

RIVIERA PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT **MEGAN CHANDLER**



Megan Chandler
with Rivie & Sara McKown

Dear Riviera Families,

March was an incredible month, filled with community spirit, fun, and recognition of some outstanding individuals.

A HUGE Thank You to our Fun Run Team! Our St. Patrick's Day Shuffle was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without the hard work and dedication of **Sara McKown** and her incredible committee. Thank you for organizing such a fantastic event that brought our school together and continues to be one of the students most favorite days of the year!

A big shoutout to **Jon and Shira Markovich** for planning the Bike Rodeo. Our 3rd-5th graders had a great time learning about bike safety, and showing off their skills. Thank you for making this event a success.

Every year the Honorary Service Award (HSA) committee recognizes individuals who go above and beyond to help support our school and committee. Congratulations to our Honorary Service Award winners **Katie Bengerno**, **Nyssa Wilson**, and **Tina Jordan**, our Very Special Person selections, **Rebecca Lew** and **Mr. Brandon**, and the Outstanding Teacher of the Year, **Lisa Miller.** Your dedication, time, and effort, make Riviera a better place for all our students and we are so grateful for you.

April is gearing up to be another fun and exciting month. Be on the lookout for upcoming events and ways to get involved. And of course, do not forget to get your Gala tickets! I hope to see all of you dressed in your finest, on the red carpet, at what is sure to be THE event of the school year!

Until then, I hope you have a restful and fun Spring Break! Whether you are traveling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying a break from the routine, I wish you a fantastic and refreshing time.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!

Sincerely,
Megan Chandler



Principal's Corner

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **CHRISTIE FORSHEY**



Mrs. Forshey with
The Honorary Service Award Recipients

April is action-packed!

This month, Riviera students will learn about the Character Counts Pillar of Trustworthiness. Classroom discussions will include conversations about trust and making the right choices. Sometimes making the right decision is hard. You can ask yourself the questions on the checklist tool and if you have more yes checks than no checks, you are probably making a good choice.

- **Be honest**
- **Don't deceive, cheat or steal**
- **Be reliable; do what you say you'll do**
- **Have the courage to do the right thing**
- **Keep your promises**

Golden Rule Test: If the situation was reversed, is this how I would want to be treated? Yes or No

Conscience Test: Will I feel good about this afterwards- no regrets, no guilt? Yes or No

Family Test: Will my family be proud of this? Yes or No

Headline Test: Would I want this reported on the news? Yes or No

What if Everybody Did This Test: Would I want to live in a world where everybody did this? Yes or No

What if it is still not clear what to do? Stop, think it over some more and seek additional insight from people whose character you respect

The last week of April, Riviera will host TK & Kindergarten Round Up on the 28th and 29th to welcome new families to Riviera. Riviera 5th grade students will also visit Richardson Middle School on April 24th to hear all about middle school transition.

Other calendared events for the awesome month of April:

April 1	Autism Acceptance Month
April 2	School tour for incoming families @ 9:15 / 5th Grade Performance @ 6:00 p.m. in the Riviera Cafeteria
April 3	4th/5th Basketball Tryout After School
April 7-11	Happy Spring Break!
April 15	3rd Grade to CA Science Center
April 16	Career Day from 1:15-2:30 / Dress for Success Day
April 18	5th Grade Individual Photos & Class of 2025 Panoramic Photo / 1st Grade Bubble-mania Assembly @ 1:15
April 21	Earth Week / TK to Kidspace Museum

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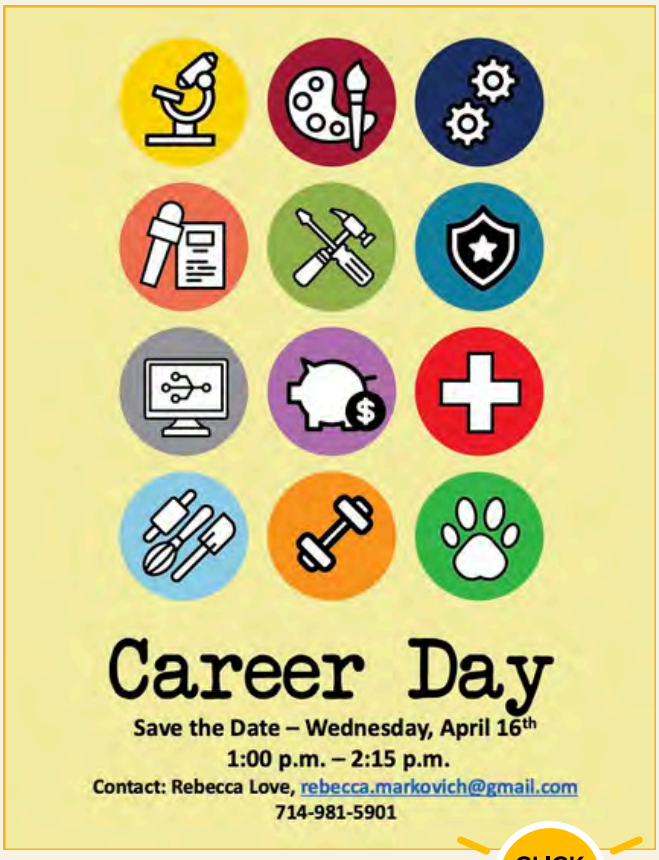


April 22	4th Grade to Mission San Juan Capistrano / 5th Grade Parent Night @ Richardson Middle School
April 23	Friendship Club @ lunch / Beach Clean Up at Torrance Beach After School
April 24	5th Graders visit Richardson Middle School in the a.m. / Ms. Romeo/Mrs. Wood's Class Play- Alice Inventions with Idioms at 6:00 p.m. in the Riviera
April 26	South Area Basketball Tournament @ SHS / Riviera Old Hollywood Gala @ the Redondo Elks Club
April 28 & 29	TK/K Round Ups @ 2:15
April 30	Kindergarten to Tanaka Farms / 5th Grade Walk Through The Revolution for Mrs. Pachal & Mrs. Matsubara's classes



5th Grade Parents - Save the Dates!

April 18	5th Grade Individual Photos and Class of 2025 Panoramic Photo
April 22	Richardson Middle School 5th Grade Parent Night & Open House
June 9	5th Grade Promotion @ 9:15-10:30 a.m.
June 10	5th Grade Party
June 11	Last Day of school- 5th grade parents are invited to watch the 5th grade commemorative video in the cafeteria at 9:30 on the last day of school.



Sign up to be a presenter! CLICK HERE!

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Congratulations!

2024-2025 Riviera Honorary Service Recipients

On March 24th, Riviera PTA recognized Honorary Service Recipients for their service to the Riviera Elementary Community! Congratulations and thank you to:

Katie Bengerno - Katie deserves the Honorary Service award for so many reasons! She has served on the PTA board as the Vice President of Volunteers and the Executive Vice President. In these roles she spearheaded teacher appreciation events, finding room parents for each and every classroom and ensured that communication flowed smoothly to keep parents connected and well informed. Katie herself has been a room parent for all of her daughter's classes, leading parties, chaperoning field trips, collecting money to spoil our wonderful teachers! She has helped out at Adventures in Art, the library, Fun Runs, book fairs, morning valet and so much more during her time at Riviera. Most recently she recognized that the teachers lounge needed a new refrigerator and microwave and so she made it happen! Katie truly makes our school special by bringing her positive and friendly attitude. Thank you Katie for all of your good work and you are well deserving of this award!

Tina Jordan - Tina has served as a member of the Riviera Elementary School PTA Board for the last three years. Tina has served as our Recording Secretary and currently is finishing her two year term as Historian. Tina is a calm and quiet strength who is always willing to help out whether that is volunteering in her daughter, Rylee's classes over the years as a library docent, Adventures in Art assistant or helping clean a storage closet! There has never been an opportunity where help was needed, and Tina didn't jump in to be of assistance. Tina truly is the epitome of a caring and helpful heart, and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her years of commitment to our PTA Board. Congratulations on this honor!

Nyssa Wilson - Nyssa has been an active parent volunteer helping lead many important school functions. She helped chair our International Fair for many years which brought joy to so many students. Nyssa also worked hard as our Yearbook Chair creating memories for a lifetime. She has also spent many hours volunteering for the library. Over the years she has lent her talents to Riviera Elementary through so many volunteer events. Her volunteer efforts will be missed greatly. For six years, Nyssa has made an immeasurable impact!

Outstanding Teacher Award- Mrs. Lisa Miller

Mrs. Miller has been a Riviera teacher since 2014! Mrs. Miller and her husband were active parents when her son and daughter were Roadrunners. Mrs. Miller was a noon assistant and substitute teacher before becoming a full time teacher. Trajan is now graduated from SFSU and Macey is in her first year at CSULB. Mrs. Miller was a student teacher at Riviera with Mrs. Black and began working part-time as an Intervention Teacher before she began teaching 2nd grade. Mrs. Miller impacts our campus for the better in too many ways to count! She builds relationships with each student and family! She cares deeply for her students and goes above and beyond to support them. On weekends, she often attends her students sporting events and special activities. Mrs. Miller also is an inspiration to her colleagues and principal. Mrs. Miller has a calm demeanor, quiet strength and is a leader on our campus. Mrs. Miller leads the Riviera Peer Mediator Program providing Conflict Resolution Training and ongoing mentoring of 30 student leaders. Mrs. Miller serves as grade level chairperson, on Riviera's Leadership Team and on the Riviera School Site Council.

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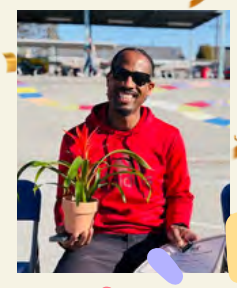
PTA Very Special Persons

Rebecca Lew - Ms. Lew is an outstanding educator & Riviera mom of Brody and Liam. For 16 years, her dedication and compassion have made a lasting impact at Riviera. She is an original staff member of Riviera's ABA SDC program who has provided behavioral support, speech services and has mentored our Special Day Class team as it has grown to four classes! Ms. Lew leads the Friendship Club which is a thriving program with approximately 40 students (20 SDC and 20 Gen Ed) who have built meaningful friendships and connections. Her hard work and commitment have made this initiative a great success. Beyond the Friendship Club, Ms. Lew is a caring and attentive speech therapist who finds unique ways to connect with her students, helping them express the incredible language within them. She deeply cares for every student at Riviera, making our community stronger with her kindness and dedication. We are truly lucky to have her!

Brandon Grant - Mr. Brandon Grant has been the amazing day custodian at Riviera Elementary School since 4/4/2016! For 9 years, Mr. Brandon has brought neverending energy to our campus, a smile & greeting for all that see him. He takes care of 611 students and 100 employees on a daily basis. He never says "no", he never complains about the messes and surprises that come up on our 10 acre campus. Mr. Brandon is also a volunteer who coaches children's sports...basketball, football, track and volleyball. He attends high school graduations of students that he has coached, he volunteers his time, he makes t-shirts for causes, he arrives at Riviera around 6:00 a.m. to get our school ready for students and staff. His hard work does not go unnoticed. The Riviera PTA recognizes Mr. Brandon Grant as a Very Special Person in our school community for making a daily impact with his work. But more importantly, for being an amazing human that inspires kindness, positive interactions with people, diligent work ethic and energy for life & others!

Mrs. Forshey







A Day in the Life @ Riviera



FUN AT SCHOOL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

PTA CALENDAR EVENTS

Apr. 7-11	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 16	Career Day
Apr. 17	PTA Executive Board Meeting
Apr. 18	5th Grade Panoramic & Portraits
Apr. 21-25	Earth Week
Apr. 23	Beach Clean Up after school
Apr. 26	Riviera Gala
Apr. 28 & 29	TK/K Round Up @ 2:15
Apr. 30	5th Grade Walk Through Revolution



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



RIVIERA GALA

LIVE AUCTION ALERT!

STRAND E-BIKE

VIP PARKING SPOTS FOR THE 2025 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

PRIVATE HELICOPTER RIDE & FACTORY TOUR @ ROBINSON

EXCLUSIVE VIP TICKETS TO THE MAGIC CASTLE

LUXURY SUITE EXPERIENCE TO BEYONCE'S COWBOY CARTER TOUR

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY & SO MUCH MORE!!

get YOUR TICKETS

Earth Week at Riviera

April 21– 26

monday 4/21
Say NO to plastic!
BRING YOUR REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL
*Earn points for class party

tuesday 4/22
Say NO to landfill trash!
BRING A TRASH-FREE LUNCH TO SCHOOL
*Earn points for class party

wednesday 4/23
AFTER-SCHOOL BEACH CLEAN-UP - 2:45PM
Check In at the bottom of Torrance Beach ramp that leads to the old Perry's
*Earn points for class party

thursday 4/24
Say YES to saving our planet!
WEAR GREEN TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PLANET
*Earn points for class party

friday 4/25
Say NO to pollution!
WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL
*Earn points for class party

Come beautify our campus and give it the love it deserves!

RIVIERA NEEDS YOU!

MAY 3, 2025 - 9AM-12PM

SUPER SATURDAY

STAY TUNED FOR SIGN UP DETAILS

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Career Day

Save the Date – Wednesday, April 16th
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Contact: Rebecca Love, rebecca.markovich@gmail.com
714-981-5901

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RIVIERA ELEMENTARY
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2025
MAY 5-9

TEACHERS ARE LIKE A GOOD BOOK, THEY CAN CHANGE YOU FOREVER

BOOK- *Monday*
BRING IN A BOOK TO DONATE TO YOUR TEACHER'S LIBRARY

OFFICE SUPPLY- *Tuesday*
BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR YOUR TEACHER

ONCE UPON AN OUTFIT- *Wednesday*
WEAR YOUR TEACHERS FAVORITE COLOR TO SCHOOL

KEEPSAKE- *Thursday*
DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR TEACHER OR WRITE THEM A THANK YOU NOTE.

SNACK- *Friday*
BRING IN A SNACK OR TREAT FOR YOUR TEACHER

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