ISSUE 5 FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Riviera Review

Riviera Elementary PTA | 365 Paseo De Arena, Torrance, CA 90505 | 310-533-4460 | riviera.tusd.org



STAY CONNECTED THIS YEAR:

1

RIVIERA WEBSITE

Important school and district announcements and news.

VIEW

2

E-BLASTS

Weekly reminders, PTA events, and updates.

VIEW

3

PTA CALENDAR

All school and PTA sponsored and school events.

VIEW

Inside This Issue

President's Message page 2

Principal's Message page 3

February dates to calendar page 4

Announcements page 5

Mark Your Calendars!

Feb 8th - 100th Day of School

Feb 12th - No School - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

Feb 16th - Random Acts of Kindness Day & 1st grade Field Trip

Feb 19th - No School - President's Day

Feb 22nd - Riviera's Science Fair in the cafeteria

Feb 22nd - 2nd grade Field Trip

Feb 27th - Spring Picture Day

Feb 28th - iReady Parent Ed Night

Feb 29th - Leap Year & ELMAC #3 Meeting at 9:15

PTA President, Missy Williams



Hello Riviera Roadrunners,

I'm not sure how it happened so quickly, but we can all cross January off our calendars and move on to an exciting month of February Fun here at Riviera. Just like always, the volunteers at our favorite elementary school have been working hard to create another season of memories for everyone here on campus.

HANDBAG BINGO

The PTA finished January with Handbag Bingo on January 27th. This year's event was another amazing success. Yes, we raised money to support all of the programs here at Riviera, but even more importantly we had a blast as a community! The winners of the fabulous designer handbags and raffle items were super lucky, but more than anything the event is about being together. Thank you to **Staci Resnick, Vanessa Hyttenberg,** and their committee for making it all happen.

RIVIERA TALENT SHOW

We're starting off the month of February with our "Little Big Stars" talent show on February 2nd at South High. Once again, **Sacha Mendivil** has put together an amazing show for us all. There is truly so much talent here at Riviera!

Sarah Turk and the 5th grade class have planned a fundraiser for the Talent Show! They are selling floral bouquets from Villa Hermosa, Spirit Grams for the performers, and yummy goodies before the show and during intermission. Thank you for supporting the 5th grade class and their End of Year celebration.

NEXT PTA BOARD

Our amazing nominating committee has completed the slate for next school year's PTA Board and has posted it outside of the office. The election will be held on March 7th at our association meeting, prior to the 3rd grade performance in the cafeteria.

FUN RUN

The "Shamrock Shuffle" Fun Run is racing towards us on March 8th! **Sara McKown** will be sending out student information packets on February 23rd. The committee is looking for volunteers on the day of the event… and I can guarantee you'll have a blast!

CAREER DAY

Save the Date for Career Day on April 17th. **Rebecca Love** is looking for speakers for all classes to inspire our kiddos. Please reach out to her at **rebecca.markovich@gmail.com** if you would like more information!

CASINO ROYALE GALA

While your calendar is out, here's another Save the Date… for our Riviera "Casino Royale" Gala on April 20th! It's going to be an amazing night of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, auctions, casino games, and dancing! Attire is semi-forma and tickets go on sale March 4th. Schedule those babysitters and get ready for a night to remember!

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Finally, thank you to **Motoko Maki** for creating our school Directory. Every family received one copy at the end of last month. Congratulations to the winners of the school art contest! Their masterpieces feature the theme "Together We Shine" and are displayed on the front and back covers to make the directory even more special.

I hope you and your families have a great month taking advantage of all the fun Riviera has to offer. Happy February, everyone!

Warmest regards,
Missy

Principal's Corner

Hello February!

It is hard to believe that the 100th day of school will be here on February 8th. Soon our kindergarteners will be celebrating the 100th day of school, which is always a reminder that time flies when you are having fun at Riviera Elementary School! Speaking of fun… Riviera Student Council has also planned a spirit day on the 100th day of school…and we will all dress like centenarians. No offense to my 100 year old Granny or the 100 year olds that we know and love!

This month is action packed with college visitors from Japan, South Area TK/K Enrollment night, noon leagues, Valentine's Day, field trips, Riviera's Science Fair, Spring photos, iReady Parent Education Night via zoom and Leap Year! So glad we have an extra day in February to squeeze in all of these events. After the 100th day of school, we have 80 days of the school year remaining.

The Riviera STEAM Fair will be held on February 22nd with projects on display in the cafeteria for all to tour. This year, students will be applying and practicing their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math skills, but approaching the projects with a creative or Artistic perspective in inventions and projects. This perspective is based on the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) where students are encouraged to focus not just on results, but on their process, one that includes trial and error, divergent thinking, dynamic problem solving and plenty of perseverance. Thank you to Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Kumagawa and Mr. Musick for organizing this event. Winners from each grade level will advance to TUSDs Science Fair on February 29th @ Torrance High School.

February's Character Counts word of the month is Fairness! Students will learn about:

*playing by the rules *taking turns and sharing *being open minded and listening to others



Missy Williams & Principal Forshey

Our Riviera Peer Mediators are on duty at recess and lunch to assist with minor conflicts and disagreements.

Fairness Awards and Teacher Choice Awards will be presented on Monday, February 26th at morning flag assembly.

TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTA'S THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA STATE PTA

PTA® everychild. onevoice.®

STAY CONNECTED!

RIVIERA PTA WEEKLY E-BLAST
INSTAGRAM
FACEBOOK
PTA CALENDAR

February dates to calendar

Feb 5 – School Counseling Week and college visitor's from Japan

Feb 6 – GATE Workshop after school

Feb 7 – School tour at 9:15

Feb 8 – 100th Day of School- Dress like you are a centenarian

Feb 12th – No School Today- Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

Feb 13th – TK/K/1 music begins with Ms. Catbagan

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb 16 – First grade field trip to Natural History Museum

Feb. 19 – No School Today- Presidents Day Holiday

Feb 21 – Friendship Club @ lunch & Student Council Noon Leagues begin

Feb 22 – Second grade field trip to PV Interpretive Center

Riviera Science Fair in the cafeteria

Feb 26 – School Site Council at 3:30

Feb 27 – Spring Photos

Feb 28 – iReady Parent Night via zoom at 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Feb 29 – LEAP YEAR, ELMAC #3 @ 9:30 and TUSD Science Fair @ Torrance High School

2024 RIVIERA TALENT SHOW

LITTLE BIG SHOTS

STUDENTS CAN PERFORM IN A MAXIMUM OF TWO ACTS (NOT INCLUDING RIVIERA DANCE TEAM, MRS KUMAGAWA'S CLASS & MRS MATSUBARA'S CLASS)



FEB 2ND 6:30PM





TALENT SHOW GOODIES!!!

Floral Bouquets by Villa Hermosa ($12)
Spirit Grams ($2)
Concessions (prices vary)

Limited quantities sold before & during intermission. Cash and venmo accepted

(All proceeds go to the 5th grade fundraiser)

32st Annual

Riviera Fun Run

Riviera Elementary Shamrock Shuffle
Race For Gold!
Friday, March 8, 2024

Look out for Student Information Packets coming home February 23rd…

All students who collect at least $25 in pledges by March 9th will be eligible for some awesome prizes.
Including an **iPad mini** from **Dr. Trotter Orthodontics**.

Can you Volunteer on Event Day, Friday, March 8th?
The Fun Run Committee Needs you!

General Fun Run Questions?
Contact the Fun Run Committee:

Sara McKown – sara.mckown3@gmail.com
Staci Resnick – stacimresnick@gmail.com
Courtney Cress – courtcresspt@gmail.com
Heidi Duncan - maysunshine78@gmail.com

RACE FOR THE GOLD

CAREER DAY 2024

Save the date! Career Day is coming up and we're looking for speakers.

Wednesday, April 17th – Time: TBD



Contact: Rebecca Love 714-981-5901
rebecca.markovich@gmail.com

RIVIERA ELEMENTARY PRESENTS



CASINO *Royale*

36th Annual Riviera Gala
Casino Royale

Join us for a night of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, auctions, casino games, and dancing.

April 20, 2024
6 o'clock in the evening

The Lab
12838 Weber Way, Hawthorne, CA 90250

Semi-Formal Attire

Tickets go on sale March 4
RivieraPTA.com/gala