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Riviera Review

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Mark Your Calendars!

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May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 10 - Kinder Mothers Day Tea & Mother Son Dance

May 15 - Friendship Club

May 16 - Chorus Spring Performance & PTA Assoc Meeting

May 20-25 - Blue Ribbon Week & Book Fair

May 24 - Portfolio Day

May 27 - No School

May 31 - Track Meet @ SHS

PTA President, Missy Williams

Hello Riviera Roadrunners,

May I just say, I can't believe it's May?! We may be nearing the finish line of the school year, but that doesn't mean the excitement is winding down quite yet! Both the school and PTA calendars are packed full of field trips, assemblies, performances, and after school programs. We finished April with some amazing events here at Riviera!

Thank you to **Rebecca Love** for coordinating our annual career day! I can't believe the variety of professions we had represented here on campus. We are so appreciative to our parents for taking time out of their busy days to inspire our kiddos with tales of the workforce.

Next up, thank you to **Becky Egan** for spearheading Earth Week and coordinating activities that inspired us all to make changes both big and small to help preserve Earth's natural resources and habitats.

Finally, thank you to **Cristina and Scott Cummins,** who once again led our Super Saturday event here on campus. Despite an initial rain delay, we were able to come together to beautify our school, with projects ranging from spring cleaning to gardening.

GALA RECAP

Drumroll please… This newsletter wouldn't be complete without a HUGE thank you to **Chelsea Cook** and her **Gala Committee** for putting on what was truly a Gala to remember. The Casino Royale theme was absolutely perfect… we all put on our party clothes for a night of casino games, live and silent auctions, dancing, food, and best of all, fun with our Riviera family. This event raises substantial funds that help the PTA provide both academic and enrichment programing, but it's an equally important time to strengthen our bonds as a school community.

MOST FUN IN MAY

Amanda Sten has once again scheduled a winner for Restaurant Night… join us Thursday, May 2nd at Riviera Mexican Grill in the Village. It's a perfect time to celebrate an early Cinco de Mayo at a favorite neighborhood restaurant.



PTA President Missy Williams

May 6th through the 10th is our **"Totally Awesome" Teacher Appreciation Week! Sarah Whittington** has planned five days of fun with an 80's theme. We can't wait to recognize our radical rockstar teachers! Please read the attached flyer to see the plan for each day of the week.

Join us for the **Mother Son Sock Hop** on May 10th! **Megan Chandler** has planned yet another amazing family event. There will be a DJ, dinner, dancing, and adorable photo ops. It's the perfect start of Mother's Day weekend, so head over to the cafeteria from 6-8pm in your finest 50's attire!

The **Spring Choral Performance and PTA Association meeting** are being held on May 16th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. The 2nd-5th grade children in chorus have all been working hard to entertain us with their adorable voices under the direction of our choral music teacher **Laura Savitz**.

We will be honoring our community heroes on May 20th during our **Blue Ribbon assembly**. Riviera loves giving thanks to the Police and Military who keep us safe and healthy here in Torrance. Thank you to **Luke Hellinga** for putting together this great day!

The Book Fair is May 20-25! This is definitely a student favorite! Please stop by the cafeteria and check out the curated selection of books, posters, gifts, and more. **Carolyn LaRocca** and **Michelle Simkin** are masters at running this operation, but we will need parent volunteers too. Speaking of books, the week of May 13th will be the last week to check them out of our PTA-funded school library. **Jen Rauzon** has filled our shelves with new books all year, so don't miss out on this final opportunity to borrow a few more.

All My Best, Missy

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The month of **May** is action packed with Teachers Appreciation Week (May 6th-10th), Mother Son Event (May 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.), CAASPP Testing (May 6-31), Field Trips, Spring Chorus Performance (May 16th- 6:00 p.m.), the Spring Book Fair (May 20th) and Portfolio Day on May 24th!

There will also be a **Blue Ribbon Celebration** for Police Officers & those that serve(d) in the military. All parents that have served as police, fire, first responder and/or in the military are invited to attend Riviera flag assembly on May 20th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your service!

Portfolio Day is a very special day for our students to showcase a year's worth of work and growth! Parents are invited onto campus from 10:00-1:00 to view student portfolios! Bring a blanket, backpack chairs or sit at a bench/table on campus and relax, spend time and look through your children's work.

While here, please walk around campus and visit the cafeteria to see the **Adventures In Art Show** and **Book Fair**. Every Riviera student will have a piece of art on display. Visit the Book Fair with your son/daughter to purchase books for summer reading.

Times for Grade Level Visits - Please sign in at your child's classroom!

Classrooms will be open 10am-12pm

School Wide Special Someone Lunch, 12pm-1pm

Bring a picnic blanket & lunch for you & your child/ren.

All Star Student vs Parent Kickball, 1:00

*If you sign your son/daughter off campus after your visit, please sign out at the classroom.



We look forward to seeing all of our Riviera families on Portfolio Day! The front and back gates will be available for entry/exit on Portfolio Day.

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PTA CALENDAR

May dates to calendar

May 1 – 2nd grade aloha performance

May 2 – TK Assembly - Bubblemania & Happy Thoughts Workshop 4th/5th Grade & **RESTAURANT NIGHT @ RIVIERA MEXICAN GRILL**

May 3 – Student Council Heroes & Villains Day & RMS Course Selection Day

May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week & CAASPP Testing

May 7 – National Day of the Teacher

May 8 – School Tour / Taiko Drum Assembly / 4th Gold Rush Meeting

May 9 – PTA Meeting

May 10 – TK / Kinder Mothers Day Tea / Mother Son Sock Hop Dance

May 11 – TUSD Bike Rodeo

May 13 – Flag Wellness Week

May 14 – K Field Trip, Tanaka Farms / 2nd Field Trip, Farmers Market / 3rd (Hicks/Kumagawa) Field Trip, Madrona March

May 15 – Friendship Club / 4th & 5th Sports Panel

May 16 – 3rd Field Trip (Josic/Wood), Madrona March & Chorus Spring Performance 6pm / PTA Association Meeting

May 17 – 5th Grade Field Trip to Riley's Farm

May 20-25 – **CAASPP Testing & Spring Book Fair & Flag / Blue Ribbon Week**

May dates to calendar...continued

May 20 - Student Council - Wear Red, White, & Blue / Walk Thru Revolution

May 21 – K Field Trip to LA Zoo / 4th & 5th Internet Safety Workshop

May 22 – TK Field Trip to Santa Ana Zoo / Walk Thru Revolution / 4th & 5th Internet Safety Workshop

May 23 – 4th & 5th Internet Safety Workshop

May 24 – PORTFOLIO DAY!

10am-12pm Classrooms Open

12pm-1pm Special Someone Lunch

1pm All Star vs. Parents Kick Ball Game

May 27 – Memorial Day Holiday - No School!

May 28 – 1st Field Trip to Aquarium of the Pacific / 4th & 5th Sports Workshop

May 29 – K Assembly - Bubblemania

May 30 – 4th & 5th Sports Workshop

May 31 – Elementary Track Meet @ SHS


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