

RIVIERA PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Due Sept. 20



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A MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT **MEGAN CHANDLER**



PTA PRESIDENT - MEGAN CHANDLER

As the new PTA President, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! Whether you are returning to our school or joining us for the first time, I am thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant and diverse community.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Megan Chandler. I am a proud Riviera alumni, and I have triplet second grade boys at Riviera, a senior in high school and a 24-year-old. As a basketball loving family, we like to say we got our "starting five"

Every year the PTA President chooses a slogan that represents them and all that they hope to accomplish in the school year. This year my slogan is **"Every Voice Matters".** "Every voice matters" captures the essence of community involvement and the importance of each individual's contribution to the school. Riviera parents, teachers, staff and students all have a role to play in creating a supportive and thriving environment.

Over the summer, Riviera PTA has been working hard and planning a jammed pack school year with enrichment, fun, and community! Our annual Back to School Expo was a huge success thanks to **Andrea McPhee**, and her entire team! Andrea, this may be your first-year spearheading Expo, but you knocked it out of the park! **Heidi Duncan and Jenny Yiakas** worked tirelessly over the summer gearing up for our Annual Giving Campaign and created some awesome swag. To all the families and companies that have donated, THANK YOU! If you would like to donate, it is not too late! No donation is too small, and 100% of it goes back into our amazing school!

New families were able to attend our Back to School Tea, and what a treat it was! **Lauren Csaki** set up a beautiful table of handmade sandwiches, scones, cookies and more, accompanied by tea as families were welcomed by myself and Ms. Forshey.

BOOK FAIR SEPT 16th-20th

We are kicking off the school year with one of the most beloved events – the Scholastic Book Fair! **Michelle Simkin and Mischa Morishita** have planned a wonderful week where students will be able to visit with their class, before school, or during recess/lunch! You to will also have the opportunity to stop by and shop during our Back to School Night, and PTA Association Meeting on Thursday September 19th.

RIVIE SHOP

Staci Resnick designed some amazing Riviera gear for the school year that debuted at the EXPO. Everything from stylish hats, t-shirts, hoodies and more! The items were so popular they nearly sold out. Check our website RIVIE SHOP — Riviera Elementary (rivierapta.com) to grab yours and show your school spirit. Keep your eyes open for a restock, and new designs later this year.

VALET

Thank you to **Missy Williams** for getting our morning valet up and running in record time. The 5h graders and their families have helped all of us parents drop off our kids safely to school while wearing a smile on their faces!
I know this is going to be a wonderful 2024-2025 school year!

Warmest Regards,
Megan

Principal's Corner

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **CHRISTIE FORSHEY**



Mrs. Kuwayama, Mrs. Forshey, and Mrs. Wykoff with TPD Officers

September News!

I would like to welcome our students, parents and staff back to school for the 2024-2025 school year! This is my 22nd 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 612 students and 90 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:

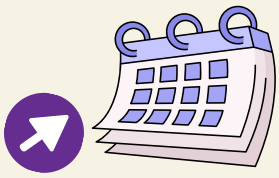
- **September 12th-** Chorus begins for interested students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades on Thursday mornings before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m.. Mrs. Savitz is Riviera's Professional Expert that is funded by the Riviera PTA. Mrs. Savitz leads the chorus & will work with all TK-5th grade students this year!
- **September 16th-20th-** PTA Book Fair in the Cafeteria All Week
- **September 19th 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 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Presentations
  - 6:30-7:00 Riviera PTA Meeting outside of the cafe/Book Fair
  - 7:00-7:30 TK, K, 1st & 2nd Grade Presentations

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!

The first family event will be Movie Night on **Friday, October 4th**! Plan to pack a picnic, bring a blanket/chairs and buy food items that are available for purchase. Watch a movie 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, Jacqueline Guy, Julia Kroyan & Ryan Rauzon.

The SSC will meet six times this school year via zoom on 9/30, 10/28, 1/27, 2/24, 3/31 and 5/19 (if needed) @ 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 30th. SSC is a great way to become involved and learn all about Riviera school.



Riviera Master Calendar 24-25

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Torrance Unified School District Categorical Budgets provide the following funding to our school for the 2023-2024 school year. SSC, English Language Multicultural Advisory Committee, staff and stakeholder input will determine best use of the following funds:.

Supplemental Funding Grant	$35,970	English Learners, Foster/Homeless, Low Socioeconomic, At-risk
Student Achievement Funds	$5,860	All students, instructional materials, Gifted/Talented Education Support, School Programs
Extended School Day Funding	Approx. $19,000	Funding for 300 hours of before and after school student support



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. Last year Riviera had 206 walkers and $6180 plus $1000 bonus was raised for our school! All $30 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 Skecher's Friendship Walk
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 for Torrance schools so that Riviera receives the support of your contribution.
7. You will receive an email confirming your registration.
8. 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.

Mrs. Forshey

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Character Counts! AT RIVIERA

Every month there are lessons and school & community service projects to learn about each pillar of character. Every grade level has a character t-shirt color, character and focus pillar. In September, students will learn about their grade level character word. Another pillar will be highlighted each month.

Riviera Elementary
School Character Traits and Descriptions



FRIENDSHIP
TK Pillar

- Include others.
- Be kind and thoughtful.
- Take responsiblity for your actions.
- Resolve conflict in a positive way.



FAIRNESS
Kindergarten Pillar

- Play by the rules.
- Take turns and share.
- Be open-minded. Listen to others.
- Don't take advantage of others.



CARING
First Grade Pillar

- Be kind.
- Be compassionate.
- Express gratitude.
- Forgive others.



RESPECT
Second Grade Pillar

- Follow the Golden Rule.
- Be accepting of differences.
- Be courteous to others.
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.
- Be considerate of others' feelings.



CITIZENSHIP
Third Grade Pillar

- Do your share to make your home, school and community better.
- Cooperate.
- Stay informed. Vote.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others.
- Protect the environment.



RESPONSIBILITY
Fourth Grade Pillar

- Do what you are supposed to do. Try your best.
- Persevere. Keep on trying.
- Be self-disciplined.
- Think before you act. Consider the consequences.
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes.



TRUSTWORTHINESS
Fifth Grade Pillar

- Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal.
- Have integrity. Do what you say you'll do.
- Keep your promises.
- Be loyal. Stand by your values.

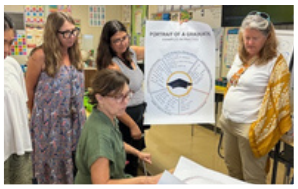
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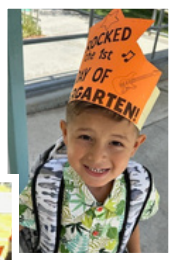










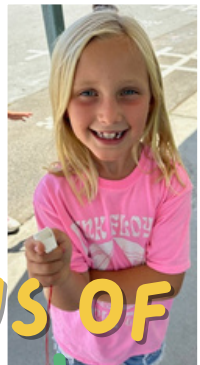










MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



PTA CALENDAR EVENTS

Sept 2	Labor Day - No School
Sept 6	Back to School Teacher Luncheon
Sept 12	PTA Executive Board Meeting
Sept 16-20	Book Fair
Sept 19	Back to School Night - 2:13pm Dismissal
Sept 19	Association Meeting 6:30pm





9/16/24 – 9/20/24

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

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 9/13/24! Please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A44ACAF28A6FE3-riviera

Any questions contact Michelle (650) 714-3501 / michellesimkin@gmail.com

Happy Reading!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SOUTH BAY'S FAVORITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PUBLIC)

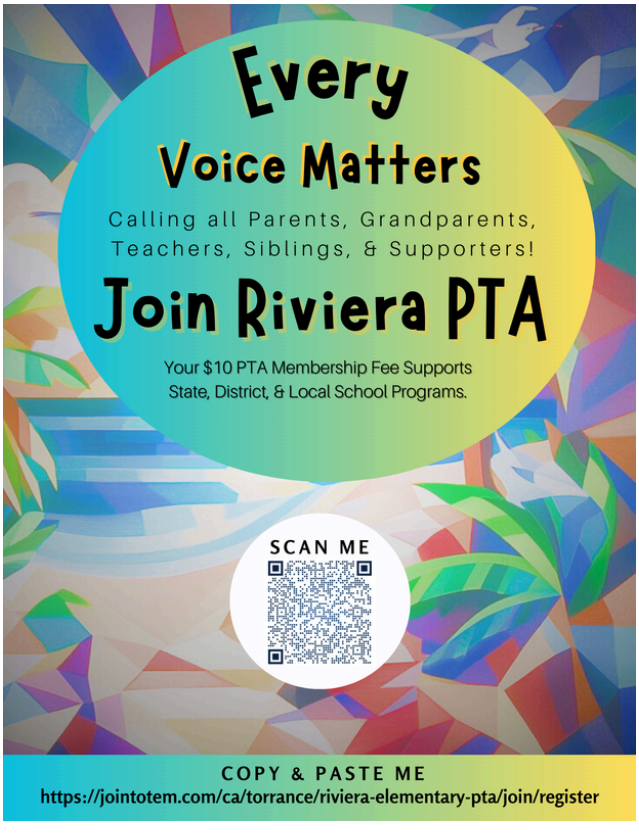
RIVIERA ELEMENTARY











Friendship Club

Riviera is looking for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to join our Rivie Friendship Club for the 2024-2025 school year!
Click here for more info.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ROADRUNNER RUN CLUB

JOIN THE RUN

WHEN: EVERY* TUESDAY, STARTING SEPT 17
TIME: 8:00AM-8:30AM
WHERE: RIVIERA FIELD (BY THE WORLD MAP)
WHO: ALL GRADES, TK-5

WHY DO WE RUN?

- It's fun! Learn to smile AND run!
- Get prepared for the Spring Fun Run!
- Learn track etiquette & proper running technique
- Understand the importance of nutrition/hydration

EVERY MILE COUNTS!

Miles will be tracked at every practice & each runner has the opportunity to be recognized for the miles they run.
You can proudly display your "FEET" miles!

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: STACIMRESNICK@GMAIL.COM

*EXCEPT ON RAINY OR EXCESSIVELY WET DAYS & TUESDAYS THAT FOLLOW MONDAY HOLIDAYS!

RIVIERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KIDS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER at dig it Torrance





Looking for childcare on Back to School Night?

Dig It is adding a special Kids Night Out AND donating a portion of every ticket back to Riviera PTA

September 19th
5:00 pm - 8:00pm
$39 per Child
Includes Admission, Pizza & Play

Reservations Required

Children are required to wear grip socks.
You may bring your own or purchase ours for $4+tax

www.DigItTorrance.com
Follow us @Dig_It_Play

RIVIERA PTA PRESENTS

STUDENT DIRECTORY ART CONTEST

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DRAWING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 STUDENT DIRECTORY!

ALL DRAWINGS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Must include & portray Riviera PTA Theme "Every Voice Matters"
- Must be 8.5" x 11", portrait orientation (tall ways not sideways)
- Must include your first & last name, grade, & teacher in email

Hurry!
The deadline is September 20th!

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

Riviera Elementary PTA Invites Everyone to Come for...

Riviera Family MOVIE NIGHT

FREE Sponsored by your Riviera PTA

Friday October 4, 2024 6pm

Riviera Elementary Back Grassy Field

Grab your friends, blankets, & lawn chairs!

Join us for a fun-filled time under the stars. Concessions will be available for purchase, so come ready to enjoy some tasty treats!

Featured Movie title:
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For more information contact:
Staci Resnick - stacimresnick@gmail.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



STUDENT DIRECTORY OPT-OUT FORM

Due Sept. 30



If you wish to opt out from having your household information (address, phone number, email) included in the 2024-2025 PTA Student Directory, please click here.

Opt-Out forms are due by September 30th

Please contact riviera.pta.studentdirectory@gmail.com if you have any questions.