

October 2019						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			2	3	4	5
		Book Fair Week - Students shop on their resource Media day				
				5th Gr field trip to Historical Museum Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30-5pm Book Fair Family Night 3:30 to 6 pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Soccer Club 3:15-4:15pm		FALL HOLIDAY No School 	Garden Clean-Up 3:30 - 5:30pm Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30-5pm	End of 1st Nine weeks Student Gardening Day 1- 3pm PBIS Tie-dye Jeans Day \$1	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Teacher Workday No School for Students		SAC 3:45pm	Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30-5pm	PBIS Movie/ Popcorn Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Soccer Club 3:15-4:15pm		Fall Pictures Retake	Hallowingo / Title I Information and Costume Parade 6pm Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30-5pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
	Report Card Day Soccer Club 3:15-4:15pm	Otterly Outstanding 2:15 pm ESOL Night 6 –7:30pm		Early Release Students released at 1:15 PBIS Orange Day \$1 for each orange item worn Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30-5pm		

Rivers Edge Elementary
"The School with a "Heart of Gold"



Otter News
October 2019

A Note from the Principal

Welcome to Fabulous Fall!

We have had a fabulous start to our school-year. As I walk around to visit classrooms, our students and teachers are doing an amazing job each and every day. One successful program we began to implement last year was Sanford Harmony. Our district has adopted this program to help build student skills with working with others. Below are a few words about this program:

Sanford Harmony offers practical strategies, stories, activities, and lessons centered around social emotional learning. Themes include diversity and inclusion, empathy, critical thinking, communication, problem solving, and peer relationships.

“Our children are improving communication and compassion as they practice listening to one another. Young children tend to be very ‘me’ oriented and Harmony activities intentionally encourage children to share and listen to one another. New friends are finding out what the other person thinks and feels. So many of my children now will play with groups of children—we don’t see the isolation of children not knowing how to participate with other kids, and I never seem to hear: ‘She/he won’t play with me.’ It’s amazing because I seldom deal with conflict anymore.”

NONA LOFTIS
Kindergarten Teacher

~ 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/>



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Receive texts from REE through Class Tag app.



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.

Otterly Outstanding

Congratulatio ns To The Following Students:

VPK Kindergarten

Camacho - Phillip Fairbrother
Bradley – Layla Sammler
Fischer – Alexis Marrero
Freberthaus
er – Avery Madden
Holbert – Kye Wright
Jaramillo – Jayden Hornedo

First Grade

Carlin – Martha Michelle Perez
Doole – Zoe Owings
Hodgson – Addison Ferreira
Rivera - Isabella Jordan
Zaragoza – Sophie Medeiros

Second Grade

Brown – Brayden Iles
Fawcett – Madison Suarez
Jean – Eliah Campos
Jennings - Malachi Stewart
Votino – Mirjah Gontran

Third Grade

Ashbrook – Jason Vollrath
Madden – Victoria Weber
Palacios – Gia Matteo
Rocco – Anthony Schwartz
Wernhardt - Sofia Lee
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Floyd – Faryn White
Girling (Music) - Hayley Madden
Pittman (Media) – Anthony Moriarty
Young - J
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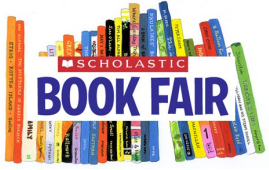
Fourth Grade

Casper - Mia Daniels
Miller - Justin Soto
Owens – Israel Pierre
Slappey – Alexcia Lopez
Brehm - Aviana Chastain

Fifth Grade

Fawcett - Isabella Lamattina
Johnson – Madison O'Brien
Schroeder – Alyn Rugama
Slappey – Desneshaa Santil
Redding - Chyanne Coins
Hoffman (PE) Isabella Neely
Ray (PE) – Jason (Oliver) Epperson

Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be Sept. 27 - Oct. 4. We will have Family Night Thurs., Oct. 3rd, 3:30 –6pm. Flyers were sent home last week. If you are interested in volunteering for the Book Fair please email me at chrisi.pittman@stlucieschools.org or call the media center at 785-5608.

Visit scholastic.com/fair for more information. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Just for FUN

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

A: To reach the high notes.

Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A reads 20 minutes	VS	Student B reads 5 minutes
Results in:		Results in:
1,800,000 words read per year		282,000 words read per year
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests		Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Resource Report

Media with Mrs. Pittman

Although the hurricane scare may have thrown us all in a loop, this school year is off to a great start and time is moving quickly! It is so great to see the students so excited to check out books! The students have been asking "When is Reading Counts going to start?" And I'm happy to report it will begin next week! For our new families (or as a refresher for our returning families) Scholastic Books Reading Counts is a proven, effective independent reading management program that boosts achievement for all students. Reading Counts is lexile-based and provides a fun, kid-friendly learning environment. After reading a book, a student takes a computer-generated comprehension quiz to assess the student's understanding. Students can gain points and earn prizes. The program also allows me to see where a student may be struggling and allow for intervention. Reading Counts is a great way to assist students upward progression in their reading ability.

Not only do we have Reading Counts to look forward to, but also THE BOOK FAIR! YAY!

I'm enjoying getting to know all the students! I'm excited about the great things here at Rivers Edge!



Music with Mrs. Girling

3rd - 5th Grade Choir has begun, but it is not too late to join! Ask your student for the flyer that was sent home, or they can ask their homeroom teacher and I will get one to them. Rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the Music Room.



PE with Coach Hoffman

Happy Autumn Everyone!! Well it sure doesn't feel like Autumn out at PE these days. Can't wait for this heat to break. Please remind students that they should leave their jackets and sweat-shirts inside because they will not be permitted to wear them in the 90 degree heat at PE. We have a few lost jackets at PE now. We are continuing to learn new and fun games at PE. Soon our laps will increase, getting us ready for the mile run in late November or early December.



Club Corner

Soccer Club is off to a great start! Every Monday, players of all ages and grades take to the field to work on skills and drills. It may be hot outside, but these soccer stars keep it cool by participating in action packed games and relay races. And of course, every session ends with a scrimmage, where students work on team building and cooperation as they pass, shoot, and score.

The Odyssey ofThe Mind

Odyssey is off to a roaring start! Our Odyssey Of The Mind Team meets every Thursday, and learned about Spontaneous and are narrowing down the choices to pick one Long Term problem to solve!

The Wilderness Club

Be on the lookout for a wild wolf cub call! The Wilderness Club is coming in early November! There are only 20 coveted spots for this club and all grades are eligible to participate. It is on a first come first basis and students who are interested will be raffled or selected by their teacher based on classroom behavior. You must follow River Edge Expectations in order to be a part of this club. There will only be 8 club dates between Nov and Feb and it will start at 6:45 a.m. The early bird catches the worm they say, so if you are considering joining you must have reliable transportation to bring you to school on those days. More information will be coming but if you like nature or want to learn more about Florida wildlife, this might be the club for you! Happy Trails, Mrs. Slappey



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.




Grade Level News

Kindergarten


Fall is here! The kindergarten students will be exploring the seasonal changes that occur in Fall. They will do this through books, educational videos, stories, craft activities, and nature's objects. We will also discuss the food groups and how some foods are more healthy than others. Numbers will be all around us again, as we search and investigate for the numbers 11-15. Students will identify them and count various objects roaming around the room. Using straws the students can put them in their right place value. Please continue to read the books sent home and sign the Read and Respond all the way down. The Kindergarten Teachers appreciate all your help at home.




As we reach the end of the first quarter, first graders are settling into the routines and procedures that make them our fabulous Rivers Edge Otters. They are practicing all the skills that make them responsible, respectful, role-models. SFA is a huge part of being a first grader, so it is always important to complete the read and respond homework every school night. Please take the time to praise your child as they show off their new or enhanced reading skills.



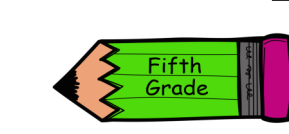
Second grade is continuously working on place value, adding and subtracting, and using mental strategies and other strategies to help them solve problems. In reading we have been working on Literature and Informational texts, comparing and contrasting, story structure, and asking and answering questions. Reading should be done every night at home for at least 20 minutes. As your child is reading, please ask them questions to help build comprehension.



Third grade has had a busy month of learning. Currently we are working on our science unit, and we are learning all about scientists and engineers. We even completed a science experiment that let us observe which types of soap sink and float! We will continue our study of science in our next unit, as we start learning about matter! In math, we have completed our unit on addition, subtraction, and rounding, and we have officially entered our study of Multiplication and Division! Third grade is learning so many different ways to represent multiplication problems. Please continue to have your student read at home for 20 minutes each night as well as practice multiplication facts!



4th grade is getting practice in math balancing equations. In science we are exploring properties of matter including magnetism and metals that are ferromagnetic. We are excited about reading and identifying main idea and key details across several high interest texts. We are also learning how to build community by expressing our problems with peers in a healthy manner. So many great things are happening, and we love celebrating each other in the classroom.



Greetings from Fifth Grade! Now that we are settled from Dorian, we are very busy in Fifth grade. In the beginning of October, we have our first field trip to the St. Lucie Historical Museum to study the local Native American Tribes of the Pre-Columbian Era. We are continuing to practice planning for our essays. Planning is important, so our essays are organized and have the correct focus. We are doing a lot of science experiments in the science lab. We are still taking payments for our end of the year Sea World trip. Fifth Grade has begun our Snifty Pencil fundraiser. Look for us in the cafeteria in the mornings before school selling the scented pencils for \$1.00 each.

Gifted / High Achieving Team

Our reading wizards are enjoying the magic of reading! In 4th grade, students will be explaining events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text, as well as integrating information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. 5th grade readers will be determining two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details and summarizing the text, as well as determining a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic and summarizing the text. In math, our 4th grade mathematicians will be able to solve problems involving volume. The lessons in this unit cover ALL 5th grade standards relating to volume. That means we will still be multiplying. Keep working on fluency. 5th graders will be able to apply understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. Think: exponents, equivalent expressions, and order of operations (GEMS). Our 3rd grade group has been working very hard finding Main Idea and Details. We have been using thinking maps to organize our ideas and thoughts. In math we just finished adding and subtracting numbers up to 1000 and rounding off numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. These next couple of weeks we will be focusing on equal groups and multiplication.



VPK kids will be learning about families this month. We'll be reading stories based on traditional songs and learning to describe and classify objects by their attributes. Parents please check your son/daughters backpacks everyday. Sign the manila folder and send it back. If your child eats lunch here please check with cafeteria for account balance. If you want your child to have ice-cream on special days, they need money in their accounts.



REE is Proud to be a Kids at Hope School



Kids at Hope inspires, empowers, and transforms families, youth serving organizations (schools, parks and recreation departments, police and fire departments, etc.) and entire communities to create an environment where all children experience success, NO EXCEPTIONS! For more information, check out their website at www.kidsathope.org



Happy October Otters!



Special Dress Days

On PBIS special dress days, students are now permitted to wear jean shorts, as well as long jean pants. Remember clothing must be free from rips and tears. Shorts must be at least fingertip length; no shorter please.



Our first event in October is Gardening Day on October 11th. Please bring your gardening tools and help beautify your child's classroom garden. Our annual Hallowingo (Bingo for Books) will be on October 24th this year. Please follow PTO and REE on the ClassTag app for more information on these events!

Gardening Day

On Thursday, October 10th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. families are invited to help clean out our classroom gardens. We will be prepping the areas in order for our little ones to plant the following day. Students will be working in the gardens during school on Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It is very rewarding for students to first plant, and then tend to the garden. They take so much pride in watching their garden grow.



Hallowingo Thursday, October 24th at 6pm

Join us for a night of Bingo for Books, Title 1 information, and a costume parade! Any donations of new or gently used books would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to school with your child. Rumor has it PTO will be supplying treats again this year! No toy weapons allowed.