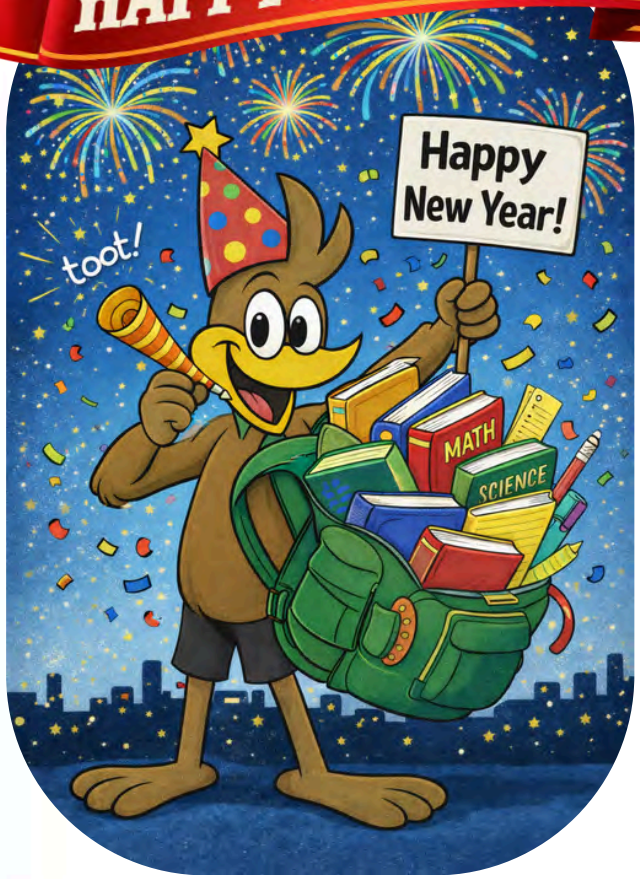
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MEGAN CHANDLER

🎉 Welcome Back & Happy New Year, Riviera Families! 🎉

Welcome back from winter break, Riviera families! We hope you enjoyed a restful, joyful holiday season filled with time with loved ones. As we step into the New Year, we're excited to continue building community, supporting our school, and making the second half of the school year meaningful and fun for all of our students and staff.

💙 Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers

The holiday season truly highlighted the heart of Riviera, and we are so grateful to the volunteers who made it extra special:

- **A huge thank you to Jenny Peters** for organizing **The Giving Tree**, which allowed us to provide gifts to children in need this holiday season. Your compassion and leadership helped make the holidays brighter for many families in our community.
- **Thank you to Nicole Gonzales** for coordinating the **Staff Holiday Lunch**. Our teachers and staff enjoyed a delicious meal surrounded by cozy, beachy holiday décor—a much-deserved moment of appreciation and cheer!
- **A big thank you to our Library team, Melissa and Amalia**, for spreading holiday joy through **Rivie's Holiday Mail**. The smiles on students' faces as messages were delivered throughout campus truly captured the spirit of the season. Please read the message below from them:

Wow! **Rivie's Holiday Mail was a huge success**, and we want to say a BIG thank you to everyone who took part!

Thanks to your kindness and creativity, we sent a total of **443 holiday letters** filled with thoughtful messages and cheer across our school community. What an amazing way to spread joy!

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🎉 **Special shout-outs:**

- 🥇 **Hirokawa's Room 3** received the most letters with **57** cards!
- 🥈 **Josic's Room 13** followed closely with **56** letters received!

It was wonderful to see students writing kind messages to friends, teachers, and staff — and to watch Rivie busy delivering all that holiday happiness.

We hope you had a **great winter break** and that you enjoyed taking part in this special activity. Thank you for helping make Rivie's Holiday Mail such a memorable and heart-warming experience for our school!

Melissa & Amalia

Library Co-Chairs

We are so thankful for each of you who give your time and talents to make Riviera such a special place.

🟡 PTA Volunteers Needed – Looking Ahead to 2026–2027!

Yes… we're already saying **2026–2027**, but planning ahead is how we keep Riviera strong!

The PTA is **actively recruiting for many roles** for the upcoming school year, and there are **lots of ways to get involved**, big and small. Whether you enjoy planning events, helping behind the scenes, or supporting programs during the school day, there's a place for you.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to help in any capacity, please reach out to me directly at
📧 **megc1221@yahoo.com**

Every voice matters, every helping hand counts, and together we continue to make Riviera an incredible community.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and successful New Year! 💙

Warmly,
Megan Chandler
PTA President

Principal's Corner



THANK YOU MR. TRPIN

WELCOME BACK MRS. FORSHEY

Happy 2026! We are quickly approaching the midpoint of the school year! Today, January 7th marks the 80th day of school. Let's make the remaining 100 days count with every day bringing new possibilities.

This week, Riviera also welcomed five new staff members and two interns to Team Riviera!

Welcome to:

Learning Center Teacher- Abriana Trivison

Music teacher- Alexis Ramirez (replacing Ms. Catbagan)

Paraeducators- Natalia Jmaya & Brandi Krueger

4/5 Combo Instructional Assistant- Sabrina White

Counseling Intern- Christina Oh

Social Work Intern- Tia Evans

Speaking of new possibilities, Riviera's "Quiet Room" is open every Monday at lunchtime and Crafternoon is open every Wednesday for lunchtime fun. Thank you to our school psychologist, Angelica Mayanja and Behavior Analyst, Cassie Bodnar for redesigning this space to be a quiet space for students to relax, read and to take deep breaths. Thank you to Mrs. Campbell, School Counselor and her interns for organizing crafts and games during Crafternoon.



It is also time for the first semester Achievement Report and Parent Teacher Conferences to monitor and discuss student mastery of grade level standards to date.

The first semester Achievement Report will be available for parent viewing on PowerSchool on Friday, January 16th. Teachers will schedule parent-teacher conferences with each family to discuss student progress toward grade level mastery.

The Achievement Report -Your student's **first semester Achievement Report** shows progress in the first half of the school year. As you review the first semester Achievement Report, keep the following in mind:

The Achievement Report is aligned to the California Common Core State Standards. The Achievement Report is designed to clearly communicate to parents what their child's actual individual achievement is. The goal is to let parents understand what students know and are able to do on a set of rigorous, academic standards, at a particular point in the school year.

So how should you read your child's Achievement Report? The report lists the essential grade level standards that your child is required to master by the END of the school year. It is a goal oriented system. At the first semester reporting period, it is very appropriate to see 2's – "Progressing toward the standard."

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled January 20th- 29th. Grades 1-5 will dismiss at 2:13 on conference days. Conferences are a time to hear about student strengths and next steps toward grade level mastery. Enjoy meeting with your child/ren's teacher(s) and be sure to celebrate the successes and set learning goals for the second semester of the remainder of the school year. Both virtual and in person meetings may be scheduled.

Mid-year iReady Diagnostic Assessment- Students in grades 1-5 will take a mid-year iReady assessment this month. The testing window is January 6th-31st. Following the assessment, parents will be able to review mid-year progress and growth.Here are the steps to access the online report: Riviera iReady Letter to Families.docx

Character Counts Value Words in January is Responsibility!

Showing responsibility and doing your best requires effort and a good attitude.

***Do what you are supposed to do *Persevere, keep on trying *Always do your best *Think before you act; consider the consequences *Be accountable for your choices**

This month, as students receive their first trimester Achievement Report it is a good time to discuss how learning a new skill, setting goals, improving in an academic area all take effort and show responsibility!

Other important happenings this month include:
January 12th- Firefighter & First Responder Appreciation Day @ flag assembly. All parents that work in these fields are invited to attend our school assembly @ 9:00 a.m.
January 14th- Student Council Onesie Wednesday!
January 15th- South Area English Language Multicultural Committee Meeting @ 9:30- Riviera Cafeteria
January 19th- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday- No School Today
January 23rd- Friendship Club at Lunch and Father Daughter Dance from 6:00-8:00 in the Riviera Cafeteria
January 26th- World Kindness Week
January 26th- School Site Council Meeting via zoom @ 3:30
January 31st- Handbag Bingo! Sold out again this year!

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SAVE THE DATE

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE



JANUARY 23
6-8 PM
RIVIERA CAFETERIA

Get ready to break out your poodle skirts or leather jackets and shake, rattle and roll your way to the Riviera Cafeteria for our annual Father (or Special Grownup) - Daughter Dance. Our Riviera **Sock Hop** will be on ***Friday, January 23rd from 6-8pm*** There will be pizza dinner, music, dancing, photo booth fun, cotton candy and other yummy treats. Come join us for a rockin' good time!

Please see the signup genius below to volunteer or donate baked goods for the evening

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAF22A1FDC07-60949475-fatherdaughter#/

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Rivera Elementary School Presents:

Little Legends



Feburary 27, 2026

6:30 PM South High school
Performing Arts Center
4801 Pacific Coast Highway,
Torrance 90505

Please have one lead parent email this info to sachamendivil@gmail.com

1. Type of act
2. Song if applicable
3. First name, Last name, and grade of all performers

Submissions due by February 2, 2026

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4.18.2026
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