

September 2017

* Resource Schedule

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1 * 4 8:15 am Safety Patrol Induction Ceremony	2
3	4  No School	5 * 5	6 * 1	7 * 2	8 * 3 9:00 am Volunteer Orientation 2:00 pm Goodies with Grandparents	9
10	11 * 4 3:45 pm Soccer Club	12 * 5	13 * 1 3:45 pm Student Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg	14 * 2	15 * 3	16 ?????? PTO Gardening Day / Rock Party
17	18 * 4 3:45 pm Soccer Club	19 * 5  Picture Day	20 * 1 8:00 am Safety Patrol Mtg 3rd GR Health Screenings	21 * 2  No School Fall Holiday	22 * 3	23 1:00 pm Bowl for Kids Sake
24	25 * 4 3:45 pm Soccer Club	26 * 5 9:15 am Otterly Outstanding 6:30 pm 4th GR Concert	27 * 6 7:45 am Dad's Take Child to School Early Release Students released at 1:15 pm 1:30 pm PTO Mtg	28 * 2	29 * 3  Jersey Day Jeans Day 51	30



A Note from the Principal

Three weeks of school are in the books! Our Otters have done a great job getting back into the flow of things and I appreciate your support and encouragement in this area.



One tree can start a forest,
One smile can begin a friendship,
One hand can lift a soul,
One act can inspire a movement,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One hope can raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care,
One person can make a difference.
Be that ONE today.

This year we are focusing on "The Power of One". In the box to the left is a poster I shared with our staff the week before school started. You may have also noticed the black t-shirts our staff wears on Fridays. On the back it says "Many Beats, One Heart". I truly believe that Rivers Edge is made up of many hearts—from students to staff to families to our community partners. Every single one is vital and contributes to our Heart of Gold.

The thrill I have over where we are pales in comparison to the excitement I feel over the amazing feats I know our students will accomplish this year. Our students are the motivation and passion that drives our many beats into ONE heart. Thank you for all you contribute.

~ Mrs. Walukiewicz

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



Follow us on Twitter at @REE_Principal



Receive texts from REE through Remind by texting @redgee to 81010.



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.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) informs, encourages, and provides opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes. If you are interested in serving as a member our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 3:45 pm in the Media Center.

Volunteer Orientation

If you would like to volunteer at REE, please plan to attend our Volunteer Orientation on **Friday, September 8 at 9 am** in the Media Center.



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 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.



Lunch Schedule

Parents are invited to have lunch with their students on the stage or at one of our many picnic tables outside. Students may stay with parents through the 20 minute recess time that immediately follows lunch. Please be aware that every Wednesday we follow a different schedule.

Class	Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri	Wednesday
Kindergarten	11:45—12:05	11:15—11:35
1st Grade	12:20—12:40	11:35—11:55
2nd Grade	11:05—11:25	12:05—12:25
3rd Grade	10:45—11:05	10:45—11:05
4th Grade	12:15—12:35	11:05—11:25
5th Grade	11:30—11:50	10:35—10:55



Rivers Edge teachers and staff will be participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser event on **September 23rd** at Superplay USA. To help support this worthy cause, we will be having a Jeans Day on Friday, September 15th. Students can pay \$1.00 to wear jeans with their uniform shirt. Also, students will have a chance to pie a teacher in the face. Tickets will be sold from September 11th through September 15th in the cafeteria during breakfast. A ticket will cost \$1.00, and all students who purchase a ticket will get to go to the event. Also, there will be a drawing to determine which student from each grade level will be able to pie a teacher. Finally, during the week of 9/11/17, students will have an opportunity to donate loose change and have a positive effect on another child's life. There will be a jug on the stage in the cafeteria where students will be able to donate some loose change during their breakfast and lunch times.

Your support is appreciated!



PE & used uniform order forms are available at the front desk of the school. Orders will be filled on a regular basis the first month of school and then will be filled once a week. Cash and checks only.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27 at 1:30 pm in Room 307** and **ALL** are invited.

Drop Off and Pick Up Lines

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.

ALSO—please be sure to have the pink paper on the dash of your car so that staff can identify you quickly.



Rainy Day Procedures

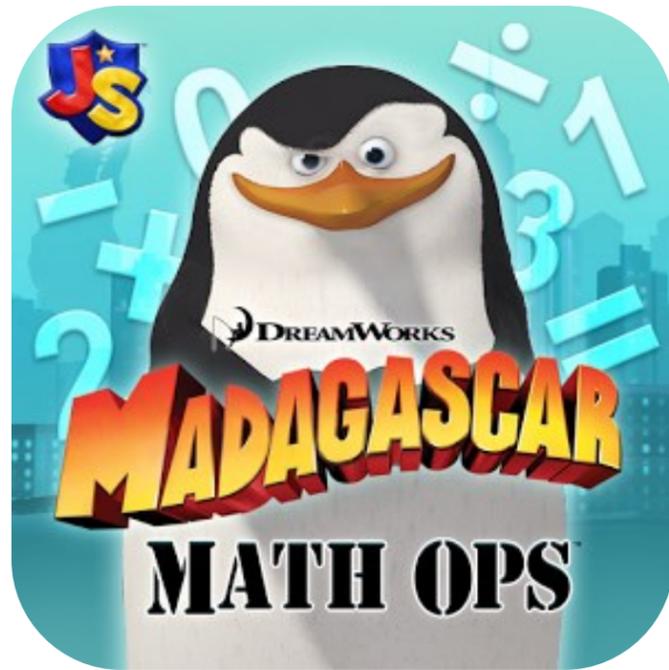
Here's hoping we always have sunshine at dismissal, but we do live in Florida. In the event the weather becomes really nasty (thunder, lightning, blowing rain, etc.), the procedures at pick-up will be slightly different. All pick-up students will remain in the cafeteria. As parents pull up to the loading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



Microsoft's Student Advantage Program provides free download of the full versions of Microsoft Office—Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access, etc.) for all St. Lucie County students, in District operated schools, for use on their personal and mobile devices. District students can download the software on up to 5 devices. Go to the St. Lucie County website—www.stlucie.k12.fl.us—and click on the parents and students tab. The link is in the right hand column of that page with the instructions on how to download and sign in. You will need your student's ID (562#) and their lunch number.

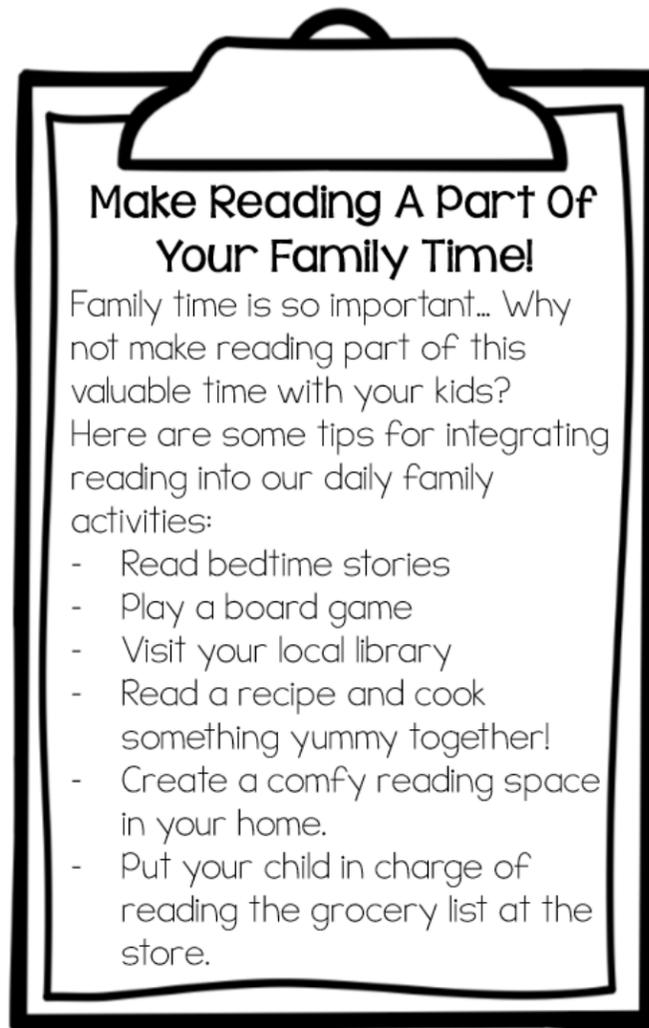


Skyward Family Access is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Your use of Skyward is voluntary. Through it you can monitor your student's grades and put money in their lunch account(s). There is also a mobile app available for your phone or tablet. Before you 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. Ruby. 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 can also have a Skyward account, but do not have the same amount of access that parents/guardians are given.



Free in the app store, your child is sure to love **Madagascar**.

Madagascar is a fun and engaging way to promote fact fluency and mathematical thinking. In this kid-friendly app, kids solve math problems to free the Zoosters. After solving the math problem, kids then play an angry bird like game to break the cages where the Zoosters are kept. The math problems include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and are designed for elementary school students.



Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.



Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!