

September 2011

9/1/11 Tuition due

Half Day—No Afternoon Adventures
or Extended Day—all pick-up at 12:00

Parent Orientation Night:

5:30—6:30 2's Class (Sanctuary)

6:00—7:00 3's Class (Classroom)

7:00—8:00 VPK (Classrooms)

9/5/11 Labor Day—no school

9/11/11 Patriot Day—wear red, white, and blue
(10th Anniversary of 9/11)

Grandparent's Day—give a grandparent a hug!

9/22/11 Jack Hartmann concert for RDS families.
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary—lots of fun!

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5 pm—8 pm

9/26/11 Johnny Appleseed day—eat an apple in
Johnny's honor

Jack Hartmann Concert

Please join us on September 22nd for a concert by Jack Hartmann. All classes and families are invited. Jack has many educational music CDs that we use at our school. He travels all around the U.S. to perform and has had several concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall. We feel privileged that Jack loves our school so much that he gives us our own special concert.

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CC Chatter

It's another exciting year here at Riviera Day School. Our first few days have gone quite smoothly. We thank you for getting your children here on time so that they can start their school day right on schedule.

Several parents were able to take a little break at the Yahoo, Boo-Hoo Breakfast presented by our PAC Committee. It's a nice way to start off the school year and ease some of your concerns. No worries. Your children are in good hands with our dedicated, talented teachers.

Share the good news about Riviera Day School with your friends. We currently have a few openings just waiting for the right family:

2 in the 3's T-Th, 2 in VPK, 5 in Extended Day

In case you were wondering about the mystery car parked right in the middle of the drive. It happens to be Pastor Mason's and it is there for a reason. We have cars using our drive for a shortcut and speeding through (not any of our RDS families), so he is trying to create a diversion until we come up with Plan B. Please don't park by the fence by the playground so as to leave space for him to pull in there in the morning. Hopefully, this will do the trick.

Thank you for entrusting us with your beautiful child. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach them, guide them, and above all, love them.

Live, Laugh, Love—
Cyndi Chavez

Parent Advisory Committee

Thank you so much to our PAC Committee for all the wonderful events they have organized already. Co-chairpersons Barbara Hedge and Stacy McCain are really on the ball! They managed a very successful playground clean-up event on August 20th. We thank their helpers that showed up that morning—Robin Wood, Bill Franklin, Greg Hedge, Paul Morriseau, Nathan Bendorf— to trim trees, spread mulch, clean equipment, etc. It is one less project that our teachers and aides had to worry about their first week back, so they are extremely grateful. Your children will be grateful too when they get to enjoy hours of fun on a nice, clean playground.

The Yahoo, Boo-Hoo breakfast was a pleasant gathering, especially for parents who were new to dropping off their little ones for the first time. Returning families had time to catch up with friends and share their summer adventures. Again, we send thanks to Barbara and Stacy for all their hard work.

If you are interested in joining this awesome twosome, please sign up at Parent Orientation. The PAC Committee meets occasionally to plan special events and help with school happenings. We would love to have you on the team.

Emergency Contact

We have noticed quite a few people have long-distance phone numbers. We do not have long-distance access on the school phone, so we have to use our cell phones. Please be aware of this as we may try to reach you during the day. Cyndi's number is 727-418-4505. You may want to program it in, just in case it comes up as an incoming call.

RDS Website

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

Parent Orientation Night

This Thursday, September 1st, is our Parent Orientation Night. It is important for at least one parent from each family to attend. You will get valuable information about your child's school year along with several volunteer opportunities regarding PAC Committee, Spring Fling, and class parties. It is a parent's only evening, so please plan accordingly. We thank you for taking the time to attend this important event.

Afternoon Adventures/Extended Day

The AA program is available to students in the 3-year-old class and VPK classes who wish to stay until 3:00 in the afternoon. Sign up will be on a month-to-month basis due to schedule changes. The cost is \$15.00 per day. If you need to cancel AA for a day that you have enrolled your child, please go directly to the school office to make the change. Your teacher will not be able to come down to relay the message. If your child is ill, please call that morning to cancel. Cancellations must be by 9:30 or you will be charged for the day.

We have 5 openings available in our Extended Day VPK with Mrs. Heim. The cost is \$280/month for any VPK students who wish to stay until 3:00 Monday—Friday. This class is specially designed for VPK students and is structured to further explore all VPK standards to better prepare your child for Kindergarten.

Spanish Teacher Wanted

We are currently looking for a new Spanish teacher. If you, or someone you know, speaks Spanish, loves children, and has some time to spare, please let us know. We would like to talk to you about a possible paid position at RDS.

Personal Items

Please label everything with your child's name. We have already had to write names on many lunch boxes. It is not a bad idea to put the name on Tupperware and other storage containers that are in the lunch box.