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Rivers Edge Elementary School PTA

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November 2011 PTA Newsletter

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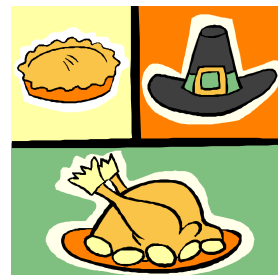
Calendar:

- 10/31 Fall Treat Day
- 11/1 Last day to order year-book at reduced price
- 11/7 Bookfair begins
- 11/8 Election Day: Student Holiday
- 11/8 Parent conferences
- 11/10 PTA Board Meeting 6pm
- 11/10 Reflections program 7 pm
- 11/10 Evening parent conferences
- 11/11 1st Grade Veteran's Day program
- 11/11 Book fair ends
- 11/14 Sponsor Night: 5 Guys Burger and Fries
- 11/23 1/2 Day Student holiday
- 11/23 PTA Newsletter deadline
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Break

President's Message

Rose Mary Jordan

The Rivers Edge community was certainly busy in the month of October! Thank you to the many volunteers and families who participated in the Rivers Edge PTA's Family Fun and Fitness night. Mr. Rutman and his crew of assistants put together another wonderful night of health and fitness fun and learning. Thank you also to Brittany Rose for organizing our Second Annual Rivers Edge Walk to School Day. It was a huge success! Over 430 students plus numerous parents and staff celebrated by walking to school. Finally, the last week of October was Success Week with REES students competing for the Golden Shoe Award and working on a Service Project- Move Your Feet So Others Can Eat! Students ran laps while families pledged canned food to be donated to the Henrico Christmas Mother. Rivers Edge is certainly demonstrating its commitment to being HEROes in our community.



Our next PTA meeting is the PTA's Reflections Program: The National PTA's annual arts program, Reflections, is underway at Rivers Edge. Entries in the theme of "Diversity Means" using literature, musical composition, film, photography, dance choreography and visual arts were due on October 20. Students who submitted entries will be recognized at the meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm.

Membership: Thank you REES families and staff for your support through PTA membership. We currently have over 660 members and growing every day. We currently stand at 95%, and are certain we can reach that 100% mark! Our membership drive continues throughout the school year. If you have not joined yet, please consider becoming a member today. Remember each adult family member can join. Membership information is found on our website at www.reespta.org and in this newsletter.

nList Help: nList is up and running again this year. Thank you to the room parents for helping to add those last few parents from each class to the individual class sites. nList is used by room parents in assisting teachers with class needs for volunteers and supplies, as well as sign-ups for Lunch Bunch. The PTA also operates nList sites for the Hospitality Committee and other PTA events. Please contact me at president@reespta.org if you are having any issues with your nLists.

Eagle Fund Update: Another big thank you to the REES families for your contributions to the Eagle Fund. Generous donations have reached \$12,000! We are still looking to meet our goal of \$15,000 to support all of our enriching programs for Rivers Edge students and families. Please remember to check with your employers for matching contributions. Many companies match dollar for dollar. Every donation is welcome so please consider giving. Families donating \$48 or more will receive the coveted REES car magnet.

Box Tops Update: Way to go, Rivers Edge! Students collected 15,592 box tops during our first contest with Mr. Brinkman's class collecting 1051! This collection raised \$1500 for REES! Another contest will take place in the month of November. Can any class beat Mr. Brinkman's?

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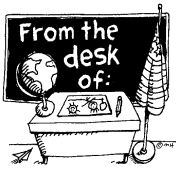
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Principal's Message

Johnna Riley



Our theme this year is "Be a High 5 Hero." The theme is part of a school-wide effort to promote a school environment where everyone respects each other. In our theme, the word "HERO" stands for Helping Everyone Respect

Others. The High 5 represents our five areas of focus: 1) Being kind to others; 2) Respecting others; 3) Helping others; 4) Including others; 5) Encouraging Others. The details of our program are below:

RATIONALE

As part of Olweus Bullying Prevention program, Rivers Edge Elementary School actively seeks to provide an environment that is safe from all forms of intimidation. We also recognize that there will be occasions when a clearly understood discipline structure is necessary to provide a safe secure learning environment for all of our students.

PURPOSE

- To provide a comprehensive, universally understood definition of bullying behavior and to outline strategies for all members of the school community to combat social, emotional, physical and all other forms of intimidation.
 - To provide an orderly environment in which students can learn without interference by others.
 - To encourage students to develop respect for other people and for their environment.
- To assure parents and the community that the school is a safe, orderly environment.

DEFINITION

Bullying usually has three common features:

- It is deliberate, hurtful behavior.
- It is repeated often over a period of time.
- It is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves.

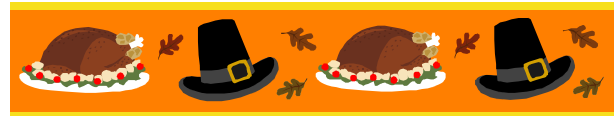
There are three main types of bullying:

- Physical:** hitting, kicking, taking belongings
- Verbal:** name-calling, insulting
- Indirect:** spreading nasty stories, excluding from groups

GUIDELINES

- All staff members are responsible for developing and maintaining good discipline in their classroom management and in their general involvement around the school.
- All members of the school have a responsibility to recognize bullying and to take action when they are aware of it happening.
- Regular staff meetings will be held to discuss current issues and review working strategies.
- All staff should treat any report of bullying seriously and take action, listening to the student(s) and making such inquiries as may be necessary to clarify exactly what has been happening.
- Staff will refer events/behaviors causing concern on to the administrators, documenting details on an official Office Disciplinary Referral Form.
- The emphasis must be on changing the behavior of the bullying student(s), while providing support for the student(s) who has been bullied.
- Parents of all involved students should be contacted as soon after the incident as possible. Staff members should follow up with student(s) involved within one week of incident.

As November is a month that we spend additional time reflecting on our blessings, I would be remiss if I didn't stop to say "thank you" for allowing me to be a part of your life, your child's life, and this outstanding school. The staff at Rivers Edge consists of exemplary professionals who give of their time, energy, efforts, and selves to provide the very best academic experience for your child. I know I also speak for the staff as I add a "thank you" to the families at Rivers Edge. As a community, you are also exemplary, caring, loving, giving, and enjoy giving your time, energy, and efforts to help make our school the very best! I am grateful to be a part of such an extraordinary school!



President's Message continued

Rose Mary Jordan

REES PTA Nominating Committee and Leadership Opportunities: Flyers will go home before Thanksgiving looking for members to serve on the 2012-2013 nominating committee. The nominating committee will select a slate of officers for the 2012-2013 REES PTA Executive Committee. The PTA is searching for nominees for all offices. Please consider serving on either the nominating committee. REES PTA leadership is a very rewarding way to volunteer at your child's school.

Wishing you a wonderful November and a Happy Thanksgiving Break.

Sock Hop

Shea Bethea

The annual REES Sock Hop will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm. We are anticipating another great event, full of lots of fun for our kids and their parents, too! Students get to be transported back to the "good old" days in our transformed gym, while rocking to the oldies (and their favorite modern tunes, too!)

Pizza will be served for those who wish to purchase slices (ahead of time) so dinner is taken care of that evening! Our annual Silent Auction will be held at the Sock Hop.

This fun event is for Rivers Edge students in all grades. Since the Sock Hop usually sells out, we can only accommodate **current REES students** accompanied by one or both of their parents. Tickets will go on sale in January. More information will be distributed closer to that time.

Dressing in 50's era attire is encouraged, but not mandatory. Halloween season is a good time to find cute poodle skirts and outfits after post-Halloween sales. You can also find websites that let you design custom poodle skirts. [Remember to order early! Consider ordering skirts at mid-calf to get multi-year use.]

Please contact Shea Bethea (sheabethea@verizon.net) or Laura Taylor (mlskinsfan@verizon.net) if you are interested in helping or if you have them appropriate decorations you would like to donate to this event.



Rivers Edge PTA Website: Your one stop place for school information!

www.reespta.org

Membership

Megan Carter

Every year we hope to meet or surpass 100% PTA Membership (at least one member for each student enrolled). It is never too late to join the PTA. 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 through your child's backpack. You can also print off page __ of this newsletter and complete the membership form. PTA members can get discounts at Office Max, Hertz and other companies. Please see the www.pta.org for more information. 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

Birthday Board

Rupali Pendse & Mimi Moore

Thank you for sending in pictures and the birthday board form filled with information!

The birthday board is still awaiting your pictures and names to celebrate the very special day of the year (or half birthdays for those with summer birthdays) if you have not already done so. This year we would like to encourage everyone at Rivers Edge – students, staff and teachers to participate. The birthday board forms were put in your folders. Please return it to the office dully filled along with a photograph **as soon as possible**. If the form is missing, you can just send in the photograph with the information. For planning purposed, please submit your child's photo with information at the beginning of the school year. Please put **name, grade, DOB and Teacher** on the back of the photo so that we can return the photos at the end of the birthday month.



If you have any questions/suggestions, please contact Rupali Pendse at rupalipendse@yahoo.com or Mimi Moore at tonynmimi@verizon.net.

Eagle Fund & Corporate Matching

Renee Kreiser

We have currently collected over \$12,000 for the Eagle Fund. A **BIG THANKS** to all the families that have donated this year. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so. We are able to accept donations all year and appreciate any contribution you are able to give. If you have any questions, you can contact me at waysandmeans@reespta.org.



DOES YOUR COMPANY HAVE A MATCHING PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT DONATIONS?

If you have donated or are going to donate to the Eagle Fund, please check out this easy way to possibly double your contribution!

Silent Auction

Mitzi Batterson & Divya Verma

WANTED: Services and Items for the Rivers Edge Silent Auction



Before you know it, it will be time to start the bidding! Please help support the PTA's Silent Auction scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012. Check with your friends and family that may work, manage or own a local business interested in donating an item. Please let us know about your favorite business

that might consider helping out.

Toys, gift certificates and tickets to a game/concert are always a winner! We are also looking for One-of-a-Kind

gifts as well as experiential packages. The possibilities are endless!

If you are a local business owner and can donate items or services for our Silent Auction, please contact Divya Verma (sonuverma@gmail.com) or Mitzi Batterson (mbbatterson@jrgm.com). Your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. All contributions are tax deductible.

One company has already donated a backpack blower—the perfect item for yard cleaning on a fall afternoon.

Please contact us today!

Reflections

Emily Fagan & Julie Farney

The Reflections committee is so pleased with the response from the students of REES. The artwork, photography, writing, film, dance and music submissions are spectacular. We received 140 entries including the entries from the entire third grade who were studying "Diversity" as one of their SOLs.

Please join us for the Reflections program held on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. We will recognize each of the participants and award our winners. The entries will be on display beginning Monday, November 7 in the hallway outside of the gym.



Sponsor Nights & Retail Donations Programs

Jessica Benson

WAY TO GO Rivers Edge Families! We earned \$185 for our school with the California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser! What a great turn out – Thank you for coming out! Congratulations to Mrs. Hodges' first grade class who won the contest for most students attending the Sponsor night. Each student from Mrs. Hodges class will be receiving a certificate for a FREE kids meal up to four times during the month of November. Great job!

Next up: November 14th, 2011 at Five Guys Burgers and Fries in Innsbrook Flyers will come home in the Friday folders on the Friday before.

FIVE GUYS
BURGERS and FRIES

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS **Mark your calendars!** We've booked the Barnes & Noble Bookfair for **Thursday, December 1, 2011**. There will be student art work on display and some very special Mystery Readers upstairs in the Children's section that night. It's a great opportunity to pick up some holiday travel reading and those important holiday gifts – with me at the wrapping table down by the café to help you get one step closer to the holidays.

Labels for Education: Our boxes have finally arrived! One will be set up in the office suite for you to drop off your labels. Labels can also be sent in through your child's teacher. November is a great month to collect those labels as we're all doing a lot of cooking for the upcoming holidays! Make sure to clip your labels and place them in an envelope or Ziploc bag to send in to school.



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.

Until December 31, every point we collect and submit, Campbell's will match, allowing us to double our points and then our rewards so please make sure to send in those labels!

For questions on any of these programs, please contact Jessica Benson at jessica@creativeadvising.com.

Mycokerewards.com Update

Goal: 25,000 points
Points as of 10/23/11: **1260**

Keep logging and donating those points!
We need 23,740 more points to reach our goal.



Sponsor Night
Five Guys Burger & Fries
Monday, November 14

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? _____



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\$25.00

Upload your pictures for the yearbook.

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November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	October 31 Fall Treat Day	1 Last day to order year-book before price increase	2	3	4	5
6	7 Book Fair begins	8 Election Day Parent Teacher Conferences Student Holiday	9	10 PTA Meeting Board 6 pm Reflections Program 7 pm Evening Parent Conferences	11 Veteran's Day Program 1st Grade Book fair ends	12
13	14 Sponsor Night 5 Guys Burger & Fries	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 1/2 Day Student Holiday Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Thanksgiving Break		



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- December 8—5th Grade Winter Program & PTA Meeting
- December 12—Sponsor Night—California Wings n Things
- December 15 & 16—Winter Parties
- December 19-January 2—Winter Break