

# RIVIERA PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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# A MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT **MEGAN CHANDLER**



PTA PRESIDENT - MEGAN CHANDLER

**I feel like I blinked and it's November!**

October was a great month at Riviera. From movie-night, to the Halloween parade, class parties, and everything in between.

Speaking of movie night, a huge thank you to **Staci Resnick** for planning such an amazing family event. Something about watching IF, concessions, and coming together to be with other Riviera families made for a magical night. I know none of it would have been such a success if it wasn't for the many families who donated, and volunteered - special thanks to **Courtney Cress, Sara McKown, Jeff Schenkelberg, Sabrina, Tom, Allison Tanaka, Ashley Fournier, and the Girl Scouts.**

This month, we're excited to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures within our community. From November 12th to the 15th students will learn about various cultures, thanks to our DEI Chair, **Frances Zambros**. The week will culminate in our highly anticipated International Fair on November 15th, organized by **Nyssa Wilson**. This fun-filled, after-school event is a fantastic opportunity for families to experience and enjoy the diversity of our school.

Mark your calendars - you won't want to miss it!

I hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving/Fall break! I cannot help but let you know that I am truly thankful for all of you, the Riviera families, that make our school such the amazing place it is.

Sincerely,
Megan Chandler



# Principal's Corner

## A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **CHRISTIE FORSHEY**




The Halloween Parade was so much fun and it was great to see all of our families!

The Character Counts value word of the month is **Citizenship**. All grade levels will learn about Citizenship this month. Citizenship and teacher choice awards will be awarded at the flag assembly on November 18th and we look forward to celebrating our students that exemplify:

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

Our 4th and 5th grade students got to practice citizenship by voting in the October Student Council Election. Congratulations to our Student Council Officers and to all of our student leaders that submitted petitions to run, created campaign posters and delivered speeches in front of the student body!

Speaking of citizenship and making our community better and keeping others informed...four motivated fifth graders have created a student newsletter called "The Roadrunner Review." They wrote and published this for all students to enjoy and to stay informed. It will be printed and distributed for student reading!

On Thursday, November 7th, all Riviera students will attend a Magic Extravaganza with lessons on creating ***A Bully-Free*** school environment. Thank you to the Nastaskin Family for donating to our school's Character Counts Program each year to provide school wide character education! To date, the Nastaskins have donated over $47,000 to fund special programs and supplies for Riviera's Character Counts program.

November's tradition is also a time to celebrate our diverse learning community. **International Week** will begin on Tuesday, November 12th and will culminate with the **International Fair** on Friday, 11/15 from 3:30-4:45. Don't miss this family event and celebration of our school community! Students dress in cultural clothing, parents set up country booths with foods & crafts and our students travel to each country (booth) to get a passport stamp and learn about world cultures.

Riviera is a diverse learning community. TUSD families speak over 45 languages and at Riviera, 44 students are learning English as a second language. After English, Japanese, Korean and Spanish are the top home languages spoken by our students.

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Thank you to Riviera's 176 registered **Skecher's Friendship Walkers**! $5280 plus a $1000 bonus for having over 150 walkers will come directly back to Riviera students and school. Character Counts Murals, playground equipment, renovations of the "old" garden are also projects earmarked for the year. A special thank you to Mr. Musick and Mrs. Stauder for serving as Riviera's Torrance Education Ambassador this year. Thank you to the following participants:

2024 Rivieral Elementary Skechers Walkers

Thanksgiving break is the week of November 25th-29th. Enjoy this time with family and friends. I am so thankful that our family and community partnerships benefit our students, staff and community each and every day.

Mrs. Forshey

Thank you!






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# A Day in the Life @ Riviera



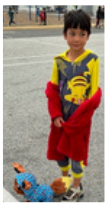
















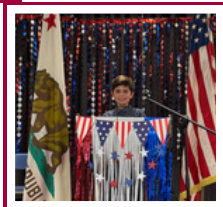























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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

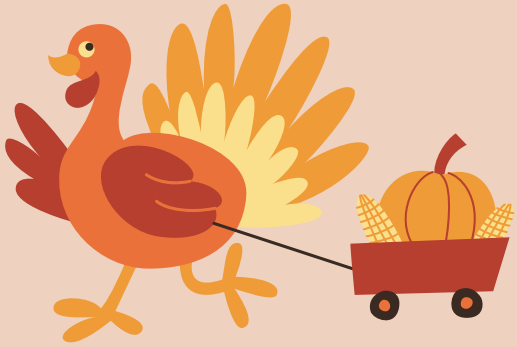
## PTA CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Nov. 11 | No School (Holiday) |
| Nov. 14 | PTA Executive Board Meeting |
| Nov. 15 | International Fair @ 3:15pm |
| Nov. 21 | Picture Re-Take Day |
| Nov. 25 - Nov. 29 | No School - Thanksgiving Break |









# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



