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Riviera Review

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Welcome Back, Rivies!

Together We Shine

As we embark on a fun-filled new school year, we invite our students, parents, and staff to join us in fostering a vibrant community built on collaboration, support, and inclusivity. Get ready for an exciting first month filled with memorable events and activities. We are here to support you every step of the way!

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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All school and PTA sponsored and school events.

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Together We Shine

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9/1 Back to School Teacher Luncheon

9/7 PTA Executive Board Meeting (tentative)

9/11-9/15 Book Fair

9/14 Back to School Night, 2:13pm Dismissal

9/14 Association Meeting 7pm

9/25 No School

PTA President, Missy Williams

Welcome back to Riviera for the 2023-2024 school year!

My name is Missy Williams and I am once again your PTA President. This will be my eighth year as part of the Riviera community and I can't tell you how grateful I am to have raised my two children at this gem of a school. For those of you I don't know yet, my son Jack is in fourth grade and my daughter Lucy is in 7th grade at Richardson Middle School. All three of us feel like Riviera is our home away from home and we hope you will too.

Each year the PTA President picks a theme that represents the executive board's goals for the school year. This year our theme will continue to be **Together We Shine**! This message speaks to how grateful we all are to be part of the Riviera community, joining together as one united force to better the lives of all Riviera students.

Your PTA Board has been working hard all summer to plan a full year of enrichment and celebrations. Our annual Expo was a huge success, thanks to **Becky Egan** and her team. We all loved the party atmosphere… reconnecting with friends, eating food, enjoying music, and, of course receiving lots of important information. **Jenny Yiakas** and **Heidi Duncan** spent much of their summer ramping up for our Annual Giving Campaign. To all who donated to our school through AGC, we thank you!! If you'd still like to donate there's time — AGC is extending the Back to School sale through September, while supplies last. No donation is too small to support our our awesome PTA-funded programs and events.

I hope many of you were able to attend our New Parents Tea on the first day of school. **Lauren Csaki** planned a wonderful morning for Riviera's newest families to be welcomed with open arms by both myself and our principal extraordinaire, Mrs. Forshey.

BOOK FAIR SEPTEMBER 11-15

What better way to start the academic year than with our Book Fair! **Carolyn LaRocca** and **Michelle Simkin** have a great event planned for the week of



September 11-15. You can even stop by while you're on campus for Riviera's **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 14th.** Not only that, you can also attend our PTA association meeting on campus that night at 6:30pm. Talk about packing it in!

RIVIE SHOP

While you're on campus you might see folks sporting some stylish Riviera Swag. **Kimber Brown** has designed a great selection of shirts, hats, and more. We sold out of many items at our Expo, but you can still find some great items online in the Rivie Shop. New designs will become available throughout the school year, so keep checking back and show your Riviera spirit! **https://www.rivierapta.com**

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

The Library is a student favorite on campus. Did you know that it is fully funded and run by the PTA and volunteers? **Jen Rauzon** and her committee have worked tirelessly to get everything up to speed and our children should be making weekly visits to check out books by the end of the month.

And finally, morning Valet is up and running from 8:30-9:00 am each day thanks to the coordination of **Suzanne Brown**! Please remember the rules we have in place to ensure the safety of your children, our 5th grade volunteers, and their brave parents.

Here's looking forward to an amazing year!

Warmest regards,
Missy

Principal's Corner, Christie Forshey

September News!

I would like to welcome our students, parents and staff back to school for the 2023-2024 school year! This is my 21st 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 613 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 5** - Science Lab opens for TK-3rd grade small group instruction with Mrs. Glavas, PTA funded Enrichment Teacher.
- **September 5** - YMCA P.E. begins for students in grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 every Tuesday & 4th/5th Music instruction begins with Mrs. Wolff & Ms. Catbagan/ TUSD South Area Music Teachers
- **September 11-15th** - PTA Book Fair in the Cafeteria All Week
- **September 11** - Riviera Dance Team practice begins for interested 4th/5th graders after school from 3:13-4:00 p.m. under the direction of Ms. Matsubara & Mrs. Kumagawa
- **September 14th** - Chorus begins for interested students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades. 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 26** - PTA Restaurant Night @ HT Grille- Join Roadrunner families for dinner. A percentage of proceeds comes back to the Riviera PTA!


Principal Christie Forshey

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th. 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	TK, K, 1st, 2nd Grade Presentations
6:30-7:00	Riviera PTA Meeting outside of the cafe/Book Fair
7:00-7:30	3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Presentations

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PTA President, Missy Williams and I have planned an action packed calendar with monthly family events! Click on the **2023-24 Year at a Glance.pdf 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 October 13th!* 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 Delpergang, Bridgette Ellis, Jacqueline Guy, Julia Kroyan & Ryan Rauzon.

The SSC will meet six times this school year via zoom on 9/26, 10/30, 11/27, 2/26, 3/25 and 5/28 @ 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 26th. SSC is a great way to become involved and learn all about Riviera school.

DISTRICT CATEGORICAL BUDGETS

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	$35,685	English Learners, Foster/Homeless, Low Socioeconomic, At-risk
Student Achievement Funds	$6,240	All students, instructional materials, Gifted/Talented Education Support, School Programs
Extended School Day Funding	Approximately $19,000	Funding for 300 hours of before and after school student support

ISO: ROOM PARENTS FOR: MR. MUSICK, MS. ORMSBY AND MS. LIN

Want to help out your child's class? Being a room parent is a great way to volunteer and to get involved! (FYI: this role doesn't necessarily require your presence often in the classroom ☺
All volunteers must be Raptor approved
*go to **TUSD.org** for information.*

If you are interested in being a room parent please email Ellie Brisbin - **riviera.pta.vp5@gmail.com**



SKECHERS PIER TO PIER FRIENDSHIP WALK

Sunday, October 29th – 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 229 walkers and $7800 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 Roadrunners**
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.

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 - **@rivieraroadrunnertusd** and/or if you are on Facebook, be sure to follow **@RivieraRoadrunners**.

All sources will provide the most current calendar, school and community event information.

Here's to a great year!
Principal Forshey





RESTAURANT NIGHT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Join us for a Restaurant Fundraiser benefitting Riviera Elementary School!

All Day, Lunch or Dinner, Dine in only

No flyer necessary, just tell your server you are dining for Rivera!

HT Grill will give 20% of your bill back to our school!

It's time for our Fall Book Fair!!

9/11/23 – 9/15/23

For a safe and 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.

Students can shop during a class visit or at recess/lunch time.Parents can shop after school!

(Please enter through the teacher parking lot and not through the front office)

Instructions to set-up an e-wallet & preview some books:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rivieraelementaryschool1

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 9/8/23!

Click to Sign Up

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT CAROLYN
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Back to School Annual Giving Campaign Sale extended through September while supplies last!

DONATE TODAY
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Thank you to our Expo Chair **Becky Egan** for all your hard work organizing a fun and successful expo!

RIVIERA
MOVIE NIGHT



MOVIE TBD

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH

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