

January 2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Student Council Officer's Meeting 3:30-4pm	7 Student Council Meeting 7:30-8:15am Speedway Faith Club 3:30 - 4:30pm	8 Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm	9 Wilderness Club 7-8am 	10	11 G/HA Field Trip to Animal Kingdom
12	13 Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm	14 Speedway Faith Club 3:30 - 4:30pm	15 SAC Meeting 11:30am Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm	16	17	18
			Kindness Week			
19	20 No School MLK Parade 	21 Speedway Faith Club 3:30 - 4:30pm	22 Early Release Day 1:15pm Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm 1st Grade Concert 6:30-7pm	23 Report Card Day Wilderness Club 7-8am 	24 PBIS Jersey/ Jeans Day \$1  PBIS/ Nature Trail Walk *during resource	25
26	27 Reading for Education Fund-raiser begins Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm	28 Otterly Outstanding / Jr. Deputy Ceremony 2:15pm  Speedway Faith Club 3:30 - 4:30pm	29 100th Day of School Musical Rehearsal 3:30-5:30pm	30 Honor Roll Ceremony 3rd Grade -9am 5th Grade -10am 4th Grade -2pm 	31 REE Camp Out 5pm	
			Literacy Week			

Rivers Edge Elementary

♥ Otter News

"The School with a 'Heart of Gold'"



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A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a fun-filled family holiday season. We are super excited to be back at school and anxious to hear all the exciting things your students will share about their holiday. We would also like to say a special thanks to the students and families that supported our Giving Tree event, bottle cap collection, and food drive. At Rivers Edge, we feel that it is important to enable students to have the opportunity to participate in charitable work. As a school, we frequently benefit from business partners and community volunteers supporting our school needs, so the opportunity to give back helps build our collective self-esteem and partnership with each other.

Speaking of partnerships, SLPS is excited to announce that we've partnered with the @uscensusbureau to support the #2020Census! As a partner, we'll be working to ensure that our community is accurately represented. To learn about the upcoming census, visit www.2020census.gov.

What does the census do for you? The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

So, please remember that You Count and take the opportunity to complete the census.

~ 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



Follow us on Twitter at @REE_Principal



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 Newsletter." Click on it and the list will be on the left hand side.

Grade Level News

PreK -VPK will be discovering stories in many forms and formats. Children will explore traditional and modern rhymes, stories delivered through poetry, chants, and ballads, and stories from many cultures. Children will sing and role play the stories, making the characters come alive through their actions. Prepare to hear reports about the wonderful characters they are meeting. Children will be taking the second VPK assessment. Letters will be sent home with the second progress report. Please sign the manila folder and send it back. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

Kindergarten - January is a time for a new beginning. Our students are now called Pre-First Graders. Where has the time gone!? One of our units is Day and Night. Our students will become star gazers as they explore the sky. They will learn what opposites are. We will then move into the modes of transportation. Be glad they are not old enough to drive. Next, they will need to be good detectives to figure out whether they have to add or subtract the word problems. Please remember to read each night with your child and fill out the read and respond paper. Keep warm and enjoy "The NEW YEAR 2020".

First Grade-Welcome back to school, and the second semester of first grade at Rivers Edge. We hope you had a wonderful break. Now back to learning. Math will be all about place value and how to use tens and ones to add and subtract. This unit leads into our money unit so please take this opportunity to talk to your children about dimes and pennies and how they relate to tens and ones. In language arts we will be learning how to do opinion writing. Students will choose the favorite of two ideas and be able to back up their opinion that it is the best. Our theme for content this month is motion, something that first graders know all about. We will be thinking about how and why things move. We will be reading our Inspire Science textbook to check out motion and use the facts we learn as we add to our knowledge of main topic and key details.

Second Grade - Second grade has been working really hard during the Energy unit in reading/science and the Geometry unit in math!! We just finished taking those test this past week! When we get back from break, we will be preparing for the winter diagnostic in iReady! Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each night and have them answer questions using "who", "what", "where", "when", "why" and "how" to build on their comprehension. Also, be working with them on their math fluency adding/subtracting within 20!

Third Grade - In 3rd Grade we are learning all about maps, using legends, titles and the different kinds. In math we are working with various operations within word problems.

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 math, we will be working on measuring angles and adding and subtracting fractions. During science we will continue working on motion and speed.

Fifth Grade - Hello from 5th Grade, We are excited for what this New Year will bring! Our science projects are in full swing and will be showcasing them during camp out night in February. We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday and are ready to work hard during this second part of the year!

A Big Thank you to our Business Partners!



Resource Report

Media with Mrs. Pittman

Happy New Year Rivers Edge Families! I hope you had a joyous holiday season and are ready to start off a great new year! I am excited to see so many children enthusiastic about reading! January starts our Book Genre contest. Students earn points by reading different genres. This helps promote reading a variety of books and interests. The points and reward system is similar to the Reading Counts program, which is ongoing, throughout the rest of the school year. Reading Counts continues to be motivational and provides momentum for the children. As students gain more points, they are allowed to check out two books per week and this allows them more options and choices of what books they want to take home. We also reward students achieving 5 or more points per month. Below is a list of students who have achieved over 100 Reading Counts points since the beginning of school. Congratulations and Great Job!

3rd Grade Points Earned

Bailey Oddo	109
Angelina Leiti	110
Carmelle Wallace	131

4th Grade Points Earned

William Pass	105
Trevor Johnson	131
Florence Amisial	214

5th Grade Points Earned

Jason Epperson	143
Ralph Beauvior	151
Naima Johnson	165
Chyanne Coins	182

PE with Coach Hoffman & 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 Friday, January 24th 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

for the month of December!

Congratulations to the Following Students:

Pre-K

Camacho-Skylar Harris

Kindergarten

Bradley – Dylan Garrido

Fischer – Ava Iles

Freberthausen - Deriona Clark

Holbert - Cooper Nowling

Jaramillo – Felix Childers

First Grade

Carlin – Matthew Sanchez

Doole -Alexandria Miller



Hodgson – Jonathan Beausejour

Rivera - Trace Smith

Zaragoza – Sebastian Richert

Second Grade

Brown – Ryan Fernandez

Fawcett – Vera Weinman-Garcia

Jean – Sydnie Sejour

Jennings – Zara Pastor

Votino – Michael Piseck

Third Grade

Ashbrook - Ki'Nyia Tonge

Floyd – Daniel Miller

Madden – Randall Rojas

Palacios – Simon Calixte

Rocco – Bailie Spells

Wernhardt – Jaylon McGinness

Young – Zion Louis

Hoffman(PE)– Jace Kennedy

Fourth Grade

Brehm – Parker Kenney

Casper-Tyler Daly

Miller- Jazmarie Lopez

Owens – Lillian Palomar-Hurst

Slappey – Davian Mojica

Fifth Grade

Fawcett – Layla Parra-Ferrell

Johnson – Andreana Jaramillo

Schroeder – Xiam Villaman

Redding – Adem Karagic

Slappey – Alejandra Garcia



Girling (Music) - Destiney Saber-Davis

Pittman (Media) - Jake Askew

Ray (PE) – Johnel Abram



We are so excited to be producing Annie 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 Annie 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 students has been notified. We are so thankful to the students who auditioned for the musical, and we hope to see everyone again next year! If you or a loved one has any questions on how to become involved with our musical, please reach out to Mrs. Girling.

Student Council

Student Council wrapped up a successful food drive in December. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to provide holiday meal packs to many families and will donate the remaining food to a local food bank. We are still collecting water bottle caps for our Buddy Bench so continue to send those in! Student Council members work daily to sort and organize all the caps we receive. Last month, we helped at the Otter Tones holiday concert by greeting guests at the door and collecting canned food donations. This month, we are looking forward to joining the community and marching in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Fort Pierce.

Odyssey of the Mind

In Odyssey news, we are building our set and working on props for our long term solution. Any donation of paint and paint brushes is appreciated!

Gifted / High Achieving -

3-5 G/HA is reaching for the stars! In January we have our Animal Kingdom field trip, where we will learn all about the role animals play in our environment among other fun things! In reading, the 3rd nine weeks starts off with 5th graders comparing two texts, and working on vocabulary. 4th graders are looking closely at text features, and how they can help deepen an understanding of a text, as well as, increasing knowledge of vocabulary. In math news, January brings 4th graders into angles and 2-dimensional figures. Students will understand concepts of angles and will be able to measure angles. Students will also be able to classify 2 dimensional figures and describe their properties. In 5th grade, students will be able to solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area and volume. Mrs. Floyd's 3rd grade class is exploring energy in science and tackling area in math. In reading, we are learning how to use visuals to deepen our understanding of informational text. The social/emotional skills we're currently focusing on are listening while others are talking, making eye contact, and not talking while others are talking.



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 20 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.

