

# January 2018

\* Resource Schedule

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> * 3  3:15 pm Soccer Club	<b>9</b> * 4	<b>10</b> * 5	<b>11</b> * 1 7:15 am K/1st STEAM Club 7:30 am Wilderness Club 7:50 am Baton Twirlers Club  3:30 pm Odyssey of the Mind	<b>12</b> * 2 7:45 am Environmental Club 7:50 am Chess Club	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>No School</b>	<b>16</b> * 3	<b>17</b> * 4 8:00 am Safety Patrol Meeting  3:45 pm Student Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg	<b>18</b> * 5 7:15 am 2nd/3rd STEAM Club 7:30 am Wilderness Club 7:50 am Baton Twirlers Club  3:30 pm Odyssey of the Mind	<b>19</b> * 1 7:45 am Environmental Club 7:50 am Chess Club  <b>Report Cards</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> * 2  3:15 pm Soccer Club	<b>23</b> * 3  5th Grade Group Picture	<b>24</b> * 4  <b>Early Release</b> Students released at 1:15 pm  1:30 pm PTO Mtg	<b>25</b> * 5 7:30 am Wilderness Club 7:50 am Baton Twirlers Club  3:30 pm Odyssey of the Mind 6:30 pm 2nd GR Concert	<b>26</b> * 1 7:45 am Environmental Club 7:50 am Chess Club  	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> * 2  3:15 pm Soccer Club	<b>30</b> * 3  9:15 am Otterly Outstanding	<b>31</b> * 4	<b>1</b> * 5 7:30 am Wilderness Club 7:50 am Baton Twirlers Club 9:00 am 3rd GR Honor Roll Assembly 9:50 am 4th GR Honor Roll Assembly 11:30 am Principal's Honor Roll Lunch 2:15 pm 5th GR Honor Roll Assembly 3:30 pm Odyssey of the Mind	<b>2</b>  <b>No School</b>	



## A Note from the Principal

It's a new year and the time where most people make resolutions. The motivation to improve ourselves in some way is felt by all. I propose, that sometimes, there is very little that really needs to be changed. Our staff and students have been working hard since August, and we are going to continue with what we have already started. Every grade is learning and growing in multiple ways, and we know that the two keys of success are hard work and parental support. We are very fortunate to have both here at REE! So, there will not be any big changes at REE this new year, as we are already on the path for success.

Our staff and students have also been busy bees working on a couple of future events. Make plans to attend the Martin Luther King parade on Monday, January 15. Our committee has been working hard to create a wonderful float. Our St Lucie County Fair committee has been planning a magnificent display for the fair. Be sure to visit the fair and vote for our booth!

January also brings 5th grade completing their science fair projects. This assignment brings out the fun of science and our students enjoy their experiments, while learning the proper way to present them. Be on the lookout for the date and time where you can observe the hard work our 5th graders have completed.

Here's to a new year and the person you already are!

As always, my door is open,

~ Mrs. Walukiewicz

**"If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone" - John Maxwell**

## 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 its 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.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Lines

As our veteran parents will tell you, drop off and pick up can be 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. This is our way of knowing you are on the list to pick up the student.



## 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!

## Signing Out Early

Did you know that signing your student out early counts as an unexcused tardy? And that 5 unexcused tardies become an unexcused absence? REE teachers plan out their instructional time through to 3:15 pm, so having your student in school the entire day is highly beneficial. As stated in the student handbook, students will not be released from class after 2:45 pm without administrative approval.



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade

This year REE is excited to announce that we will have our very own baton twirlers and cheerleaders marching in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade! Come out on **Monday, January 15 at 10 am** to watch! The parade route is on 25th Street, beginning at Avenue D and ending at Rhode Island Avenue. If you are marching in the parade with REE, please reference your letter home for the time and place to meet.



## Testing Dates (Tentative)

The Florida State Assessment (FSA) is just around the corner. We want to give parents of 3rd through 5th Graders the tentative schedule we have so far, so that arrangements can be made to be in town during these dates.

March 6th & 7th—4th & 5th Grade Writing Week of April 16\*—3rd & 5th GR Reading Week of April 23\*—4th GR Reading Week of April 30\*—3rd GR Math Week of May 7\*—4th GR Math Week of May 14\*—5th GR Math

*\*Testing will fall on dates during this time frame—students will not be tested every day of this time frame.*

## 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. Also, party invitations are not permitted to be distributed at school.



# growth mindset what is it?

We used to think that our intelligence was fixed - meaning we were either smart or we weren't. Scientists have proven again and again that simply is not true. Our brain acts like a muscle - the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.



# ways to help your child

### TALK ABOUT IT

Talk with your child about his or her day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:

- Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn?
- What did you do that was difficult today?

### PRAISE THE PROCESS

Instead of saying, "You're so smart!" praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative. You can say something like:  
- "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"

### HELP THEM CHANGE THEIR DIALOGUE

The way your child talks to himself makes a huge impact on his mindset. If he says, "This is too hard!" help him change that to "I can't do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give him the words to say when he is feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!

### ENCOURAGE FAILURE (say what?!)

Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and it is okay! Remind her that each time she fails and tries again, her brain is growing stronger! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure - this is how she learns to persevere in the face of challenges.

### THE BRAIN CAN GROW!

Remind your child that his or her intelligence is not fixed. Remind her that when things are difficult, her brain grows if she persists through the challenge. Each time she learns something new, her brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible!



# Thank You

To ALL of our Business Partners that have donated to REE :



**Giordano's Florist**  
(772) 465-4119

Donated flower arrangements for Otterly Outstanding.



**Publix at St. James**  
(772) 878-6119

Donated balloons for Otterly Outstanding.



**Wendy's / Midway & USI**  
Donated coupons to Otterly Outstanding students.



**Big Apple on Bayshore**  
(772) 871-6627

Donated coupons for a slice and a drink to Otterly Outstanding students.



**Superplay USA / (772) 408-5800**

Donated a coupon for a free game of laser tag to Otterly Outstanding students.

Would you like to see your business listed here? Going home to all the students in the school? Please contact our Business Partner Coordinator at 772-785-5626.

## Otterly Outstanding

Congratulations to the following students...

### Kindergarten

Alexander—Kayleigh Llama  
Bradley—Derek Forteau  
Fischer—Sebastien Fenelus  
Frebertshauser—Joey Lane  
Holbert—Giselle Murillo-Rivera

### 1st Grade

Carr—Jason Vollrath  
Doole—Mikey Rangel  
Hodgson—Alease Hall  
Quinones—Avory Wolford  
Zaragoza—Walter Martinez  
Young—Kane Ricard

### 2nd Grade

Brown—Trevor Johnson  
Kaste—Garrett Henkel  
Anglin—Juan Gabriel Sanchez  
Dowlat—Jeffrey Jackson  
Votino—Alexia Moore

### 3rd Grade

Fitzgerald—Aolani Martinez  
Hyde—Sydney Fletcher  
Jaramillo—Nicholas Forero  
Jean—Jasmine Evans  
Moler—Emmett Mounts  
Montoya—Julyenis Cardona

### 4th Grade

Foley—Gabe Johnson  
Slappey, C.—Gabrielle Oddo  
McCluskey—Kaleel Dennis  
Owens—Makailah Aristide  
Power—Leylani Skrine  
Ramsey—Tyler Campbell

### 5th Grade

Easom—Nicholas Nobles  
Garcia—Kevin Cintron  
Redding—Manuel Garcia  
Schroeder—Fabian Flores  
Schwettman—Casey Callahan  
Slappey, A.—Mauro Palomar

### Resource

Dowd—Max Zaragoza  
Epting—Amelia Slappey  
Gardner—Alexandrea Farmer  
Price—Bianca Fordin  
Ray—Madalyn Varney

## 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 [www.stlucie.k12.fl.us](http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us)

Hold your pointer over Parents and Students  
Choose Elementary Resources

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