





# December 2019

| Sun   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Sat   |    |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|----|
| 1   | 2<br>Student Council Officer's Meeting 3:30-4pm<br><br>Start Collecting items for Giving Tree | 3<br>Student Council Meeting 7:30-8:15 am<br><br>Speedway Club 3:30-4:30pm | 4   | 5<br>Wilderness Club 7am-8am<br><br>VPK - 3rd Dental Screening<br><br>K-2 Musical Auditions 3:30-5:30pm  | 6<br>PBIS Twin Day \$1<br><br>Holiday Shop Walk thru with Resource class<br><br>3rd-5th Musical Auditions 3:30-5:30pm  | 7   |    |
| 8   | 9   | 10<br>Speedway Club 3:30-4:30pm  | 11<br>SAC Meeting 11:30am<br><br>Holiday Concert 6:30pm | 12<br>4th Grade Field Trip to Oxbow Eco Center<br><br>Musical Call backs 3:30-5:30pm   | 13<br>4th Grade Field Trip to Oxbow Eco Center<br><br>Giving Tree Ceremony   | 14<br>Breakfast with Santa 10am-Noon<br><br>Holiday Shop Open                               |    |
| <b>Holiday Shop - Students shop during media resource</b> |   |  |   |  |  |   |    |
| 15  | 16  | 17<br>Speedway Club 3:30-4:30pm  | 18  | 19<br>Wilderness Club 7am-8am<br><br>Bring in \$1 to wear Ugly Sweater on FRIDAY<br> | 20<br>PBIS \$1 Ugly Sweater Day<br><br>End of 2nd Nine weeks<br><br>PBIS Grade Level Choice Day<br><br>*Early Release Day | 21  |    |
| 22  | 23<br>     | 24   | <b>No School - Winter Break</b>                         |  |  | 27<br> | 28 |
| 29  | 30  | 31   | <b>No School - Winter Break</b>                         |  |  |   |    |

Rivers Edge Elementary

# Otter News

*"The School with a Heart of Gold"*

December 2019



## A Note from the Principal

Seasons Greeting Rivers Edge Family,

We are so excited to hear about everyone's Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope that you enjoyed spending quality time with your family and eating special holiday treats. We have a lot of exciting activities planned in December. Each year, Rivers Edge strives to make a positive impact on our community by collecting donations for various charities. Grade levels will be collecting these donations to present to a local representative on Dec 13th. Also, PTO will be organizing our annual Holiday Shop. This is a wonderful opportunity for students join in on gift giving through being able to pick out their own special treats for their family. Next, PTO is hosting the Santa Pancake Breakfast on Dec 14th. We hope you will bring your families to eat a yummy breakfast, make a craft, and meet our special visitor. Finally, we will end our month with class parties and Ugly Sweater day. So, for our craftier families, who hope to see your creativity for this fun event.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

*~ 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

**PreK** - It was wonderful to see you all during our parent and teacher conferences. The best thing about our conferences is that we learned so much about your kids from the information that you shared with us.

Thank you for sharing your little ones with us. During the month of December, PK will be learning about thoughtful, smart, healthy, safe and kind choices. Children will begin to consider and evaluate the pros and cons of their actions as they make decisions. They will learn about the importance of maintaining healthy habits, daily exercise, strategies for relieving stress, and regular visits to the doctor and dentist. They will continue to practice one to one correspondence, learn about geometric shapes and counting. They will begin to notice patterns. Soon we will be sending home information about our Holiday in a Bag party. Have a wonderful winter break and New Year!!!

**Kindergarten** - The kindergarten children will learn how other countries celebrate their special holidays through their traditions. Some activities would be: singing songs, listening to stories, making a craft, watching educational videos, and making a snack. They will continue to keep busy adding and subtracting using: counters, pictures, playing games, working out problems using wipe off boards, and activity sheets. December is a fun-filled, action-packed month for our kindergartners. Please continue to work on sight words, read with your child every night, and sign the read and respond. The kindergarten teachers wish you a safe and happy holiday!

**First Grade** - Hello First Grade Families, Our focus in ELA and content will be Long Ago, as we learn about how children lived in the past -what has changed and what has stayed the same. Talk about your school days, maybe your child could ask his or her grandparents what it was like at school in the 20th century. We are coming up to an eight-week assessment in SFA. It is now time for your child to shine as they show the effects of hard work in the classroom and continued practice for homework. As always it is very important to complete the read and respond every evening. The first grade teachers would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year.

**Second Grade** - Second grade just finished their unit on measurement in math. The students had a lot of fun measuring things around the classroom and comparing lengths of different items. We are now moving on to graphing and line plots. They are having a lot of fun creating their own line plots. In reading we are still learning how to ask and answer questions, using illustrations to help them understand what is going on in the story, and we will be starting to learn how to find out the author's point of view in different texts. Please keep reading with your child every night for at least 20 minutes and ask them questions about what they have read. Also, please be working on adding and subtracting within 20! Thanks for your support!

**Third Grade** - 3rd grade is working on finding the area of different shapes. They are responsible for finding the amount of space inside of different shapes with and without the squares filled in. Following area, we will be learning about perimeter. Perimeter is the measure of length around a figure. In reading, we will be using information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

**Fourth Grade** - In Math, 4th Graders are comparing fractions and finding common denominators. In Reading, we have completed summarizing informational text, and we have wrapped up our energy unit in science. We have also learned how animals have some pretty interesting and even disgusting adaptations to keep cool. Just ask your child about birds! With the season of giving approaching we are encouraging students to find ways to show random acts of kindness in the home, with their peers, and in their community. Think of ways you can spread joy together as a family.

Thank you to the  
**St. Lucie Draft House**  
for being a wonderful business partner over the  
years and for providing the ice cream for  
our Penny Wars ice cream sundae  
reward. It was yummy!

REE PTO

PTO is hosting their annual Holiday Shop the week of **December 9th-13th**. Students will be given the opportunity to shop for their friends and families. Shopping will take place during students' media resource time. The Holiday Shop will also be open during Breakfast with Santa.

Holiday Shop



Join Santa for breakfast on Saturday, December 14 at REE from 10am-noon. Bring your families to eat a yummy breakfast, make a craft, and meet our special visitor.

**Ugly Sweater Day**  
Students can support PBIS on Friday, **December 20th** by wearing an ugly sweater / t-shirt.  
**Pay your \$1 on Thursday.**  
The tackier, the better. We will be looking for the ugliest "sweater" from each grade level. Students who participate can wear jeans or jean shorts - no rips / tears, and must be fingertipped in length or longer.

## Otterly Outstanding

For the month of November!  
Congratulations to the Following Students:

### Pre-K

Camacho - Robert Grier

### Kindergarten

Bradley – Silvia Ramirez  
Fischer – Rileigh Ann Spainhoward  
Freberthausen – Elisha Louissaint  
Holbert – Maribella Sacchetillo  
Jaramillo – Isaias Juarez  
Girling – Mia Castro  
Pittman - Tagheed Morris

### First Grade

Carlin – Lyana Vazquez  
Doole -Daniel Harrison  
Hodgson – Mercedes Rojas  
Rivera - Tristen Angeline  
Zaragoza – Kylie Janez  
Hoffman – Grayson Plummer  
Ray – Aslan Pinto  
Young - Masiah Nesbitt

### Second Grade

Brown – Alyssa Braden  
Fawcett – Josh Desir  
Jean – Woody Souza  
Jennings – Rilynn Nieto-Robbins  
Votino – Gage Rocco

### Third Grade

Ashbrook – Lamarre Figueroa  
Floyd - Aja Edwards  
Madden – Corbin Dipierro  
Palacios – Anyelik Catalan  
Rocco – Haylee Madden  
Wernhardt – Nicolas Lopez

### Fourth Grade

Brehm – Evelyn Votino  
Casper – Connor Waddington  
Miller - Carlos Monroy Arias  
Owens – Christopher Somar  
Slappey – Shelley Rosso

### Fifth Grade

Fawcett – Jaydon Bryant  
Johnson – Nevaeh Stewart  
Redding- Taylor Fazio  
Schroeder – Lyric Lobrutto  
Slappey – Keegan Jimenez

## Congratulations!

REE is proud to announce our  
"of the Year" winners.

### Teacher of the Year

Sean Madden

### Outstanding First Year Teacher

Dana Rivera

### Distinguished Minority Educator

Claudia Jean

### School Related Employee of the Year

Amber Murphy

## Club Corner

### Student Council

Student Council is off to a great start. We have several big projects going on, including a school wide holiday food drive to benefit REE families and the extended community. In addition, we are collecting water bottle caps to help our school get a buddy bench for the playground. A heartfelt thank you to DA YOUNG INSURANCE COMPANY for sponsoring this important project! Please help Student Council by sending in food donations and water bottle caps with your student. REE truly is the school with a heart of gold! Finally, we would like to congratulate our newly elected 2019-2020 REE Student Council officers:

President: Chyanne Coins

Vice President: Justin Lane

Secretary: Catelynn Coins

Treasurer: Madison O'Brien

### Wilderness Club

With our first two hikes in the books, we are excited about the weather turning and chilly days ahead! We have found all sorts of scat, tracks, and identified bird song. We are going to be "leaving it better than we found it" on our next hike so make sure to bring a plastic bag on Dec. 5 to help clean up the trails and show an appreciation for nature. Remember you can practice "leaving it better than you found it" everywhere you go... the woods, a park, the beach, our playground field. Do your part and help keep the Earth clean!

### Odyssey of the Mind

In Odyssey news, we are working on the long term solution for The Effective Detective! We will also be looking at building the set and costuming, as well as working on Spontaneous!

**Soccer Club** The weather has been perfect for soccer! Students continue to practice skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. Watch out World Cup! The current session of soccer club wraps up on 12/2, but be on the lookout for the next session, which will start later in December.



## Giving Tree

Every year REE hosts the **Giving Tree**. Each grade collects items for a charity of their choosing and places the items under that charity's tree. Then, on **Friday, December 13**, each grade will come to the cafeteria to present their gifts to the charity's representative.

The following is a list of each grade level and the charity they are sponsoring.

**K & 3rd - Real Life Children's Ranch**

**1st & 4th - Military Troop Support**

**2nd & 5th- Quantum House**

**G/HA & VPK- Be a Santa to a Senior**

**5th Grade** - It's that time of year again where 5th Grade is ramping up for the Science Fair. Students will be choosing their science experiments, conducting research, investigating, and writing their research papers. This year, we extended the offer to our 4th Grade students, so we are excited that they will be joining us. A date has not been set to hold the actual Science Fair so that students can show off all their hard work. Also, 5 students have been selected to participate and represent Rivers Edge Elementary in "Work with a Scientist" at Indian River State College. This is an excellent opportunity for students to conduct experiments with actual Scientists. These students will be working alongside other students from across the district.

### Gifted / High Achieving

- This year is flying by! In Reading, our 5th graders will be looking at text features. 4th graders will be looking at differences between prose and poetry. In writing, both groups are working on opinion pieces. In social studies, 4th and 5th grades will be doing a Wax Museum to show off their researching skills in history. In math, 4th graders will multiply and divide fractions and whole numbers all at the 5th grade level. This unit requires students to use visual models such as area models, number lines, and or tape diagrams. 5th graders will be able to reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities. 5th grade students now have online access to the math book we use in class. They can log in using the St. Lucie County homepage. Click on the tab Parents/Students. Scroll about half way down and click on the Middle School Learning Resources link. Then, click on the yellow and black tab that says MyHRW. Students will log in with their 562#@stlucieschools.org and use their lunch number for the password. In 3rd grade news, Mrs. Floyd's class is exploring new concepts in geometry! We're learning all about how shapes can be classified by their attributes. In Social Studies, we've been learning about basic economics-- all about the history of money, how people earn, spend, and save money, and about goods and services. We've had a blast in reading, learning to do in-depth comparisons of two texts, and we've started writing about our opinions in language arts. The social/emotional skill we're focusing on right now is respectfully listening to others and their ideas. We're learning so many new and exciting things this quarter!



## Resource Report

### Media with Mrs. Pittman

Hello parents! Students are fully engaged in Reading Counts. We have quite a large number of students who have earned a place on our "Way 2 Go" wall, which displays the names of those with 25 or more points. Congratulations to our top high flyers last month -- Florence Amisial, (4th grade) with a grand total of 172 points, and Chyanne Coins, (5th grade) with a grand total of 158! Just a friendly reminder, please help your children to bring their books back to the media center on the scheduled resource day. We are experiencing a large number of students forgetting to return books, which could hinder them from checking other books out until checked out books are returned. New things to look forward to in January will be a "Book Genre Challenge", where students will need to diversify the types of books they are reading in order to get points, not just through Reading Counts quizzes. Mrs. Troha and I wish all our Rivers Edge families a merry and bright holiday!

### Music with Mrs. Girling

 **Holidays Around the World** 



The OtterTones (Rivers Edge's 3rd-5th Grade Choir) invite you and your family to attend "Holidays Around the World". Join us on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria for a relaxing break during this hectic time of year.

### PE with Ms. Hoffman & Coach Ray

Wow!! Can you believe that Thanksgiving is here and we are almost to winter break? Where has this year gone? We are presently in the middle of getting our PE basketball courts resurfaced and relined. It makes things a little difficult at times but we are getting through. We continue to work on adding laps so that we are ready to run the mile run the week prior to winter break. We have been using craft sticks to keep track of how many laps that we run. Some of the students continue to run extra laps once they have finished because they are that excited about running. We will continue doing our physical fitness tests going into the new year. To add some variety, we will be playing kickball and some lead up games that involve kicking a stationary object as well as a rolled object in the next coming weeks. May you all be blessed and thankful in the coming weeks.