

January 2019							* Resource Schedule
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7 Teacher Workday	8 * 5 Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club	9 * 1	10 * 2 Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th)	11 * 3	12 REE Family Fun Day 12 pm to 2 pm	
13	14 * 4 Soccer Club Cheerleading Club Student Council Officers 3:30 pm	15 * 5 Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club Student Council Representatives 7:30 am	16 * 1 SAC Mtg. 3:45 pm	17 * 2 PTO meeting 3:30 pm Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th) Odyssey of the Mind Club	18 * 3	19	
20	21 No School Holiday MLK	22 * 4 Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club	23 * 5 Early Release Students released at 1:15 pm	24 * 1 Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th) Odyssey of the Mind Club	25 * 2 Spaghetti Movie Night	26	
27	28 * 3 Soccer Club Cheerleading Club	29 * 4 Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club Otterly Outstanding 9:30 am	30 * 5 Honors Assemblies 3rd - 10 am 4th - 2:15 pm 5th - 9 am Principal Honor Roll Luncheon 11:30 am	31 * 1 PBIS Jersey Day \$1	No School Teacher Workday		

Rivers Edge Elementary



Otter News

"The School with a 'Heart of Gold'"

TOGETHER WE RISE!



January 2019

A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope everyone was able to spend some quality time with family, friends and loved ones over the break. All the best in 2019.

We are working on establishing routines as we continue to push forward with learning. Re-establishing routines and relationships are essential components in increasing student achievement and building long-term capacity. Expectations for dismissal, cafeteria, transitions, playground, behavior, and dress code are being reviewed in order to foster our Single School Culture.

Just a few of the exciting events happening this month are the MLK parade, REE family fun day and spaghetti / movie night. Make plans to join in on the fun.

As always, my door is always open.

~ Mrs. Walukiewicz



Be in the Know!

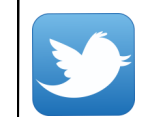
There are multiple ways to find out what is going on with Rivers Edge! Be sure to connect through them all so you don't miss a minute!



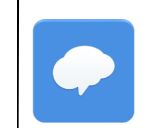
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SLPS has it's own app as well as SKYWARD to keep you up to date on all things.

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.

Grade Level News

Second Grade - Wow! Can you believe it is January already? We are heading into the 3rd nine weeks of school. As of now, students will be reading all district unit tests in ELA and math on their own. In math, we will be working on place value within 1000 and addition and subtraction within 1000. We will also be sharpening up our comprehension strategies, as well as learning how to read passages and answering questions on our own. In science, we will be learning about motion, Earth structures, Earth systems, and patterns. We are looking forward to a great 3rd quarter!

Third Grade - Third grade ended 2018 with a wonderful holiday party!! As we enter the New Year, we will continue to learn about Maps & Globes. We will learn about all the various maps and their purpose, as well as how to use them. We will focus on fine tuning our grammatical skills through a focused language and editing task each week. In math, all students will focus on memorizing their multiplication facts at a greater speed. Each week they will focus on a multiple and earn part of their sundae for the Ice Cream Sundae Party we will have on March 25th! Be on the lookout for a flyer that will contain resources to aide in assisting your child at home. In January, we will learn all about fractions with a denominator of 2, 3, 4, 6, & 8. All of the Third Grade Teachers wish you a prosperous and joyous New Year!

Fourth Grade - Fourth grade has been learning about how the Seminole Indians are strong people and used their environment to their advantage. They have also been discovering theme and main idea in Reading. In the world of math, students are comparing decimals and fractions. Our new writing focus is staying on topic!

In math, we will be working on adding and subtracting fractions, comparing fractions and decimals, and multiplying fractions. Make sure you know your multiplication facts! In science, we will continue studying motion.

Just for FUN

Q: Why did the student eat his homework?
A: Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

Fifth Grade - In Fifth Grade, we are very excited to welcome our students back in 2019! In January, our focus in math is geometry, with a focus on two-dimensional shapes. In science, we will explore Earth systems and patterns, including how climate zones effect weather and the water cycle. In reading, we will be supporting the science curriculum and reading text focused on earth systems. In writing, our January target is maintaining the correct focus throughout their entire essay.

Gifted / High Achieving - Third through fifth GHA is going up, up, and away! In Reading, we are comparing two texts, and looking at point of view for all grades! In math, third grade will understand concepts of area and be able to relate area to multiplication (PLEASE KEEP WORKING ON FLUENCY) and to addition. Fourth grade will learn how to add and subtract fractions. Fifth grade will word with two dimensional shapes and understanding how to classify them, Finally, our scientists are studying about air and space, so we will culminate this unit with a field trip to the Kennedy Space Center in January!



FORTIFYFL is an app that anyone can download to a cell phone. It allows students, parents, and teachers to feel secure reporting possible crimes, threats, or unsafe situations anonymously through an easy-to-use-app.

Resource Report Media with Mrs. Gardner

Kinder Families - Your child will be selecting a library book to take home. Students have been taught to treat their library book like it is their baby – keep it safe and handle it gently! Students know that if a book is damaged or lost, they must pay for the book. (Please note that the kindergarten book section only has paperback or low cost hardcover books to keep replacement cost at a minimum.) Our goal for the remainder of the school year is to help kindergartners become responsible library citizens: follow procedures to check out a library book, keep it safe, and return the book on their next media resource day. We are asking you to help your child follow the book care rules he or she has learned in the library:

- o Keep books in a safe place away from pets and young children
- o Read with clean, gentle hands
- o Do not eat or drink while reading a book
- o Do not color, draw, or write in books
- o Return the book to the media center on their next media day. Note: Books must be returned before another book may be checked out!

PE with Coach Ray

For the last several weeks the students have been training for the mile run. This week they were able to use that practice as they ran. Many students were very impressive with the times that they had. We are very proud of how the students have responded to training for the mile run and the other events that they did for The President's Physical Fitness Program. River's Edge students are GREAT!!!

Special Dress Days

Students can support PBIS on Thursday, January 31 by wearing a jersey for \$1. Students can wear jeans or jean shorts (no rips or tears). Jean shorts must be at least fingertip in length.

Otterly Outstanding

Congratulations to the Following Students:

Kindergarten
Bradley – Mayra Sanchez-Rubio
Fischer – Anthony Muniz
Freberthausen - Zaniya Morgan
Holbert - Tristen Angeline
Jaramillo – Giuliana Giralt
Hoffman – Jordan Acosta



First Grade
Carlin – Marlon D. Santos
Carr – Brayden Garrigus
Doole -Jacob Neely
Hodgson – Sofia Votino
Zaragoza – Emily Cunningham
Epting – Derek Forteau
Price – Kylie Ullrich



Second Grade
Brown – Brianna Taveras
Kaste – Jason Vollrath
Miller – Gia Matteo
Girling – Sophia Leeftang
Votino – Callie Guercio



Third Grade
Fawcett - James Larson
Hyde – Justin Keller
Jean – Christopher Nemorin
Moler – Amaury Perez
Waffner – Sophia Williams
Redding – Evelyn Votino
Gardner – Florence Amisial
Young – Kenneth Ganetis

Fourth Grade
Owens – Alejandra Garcia Ureno
Power – Devin Brooks
Ramsey – Isabella Lamattina
Slappey – Jasmine Evans
Brehm – Tamario McLeod
Ray – Jason (Oliver) Epperson



Fifth Grade
Madden – Dylan Franklin
Reynolds – Diana Correa
Schroeder – Adrianna Harlin
Slappey – Jordan Rathbun
Woulard - Antonio Johnson
Garcia – Evan Gregory
Epting - Ja'Mari Arnold





We are so excited to be producing *The Jungle Book Kids* this year at Rivers Edge Elementary! This will be a great experience for all of our students, staff members, and parents who are involved. As a part of The Jungle Book Kids cast, students will work together to memorize lines, lyrics, blocking (movement in acting), and choreography to put on a show for their families and community. Our staff members will be working on helping students with blocking, choreography, singing, and costuming. Meanwhile, our volunteer parents will help us to create wonderful sets for our musical. So far, we have had auditions, and our cast list of 40 students has been sent out. We are so thankful to the 150 students who auditioned for the musical, and we hope to see everyone again next year! For our cast students, there will be a parent meeting on Thursday, January 10th. If you or a loved one has any questions on how to become involved with our musical, please reach out to Mr. Epting.

S.T.A.G.E.

We are so excited to be returning to school this January. During the first semester, students worked on Monologues, Duet Acting Scenes, Ensemble Pieces, and Pantomimes. They were able to participate in many games such as My Chair and Why Are You Late? As the year continues, we hope to be able to work on musical and technical pieces such as choreography, directing, and set construction. S.T.A.G.E. continues to take place every Tuesday morning starting at 7:30. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Gardner at tiffany.gardner@stlucieschools.org



Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 17 at 3:30 pm in Room 307.

ALL are invited.

I have a GROWTH MINDSET!



Big Brothers, Big Sisters offers our students the opportunity to work with an "adult friend" who helps to guide their academic, social, and behavioral efforts. The program offers school-based mentoring and tutoring on school grounds for K-3rd grade students, as well as community-based mentoring for our older students. Please reach out to our guidance counselor, Ms. Romano, for an application.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade



Come out on Monday, January 21 to watch the parade. If you are marching in the parade with REE, please reference your letter home for the time and place to meet.



The School with a of Gold

School Uniforms We know you have a choice in St. Lucie County and we are excited you chose Rivers Edge for your student's elementary education! We appreciate you supporting our mandatory uniform dress code. Rivers Edge Elementary uniform dress code policy reflects pride and unity and demonstrates that school is a place to study and learn. The proven benefits of a uniform dress code include: increased focus on teaching and learning; reduced distraction, peer pressure, and behavioral issues; strengthened school pride, and improved school safety. We believe that the school's climate will enable each student to experience personal success and develop into lifelong learners.

The following is the uniform dress code for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.
If it is not listed below, then it is NOT acceptable to wear to school.

Shirts	Short or long sleeved, collared polo or button down shirts in solid white, navy blue, light blue or hunter green. Logos not larger than 1" (size of a quarter). Shirts must be tucked in at all time while on campus.
Shorts & Pants	Traditional style uniform shorts in solid navy blue, khaki or REE plaid. No jeans. No cargo shorts or pants. Shorts can NOT be shorter than fingertip length. All bottoms (pants, shorts, skorts) should be worn at the waist. If pants, shorts or skorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
Capris, Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers (Girls), Polo Dresses	Solid navy blue, khaki or REE plaid. Must be knee length. NOT to be shorter than fingertip length. Uniform style jumpers & polo style dresses only.
Sweatshirts, Cardigans, Sweaters	Solid white, navy blue, light blue or hunter green – can have a hood if it has a zippered front. School logo sweatshirts sold through PTO are permissible. All sweatshirts and sweaters must have a uniform appropriate shirt worn underneath with collar showing.
Shoes	Enclosed athletic (sneakers) and no-heeled, enclosed dress shoes. No boots of any style, flip flops, or sandals of any style.
Leggings, socks, tights	If leggings are worn, they must be worn under school approved clothing. Socks SHOULD be worn for health reasons.
Belts	Solid leather or cloth colored belt is acceptable in school colors, REE plaid, black or brown.
Ties	REE plaid, solid white, navy blue, light blue or hunter green.
Grooming	Natural colored hair; Small head bands, bows and clips in any color; Small jewelry (earrings and necklaces); due to possible health issues cologne, perfumes and strong smelling soaps are not allowed.
PTO items	Any clothing sold through PTO is permissible to wear on any day.

The uniform dress code will be strictly enforced. We do expect parents to monitor at home before the child leaves for school. Please contact Rivers Edge Elementary if you have any further questions at 772.785.5600.

