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Riviera Review

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STAY CONNECTED THIS YEAR:

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RIVIERA WEBSITE

Important school and district announcements and news.

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E-BLASTS

Weekly reminders, PTA events, and updates.

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PTA CALENDAR

All school and PTA sponsored and school events.

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Mark Your Calendars!

December 1-15- Riviera PTA Giving Tree donations for children in need

December 14th- Chorus performs for student body

December 18th- PTA Association Meeting & Riviera Chorus Performance @ SHS Performing Arts Center- 6:00 p.m.

December 20th- Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Spectacular Performance

December 22nd- Winter Break begins...no school

January 8th- Return to School 2024

PTA President, Missy Williams

The Holidays are Here!

Can it really be December already?!!! I hope you all enjoyed a week off from school filled with lots of fun, a bit of relaxation, and most importantly, connection with those you love. The next four weeks here at Riviera will be a whirlwind of learning and enrichment activities.



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

We start the holiday season off with our family-favorite Holiday Craft Fair on December 9th from 10-2pm. **Debra Volpone** and **Vanessa Hyttenburg** have planned an amazing Make-and-Take event where kids create crafts such as keepsake ornaments, festive decorations, and holiday gifts. Preorder the crafts you'd like your child to make online at **www.rivieraptа.com/craft-fair** by **December 5th.** You can check "gifts for family" off your list and have fun at the same time. Win! Oh, and while you're there, don't forget to stop by the Bake Sale and enjoy some delicious holiday treats, organized by **Danica King.** If you'd like to donate baked goods (yes, please!) you can sign up using the link sent out by your child's room parent.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Looking to give back? You still have time to participate in our annual Giving Tree toy drive for local children in need through the Family Crisis Center in Torrance. This special program is coordinated by **Jenny Peters** and runs December 1st through December 15th. **Sign up today**! Our entire community is truly grateful for the generous donations from our Riviera families each year.

RIVIERA CHORUS

I said December was busy, right? Our fabulous Riviera Chorus will have their holiday concert on December 18th at South High School's performing arts center. We'll begin the night with our PTA association meeting at 6pm and then the music fun begins. Come out to support our talented kiddos and get into the holiday spirit!

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

This letter wouldn't be complete without a huge thank you to **Nyssa Wilson** for coordinating our International Fair in November . We are so appreciative to the families who hosted 21 booths representing countries from around the world. They provided us with fun facts, new knowledge, and delicious treats.

ENRICHMENT & FUN

Your children will also be enjoying class parties, Student Council sponsored spirit days, and their second Adventures in Art projects throughout the month of December. The Riviera PTA provides so much enrichment and fun for every child here on campus. I want to thank you all as parents for being such an instrumental part of the first four months of our school year.

As we end 2023, my heart is brimming with gratitude. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, filled with laughter and delight.

Warmly,

Missy Williams

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Principal's Corner

Rounding out 2023 and looking forward to 2024!

Happy December Roadrunner Families - Can you feel the holiday spirit?

Be on the lookout for an Elf on the Shelf & other holiday visitors around campus this month. Be sure to wear lots of festive clothing & holiday attire all month long and participate in Student Council's Holiday Wear and Holiday Hair Dress up day on Thursday, December 21st.

This month, the Character Counts Value Word is **Caring**! This month's lessons will highlight being charitable and showing concern & care for others.

***Be compassionate and caring *Be kind, loving and considerate * Be thankful and express gratitude for what people do for you *Forgive others for their shortcomings *Be charitable- give time, support, comfort, money for the sake of making someone else's life better *Help people in need.**

Riviera students and families can participate in the **Craft Fair** to make gifts for others and our annual **Giving Tree** community event to provide gifts to children less fortunate during the holiday season.

The Riviera **Craft Fair & Bake Sale will be on Saturday, December 9th.** At the fair, students and families make beautiful crafts as keepsakes or for gift giving. The Bake Sale is alway a treat!

The **Giving Tree (December 1st-15th)** is another Riviera tradition where families pick a child and provide a gift for their age/gender. Families can pick a gift recipient by signing up on SignUp Genius. Gifts can be delivered to the office and will be distributed to children in need just in time for the holidays.

Riviera's Kindergarten Class will perform the ***Winter Kinderland Spectacular*** for their parents on Friday, December 15th and for the student body on Wednesday, December 20th.



Missy Williams & Principal Forshey

The **Riviera Chorus will perform on Monday, December 18th** at South High's Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. Riviera families can attend this performance to kick off the holiday season and to participate in the Riviera PTA Association Meeting. The chorus will also perform on November 30th @ Torrance Memorial Hospital's Festival of the Trees, December 4th @ the Torrance Marriott's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and for the student body on Thursday, December 14th.

Winter Break will begin on Friday, December 22nd-January 5th. Have a Happy Holiday Season and we will see you back to school for the New Year on Monday, January 8th, 2024.

STAY CONNECTED!

RIVIERA PTA WEEKLY E-BLAST

INSTAGRAM

FACEBOOK

PTA CALENDAR

THANK YOU!

Big, small and everything in between - it all makes a difference.

"When EVERY family gives, every student WINS!"

Thank you to our 281 families & friends that generously donated to our Annual Giving Campaign and helped raise $166,035 for Riviera Elementary, its teachers and students!

VISIONARY $5000+

Chau-Hicks Family

SPONSORS $2500+

	Cornwall Family	Moura Family	
	Framsted Family	Ulloa Family	

PARTNERS $1500+

Baksh Family	Leighton Family	Nealon Family	Slavik-Fuller Family
Kumiji Family	Miller Family	Nixt Family	Volpone Family

BOOSTERS $1000+

Barrere Family	Fioresi Family	Lent-Mohuchy Family	Resnick Family
Boxer Family	Flores Family	Lumaco Family	Robelotto Family
Brisbin Family	Glinsky Family	Mayo Family	Simmons Family
Chandler Family	He Family	McClurg Family	Vila Family
Cook Family	Henley Family	Megdadi Family	Yiakas Family
Duncan Family	Inukai Family	Pyle Family	
Ellis Family	Kang Family	Renzi Family	

CONTRIBUTORS $730+

Anonymous	Habib Stubbs Family	MacPhee Family	Siadek Family
Beck Family	Hellinga Family	Manross Family	Sobukawa Family
Bollman Family	Hellinga Family	Markovich Family	Stein Family
Boston Family	Hires Family	Mellano Family	Swedlow Family
Brown Family	Hronco Family	Mendez Family	Swensson Family
Cameron Family	Huang Family	Mendivil Family	Thomas Family
Cummins Family	Hyttenberg Family	Moses Family	Turk Family
Davis Family	Jacobson Family	Nguyen Family	Valentino Family
Forrester Family	Krivokopich Family	Palm Family	Willis Family
Gamboa Family	Lawrence Family	Patel Family	Wong Family
Gaul Family	Ling Family	Peralta Family	Younes Family
Gu Family	Love Family	Ripley Family	

ADVOCATES $365+

Agange Family	Goek Family	Ly Family	Sartori Family
Aksam Family	Gonzales Family	Mahon Family	Schenkelberg Family
Allen Family	Gouveia Family	Maki Family	Schnelle Family
Alty Family	Griffiths Family	Marsh Family	Sheehan Family
Anonymous	Guy Family	Martini Family	Simkin Family
Antaniuk Family	Hall Family	Matchison Family	Simons Family
Argetta Family	Han Family	McCowan Family	Smith Family
Avrumson Rosales Family	Haratani Family	McKown Family	Smith Family
Ayad Family	Hattori Family	Menge Family	Smith Family
Baker/Vanevski Family	Hodelin Family	Metzger Family	Song Family
Balanin Family	Hong Family	Mexia Family	Sten Family
Bengerno Family	Hsieh Family	Mihajlovic Family	Tanaka Family
Brown Family	Hwang Family	Miller Family	Tanaka Family
Burrell Family	In Family	Minniti Family	Tanaka Family
Cabrera Family	Irani Family	Montanez Family	Taylor Family
Cade Family	Ito Family	Moyer Family	Teramura Family
Cappiello Family	Ito Family	Musailova Family	Terzian-Zeitounian Family
Cardona Family	Johnston Family	Navedo Family	Theiss Family
Cerise Family	Jones Family	Neilson Family	Thomas Family
Chaplin Family	Jones Family	Newport Family	Tiernan Family
Chen Family	Jordan Family	Nguyen Family	Tolbert Family
Ching Family	Jordan-Perle Family	Nguyen Family	Torres Family
Cimino Family	Jung Family	Nguyen Family	Trang Family
Commerford Family	Junt Family	Nissim Family	Turner Family
Cone Family	Kawai Family	Ochoa Family	Turner-Svaty Family
Conger Family	Kearney Family	Ogden Family	Uchima Family
Cress Family	Keating Family	Oh Family	Van Wier Family
Csaki Family	Keelan Family	Ohara Family	Vanness Family
Dalal Family	Kelly Family	Olson Family	Vassallo Family
Davis Family	Kelly Family	Osumi-Choi Family	Vazquez Family
DeGuzman Family	King Family	Park Family	Vega Family
Demaree Family Family	Kirmer Family	Parker Family	Vigil Family
Derossi Family	Kopf Family	Pearey Family	Villapudua Family
Downes Family	Kownacki Family	Perdue Family	Vo Family
Duncan Family	Kroyan Family	Perkins Family	Wang Family
Egan Family	Kustron Family	Peters Family	Weber Family
Endo Family	LaRocca Family	Pirayesh Family	Weideman Family
Evans Garcia Family	Laun Family	Provisor Family	Welch-Carr Family
Ferris Family	Lay Family	Publicewicz Family	Whittington Family
Feuer Family	Lee Family	Quinn Family	Williams Family
Fields Family	Lee Family	Reisman Family	Williamson Family
Fleming Family	Lerman-Glazer Family	Ryan Family	Wilson Family
Forister Family	Lew Family	Ryder Family	Yang Family
Fuller Family	Liu Family	Sabol Family	Yanohira Family
Funes Family	Liu Family	Saboor Family	Yee Family
Garboushian Family	Long Family	Sagan Family	Yoshino Family
Gobran Family	Luu Family	Salisbury Family	

SUPPORTERS - Up to $364

Chen Family	Hart Family	Tabuchi Family	Vaughn Family
Del Val Family	Karim Family	Taylor Family	

*** For any questions or revisions, please email riviera.pta.agc@gmail.com ***

Riviera Elementary School

Holiday Craft Fair

Join us for crafts, music, and handmade gifts for the holidays!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, December 9th



Riviera's Annual Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, December 9
10:00am-2:00pm
During the Holiday Craft Fair

Stop by our Annual Holiday Bake Sale and pickup some delicious treats!

We need your help to make it happen! If you would like to provide goodies for the bake sale, please sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48A4AB2AAA8-46204151-riviera

RIVIERA GIVING TREE



LET'S SHOW OUR ROADRUNNERS THE KINDNESS IN GIVING BY DONATING TOYS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED FROM THE 1736 CRISIS CENTER IN TORRANCE.

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA SIGN UP GENIUS TO DONATE USING THE QR CODE.

HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0CLCALA92DA5FF-C25-L5L73255-RIVIERA#/

UNWRAPPED AND LABELED TOYS/GIFTS WILL BE COLLECTED IN A BOX IN THE OFFICE
DECEMBER 1ST - 15TH.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JENNY PETERS (626)422-7171
JENNYSUYAT@YAHOO.COM



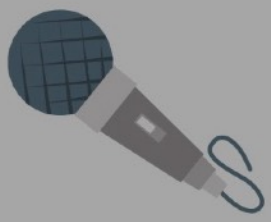


Join the Gala Team

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



IMPORTANT:

Please send your act info to Sacha Mendivil for approval. If applicable please include song and type of act to avoid duplicates.

OPEN TO ALL: MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS, RAPPERS, ACTORS, COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS, ETC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: SACHAMENDIVIL@GMAIL.COM