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Riviera Review

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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!

November 10th- No school - Veterans Day holiday observed

November 13th- Makeup Picture Day

November 14th- PTA Restaurant Night @ Mendocino Farms

November 15th- GATE screening for 4th & 5th grade

November 17th- International Fair after school

November 20th-24th- No School - Thanksgiving Break

PTA President, Missy Williams

With Gratitude...

Happy November to my Riviera Family. This is a month where we focus on gratitude, but I want to express how much I appreciate our Riviera community every day of the year. I get a smile on my face each time I walk through the front gate at school, remembering all of the fun times my kids have had on campus over the years and looking forward to the activities I know are still to come. I hope all of our Riviera children feel that same way when they arrive at school each day!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

I am also hugely thankful to all of the PTA volunteers who work together to bring so many programs to Riviera. Movie Night was a huge success! **Megan Chandler** and **Kim Cesario**, you both really know how to throw an amazing party under the stars. Watching Super Mario Bros. bundled up with all of our friends on the field was truly magical. Thank you to all of the families who donated the delicious food and goodies!

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Another equally anticipated event for the entire family is our International Fair on November 17th. **Nyssa Wilson** is organizing an amazing afternoon where we celebrate the diverse cultures of all of our Riviera students. You will get to sample foods and enjoy cultural displays from approximately 15 different countries. Bring your appetites! If your family would like to participate by hosting a both, please reach out to me as soon as possible.



RUN CLUB

Do you know another PTA program that is up and running? Run Club! **Staci Resnick** leads this energetic group of over 170 kids every Tuesday morning from 8-8:30. At the time this newsletter went to press, 150 runners had made it into the Mile Run Club and received a foot charm. The next milestone is running the equivalent of a 5k, or 3.1 mies (16 laps). Run, Roadrunners, Run!

RED RIBBON WEEK

Thank you to **Allison Williamson** for putting together another creative Red Ribbon Week. The entire school loved dressing up each day to support the message, “Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free!”

THANK YOU!

Let’s see… Adventures in Art, Library, Science Lab, Dance Team, Chorus, Class Parties… our students are enjoying all of these programs too. So much of what PTA does is behind the scenes. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone whose efforts are not front and center but who are here doing things both big and small. The children may not know it, but you are truly enriching their lives every day at school.

With continued gratitude this month and always,
Missy

Principal's Corner

Looking back on October and what's to come!

The Halloween Parade was so much fun and it was great to see all of our families!

The Character Counts value word of the month is **Citizenship**. All grade levels will learn about Citizenship this month.

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.



Thank you to Dr. Argento for serving as Interim Principal @ Riviera for the last month and a half.

You are an amazing principal and Victor Elementary will be happy to have you back! Once a Roadrunner...always a Roadrunner...Beep...Beep.

💗 Mrs. Forshey

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

Our 4th and 5th grade students got to practice voting at the end of October in the Student Council Election. Congratulations to our Student Council Officers and to all of our student leaders that submitted petitions to run, created campaign posters and delivered speeches in front of the student body! Citizenship and teacher choice awards will be awarded at the flag assembly on November 27th.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

November's tradition is also a time to celebrate our diverse learning community. **International Week** will begin on Monday, November 13th and will culminate with the **International Fair** on Friday, 11/17 from 3:30-4:45. Don't miss this family event and celebration of our school community! Students dress in cultural clothing, parents set up country booths with foods & crafts and our students travel to each country (booth) to get a passport stamp and learn about world cultures.

Riviera is a diverse learning community. TUSD families speak over 45 languages and at Riviera, 33 students are learning English as a second language. After English, Japanese, Korean and Spanish are the top home languages spoken by our students.

iREADY FAMILY REPORT

Please note - parents are now able to view a ***Family Report*** in their student's iReady account. Please see the information letter outlining how to access the report and how to interpret and understand the information. **Riviera iReady Letter to Families**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance has been improving! We had a tie this month for the fewest absences. Congratulations to Mrs. Williamson's and Ms. Lucich's classes! Each month is a new opportunity! Our attendance has been consistently up 1-3 % from last year at this same time. Great work!

SKECHERS WALK

Thank you to Riviera's 206 registered **Skechers Friendship Walkers!** $6, 670.00 plus a $1000 bonus for having over 100 walkers will come directly back to Riviera students and school. Character Counts Murals, playground equipment, renovations of the "old" garden are also projects earmarked for the year. A special thank you to Mr. Musick for serving as Riviera's Torrance Education Ambassador this year. Thank you to the following participants:

👉**Roadrunner Team Roster**

Keith Musick (Team Captain)

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FALL BREAK

There is no school the week of November 20th- 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving!. Enjoy this time with family and friends. I am so thankful that our family and community partnerships benefit our students, staff and community each and every day. Enjoy Thanksgiving!

A note from Dr. Argento

I want to express my deep gratitude for the incredible kindness you have shown me in the time I have spent with you. In just 7 weeks I have developed a bond with our students, staff, and families that will not be forgotten. Riviera is truly a home away from home for everyone. Your dedication to your students, community, and each other is evident in all you do. Thank you for letting me be a part of this very special Riviera Family. Welcome back, Mrs. Forshey!

While I am still here, I want to remind you that my door is always open. If you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Wishing you all a wonderful school year! Beep Beep!

Dr. Argento ❤️

STAY CONNECTED!

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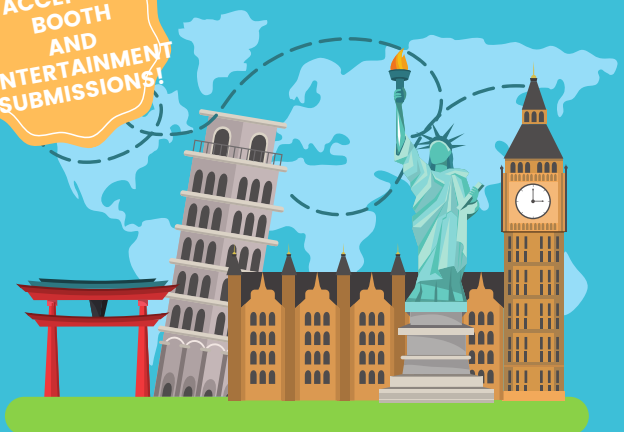
IT IS ALMOST TIME TO TRAVEL

Riviera's International Fair

11.17.23 AFTER SCHOOL

CONTACT NYSSA @ FETANYSSA@GMAIL.COM

NOW ACCEPTING BOOTH AND ENTERTAINMENT SUBMISSIONS!



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

Riviera Elementary School

Holiday Craft Fair

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 9th



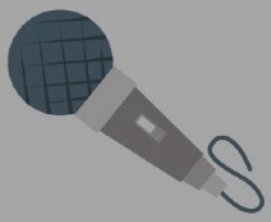


Join the Gala Team

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