

September 2019						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 No School  Labor Day	3	4  PTO Welcome Meeting 3:30	5	6  Jeans Day for Bowl for Kids Sake \$1	7
8	9	10	11 School Advisory Council SAC Meeting  Picture Day	12	13 Hawaiian Day PBIS \$1 	
15	16	17	18  3rd Grade Vision/Hearing Screening	19	20 No School  Teacher Professional Day	21
22	23	24  Otterly Outstanding Student of the Month 2:15 pm	25  Dads Take Your Child to School 7:30am	26	27  Book Fair Begins (Shop on Media Resource Day)  College Jersey Day PBIS \$1	28
29	30					



### A Note from the Principal

Welcome to Rivers Edge Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. For students and families returning to our campus, we are so glad that you continue to make our school your elementary home. For those of you that are new to Rivers Edge, we are “The School with the Heart of Gold”, and we hope you find that to be true.



As we all settle in this new school year, I would like to take the time to introduce myself to you. While this is my first year as principal at Rivers Edge Elementary, I had the privilege to serve as a Math Coach and Assistant Principal from 2014-2018. When I was given the opportunity to return to Rivers Edge, it truly felt like I was coming home. It has been a joy to see the smiling faces and receive hugs from students that I had the pleasure to watch learn and grow over the last few years.

If you are wondering how you can get involved, our School Advisory Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3:45 in the Media Center. Also, if you are interested in helping with family events, PTO is a wonderful organization that supports our school and helps connect our families. Finally, be sure to come to family events that are posted in the calendar. Our school tries to have at least two events a month, and we would love to see you.

~ Mrs. Ingersoll

### 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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Receive texts from REE through Class Tag



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

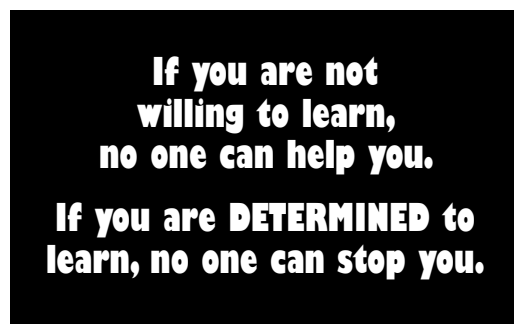
Parents may access this newsletter/ calendar on our website. Please go to the St. Lucie School Board website, select “Our Schools,” and click on Rivers Edge Elementary. Click on our website and then scroll down to find “Calendar and News- letter.” Click on it and the list will be on the left hand side.



We would like to invite all of our families to our **DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY** event on September 25, 2019, 7:30 - 8:15a.m. We encourage all fathers to take their children to school and enjoy donuts and coffee with their child.

All father figures are welcome, including: stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant male role models. Although the event is centered on fathers, mothers and other family members are also invited to participate.

This initiative's intent is to highlight the significant difference fathers and father figures can make by taking a more active role in their children's educational experience. When fathers play a more active role in a child's education, children perform better academically, have fewer discipline problems, and become more responsible adults. We hope all fathers will take this opportunity to become more familiar with our school and staff, and that you will return often.



## Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters 'Bowl for Kids' Sake will take place on Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 am at Superplay USA. There will be a \$1 Jeans Day on Friday, September 6th to help raise money for this very meaningful cause. Your support is appreciated.



## Special Dress Days

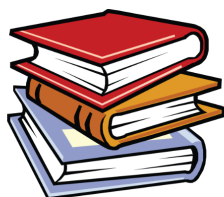
**Picture Day - September 11th** Students should be in Rivers Edge dress code for picture day.

**Hawaiian Day— September 13** Students can wear a Hawaiian print shirt or dress. Dresses should cover the shoulders and be at least knee length. Denim Jeans (long pants) with *NO rips or holes* can be worn. No jean shorts permitted.

**College Jersey Day - September 27** Students can wear a college t-shirt or college jersey. Shoulders should be covered. If wearing a tank, an undershirt covering the shoulders must be worn. Denim Jeans (long pants) with *NO rips or holes* can be worn. No jean shorts permitted.

## Book Fair

We need volunteers...we need YOU! Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Scholastic book fair runs from September 27th - October 4th. Contact media specialist Mrs. Pittman at 785-5608 to volunteer.



## Resource Report

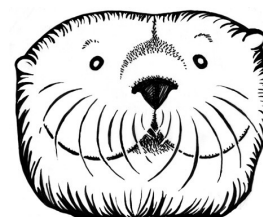
Media with Mrs. Pittman



Hello Rivers Edge Students and Families! I am the new Media Specialist and I am very excited to be here! Rivers Edge Elementary is truly a special place and I am so glad to be a part of such a wonderful school! I look forward to getting to know all the students as the year progresses. Mrs. Troha is still here and is a huge help. She is also a friendly, familiar face for the students. My goal for the Media Center is to create a place the students can come, rejuvenate their spirits and minds by having some quiet time in the day while falling in love with books and reading. We will continue "Reading Counts" for 2nd grade through 5th grade. The process will be the same as last year, but if parents have any questions, please feel free to contact me (email is the best method). Again I am thrilled to be here and anticipate a fantastic year!

## Music with Mrs. Girling

My name is Deborah Girling and I am very excited to be the Music Resource teacher! We have BIG plans for music this year with Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade having their own concerts; 3rd-5th Grade Choir having a winter and spring concert and another amazing musical (the title is a secret!). Be on the lookout for dates and permission slips for your student to be part of these events. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and am thrilled to have every student come to music each week!



## PE with Coach Hoffman & Coach Ray

Welcome Back Otters!!

It has been so nice to see your smiling faces and to meet our new Otters at PE the last 2 weeks! We hope that you have had a great summer and are enjoying being back at school. A few things to remember on PE days...

Please always wear sneakers on your PE days.

Sneakers need to have a tongue so that the top of your foot is covered and protected.

Do not bring outerwear out to PE. Once the cooler weather comes you will be able to wear sweat-shirts and jackets but for right now it is much too hot.

Girls, if you are wearing dresses or skirts on PE days, please remember that you must have on shorts or leggings underneath. We will be running laps every day we come to PE. We have water fountains out at PE so please do not bring your water bottles. **ABSOLUTELY** no gum or candy at PE. If for some reason you are not allowed to participate, we need a note from home stating why. If it is a medical reason and it will be for longer than a day, then we will need a doctor's note.

We are looking forward to a great year together!

We are going to be doing some different activities and games this year. We can't wait for the year to get going!!



## 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!



## Grade Level News

### Kindergarten

Off we go to Kindergarten! The Kindergarten Teachers welcome their students and families to Rivers Edge Elementary. August has been a time for making new friends and getting adjusted to the daily routine. In Reading, the students are discussing about their favorite things by drawing pictures inside a circle map. They are also talking about different kinds of feelings. Numbers are all around us. Our Kindergartners see numbers on their name tags, bus tags, lunch tags, and on the calendar. In Math, our students are learning to recognize the number, count the objects, and write the number.

### 1ST GRADE

What a great start to the new school year. First grade students have been busy meeting new friends, building new relationships, and catching up with friends from Kindergarten. We have started the SFA reading program, so please don't forget to sit with your child and work through the Read and Respond homework every school night. Math has re-introduced 2 dimensional shapes. Take a walk around your house and have your child name some 2D shapes that they see.

### 2nd

In second grade, we have just finished up iReady testing for math and reading. We are now working on small group instruction for Reading. We are learning how to ask and answer questions, compare stories, and using context clues. In math, we have been working on one and two-step word problems, place value, and adding and subtracting within 20. Please continue to read with your child at home each night!

### 3RD

Third grade is off to a great start. We kicked off the year reviewing adding & subtracting. We will be moving into multiplication in the next couple of weeks. Currently we are learning all about our civil duties and the branches & levels of government. We are super excited to start our next unit in 2 weeks on the practices of science. We will learn about the roles of both scientists and engineers. We have some awesome activities planned!!!! If you haven't already done so, please reach out to your child's teacher and ask for the code to their Class Tag. We are looking forward to a super spectacular September!



Fourth Grade is off to a fabulous start this year. During the first week of school we practiced rules and expectations, talked a great deal about kindness and citizenship and learned how to be a successful caring member of the community. Now that procedures are under way we are tackling place value in Math and learning how scientists investigate the world around them through Reading, Writing, Science, and hands on application. We are also learning new academic vocabulary and making connections in learning.



Hello from the 5th Grade team!! A lot is going on with us, so here are a few items to get started with: Sea World permission slips are being sent home with a slight difference from the previous year; The monthly payments are now \$20 per month which hopefully we will get more attendees. Smelly pencils will be on sale in the cafeteria in the morning within the next couple of weeks. We will be asking students to eat breakfast first before standing in line to purchase a pencil. Finally, Safety Patrol applications were sent home with students last week and Mr. Madden in collaboration with 5th Grade Teachers will select students who demonstrate leadership and follow all Rivers Edge Expectations.

### Gifted / High Achieving Team

#### Content and writing is busy!

Third grade is learning about Government and Civic Participation. We've been exploring about civic virtues and how they can be a good citizen in their communities!

Fourth grade is learning about the Practice of Science. We've learned about how science and engineering build on each other and about the types of variables used in experiments.

Fifth grade is learning about the Nature of Science. We've been learning about hurricanes, how they form, and what makes them so dangerous.

#### Our mathematicians are working overtime!

All classes will round up their first units in September.

3rd grade will understand place value and be able to use place value to add and subtract whole number. Unit 2 will be working with multiplication. Please begin building fluency by practicing your multiplication facts each night.

4th graders will be able to multiply and divide multi-digit whole numbers. Unit 2 begins with working on numerical expressions which are all 5th grade standards. This will include following the order of operations (PEMDAS).

5th grade will be able to perform operations on multi-digit numbers. Unit 2 will include multiplying and dividing fractions within word problems.

#### Our reading wizards are magical!

In 3rd grade, we will be learning about main idea and context clues. 4th graders will be learning about point of view and how it can differ. 5th graders will be learning about poetry and figurative language.



Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3th at 3:30 pm in room 307. ALL are invited!

Please considering joining PTO. We could use your talents and support. Join us at this informational meeting to find out more.

## 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, now is the time! Our next is on Wednesday, September 11th at 3:45



Find out how to report bullying, as well as parent and student resources:

<http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/policies/bullying/>

## FREE Breakfast

Did you know that EVERY student receives a FREE school breakfast EVERY day? Start the day off right!



Eating breakfast gives students the energy they need to get things done and helps them stay focused at school. Parent Drop off Students must arrive by 8:35am.



There is a LOT of information on the SLPS Website! We suggest going to the "Parents and Students" tab. Some useful things to find:

- District school calendar
  - Lunch menu
- School lunch application
  - Transportation Info
- After School Care Providers
  - ESOL Information
  - CyberSafety
- Learning Resources (free educational websites!)

And much, much more!!!



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