

September 2016

* Resource Schedule

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	 STUDENTS Don't forget to do your Read and Respond every night—20 minutes of reading and your response (writing)			1 * 3	2 * 4	3
4	 LABOR DAY No School	6 * 5	7 * 1	8 * 2	9 * 3 9:00 am PTO General Mtg	10
11	12 * 4	 Picture DAY 3:45 pm School Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg	14 * 1	15 * 2	16 * 3 \$1 T-Shirt Day for Bowl for Kids Sake	17
18	19 * 4	20 * 5	21 * 1	22 * 2 3:45 pm PTO Executive Board Mtg	23 No School	24 Bowl for Kids' Sake
25	26 * 3	27 * 4 9:00 am Otterly Outstanding	28 * 5 PBIS Sports T-Shirt Day Early Release Students released at 1:15 pm	29 * 1 PTO Catalog Sale Begins	30 * 2	



A Note from the Principal

Only two weeks in and I can already tell that this is going to be a great year! The staff and students are already working hard, and you can feel the excitement at learning new things.

I want to share with you the "Growth Mindset" mentality that we have adopted this year at REE. Staff and students alike are learning that the only failure is in not trying. Natural ability is not priority, as we believe that all students have the capability to learn new ways and skills.

You may also hear your student speak about the power of the word "yet." We are encouraging students to add the "yet" to defeating sentences. For example, "I can't do this...yet" or "I am not good at this...yet." We encourage you to help us support our students in this way at home as well.

There are lots of exciting groups starting up this month. School Advisory Council and PTO will both be having their first meetings. I am most excited about the student groups that are being organized now. Spanish, chess, art, and baton twirling are just a few of the ideas floating around amongst the staff. Be on the lookout for the list when it comes home!

On a personal note, as I approach the one year mark of my diagnosis I am again reminded of how amazing REE truly is. Your love and support during that time still brings grateful tears to my eyes. I will never be able to thank you enough.

My door is always open!

~ Mrs. Walukiewicz

P.S. Every year we create a School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parent Involvement Plan (PIP). Would you please look these over? You can find them on our website under Calendar and Newsletter (right hand column).

Be in the Know!

There are multiple ways to find out what is going on with Rivers Edge! Be sure to connect through them all so you don't miss a minute!



Visit our website at <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/ree/>



Like us on Facebook at Rivers Edge Elementary School



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SLPS has it's own app as well as SKYWARD to keep you up to date on all things.

Parents may access this newsletter/ calendar on our website.

Please go to the St. Lucie School Board website, select "Our Schools," and click on Rivers Edge Elementary. Click on our website and then scroll down to find "Calendar and Newsletter." Click on it and the list will be on the left hand side.

Morning Drop Off

Listed below are some important times to follow when dropping students off in the morning. These times ensure that all students have the opportunity to eat breakfast and that all students arrive to class on time. Thank you for your support!

- **Drop off time begins at 8:15 am.** All vehicles should stay in a single file line. We ask that there is no passing the car in front of you; we unload students from both the passenger and driver's side. Student safety is our first concern.
- **The last breakfast is served at 8:35 am.** If eating breakfast in the cafeteria, students need to be through the line by 8:35 am to receive a meal.
- **A warning bell rings at 8:40 am.** Students should be dropped off by 8:40 am to provide enough time to walk to class. **Anyone not in the classroom by 8:45 am will be marked tardy.**



Drop Off & Pick Up

As our veteran parents will tell you, drop off and pick up the first couple of weeks of school is hectic. Be on the lookout for the map on how to get through the parking lot as quickly as possible.

Please be patient and remember that the staff is working to keep your student safe at all times and ensure they leave with the correct person.



Rainy Day Procedures



Here's hoping we always have sunshine at dismissal, but we do live in Florida. In the event the weather becomes really nasty (thunder, lightning, blowing rain, etc.), the procedures at pick-up will be slightly different. All pick-up students will remain in the cafeteria. As parents pull up to the loading area, we will call students from the cafeteria. **It will be a long process.** We appreciate your patience during these days - and remember safety first!

Celebrations

In compliance with the State of Florida's efforts to impact childhood obesity, treats containing substantial amounts of sugar, salt, or fat will only be allowed for special occasions and on a limited basis. **Cakes, cookies, cupcakes and other treats of this nature** will only be allowed during a child's designated lunch time; however, they must be brought in to school before 8:45 am to give teachers time to evaluate for allergy concerns. All items must be **STORE BOUGHT and PRE-PACKAGED.** Any items brought in for sharing that do not meet the required guidelines will not be delivered to the child's class. Thank you for contributing to the safety and nutritional health of our children. Party invitations are not permitted to be distributed at school.



Skyward Family Access is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Your use of Skyward is voluntary. Through it you can monitor your student's grades and put money in their lunch account. There is also a mobile app available for your phone or tablet. Before you can use Skyward at home or on your phone, you must have a username and password for your account. Visit the school office and ask for Ms. Bowman. She will give you the form to fill out and help you with activating your account. You will be asked to show a picture ID. Students also have a Skyward account, but do not have the same amount of access that parents/guardians are given.



PTO is proud to be your Welcome Wagon for the 2016-17 School Year! New families and veterans can turn to us with any and all questions to help you and your student's experience at REE be the best it can be. Some things to know...

PE & used uniform order forms are available at the front desk. Cash and checks only.

Our first General Meeting will be on **Friday, September 9**, immediately after drop off. The next Board meeting will be on **Thursday, September 22 at 3:45 pm.** Both are in Room 307 and all are invited.

We are excited to be kicking off our yearly Catalog Sale on **Thursday, September 29.** Be looking for the packet coming home with your student.

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is comprised of parents, community members and staff. We meet once a month to advise the principal on multiple school matters. Our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 14 at 3:45 pm** in the Media Center. We are pleased to have Denise Rodriguez from the district office joining us to share the expectations and purpose of the SAC Committee. All are invited to attend.



Big Brothers Big Sisters 'Bowl for Kids' Sake will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at 1:00 pm** at Superplay

USA. There will be a \$1 Jeans Day on **Friday, September 16th** and an additional fundraiser to help raise money for this very meaningful cause. Your support is appreciated.

Sports Shirt Day

On **Wednesday, September 28** students can pay 25 Otter Bucks and wear a Sports Shirt (college, professional, personal team) to school. Shirts need to cover the shoulders and stomach area. Jerseys that are mesh or sleeveless, must wear a t-shirt underneath. ALL other clothing (pants, shoes socks, everything, MUST be in dress code.)

Student Digital Resources

These websites are available for free to students all year long. They are all listed at the Rivers Edge Library homepage. Get there this way:

Go to <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/ree/>
Click on Media Library in the right hand column
Choose Rivers Edge Elementary

Destination Reading and Math	Username: Student ID Password: lunch #
Earobics K-3 Reading	Username: Student ID Password: lunch #
Capstone Digital K-8 Interactive eBooks mycapstonelibrary.com	Username: riversedge Password: school
Kids Infobits K-5 database for beginning researchers	Username: Student
Info Trace Junior Edition K-8 magazines, newspapers and reference books	Username: Student
Gale Virtual Reference Library K-12 eBooks	Username: Student
World Book K-12 online Encyclopedia, eBooks, Biographies, Dramatic Plays worldbookonline.com	Username: stlucie Password: reads
Think Central K-5 Go Math! K-5 Reading - Journeys K-8 Science - Science Fusion	Username: Student ID Password: Student ID
BookFlix	Username: riversedge Password: bookflix
Brainpop and Brainpop Jr.	Username: reeotter Password: reeotter
ABDO States & NFL Database	Username: rivers Password: gold