2: The Local Escape.

This package includes a one night stay at the Hyatt House (formerly known as Hotel Sierra) and a \$50 Visa gift card. The value of this package is \$300.

Raffle prize # 3: The Golf package for 4.

This package includes a round of golf for four including carts at the Stonehenge Golf and Country Club. The value of the package is \$296.

Raffle prize #4: The Birthday Party at Kangaroo Jac's

This package is good for a free birthday party package at Kangaroo Jac's. The value of this package is up to \$250.

Raffle Prize Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Teacher: _____ Email Address: _____

____ 1 Raffle ticket for \$10 ____ 3 Raffle tickets for \$20 ____ 5 Raffle Tickets for \$30.

Please turn this form in by Thursday, February 16. Please make checks payable to REES PTA.

Need not be present to win.

Questions please contact Mimi Moore at 804 270-3245 or tonynmimi@verizon.net.

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Rivers Edge PTA Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has been established and will be selecting a slate of officers for the 2012-2013 REES PTA Executive Committee. The positions that will be open are the following: 2nd VP of Volunteers, 3rd VP of Programs, and Secretary. Interest forms will be coming home in the backpacks soon. The form is also found on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.



REES PTA leadership is a very rewarding way to volunteer at your child's school. We hope you will use your time, talents and skills to assist your child's school next school year.

Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards

Nominate a teacher for the [Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards](#). The Super Teacher Awards are designed to honor outstanding Virginia public school teachers for their dedication and commitment. The Lottery seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities.

Nominations are being accepted until February 14, 2012.

To nominate, go to http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/nominate_teacher.asp and fill out the online nomination form.

Dads and Donuts

Natalie Lewis

On Monday, February 6th, for students with last names beginning with A-L, and Tuesday, February 7th, for students with last names beginning with M-Z, the Rivers Edge PTA will host *Dads and Donuts from 7:20 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served by the PTA. Donuts will be provided by Daylight Donuts. Coffee will be provided by Starbucks. The *[Dads and Donuts Flyer](#) went home with students in early January. Please view this flyer and RSVP, if you haven't already and plan to attend, to ensure we order the right quantity. All Rivers Edge Dads and their students are invited to attend. This is a wonderful way for you to enjoy time at school with your child and to meet other Dads. Dads may walk your student to their classroom.



** A male family member is encouraged to attend. Someone else may attend, if special circumstances apply.*

Ways and Means

Renee Kreiser

We have collected over \$14,000 for the Eagle Fund this year! A great BIG thanks to everyone who has contributed this year. We are starting to see match donations from corporations so if you have not submitted to your employer for a corporate match- there is still time.

We are very appreciative of each and every donation! We will collect donations all year if you still would like to donate.

If you have any questions, please call me at 346-0355 or e-mail me at waysandmeans@reespta.org. Extra copies of the donation form can be found on the REES PTA website at www.reespta.org.

Spring Carnival

Middle school and high school volunteers are needed for the Rivers Edge Spring Carnival. The carnival will be held on Friday, May 11. Please email volunteers@reespta.org if you are interested in helping.

Spirit Wear

Kathryn Sperry

The Zimm Zang spirit wear on-line store will re-open soon for Rivers Edge spirit wear orders. Details from Kathryn Sperry coming soon.

Sponsor Nights and Retail Donations

Jessica Benson

WAY TO GO Rivers Edge Families! We earned \$___ for our school with the Arby's Short Pump fundraiser in January! What a great turn out – Thank you for coming out!

Next up: February 20, 2012 at Pizzaro Flame Baked Pizza and Grill, located at 9966 Brook Road, across from Virginia Center Commons Mall. Flyers will come home in the Friday folders on the Friday before.

Barnes and Noble Bookfair: Our Barnes and Noble Bookfair was a huge success and so much fun! Thank you so much to all of the teachers and staff who came out to read to our students in the Kids Section, and Mrs. Pennington for supplying our art show pieces from the Rivers Edge students. We were very fortunate to earn a \$489.27 Barnes and Noble Gift Card to benefit our Family Resources Library. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate!

Labels for Education: Don't forget to STUFF THE BOX! We have our Labels for Education box set up in the office suite for you to drop off your labels. Labels can also be sent in through your child's teacher. Make sure to clip your labels and place them in an envelope or Ziploc bag to send in to school.

Our current point balance for Labels for Education is: 7547. Please keep sending in those labels! In addition to finding Labels for Education on your Campbell's soup cans, you can also find them on products from these companies: V8, V8 Splash, Glad, Goldfish, Pepperidge Farm, Pace, Dannon, PopSecret, Spaghettios, Prego, Honey Bunches of Oats, Pebbles, Bic, Swanson, Wolfgang Puck, Emerald, and People.

Shop. Swipe. Earn.

It's that easy to earn additional *Labels for Education*[®] points for your school.

How It Works:

Electronically collect 1 point for each participating *Labels for Education*[®] product purchased using your shopper card at participating retailers. You can still clip and redeem UPCs to earn the face value of the *Labels for Education* points, so it's easier than ever to earn more for your school.

1. **REGISTER.**

Create your profile, enter your shopper card number from a [participating retailer](#), and then select the school(s) you

2. **SHOP. SWIPE. EARN.**

Each participating product that you purchase from your favorite participating retailer will earn 1 point that will be credited to your school's *Labels for Education* account automatically.

3. **REDEEM.**

Your school can redeem points for FREE educational merchandise!

*UPCs with face values higher than 1 point will only be counted as 1 point with the *e-Labels for Education* program. Remember, *e-Labels for Education* supplements the regular *Labels for Education* program, so you can still clip and redeem participating product UPCs to earn the face value of the *Labels for Education* points.

Mycokerewards.com Update:

Goal: 25,000 points

Points as of 2/1/12: **2084**

Keep logging and donating those points! We need 22,916 more points to reach our goal.

For questions on any of these programs, please contact Jessica Benson at [jes- sica@creativeadvising.com](mailto:jessica@creativeadvising.com).

Student Directory Updates

Tiffany Baham, Student Directory Chair

The new year brings some new faces to Rivers Edge Elementary student directory. Please make the following additions to your Student Directory:

Mrs. Ramsey – Fourth Grade

Gavin Valentine
(229) 563-3830
Shasta Valentine Horne
4301 Glasgow Rd
Glen Allen, 23060
slvalentine09@gmail.com

Mrs. Pypniowski - PEDD

Nicholas LaGanke
364-3196
12141 Grey Oaks Park Rd
Glen Allen, 23059
Steve & Traci LaGanke
tracilaganke@yahoo.com

If you are new to Rivers Edge or have changes to your directory listing, please contact the school office for a student directory information form. Updates will be published in the PTA newsletter. Participation in the REES Student Directory is optional.

If you haven't received a directory, additional copies are available in the school office. One directory per household please. If you have any questions regarding the information form or the student directory, please contact me at jtbaham@comcast.net

PTA Membership Form

VIRGINIA PTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT 2011-2012 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? _____



Executive Committee Officer Nominating Committee Form

The Rivers Edge PTA is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee. The elected Executive Committee consists of eleven voting officers. Executive Committee officers are expected to attend monthly PTA board meeting at the school. Board meetings are usually scheduled the 2nd Thursday of the month with the exception of September.

The nominating committee will be reviewing these forms and contacting those interested individuals. **Forms must be returned to the school by Friday, February 10, 2012**

Please check the elected position you are interested in and return to the school:

_____ **President:** Presides at board meetings and other board activities. Prior PTA experience and knowledge of PTA policies and guidelines is beneficial. Computer knowledge important: Word, Excel and Access to email. Be comfortable speaking in public. Possess the ability to work and communicate with a diverse group of volunteers, parents, and teachers. Hours per week depend: most weeks a minimum of 10 hours a week. Busiest time from August-Oct. Responsibilities include: coordinating monthly board and general membership meetings, working with the school administration and staff, coordinating with Committee Chairs and Executive Board for PTA programs.

_____ **Vice President Ways and Means:** Responsible for developing and maintaining fundraising programs of the PTA. Computer Skills: Word; Excel or equivalent is helpful; Access to e-mail is essential. Time Commitment: Monthly about two hours – attendance at Board Meeting and miscellaneous fund-raising duties. Time commitment increases to about 20 hours during the month of the Fall Fund-raiser when the direct donation campaign kicks off. (Usually September and October are the busiest times for this role.)

_____ **Vice President Volunteers:** Responsible for developing and maintaining volunteer programs for the PTA (ex. Filling committee chair positions, scheduling volunteers for events, etc). Possess the ability to work and communicate with a diverse group of volunteers, parents, and teachers. Access to email is essential. Time Commitment: May through July is very busy filling the committee chairs positions. September is very busy organizing and compiling lists of volunteers for each committee. January is also busy when volunteers for the spring are recruited. This position requires less than a couple of hours a week throughout the year. Knowledge of Excel is helpful.

_____ **Vice President Programs:** Responsible for the planning, setting up and implementing of the programs at the general membership PTA monthly meetings (ex, Science Fair, Family Fun and Fitness Night, Holiday program, etc.) Meet with the PTA President and school administration to plan programs for the upcoming school year. Coordinate with program committee chairs planning and implanting their events. Computer skills needed: Word, Excel and access to email

Please fill out form on back of page and return form to school.

Executive Committee Officer Nomination Form 2012-2013

_____**Secretary:** Responsible for maintaining the minutes of the General Membership and PTA Board meetings as well as the general information of the PTA; Knowledge of Microsoft Word is important. Time commitment - must attend all PTA board and general membership meetings, no more than 3-5 hours a month. Other duties include writing and emailing minutes, sending cards and other correspondence, maintaining the official "file", etc.

_____**Treasurer:** Responsible for making bank deposits, writing checks, and maintaining the financial records. Reconcile bank statements. Responsible for monthly Treasurer's report and filing IRS 990 Tax form in November. Knowledge of Excel and Word. Access to email. Accounting background is very helpful. Time commitment: Approx. 5-10 hours a month. Busiest time Sept.-Nov.

_____**County Council:** (2 delegates, 1 alternate needed): Attend County Council meetings each month and make a report at the REES PTA board meetings.

_____**Lay Advisory:** (1 delegate, 1 alternate needed): Attend Lay Advisory meetings 4 or 5 times a year. Make a report at the REES PTA board meetings. The Lay Advisory meets with members of the school board and the community in a unique forum that has a scheduled topic and open discussion.

Please fill out the information below:

Nominee's Name: _____

Student(s) Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Student Grade Level(s) _____

Email Address: _____

If you have any questions, please email or call Jill Krais (rkandjik@verizon.net) or 968-5995

Forms must be returned to the school by Friday, February 10, 2012



Rivers Edge ES PTA

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Dads and Donuts A-L	7 Dads and Donuts M-Z	8	9	10 Nominating Committee Interest Forms Due	11
12	13	14 VA Lottery Super Teacher Nominations Deadline	15	16	17	18
19	20 Sponsor Night Pizarro Pizza Student Holiday	21	22	23 Sock Hop and Silent Auction REB Award Deadline	24	25
26	27	28	29			



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- March 15—PTA Board Meeting 6 pm
- March 15—2nd Grade Performance 7 pm
- March 19—Student Holiday
- March 24—Community Priorities Workshop