RIVIERA PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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Due by 10/03



I BELONG!
Due by 8/10



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Megan Your PTA President

MEGAN CHANDLER



There's nothing quite like the first weeks of a new school year. The buzz of excitement, the fresh routines, and the joy of seeing our students dive into learning make Riviera feel alive in the best way. What I love most is how quickly the campus becomes a second home — classrooms full of curiosity, playgrounds full of laughter, and hallways where new friendships are already blossoming. It's a reminder of the strong community we have built together.

September was packed with special moments that set the tone for the months ahead. We began with our **Back-to-School Staff Luncheon**, where our incredible teachers and staff were treated to a wonderful fiesta! (thank you to **Ashley Fournier** and team for pulling it all together!). It was a heartfelt way to say, "Welcome back, we appreciate you."

The Fall Book Fair was another highlight. Thanks to **Michelle Simkin, Misha Morishita** and all of our volunteers, students had the chance to explore new stories and shop with their classmates. PTA even kicked off the week with raffle gift certificates for lucky winners — a little extra fun to celebrate the love of reading.

Of course, **Back-to-School Night** gave us the chance to peek into classrooms, meet teachers, and get excited about what's ahead for our children. I'm so grateful to our Room Parents, Adventures in Art docents, and Library volunteers who are already stepping up in big ways. Riviera thrives on the dedication of families like yours, and if you're still looking for a way to get involved, there's plenty of room for you!

Looking ahead, October promises to be another vibrant month. The **library doors are opening, Movie Night** is right around the corner, we'll walk together for the **Skechers Walk**, and our students can't wait to show off their costumes in the **Halloween Parade**. Add in classroom parties and fall fun, and it's shaping up to be an unforgettable month. Together, we'll continue to make Riviera a place where families feel welcome, teachers feel supported, and children feel inspired — because at Riviera we are **One Community, One Heart.**

With gratitude,

Megan Chandler

Principal's Corner

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Happy Fall, Roadrunners!
There is so much to look forward to this month as we welcome the season of cooler mornings, colorful leaves, and plenty of school and community events. October is also a month to focus on *friendship*—our Character Counts Pillar of the Month. Students will learn about:

- Finley The Fox, the TK Pillar
- Including Others
- Being Kind and Thoughtful
- Taking responsibility for your actions
- Resolving Conflict in a positive way

By practicing the pillar of friendship, students are practicing skills, habits and traits that we want to see in all Roadrunners and students in the TUSD.

What programs and opportunities do students have to be a great friend to others?

- Big and Little Buddies, Friendship Club, Creating Clubs, Crafternoon & Game Hour, Classroom Jobs, Riviera Peer Mediators, Social Emotional Counseling Lessons about empathy, bully education & no closed games on campus, and following school rules and Riviera's behavior expectations:
    - I will be respectful, I will come to school to learn, I will be a friend to others, I will be safe, I will be present

October Calendar of Events
Copy of Riviera's October Calendar

October 31st – Halloween Parade @ 9:15 a.m.
Students will come to school dressed in costume and bring a change of clothes. Parents can enter campus at 9:10 to watch the parade!

In October, the following groups meet with teachers and staff to receive information and give input into Riviera's School Programs:

- English Language Multicultural Committee (ELMAC), School Site Council (SSC), PTA
  All groups create goals and discuss spending of California State Categorical Budgets. Feedback from all parents ensures that our student, staff and community needs are being met.

School Site Council (SSC):

- SSC is a group of employees and parents/community members that meet to discuss school goals and expenditures of categorical budgets. With insight from a dedicated group of parents and staff SSC members, our SSC will bring a broad perspective to discussions regarding staffing, budget implementation and school programs.

The following staff members serve on Riviera's SSC:

- Mrs. Josic – 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Hicks – 4th grade teacher, Mr. Musick – 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Miller – 2nd grade teacher
- Please email any of the following parent SSC members with any questions/concerns/school issues that are on your mind. SSC Meetings will be held six times this school year via Zoom and all interested are welcome to attend.

Parent SSC Members:

- Bridgette Ellis – ellisbmt@gmail.com
- Julia Kroyan – julia@intelino.com
- Juli-Pritchard Liu – pritchard.juli@gmail.com
- Megan Chandler – megc1221@yahoo.com
- Jenny Tanaka – jennytanaka@gmail.com
- Jill Salisbury – jillsalisbury@gmail.com

Join the Riviera Roadrunner Team for the Skecher's Walk!

Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk – Sunday, October 19th – Register Today!

The Skechers Friendship Walk is an amazing community event, where walkers walk from Manhattan Pier to Hermosa Pier to raise money for education. All $30 registration proceeds from Riviera's school team walkers will come straight back to Riviera Elementary School. Let's get a big Riviera Roadrunner team together for a fun, family-friendly event for a great cause. Riviera Roadrunner walkers will meet at MB pier in the TUSD/Riviera area and will walk together.

How to Register:

- Go to https://secure.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/site/TRR/1263324087
- Click on Register
- Click on Join an Existing Team
- Enter Riviera Roadrunners
- Complete the registration process
- Be sure to check the box for Torrance Education Foundation to receive the support of your contribution
- You will receive an email confirming your registration

Proceeds from the Skecher's Walk will be allocated for site improvements.

On the list so far are:

- Murals on walls, Garden maintenance, Additional playground equipment

Great CA Shake Out Drill

Riviera Students and faculty will participate in a statewide emergency drill on October 16 at 10:16 a.m. Riviera joins 7.7 million Californians that are preparing and practicing how to respond during an earthquake.

Students will Drop, Cover and Hold, evacuate classrooms, and staff will simulate search and rescue teams. Our emergency bin and supplies will be inventoried and Emergency Kits will be relocated to our emergency bin (the storage bin by the cafeteria). The office will test emergency radio connections to the school district office and the City of Torrance's command center.

October safety drills also include:

- Torrance Fire Department Fire Drill and Safety Inspection, Torrance Fire Department Basic Aid Training (BAT) for 5th Grade Students. Riviera will practice a fire drill, shelter in place, and earthquake drill this month.



Mr. Trpin & Mrs. Forshey

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VALET LOOP





Beep Beep

HERE ARE SOME RULES TO ENSURE SAFETY!

- FOLLOW THE SUGGESTED TRAFFIC LOOP THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC DIVISION.
- DO NOT STOP IN THE RED ZONE. RED CURB IS FOR BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY.
- THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE VALET LANES AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES POSTED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.
- NO U-TURNS INTO OR OUT OF THE VALET LINE.
- E-BIKES - DO NOT ENTER THE VALET LANE. PARK YOUR BIKE IN THE E-BIKE PARKING LOT AND LET YOUR STUDENT WALK DOWN THE SIDEWALK TO THE FRONT GATE!
- PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED AS YOU'RE ENTERING THE LINE.
- PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE, KEEP THE ENGINE RUNNING, AND PARENTS DO NOT GET OUT OF THE CAR.
- PLEASE DON'T USE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING DROP-OFF.
- ONCE YOU LEAVE THE VALET LINE, PLEASE KEEP DRIVING DOWN THE STREET. NO U TURNS AND PROCEED DOWN PASEO DE ARENA.
- TK & KINDER PARENTS, PLEASE PARK AND WALK WITH STUDENTS.
- HANDICAP PARKING IS STRICTLY FOR THOSE WITH A HANDICAP PLACARD ONLY.

MORNING:

- CHILDREN MUST BE READY TO EXIT ON THE RIGHT SIDE WITH BACKPACKS IN HAND. THERE WILL BE PARENTS AND STUDENTS WAITING BEHIND YOU.
- 5TH GRADE VALETS WILL OPEN YOUR CAR DOOR, WILL GREET YOU & MAY HAVE A MESSAGE TO PASS ALONG. MAKE SURE THE 5TH-GRADE VALETS ARE DONE CLOSING YOUR DOOR AND ARE AWAY FROM YOUR CAR BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO DRIVE OFF.

AFTERNOON:

- NO PARKING IN THE UPPER VISTOR LOT, IT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 3 PM TO 3:30 PM.
- STUDENTS WILL REMAIN BEHIND THE DISMISSAL GATE AND WHEN YOUR CAR ENTERS INTO THE VALET LANE, YOUR CHILD/RENS NAMES WILL BE CALLED TO WALK OUT TO MEET YOU.

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Morning Valet Cone & Signage Placement



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5th Grade Valet Rules and Responsibilities



Student Responsibilities:

- Arrive by 8:15 am each day of your designated week.
- Check the valet cart for the morning messages.
- Wear a safety vest.
- Place your backpack around the base of the flagpole.
- Stand on the sidewalk when not opening car doors.
- Do not walk around the cars. Students must exit on the passenger side.
- Wait for cars to come to a complete stop before you step off of the curb.
- Smile, say Good Morning, and then pass on the daily message.
- Don't forget to tell your teacher you are working that week because you will be late to class.

Parent Responsibilities:

- 2 adults from your team must be running the valet each day.
- If you or your child cannot attend, notify the lead in charge of your team and find your own sub.
- Read the clipboard and make sure the 5th graders understand the message they'll give to each car.
- Wear a safety vest or bright colored clothing.
- Traffic cones should be set up when you arrive. (They are located by the office and in the parking lot).
- Safety vests, stop signs, directional signs are all in the valet cart near the front gate.
- The morning message will be send to the team lead to share with the group.
- 1 adult will direct traffic at the front of the line. 1 adult will direct traffic at the back of the line. Let in 6 cars at a time.
- Rotate students each day so everyone gets a turn being in front of the line.
- Bring in the cones at 9:00 am and place them by the front office and in the parking lot where you found them.
- Simple themes/costumes make valet fun for the students, but are not required. There are extra costumes in the valet cart.
- If a parent brings food in the morning, please do not allow it to be a distraction.
- Make sure the 5th graders take this job seriously. This is not a time to be silly.

Additional Rules:

- E-bikes are to park in the upper lot.
- Children must exit the car on the passenger side. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- Parents are not allowed to exit their vehicles to help their children out of the car or put backpacks on, etc.
- U-turns into and out of the valet line are not permitted.
- School buses have priority. Red curb is for buses and emergency vehicles only.
- The upper visitor parking lot can be used for parking in the morning. However, they are not allowed to make a left; they need to enter the lot from the valet line only.

As parents manning the valet, you have a big responsibility to keep an eye on the 5th grade students and assist with traffic. Please kindly remind parents of the rules when they are not followed. Hopefully they'll all learn the safety protocols quickly and we won't continue to have problems. If you notice repeat offenders, please inform both Mrs. Forshey and I. They will be asked to use another drop off method.

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TORRANCE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR JOB TOGETHER

Dear Parents and Students:

The Torrance Police Department is committed to ensuring your safety. Traffic congestion around schools, especially during pick-up and drop-off times, is a growing concern nationwide. Our goal is to make this process as safe and efficient as possible.

Please use designated drop-off and pick-up zones for your children and always follow traffic laws, speed limits, parking regulations, and the directions of Crossing Guards.

Parking citations may be issued and sent to the vehicle's registered owner. You can assist us by avoiding drop-offs and pick-ups in the following areas:



Driveways



Red Zones



No Stopping Zones



Double Parking



Crosswalks / Intersections



Handicapped Spaces

By following these guidelines, we can work together to create a safer environment for students while helping you avoid parking citations. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (310) 618-5557. And don't forget—always wear your seatbelt. Have a safe and successful school year!

Lieutenant Charles Fisher
Torrance Police Department
Traffic & Special Events Division
310-618-5557

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A Day In The Life of a Roadrunner












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Riviera PTA 2025-2026 Student Directory Art Contest!



CALLING ALL RIVIERA ARTISTS!

We are seeking student artwork that portrays our Riviera PTA Theme: "One Heart, One Community"!

Your artwork may be selected as the Front or Back Cover for this year's Directory, or could be featured on the inside pages! All levels welcome - send in your artwork today!

Deadline to Submit is Friday, October 3

Artwork must have the following:

- Be in portrait orientation (tall ways)
- On a regular letter sized paper (8.5x11)
- Your full name and grade level on back if turning into front office, or listed in your email submission

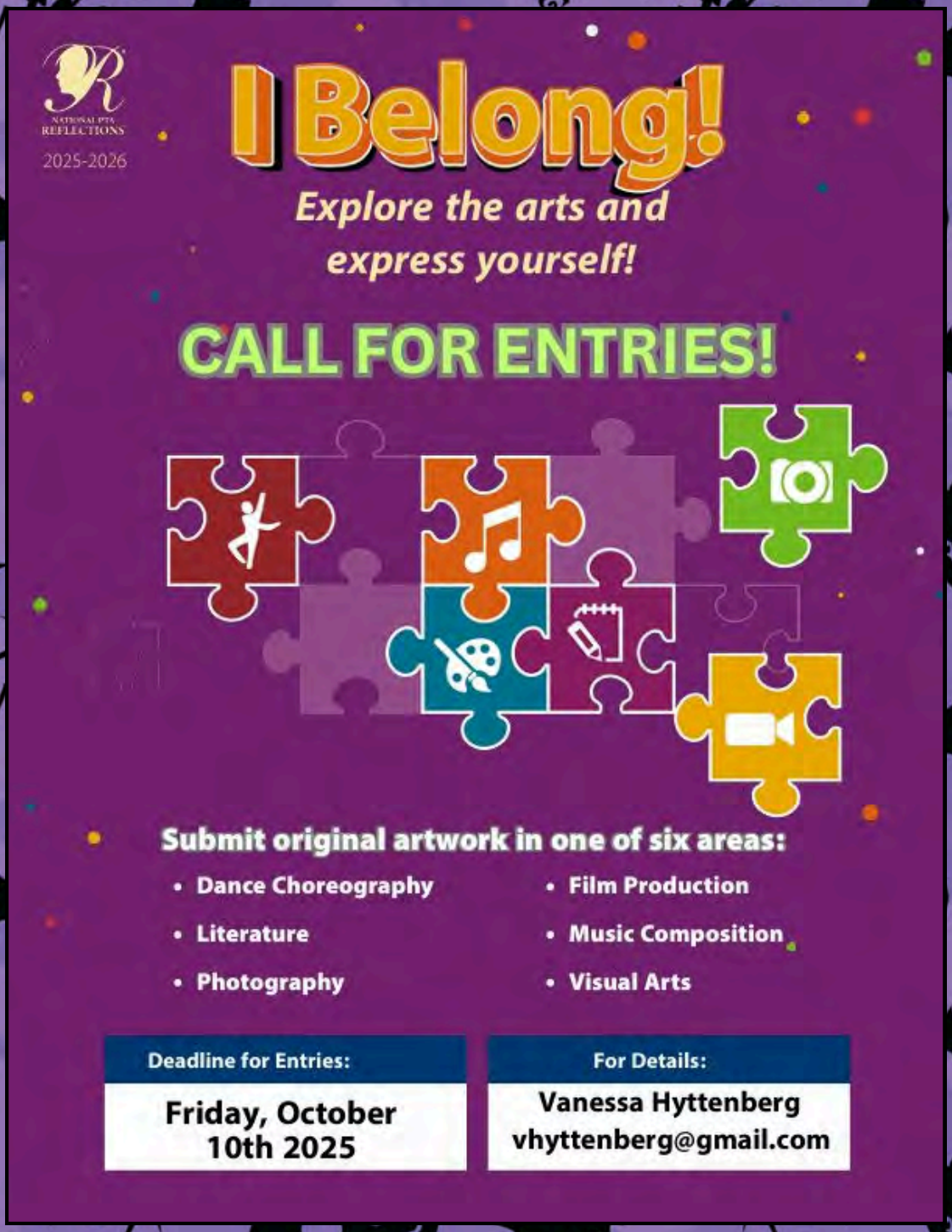


Email submissions/questions to:
riviera.pta.studentdirectory@gmail.com

Quick Links For Ease:

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PTA Reflections—Call for Entries!

We are now accepting submissions for this year's PTA Reflections contest! Students are invited to create original work inspired by the theme "I Belong!" in the categories of Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Film Production, and Dance Choreography.

Who can participate: This is open to ALL grade levels (PreK to 5th)
How to submit: Entries can be submitted online via this link - Riviera Elementary - 2025 Reflections Contest Form
Deadline to enter: Friday, October 10th
Questions: Vanessa Hyttenberg – vhyttenberg@gmail.com

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BETTOLINO KITCHEN FUNDRAISER FOR

RIVIERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Show this flyer when dining in or ordering takeout to give 15% back to the cause.

TUESDAY, OCT 14TH | 11 AM TO 9 PM



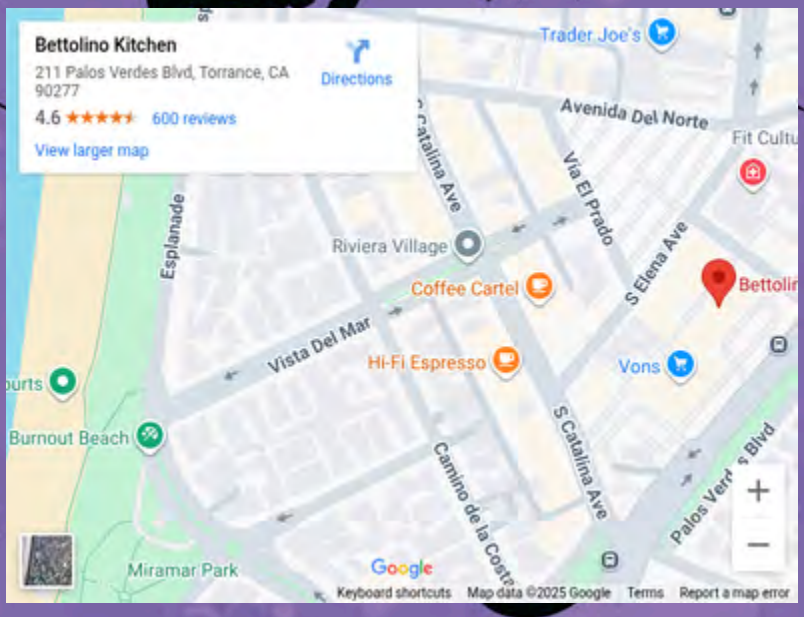


GIVING TUESDAY

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THE COMEDY & MAGIC CLUB

Special Performance:

JAY MOHR



Support Riviera's 5th Graders

The Comedy & Magic Club

100% of the Proceeds go to Riviera Elementary's 5th Grade Celebration

Ages 18+

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

www.rivierapta.com/comedy-magic-club-fundraiser

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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



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

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