

RIVIERA PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Due Oct. 4



PTA Reflections Contest

Due Oct. 15

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A MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT **MEGAN CHANDLER**



PTA PRESIDENT - MEGAN CHANDLER

Wow! It has been such an exciting and busy first full month of school. Every time I visit the campus, I leave with a huge smile on my face and a full heart. Walking by classrooms, hearing teachers instruct, students giggle, and seeing new friendships form is such a joy! And to think, we are just getting started!

Reflecting back on September's highlights, we kicked off the month with the Back to School Staff Luncheon. **Essie Musilov** brought the fiesta to Riviera's teachers and staff who enjoyed a taco bar, refreshments, and dessert. It was a lovely way to start the school year.

The fall book fair was a huge success thanks to **Michelle Simkin, Mischa Morishita** and the many other volunteers who stepped up wherever needed. Students were able to visit and purchase books with their class or during recess and lunch. PTA started book fair week at assembly by randomly drawing 12 lucky students to receive a $30 gift certificate - we hope everyone enjoyed a little book shopping

I hope you were able to attend Back to School Night. It was such a treat to visit classrooms and learn what lies ahead for the students this school year. Speaking of back to school night, a big thank you to **Ellie Brisbin** for fulfilling Room Parent roles, Adventures in Art docents, and Library volunteers - it truly takes a village! There are many ways to still volunteer this school year, so stay tuned for more opportunities.

October is shaping up to be an exciting month, with the library opening, Movie Night, the Skechers Walk, the Halloween Parade, and plenty of parties and events to look forward to.

Happy Fall, y'all!
Megan Chandler



Principal's Corner

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **CHRISTIE FORSHEY**



Mrs. Forshey & Mrs. Pachal

Happy Fall! There is so much to look forward to this month! Friendship is the 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.

<u>What programs and opportunities do students have to be a great friend to others?</u>
Big and Little buddies, creating clubs, Crafternoon & Game Hour, classroom jobs, Riviera Peer Mediators, Social Emotional Counseling Lessons about empathy, bully education & no closed games on campus, 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

<u>October Calendar of Events</u>

October 1st- Vision & Hearing Screening for Grades TK, K, 1st (Boys only), 2nd & 5th Grades

October 4- PTA Movie Night- "IF"

October 9th- Dr. Stowe, TUSD Superintendent Visit & iReady Parent Night (Grades 1-5) via zoom @ 5:00

October 11th- No School Today, Non-instructional Day

October 14th- Student Free Day for Staff Professional Development

October 12th- 4th/5th Grade Student Council Elections

October 16th- Friendship Club @ lunch

October 17th- English Language Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting @ 9:15

October 20th- Skecher's Friendship Walk!

October 21- Red Ribbon Week

October 24/25- Invite Only Conferences 2:13 Dismissal

October 24th- 3rd Grade GATE Testing

October 29th- 5th Grade Basic Aid Training with Torrance Fire Department

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!

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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) and 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.

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- 3rd 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. Thank you to our parent volunteers for serving on SSC.

Thank you to Riviera's School Site Council Members!

Bridgette Ellis - ellisbmt@gmail.com
Hello! My name is Bridgette Ellis. I am the proud Riviera parent to Mia (5th grade), Sutton (2nd grade) and Macen (2nd grade). I am a CPA and my husband, Bryan, and I have a Financial Planning, Tax & Accounting practice located in the Riviera Village. I have had the privilege of volunteering at Riviera since 2017 in a variety of ways, including as a classroom helper, library docent and AIA docent. I am looking forward to my 6th year as a parent representative in the School Site Council. It is exciting to learn more about the commitment of our amazing teachers and Principal to the success of our students at Riviera.

Ryan Rauzon - ryan@summitstrategygroup.net
I'm Ryan Rauzon (pronounced ruh-ZAHN). Jen and I have Lincoln in the Great Allison M. Williamson's 5th grade class. Linc's older siblings are both at South High. You'll find Jen volunteering with PTA in the library at Riviera (unless you'd like to take over her workload there). We're involved in PTA over at South High and at Torrance Council of PTAs. We're always open to talking about CAASPP standardized tests and sharing our experiences with how to produce good talks about a child's academic performance and mental health after Covid quarantine lockdown Zoom life. (We should all ask TUSD to give Riviera leadership the score analysis by domain/content standards so we can figure out which specific areas students have and have not yet mastered). Anyway, we're opinionated about all of this. Happy to serve on School Site Council unless you'd rather do it yourself which I strongly recommend! A big 'thank you' to everybody who serves on PTA. I've learned a ton from ed100.org and hope everyone visits that site to learn how California's education system works and how we can make a difference. Email, call or text me anytime. ryan@summitstrategygroup.net; cell: (310) 293-0286.

Julia Kroyan- julia@intelino.com
My name is Julia Kroyan I have two sons. One attends Riviera Elementary in 3rd grade and my older son is in 7th grade @ Richardson. Volunteering at the school has given me insight as well as appreciation of what an exceptional school Riviera is. I have been working in the STEM education field for the last decade and am currently the VP of Education at intelino, a robotics-based edtech company. I am honored and looking forward to serving on the School Site Council.

Megan Chandler - megc1221@yahoo.com
My name is Megan Chandler and I am the proud parent of triplet boys (Caleb, Logan, and Kyle) who are in second grade at Riviera, as well as two step sons (Dylan who is a senior at West High and Brandon 24). Besides my most important role as Mom, I am a property manager, advocate and also a Roadrunner alumni! I am currently serving as PTA President and this is my third year on Riviera's School Site Council. I love hearing about all the amazing achievements of Riviera, Ms. Forshey, and the amazing teachers. I am excited to continue to serve and learn so much more as the year progresses.

Open SSC Parent Positions- TBD

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

Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk – Sunday, October 20th – 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. If Riviera has 100 walkers register, 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. Riviera Roadrunner walkers will meet at MB pier in the TUSD/Riviera area and will walk together.

1. Go to https://secure.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/site/TRR/1263324087
2. Click on Register
3. Click on join an existing team
4. Enter **Riviera Elementary**
5. Complete the registration process.
6. Be sure to check the box for **Torrance Education Foundation** to receive the support of your contribution.
7. 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 17 at 10:17! 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 and 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.

Mrs. Forshey



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PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



A Torrance Unified Graduate Exemplifies:

Growth Mindset & Lifelong Learning
Demonstrates academic literacies and continuously pursues interdisciplinary knowledge, welcoming challenges as pathways to growth, and crafting solutions by leveraging innovative ideas, critical thinking skills, evidence-based insights, technology, and diverse perspectives

Communication & Collaboration
Actively listens to understand others, seeks common ground, and effectively articulates ideas, positions, and stories in ways that build strong interpersonal relationships and collaborations for mutual benefit

Leadership & Character
Positively influences others with a style of leadership that models integrity, responsibility, resilience, empathy, and respect for others

Healthy Habits & Life Skills
Prioritizes self-care by developing healthy habits and life skills that ensure long-term physical, mental, emotional, social, and financial well-being

Civic Engagement & Global Citizenship
Passionately champions civic engagement and global citizenship, proactively contributing to a more inclusive, equitable, and interconnected world through dedicated actions, advocacy, service, and environmental stewardship



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A Day in the Life @ Riviera















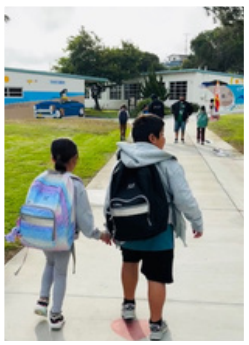






























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UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

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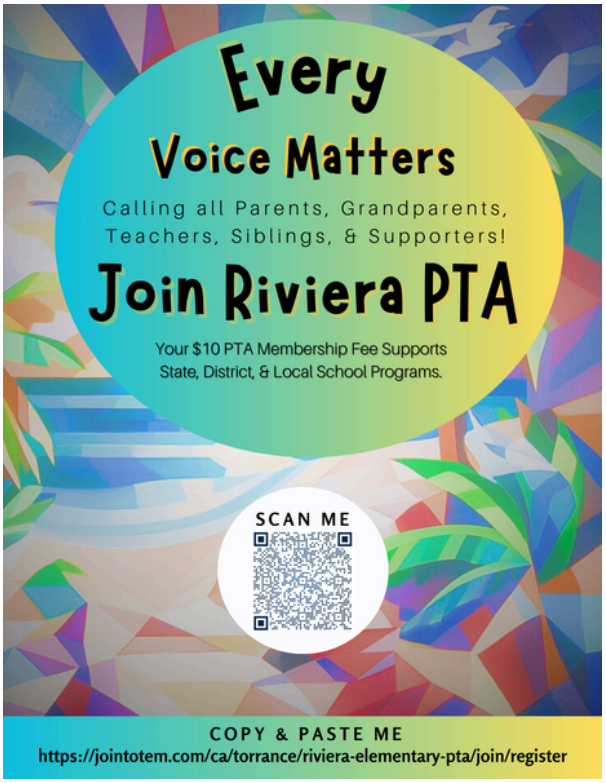
Oct. 1	Vision & Hearing Testing (Rm. 33)
Oct. 3	Picture Day
Oct. 4	Movie Night
Oct. 10	Progress Reports
Oct. 11	No School (non-instructional day)
Oct. 14	No School (staff development day)
Oct. 17-18	2:13pm Dismissal/Invite Only Conferences
Oct. 20	Skechers Walk
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade @ 9:15



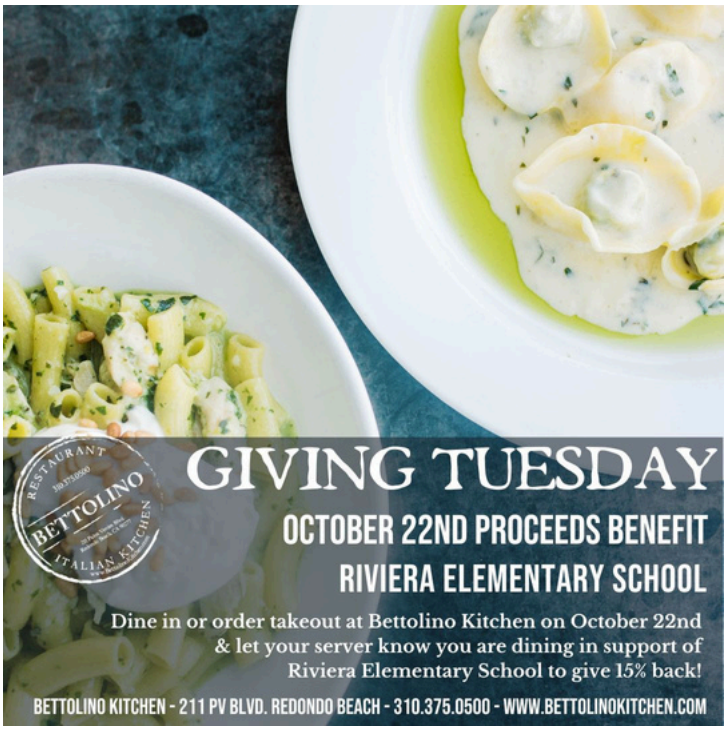


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