


November 2019						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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3	<b>4</b> Soccer Club 3:15 to 4:15pm  Student Council Canned Food Drive Nov. 4th-15th  Student Council Officers Meeting 3:30 pm  	<b>5</b> Student Council Meeting 7:30 am  Honor Roll 3rd - 9 am 5th -10 am 4th - 2:00 pm  Principal's HR Luncheon 11:30 am	<b>6</b> PTO Meeting 3:30 pm  2nd Grade Concert 6:30 pm  Parent conferences 4 to 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Wilderness Club 7 am  Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30 to 5pm	<b>8</b> Patriotic Day PBIS \$1   REE Annual Camp Out 5pm	<b>9</b>
		Student Council Food Drive				
10	<b>11</b> NO SCHOOL Thank You  VETERANS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SAC Meeting 11:30 am	<b>14</b> Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30 to 5pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
		Student Council Food Drive				
17	<b>18</b> Soccer Club 3:15 to 4:15 pm	<b>19</b> Otterly Outstanding 2:15 pm  Staff Talent Show 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Wilderness Club 7 am  Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:30 to 5pm	<b>22</b> Twin Day PBIS \$1  	<b>23</b>
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	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday					




### A Note from the Principal



Dear Otter Families,

November is a time that we often reflect on the people and things for which we are thankful. Perhaps your family has a special tradition that provides each family member an opportunity to share with others their gratitude. I would like to take the opportunity to share what I am thankful for. I am grateful for a staff that is committed to developing a positive, supportive relationship with each of their students. I am thankful for teachers who have set and communicated high expectations for each of their students and work diligently each day to help each child reach their goals. I am thankful for parents who love and support their children each and every day. I am thankful for students who demonstrate the importance of being respectful to their peers and adults. I am thankful for students who take responsibility for their part in the learning process by coming to school prepared for learning. Finally, I am thankful for students who show genuine acts of kindness to others throughout the day. Your child is a precious gift we appreciate everyday.

  
 ~ 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!



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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

**Pre-K** - During the month of November we will be learning about the differences between big and little. We will be comparing all kinds of big and little things from animals to toys to words. Then we will explore giants in nature. We will also be ordering sets of similar items by sizes. Also, you will receive conference forms to return to school to request a conference time. Each conference will be 15 minutes long. We will discuss students' progress and VPK assessment scores. Details will come home shortly. Please sign the manila folder and send it back at the beginning of each month. \*Parents: Please have your child use the bathroom before they leave home in the morning.

**Kindergarten** - November is a time for sharing with others. The Kindergarten children will be learning how people lived years ago and comparing it to today. They will know what chores children did back then and what they do now. This will be experienced by books, pictures, educational videos, and a field trip to Heathcote Botanical Gardens for "Pioneer Days". The children will learn the differences between 2D shapes and 3D shapes. A shape hunt trip around the school will help the students recognize 3D shapes. We will be starting in our reading books, so please read the book with your child each night. Have them sound out the words. Ask questions about what is happening in the story. Please remember to sign the agendas every night. The Kindergarten Team wishes everyone a healthy and happy holiday!

**First Grade** - During the month of November, First Graders will be adding and subtracting within 20 in math and learning about school and life in the past during the "Long Ago" unit in our content block. We will be working on timelines and family trees; your child may ask you for photographs and stories about when they were little. Keep up the good work being a Rivers Edge Otter. The Three R's are showing in all you do at school. Changes have been made to some of the SFA classes and your child may have been assigned to a different reading teacher. It is still important to complete the read and respond homework every school night, even if your child is progressing well. Please take the time to sit and listen to them read. It is a magical thing when a child becomes a reader. First Grade Teachers wish all our families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Second Grade** - We are so excited for Quarter 2 to begin and to start new standards in math and reading!! In Reading, we will work with photographs, text features, story structures, compare/contrast, and asking/answering questions. In Math, we are still working on word problems and will be moving into measurement, data/graphing, and geometry! Please continue to read with your child each night for at least 20 minutes and please continue working with your child on math fluency - adding/subtracting within 20!

**Third Grade** - In 3rd grade we are working on Geometry, which includes different types of quadrilaterals and their properties. We are looking for how different shapes are alike and unlike. Also, we are naming the different shapes. In reading we are describing the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, and steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.

We have just begun our social studies unit on economics. We are learning about money, scarcity, and trade. Students will get the chance to have Junior Achievement visit us for an in-house field trip on economics! In writing, we have begun to formulate full essays including a topic sentence, elaborating on details, and a conclusion. We are so excited to see the progress students will make this quarter!

**Fourth Grade** - Fourth Grade is plugging away. They are working on division and comparative relational thinking. WOW!!! We are also learning about the positives and negatives of wind energy. In reading, we have been making connections between text and visual representations of the text as well as summarizing the text. Lastly, we have begun giving our opinions as we learn to write opinion essays in class.

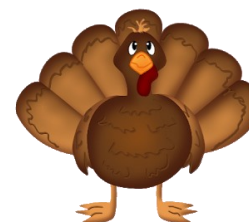


### Join PTO

PTO oversees many events throughout the school year and could use your help. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. Whether you are new or a veteran, we need you!



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! The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 13th at 11:30 a.m.



## Otterly Outstanding

Congratulations To The Following Students:

**Pre-K**  
Camacho - Nicolas Palacios

**Kindergarten**  
Bradley – Gunnar Fazio  
Fischer – G'lim Timothy  
Freberthausen – Timonium McKay  
Holbert – Hans Weichman  
Jaramillo – Gabriel Waddell  
Young – Leah O'Brien

**First Grade**  
Carlin – Jayson Morales  
Doole – Yilieanie Mora  
Hodgson – Felicity Fairbrother  
Rivera - Kennedy Steere  
Zaragoza – Grayson Plummer

**Second Grade**  
Brown – Asija Sejour  
Fawcett – Kylie Ullrich  
Jean – Ki'neadi Foy  
Jennings – Kayleigh Llama  
Votino – Joey Lane  
Hoffman – Makayla Ceville-Rogers

**Third Grade**  
Ashbrook – Brianna Taveras-Martinez  
Madden – Anatessa Hazelip  
Palacios – Tyson Smith  
Rocco – Lia Sterrett  
Wernhardt – Nakiya Thompson  
Floyd – George Cordova  
Girling—Triana Adkinson  
Ray – Bailie Spells

**Fourth Grade**  
Casper -Brooklyn Panckeri  
Miller -Haseena Ali  
Owens – Cesia Perez  
Slappey – Sawyer Martin  
Brehm – Jordan Howell

**Fifth Grade**  
Fawcett – Camilo Barreto Tamara  
Johnson – Ayla Coleman  
Schroeder – Emmett Mounts  
Slappey – Lorrena Jean  
Redding – Tristan Gonzalez  
Pittman – Alyn Rugama



## Club Corner

### Soccer



Soccer Club continues to kick it on the field every Monday after school. One of the kids' favorite games is called Tails. This game works on players' speed and agility and is similar to flag football. The winner is the last person to still have possession of their flag. Each soccer club session ends with a scrimmage in which everyone participates and gets playing time. Kindergarten through second grade scrimmages on field, while third through fifth grade scrimmages on a separate field. They might keep score, but everyone's a winner at REE!



### The Wilderness Club



The Wilderness Club is right around the corner! Parents, remember to wait for official member letter to ensure your child made the cut-off! Our first hike will be November 7th, and I am so excited to welcome some new wolf cubs to our crew. Make sure to dress your child in long pants on hike days and wearing a pair of old sneakers or investing in rain boots is always a good idea for hikes. Students can change into regular school shoes after returning to campus. Punctuality is important! Our club meets early from 7a.m. to 8a.m. so please be on time as this will cut into our hike if you are late. Also parents, please stay with you child until you check-in with me at the front; no children are to be dropped off without adult supervision. Can't wait to go exploring soon. Happy Trails, Mrs. Slappey

### Odyssey of the Mind

In Odyssey, we are working towards our Long Term and practicing Spontaneous! We are doing the problem "The Effective Detective".

## Student Council

We are pleased to announce elections for our 2019-20 Student Council took place in October. Officers and Representatives of Student Council are leaders in our school and community. Student Council Representatives will organize, facilitate, and participate in events such as the Holiday Food Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. parade, Relay for Life, campus cleanups, fundraisers, and other community outreach opportunities.



### Student Council Canned Food Drive

It is that time of year when we do our part to ensure students throughout our county are provided a holiday meal during this season of love, joy, and celebration. Student Council is hosting its annual Food Drive beginning November 4th and lasting through the 15th. Please ensure items are non-perishable and have not reached expiration. Let's rally together for this great cause and feed as many families as possible!



A HUGE thank you goes out to our community partner Lowe's in St. Lucie West for donating bags of mulch and soil as well as plants and seeds to all of our classroom Gardens. Our campus is absolutely beautiful and blooming with color. Gardening Day was a success largely due to your generous donation!

Heartfelt Thanks,  
REE Faculty and Staff

**Fifth Grade** - Hello from the 5th Grade Team! 5th graders had a great field trip to the St. Lucie County History Center. They learned about the history of Ft. Pierce and observed real artifacts and displays of the Native Americans we studied in class. Many students were shocked to learn what a bed pan was for! The Snifty pencil sale was a success. Monies collected from the sale will be used for 5th grade events later this year. We are still accepting Sea World permission slips and payments. If you need a new form, please ask. We have another field trip scheduled to go seining in the Indian River Lagoon later this year. More information will be forthcoming in a few weeks. We are looking forward to a fantastic second quarter with your students.



### Gifted / High Achieving -

Gifted/ High Achieving EXPLORErs are flying high! In math and science, our 4th graders will work with adding and subtracting fractions. The science unit continues our investigation of the different forms of energy. Fifth graders will begin math unit 4 on integers. This unit encompasses 7th grade math standards only!! Students will learn how to perform operations with rational numbers. In Science, we end our unit on forces and changes in motion the first week. The rest of the month we will investigate objects in the Milky Way and distinguish between objects of the Solar System based on their characteristics. In social studies, reading, and writing, 4th and 5th will be working on making inferences and decoding the meaning of vocabulary with sparse context clues. 5th graders will be looking at the Pilgrims coming over from England, and in writing, they will be learning how to do an opinion essay. 4th graders will be looking at the Spanish explorers coming over from Spain and their impact on the Native Americans in Florida. They will also be learning to compose opinion writing pieces.

In third grade news, Mrs. Floyd's 3rd grade is diving into division in our next math unit, and we are entering into economics in Social Studies. We are also gearing up to begin our Science Fair Projects very soon!

## Resource Report

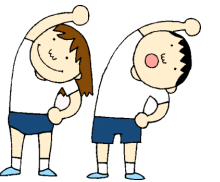


### Media with Mrs. Pittman

Hi Everyone!  
Thank you so much for your support during the book fair! The children were so excited to get new books! I appreciate all the interest and look forward to another book fair in the spring! We are continuing with the Reading Counts program. We will be encouraging students to branch out and try reading books from various genres, as well as progress in the number and level of books students are reading. Of course, the most important element is having fun! Have your child read everyday. It's a great thing to do together as well!

### PE with Coach Hoffman & Coach Ray

Greetings from a still very hot PE land!! This 9 weeks we will be working on our fitness. We continue to increase our laps in preparation for our mile run that will be the week prior to Winter Break. This week we are practicing our pull ups. Pull ups test the strength of our weaker tricep muscles. In the following weeks, we will be working on sit ups, shuttle run and the sit and reach. The first few times will just be for practice with the test beginning before Thanksgiving. Students are encouraged to practice at home. As it is still very warm, we are still not allowing any jackets, sweaters or hoodies at PE. A uniform order has been placed and as soon as that comes in, students will be given the uniforms that they have purchased. Happy Fall!!



### Music with Mrs. Girling

We are learning new things in music classes! Students are using their voices and instruments as they learn different aspects of music. Ask your student about the following:

- K** - steady beat, fast/slow
- 1st** - presto/largo, "Hiccup Buttercup"
- 2nd** - presto/largo, quarter note & rest
- 3rd** - instrument families
- 4th** - singing in rounds
- 5th** - four voice parts in a choir





## REE Annual CampOut



This is Rivers Edge's 26th annual campout. We are so excited about this ongoing tradition. Families are invited to pitch a tent in the back field and camp out overnight

at school. It is a great way to meet other REE families and to create lifelong memories.

Feel free to join in on the festivities, even if you cannot spend the night. There will be lots of family events including the traditional moonlit night hike, a spider hunt, and roasting s'mores by the fire. To top it off, we will also have telescopes out to view the skies courtesy of the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society. You can come for the fun and bonfire or you can stay the night and camp under the stars, whatever you choose it is FREE!

Bring your own dinner, s'mores and breakfast (if you are staying the night). Don't forget your flashlights and lawn chairs.

**Donations of firewood bundles would be greatly appreciated!**

### Friday, Nov.8

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tent Set-up for Overnight Campers ONLY. Report to the back gate by cafeteria to sign-in. (Remember to bring your own tent equipment, dinner, snacks, breakfast, chairs)

7:00 p.m. Gates re-open for evening activities to non-campers.

7:00 p.m. Telescope viewing of the night sky.

8:00 p.m. Moonlit Hike led by Mrs. Slappey.

8:30 p.m. Spider hunt by flashlight on the grounds.

8:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Bonfire and S'mores

(bring your own s'mores, chairs, and donation of firewood please )

10:00 p.m. Fire Out, Lights Out, Non-Campers leave property, campers fall asleep under the stars

### Saturday, Nov. 9

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Campers wake up, eat breakfast, pack up tents.

## ★ Staff Talent Show ★

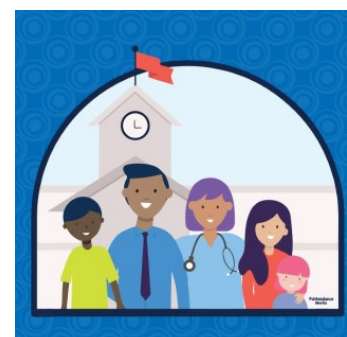
Please get ready for a very fun-filled night at Rivers Edge. EVERYONE is invited to the *Staff Talent Show* on November 19th starting at 6:30pm. The staff is very excited to show their talents to you. Also, you will want to attend because the big reveal of this year's play will be presented at the talent show. This is a FREE event that will be fun for the entire family. We can't wait to see you all there.



## REE is proud to be a Kids at Hope School



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If interested, visit the SLCSB website for more information.



## Special Dress Days

**Patriotic Day** is on November 8th. Students are encouraged to wear a patriotic t-shirt. A solid red, white, or blue shirt can also be worn. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about Veteran's Day. Jeans and jean shorts that are fingertip in length, with no holes or rips are permitted. \$1 donation towards PBIS.



**Twin Day** is on November 22. Students can find a friend and wear matching shirts with jeans to school for \$1. Jeans and jean shorts that are fingertip in length with no holes or rips are permitted.

