

December 2011

- 12/1 Tuition due for December  
Lunch Bunch/Afternoon Adv. fees due for Nov.
- 12/6 Spring Fling Meeting—9:00 a.m.-Church Nursery
- 12/13 Clothing Swap Meet at RDS
- 12/14 **Spirit Day—everyone wear your RDS t-shirts!**  
Holiday Puppet Show at Faith Covenant\*
- 12/16 RDS Holiday Program, 9:30 in the Sanctuary—All invited!  
Half day—no Lunch Bunch/Aft. Adv/Ext. Day
- 12/17 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Gordon (3's class)!
- 12/17/11—1/2/12 Holiday Break
- 1/1/12 Happy New Year!
- 1/3/12 Classes resume

**\*Holiday show at Faith Covenant—**

This is a school-wide field trip. Everyone should wear their RDS t-shirts as other schools will be attending as well. We walk over as a group and teachers/staff will block off traffic on 62nd Avenue for all to cross the street. If you are not comfortable with this, please join us that morning around 10:00, so that you can walk your child across the road. T/Th classes may meet us over there at 10:30. We have been going over for many years, and it is a really cute show.

**RDS Website**

Please check our website often at [www.riveraumc.org/rds](http://www.riveraumc.org/rds) for any information you may need. Teacher bulletins and calendars, along with school events, are posted on the site.

**The Riviera Jangler**  
**Riviera Day School**  
**December 2011**



**CC Holiday Chatter**

I can't believe the first half of the school year is coming to an end very soon. We have had so many fun and exciting events going on at Riviera and many more to come. The school photo days went beautifully, the cookie dough delivery days were a success, the Thanksgiving feast days went so smoothly, and all is well.

We so appreciate all who expressed their thoughts in the parent surveys. Your participation is key to making any adjustments in our school routine. Follow up information will be forthcoming. We may attempt to make some minor changes, and if they don't quite work the way we would like, we will change it once again. Thank you to the PAC committee for organizing the surveys.

I'd like to also thank the Hedge family for their contribution. Barbie Hedge bought a new playhouse for our playground and her husband, Greg Hedge, put it all together for us. We so appreciate families such as yours!!!

The school holiday program is coming up this month on December 16th in the Sanctuary. You will not want to miss it. Invite all your family to join us. The children will be released directly after the show that day.

Our RDS family wishes your family the most wonderful and enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to the children's return on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Best wishes and happy holidays -

*Cyndi Chavez*

### **Riviera Day School Board**

The RDS Board is currently working on registration information for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration is usually the beginning of February. We will be sending home instruction packets at the beginning of January. Plenty of memos and e-mails will go out to make sure you have a heads up. We will do our best to make registration as easy and stress-free as possible.

### **Substitutes Needed**

We are always in need of school parents that would be willing to substitute as a classroom aide at times. Don't worry, you would be there to help in the classroom, not instruct. All of our subs require a level 2 screening, meaning fingerprinting and a background check. Just simply go to [www.ethosrs.com](http://www.ethosrs.com) and set up an appointment time. Info you may need: our e-mail is [dayschool@rivieraumc.org](mailto:dayschool@rivieraumc.org), and our OCA# 05520079Z or our ORI# FL92179Z. The appointment only takes about 10 minutes at the office located at 300 1st Avenue S. (Suite 402). They e-mail the info directly to us. It does cost \$48.00, but then you are covered for the next 5 years.

### **RDS Holiday Program**

Our Christmas show is always so much fun. Please invite your extended family to join us on December 16, 2011, at 9:30 in the church sanctuary. All children will be performing and you are sure to enjoy every minute of it. The show usually lasts about an hour and all classes are dismissed immediately following the program.

### **Clothing Swap**

Barbie Hedge of the PAC Committee has organized a Clothing Swap day for December 13th. Please bring in any clothing (any sizes—men, women, children) that no longer fit or is no longer needed. She will collect it all and set up in the fellowship hall. Please come check out the merchandise and take whatever you can use. This is just a kind gesture to help each other out. Any items left over will be donated to a local charity.

### **Lunch Bunch/Afternoon Adventures/Extended Day**

As you know, we have brought back Lunch Bunch for any children who want to stay for lunch from 12:00—1:00. We did this due to parent requests. There have only been a few children enrolled. We will give it another month and, hopefully, attendance will pick up so that we can keep this program.

Afternoon Adventures is still available for students wishing to stay until 3:00. Please take advantage of these programs over the next few weeks, so as to give yourself extra shopping hours.

Our VPK extended day program has only 2 openings left for the second half of the school year. If you are interested in your VPK student attending full day, beginning in January, please come see us in the school office. The cost is \$280/month.

### **Spring Fling**

If you were not able to make it to our last Spring Fling meeting, the next one is on Tuesday, December 6, at 9:00 in the church nursery (little ones can come with you). We would love to have you join us. Even if you cannot attend any meetings, we will need everyone's help on the big day—March 10, 2012. The entire Spring Fling day is run by RDS parent volunteers. If one person per family could participate in volunteering, we will be sure to have a truly successful event.

### **Giving For The Holidays**

There are several opportunities available for RDS parents to share the joy of giving this holiday season. Sonya North is organizing an Adopt-A-Family program for one of our RDS families in need of some extra help this year. If you would like to contribute, please drop off a new toy or clothing for boys ages 4 and 5 by December 14th in the school office. Gift cards to Publix, Target, etc. are always helpful too. This family is so appreciative of all our help and support.

An Angel Tree will be displayed in the Narthex hallway by the Church sanctuary. Please take a card from the tree if you wish to purchase items and make a brighter Christmas for a child in our local foster system. Eckerd Foster Angels is a program sponsored by Eckerd Community Alternatives and comprised of several nonprofit agencies..