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MEGAN CHANDLER



October was filled with fun and school spirit from start to finish! We kicked things off under the stars at Movie Night, where families cozied up on the field for an evening of laughter and community. From the Skechers Walk and our vibrant Diwali celebration at lunch to classrooms buzzing with fall crafts, pumpkin fun, and festive excitement leading up to the Halloween Parade and class parties—there was joy at every turn! Seeing our students' smiles, creative costumes, and the amazing efforts of our parent volunteers truly captured the heart of Riviera. What a wonderful month of connection, creativity, and Rivie pride!

A heartfelt thank-you to Staci Resnick and Ashley Fournier for stepping in and helping me make Movie Night such a fun and memorable evening! Your dedication and teamwork truly reflect the spirit of our community—we couldn't have done it without you.
A huge thank-you as well to Red Ribbon Week Chair, Allison Williamson, for coordinating a fantastic week of fun and meaningful themes that kept our kids engaged and inspired to make healthy choices. Your creativity and organization made the spirit days a hit for students and staff alike!

Unfortunately, we will be canceling this year's Craft Fair, a long-standing Riviera tradition. Without a chairperson to lead the event, we simply can't move forward. Our PTA is built on the love and effort of our amazing volunteers, and we're hopeful that more families will join us in keeping Riviera's traditions alive.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the time! We have several open chair positions and would love to welcome new faces and fresh ideas. Every event, every program, and every smile begins with someone who says, "I'll help."
As we head into November, the fun, diversity, and enrichment continue at Riviera. We're looking forward to our International Fair on November 14th—a celebration of cultures, community, and connection!
Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving and Fall Break. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of our Riviera families for your continued support, dedication, and involvement. It is because of you that our school remains such an exceptional and inspiring community.
💛 Together, we are One Community, One Heart. 💙

With gratitude,
Megan Chandler

Principal's Corner

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October was a joyful and exciting month at Riviera! From community celebrations to student leadership opportunities, our campus was filled with positive energy! The Halloween Parade was such a fun event. It was wonderful to see so many families joining in the celebration and cheering on our students!
As part of our Portrait of a Graduate, students are learning that "I can be helpful in my community." Our 4th and 5th graders demonstrated this by showing leadership, participation, and civic responsibility during the October Student Council Election. Congratulations to our new Student Council Officers and to all of our student leaders who submitted petitions, created campaign posters, and delivered speeches in front of the students!



We also enjoyed a beautiful Diwali Celebration, honoring Indian culture and traditions with lively music, henna tattoos, and colorful decorations. A huge thank-you to our amazing volunteers and PTA for making this celebration so special for our students.





Finally, thank you to Riviera's 124 registered Skecher's Friendship Walkers! We are thrilled to share that $5,375.00 will come directly back to Riviera students and our school. These funds will support exciting projects, including Character Counts murals, new playground equipment, and renovations of the "old" garden. A special thank-you to Mr. Musick for serving as Riviera's Torrance Education Ambassador this year.



Link to the List of Sketchers Walkers

In November, the Character Counts value word of the month is Citizenship. All grade levels will explore this important value throughout November. Citizenship and Teacher Choice Awards will be presented at the Flag Assembly on November 17th, where we'll recognize students who exemplify:

- Doing your share to make your home, school, and community better
- Cooperating
- Staying informed and voting
- Being a good neighbor
- Making choices that protect the safety and rights of others
- Protecting the environment

Our student body is also participating in a Canned Food Drive to support families in need during the holiday season. Contributions will benefit the SHS Senior Class for their Class Competition, with the Riviera class that collects the most cans earning an invitation to attend the Class Comp at SHS on Friday, November 21st!

November is also a time to celebrate our diverse learning community. International Week begins on Wednesday, November 12th with a Cuban Music Assembly and concludes with our much-loved International Fair on Friday, November 14th, from 3:30–4:45 p.m. Don't miss this family celebration! Students are encouraged to wear cultural attire, while parents host country booths with food and crafts. Students will collect passport stamps as they travel from booth to booth, learning about the many world cultures represented at Riviera.

Riviera is proud to be a diverse learning community. Across TUSD, families speak over 45 languages, and at Riviera, 38 students are currently learning English as a second language. After English, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish are the top home languages spoken by our students.

As we head into the season of gratitude, please remember that Thanksgiving Break is the week of November 24th–28th. Enjoy this special time with family and friends. I am deeply thankful for our strong family and community partnerships that make Riviera such a wonderful place for our students, staff, and families every day.

Sincerely,

Mr. Trpin

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PORTRAIT OF A RIVIERA ROADRUNNER



I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF

I CAN BE HELPFUL IN MY COMMUNITY

I CAN LEARN NEW THINGS

I CAN WORK WITH OTHERS

I CAN BE A LEADER



TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EST. 1947

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A Day In The Life of a Roadrunner



















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Now Seeking Volunteers FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR!

HELP US CELEBRATE THE MANY CULTURES THAT MAKE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SHINE! WE'RE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO HOST A BOOTH REPRESENTING A COUNTRY OR HERITAGE THEY LOVE!

AS A BOOTH HOST YOU'LL:

- SHOWCASE YOUR CULTURE: DECORATE WITH FLAGS, ART OR TRADITIONAL ITEMS!
- SHARE A TASTE OF YOUR COUNTRY: PROVIDE BITE-SIZE CUISINE SAMPLES!

PERFORMANCES WELCOME!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A CULTURAL PERFORMANCE? PREPARE A PIECE OF MUSIC, DANCE, MARTIAL ART, OR OTHER TRADITION! WE'D LOVE TO FEATURE IT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR COURTYARD!

EVENT DETAILS:

DATE & TIME: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 - FAIR STARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL (BOOTH SETUP ONE HOUR BEFORE)

LOCATION: RIVIERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

CONTACT RIVIERAINTERNATIONALFAIR@GMAIL.COM FOR QUESTIONS!

Sign Up Here!

Quick Links For Ease:

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RIVIERA ELEMENTARY
SUPPORT OUR 5TH GRADERS

LA KINGS ICE AT PROMENADE ON THE PENINSULA

Ice Skating Fundraiser!

Proceeds to benefit: Riviera Elementary School

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025

1:45PM- 3:45PM

$24.00 per person

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TICKETS



Dress for cold weather including long pants, socks, gloves, and a jacket. Helmets are recommended.

Promenade on the Peninsula
550 Deep Valley Drive #107
Rolling Hills Estates Ca 90274

www.rivieraptа.com/ice-skating

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Good Stuff will donate 20% of your transactions to this cause.

PRESENT THIS FLYER TO YOUR SERVER OR HOST TO PARTICIPATE

Date: Sunday
Nov 16

Time: All Day

Good Stuff Restaurants
Palos Verdes
550 Deep Valley Drive Suite 151
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Visit eatgoodstuff.com for directions

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https://www.rivieraptа.com/ice-skating

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Mark your calendars for the most anticipated event of the year — Handbag Bingo 2026! 🎉 **Join us on Saturday, January 31, 2026, for an unforgettable evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition, where lucky winners will walk away with stunning designer handbags. This is one event you won't want to miss — tickets will go on sale in January and always sell out fast!**

Please contact Lindsey Finegan for sponsorship opportunities or to get involved — we'd love to have you on the team!

Lindsey Finegan at luludeierling@gmail.com

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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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Save The Date
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RIVIERA
GALA
Havana Nights
4.18.2026
6-11 PM
LOS VERDES
GOLF COURSE
DETAILS TO FOLLOW