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Megan Your PTA President



MEGAN CHANDLER

Welcome back, Riviera Roadrunners! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are to kick off another amazing school year together.

This year I chose " One Heart, One Community" as our PTA theme. These words remind us that while each of us brings our own unique talents, backgrounds and perspectives, we come together with a shared purpose: to support our students, staff, and families. When we work as one, the heart of Riviera beats stronger, and our community grows closer.

The PTA has been busy over the summer planning a year filled with enrichment, fun, and opportunities to connect. From beloved traditions to new initiatives, we are committed to making Riviera a special place for every student and family.

What an incredible start to the school year! Our Back to School Expo was a fantastic success, and we owe a huge thank you to Andrea McPhee and her amazing team for making this the first night of the year that we come together a huge success!
A special shout-out also goes to Heidi Duncan and Jenny Yiakas, who dedicated their summer to preparing for our Annual Giving Campaign. Their hard work and creativity brought some exciting new swag and even more energy to our fundraising efforts.

To all of our families that have donated THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
We were thrilled to welcome our new families at this year's Back to School Tea — and what a lovely event it was!A heartfelt thank you to Lauren Csaki, who created a beautiful and inviting spread of handmade sandwiches, scones, cookies, and more. The table was as welcoming as the atmosphere, with tea flowing and warm conversations all around.It was a joy to greet families alongside Ms. Forshey as we kicked off the year together — a perfect example of our theme in action: One Heart, One Community
Another huge thank you to Staci Resnick for organizing this year's Rivie Wear — your dedication and attention to detail helped bring school spirit to life in the best way! From sizing to orders and everything in between, we're so grateful for all the time and effort you put into making it such a success we sold out! And a special shout-out to Anne Boleman for lending us her incredible design talent. Your creativity helped bring a fresh, fun look to our spirit wear and materials — we're lucky to have your artistic eye on our team!

Keep your eye out for all the amazing events we have coming up. In the meantime, I invite you to join us in our mission - whether by volunteering, attending events, or simply cheering on our Roadrunners. Together, we will make this school year one to remember!

Principal's Corner

September 2025!

I would like to welcome our students, parents and staff back to school for the 2025-2026 school year! This is my 23rd year as Riviera's Proud Principal! I look forward to supporting Riviera's students and families, community and leading Riviera's amazing staff. To date, Riviera welcomed 606 students and 85 employees back to school. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure student & staff the best learning environment and to provide top notch instruction and enrichment for all students.

The following exciting programs will begin this month:

- September 8- Math Enrichment Club for 4th and 5th graders that love a math challenge and working collaboratively to solve problems in Room 25 from 3:15-4:15
- September 11th- Chorus begins for interested students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades on Thursday mornings before school from 8:00-8:30 am. Mrs. Savitz is Riviera's Professional Expert that is funded by the Riviera PTA. Mrs. Savitz leads the chorus & will work with all TK-5th grade students this year!
- September 15th-18th- PTA Book Fair in the Cafeteria All Week. Parents are welcome to shop after school!
- **September 18th is Back to School Night** - Classroom teachers will present information in person about Common Core Grade Level Standards, new curriculum and the grade level instructional program with you.

  2:13 Early dismissal for grades 1-5
  6:00-6:30 TK, K, 1st & 2nd Grade Presentations
  6:30-7:00 Riviera PTA Meeting outside of the cafe/Book Fair
  7:00-7:30 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Presentations

- **September 19th is a Student Free Day** for Staff Professional Development
- September 25th- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Parent Information Meeting
- September 29th- Dance Team begins for interested students in Grades 4 & 5 on Mondays after school!

PTA President, Megan Chandler and I have planned an action packed calendar with monthly family events! Click on the calendar and save the dates for great family events that you will not want to miss! PTA_Calendar_25-26.docx

The first family event will be Movie Night on Friday, October 10th! Plan to pack a picnic, bring a blanket/chairs and buy food items that are available for purchase. Watch Lilo & Stitch under the stars as our community comes together for a fun evening!

School Site Council- School Site Council is composed of staff, parents and community members who work together to oversee school goals and input into Riviera's Single Plan for Student Achievement, categorical budget implementation and school programs. Riviera's parent representatives are: Megan Chandler, Bridgette Ellis, Julia Kroyan, Jenny Tanaka, Juli Pritchard-Liu & Jill Salisbury.

The SSC will meet six times this school year via zoom on 9/22, 10/20, 1/26, 2/23, 3/23 and 4/20 @ 3:30. If you are interested in attending a SSC, please email Mrs. Forshey at forshey.christie@tusd.org and plan to attend the first virtual SSC meeting on September 22nd. SSC is a great way to become involved and learn all about Riviera school.

Torrance Unified School District Categorical Budgets provide the following funding to our school for the 2025-2026 school year.SSC, English Language Multicultural Advisory Committee, staff and stakeholder input will determine best use of the following funds:

Supplemental Funding Grant	$45,210	English Learners, Foster/Homeless, Low Socioeconomic, At-Risk
Student Achievement Funds	$6,110	All students, instructional materials, Gifted/Talented Education Support, School Programs
Extended School Day Funding	$20,000	Funding for 300 hours of before and after school student support
Summer Programming	$9,000	Small budget to offer summer tutorials/enrichment

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. Last year Riviera had over 200 walkers that raised $6180 plus $1000 bonus was raised for our school! All registration proceeds from Riviera's school team will come straight back to Riviera Elementary School. For example, if Riviera has 100 Roadrunners registered, we will receive $3000 plus an additional $1000 bonus! Let's get a big Riviera Roadrunner team together for a fun, family-friendly event for a great cause.

1. Go to https://secure.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/site/PageServer?pagename=register
2. Click on Register
3. Click on join an existing team
4. Enter/click on Riviera Roadrunners
5. Complete the registration process.

6. **<u>Be sure to check the box for Torrance Education Foundation for Torrance schools so that Riviera receives the support of your contribution.</u>**
7. You will receive an email confirming your registration.

Proceeds from the Skecher's Walk will be allocated for site improvements to beautify the Riviera campus. On the list so far are: murals on walls, garden maintenance, game boards painted onto the playground & additional playground equipment.

Lastly, to stay in the loop...be sure to visit www.riviera.tusd.org, sign up for E-blast on the Riviera website, follow Riviera's Instagram- riviera roadrunnertusd and/or if you are on Facebook, be sure to follow @ Riviera Roadrunners. All sources will provide the most current calendar, school and community event information.

The year is off to a great start Roadrunners! Beep...beep!

Sincerely, Mrs. Forshey



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A Day In The Life of a Roadrunner















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9/15/25 – 9/18/25

It's time for our Fall Book Fair!!

For a cashless way to shop the fair, we encourage you to create an **E-WALLET**. This digital payment option can be used at the in-school Book Fair or online. Visit our website for instructions to set-up an e-wallet, preview some books and shop online:

See Quick Link Below

We will need volunteers! Please reach out if you can join us for a couple of hours during the week and/or to set up on 9/12/25! Please sign up here:

See Quick Link Below

Questions please contact Michelle Simkin at michellesimkin@gmail.com

Happy Reading!

Quick Links For Ease:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rivieraelementaryschool4

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A44ACAF28A6FE3-riviera

Questions email: michellesimkin@gmail.com

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KONA SHAVED ICE

Riviera Elementary
Wednesday, September 17
2:30 PM
$5 per cup

Located at Rocketship Park

Proceeds to benefit the 5th Grade Celebration



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

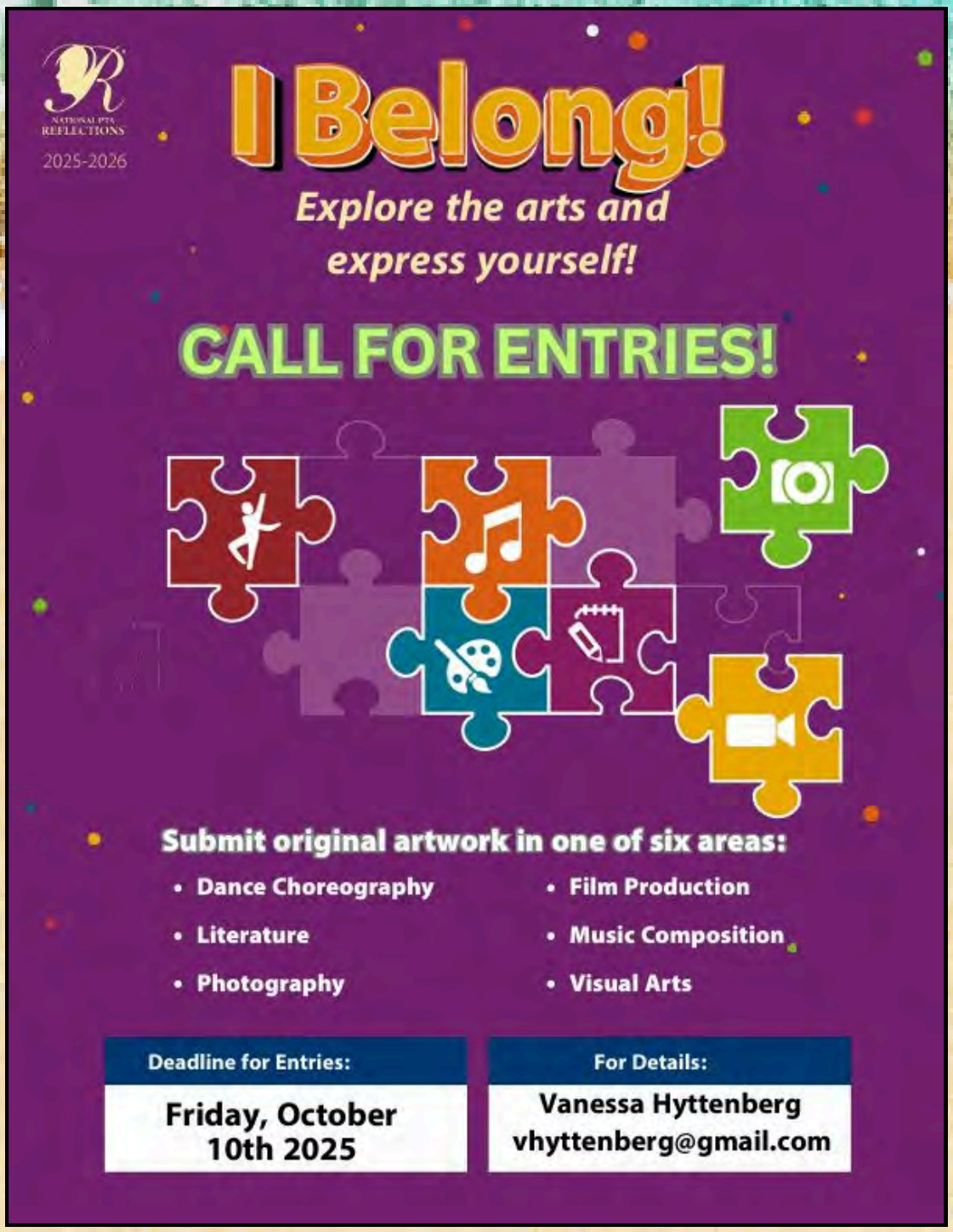


Email submissions/questions to:
riviera.pta.studentdirectory@gmail.com

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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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Riviera movie night

'LEI' BACK AND CATCH A FLICK WITH US!

DATE & TIME
Fri Oct 10th 6pm

LOCATION
Riviera Field

NOW PLAYING
Lilo & Stitch 2025

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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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