



Riviera Day School

October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

If you blink, you'll probably miss October! It's definitely one of the busiest and fastest months of the year!

It's so exciting to see so many of our **RDS families in church** each Sunday morning at 9:00 and/or 11:10. We certainly hope others will **join us** and be a part of all of the fun activities offered in our children's ministries on a continuing basis. You make our extended church-family experiences even more rewarding and significant.

This is your **October tuition reminder** (due this week):

2's & 3's (MWF) - \$260 2's & 3's (T-Th) - \$230 2's & 3's (5-Days) - \$490
Pre-K's - (\$0 for VPK) Extended Day - \$265

Please **DO NOT** sign your child up for **Afternoon Adventures** if your monthly tuition has not been paid. Most of you have been very prompt with your payments, necessitating few reminders. Your diligence is so very helpful to all of us, especially our bookkeeper! Thanks again!

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 1** (Thurs.) -McGruff Safety Presentation & Fingerprinting of children if desired
2 (Fri.) -McGruff Safety Presentation & Fingerprinting of children if desired
7 (Wed.) -Polywog Photograpy – individual pictures
-Spring Fling mailings in church nursery
8 (Thurs.) -Polywog Photograpy – individual pictures
12(Mon.) -911 Program at RDS
-Pumpkin Patch truck arrives (Please come help unload!)
-Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins! (Yummy!!!)
13 (Tues.) -911 Program at RDS
**14 (Wed.) -Mrs. Chavez's Class "Krispy Crème Doughnut" Fundraiser–Narthex–
8:00 – 9:15 a.m.
-The happy Pumpkin Patch pumpkins are ready for your visits!!!**
15 (Thurs.) -Fire Station - Ms. Moore's & Mrs. Chavez's VPK's
16 (Fri.) -Pro Ed Day (teacher work day) – NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN!!!
19 (Thurs.) -Pumpkin Patch story & tours for RDS classes begin; Check Teacher's schedule!
24 (Sat.) -Fall Festival for RUMC – whole community invited!!!
**26 (Mon.) -Cookie Dough Fundraiser ENDS –
(will be delivered Wednesday, November 11th after 11:00 a.m.)
(ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON MON.,11/11! NO ROOM TO STORE!!!**
26 (Sun.) -**GAIN 1 HOUR (of sleep)!!! YEA!!!!!! ("Fall back" - set clocks back 1 hour.)**
29/30(Th./F.)-Class Halloween Parties – Check teachers' calendars; Costumes &
Trick-or-Treating from room to room; **No scary costumes or weapons!!!**
30 (Fri.) -HALF DAY – NO Extended Day Class & NO Afternoon Adventures!!!

Individual class pictures, taken by **Polywog Photographers on Wed. & Thurs. 10/7 & 10/8**, are always beautiful. They go to great pains and pull many tricks out of the hat in order to entice a smile. We'll let you know when the pictures arrive. Ruby & Steve photograph schools near us if we should need those rare, if ever, retakes or if you miss our dates.

Our annual **"Cookie Dough" Fundraiser** will be held for two weeks from **Monday the 12th through Monday the 26th**. This newly packaged cookie dough not only makes DELICIOUS treats at home for family or drop-in friends, but it is ideal for gifts for any occasion during the year! Pull a batch out of the freezer and pop it into the oven for a yummy snack in minutes! **Delivery will be Wednesday, NOVEMBER 11th**, after 11:00 a.m. and must be picked up by 3:00 p.m. for all classes due to lack of available freezer space. Details will be coming soon.

Get your taste buds revved up for **Wednesday, October 14! Mrs. Chavez & Mrs. Walters** will be in the **Narthex about 8:00** for their **"Krispy Kreme Doughnut" Fundraiser**. The **class will join** them, as they arrive, to continue their sales until about 9:15ish. The delicious doughnuts are quite the bargain at \$6.00 a dozen (\$7/doz./chocolate iced glazed!), picked up fresh that morning. You "early risers," on your way to work, please stop by for your first "sugar jolt" of the day! There is a box just outside Cyndi's classroom for cash or checks. Checks should be made out to "Cyndi Chavez." Our gratitude for your support is endless. When in doubt---FREEZE them!!! The microwave makes them soft and yummy again! Think "work, company, parties, etc., etc." You help the children to gain wonderful treasures for their classroom and experience learning and using good-people skills.

Our **"Pumpkin Patch"** is our next up-coming annual church event. It will be ready for your perusal Wednesday, October 14th. Our classes, as well as neighboring schools, love going out to hear the "Pumpkin Patch stories." We hope the children will enjoy a family outing later with Mom and Dad to pick out that special pumpkin for carving at home with you. You'll find some real characters out there (pumpkins, that is)! If **your family** can spare some time to

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help **sell pumpkins** anytime during October (weekdays, evenings, &/or weekends), please, call Bonnie in the church office (527-6466), and she'll get you signed up. As always, your help and support are always treasured. Our pumpkins will add greatly to the ambiance of our church's **Fall Festival on Saturday the 24th**. It's another chance to wear your costumes, play games, socialize with friends, and **EAT MORE CANDY!!**

We are taking "brick orders" for our **"Memory Walkway."** If you would like for your child's name (and dates) to be "etched in stone" for all time, please come to the office and fill out the form. The children love finding and seeing their names in the brick walkway leading out from the playground!

Please continue to order **t-shirts or bricks** at any time throughout the year. If we are out of shirts in desired sizes, we can get them within a week.

You are witnessing firsthand that our Day School and Church are very busy places. There are **fundraisers and events** galore to choose from. Please don't feel overwhelmed and, **therefore, turned off by all that is taking place. Pick and choose those events that fit into your schedule and budget and enjoy them!** If one doesn't serve your needs, **IGNORE IT!** There will be others down the road. Think of us as a place where you are free to give as much of yourself and your talents as you desire without the fear of becoming burned out and, also, as an opportunity for "one-stop shopping." We always appreciate anything and everything you are able to contribute. Participate only if desired!

Everyone has been so very cooperative while following school policies, etc. From time to time I will be sending **"Policy Reminders"** concerning policies that are written in your "Parent Handbook" for the safety and convenience of everyone. Always **walk your child(ren) to their classroom(s) each morning, after washing hands, of course!** Remember to call the office or come in **to let us know if your child will not be attending A.A.** If you have not let us know by the morning of, we will have to charge the \$15. There is usually someone very appreciative waiting for a spot. Remember to **bring your A.A. requests directly to the office or telephone us ahead.** If you leave them in the boxes outside the classrooms, you run the risk of losing your spot to others who have come to the office ahead of you.

Congratulations on your most successful "Hand Washing" endeavors! We so appreciate you helping us to comply with NAEYC policies!!! If your child's **physical and/or immunization form** expires in October, it is due now. Help us to continue our "perfect compliance" with the License Board. They will check again very soon! Please continue to inform us of any **communicable diseases** with which you may come in contact. This helps us to inform other families and provide preventive maintenance for all. We have been blessed to have had only two reported cases, so far, of H1N1. Keep your fingers (& toes) crossed!!! ☺

Check your teacher's newsletter, lists, school and classroom calendars each month to stay abreast of field trips, days off, and special events offered for you and the children. If dates and/or events change, we'll do our very best to keep you informed.

Halloween is coming! This is a time for fun, treats, **costumes**, and parties. Being part of the church and continuing to honor Christian beliefs of families and businesses connected with our school, we ask that your children's costumes reflect fun, **non-scary, non-violent** themes (i.e., princesses, adventure and sports heroes, animals, etc.) With your help, we can avoid witches, ghosts, monsters, and other characters that scare the younger children. **Leave all potential weapons at home.** Your full cooperation is appreciated in helping us to create fond memories for our children. Check your teacher's calendar for your child's party day and to see about helping with the festivities. The children should wear their costumes over their clothes if possible. Please send a paper bag that can serve to store costumes, a change of clothes if necessary, and various treats and prizes from our **Halloween Parade** and parties.

October 30st will be a half day, so there will be **NO Extended-Day Class.** Also, there will be **NO Afternoon Adventures.**

When **assisting in any classroom on a daily basis or for any parties, please come alone,** arranging for homecare of younger siblings. In this way, your full attention can be devoted to those children in your charge. Also, we cannot exceed the student/teacher ratio as set by our NAEYC and License Board policies. Classroom count is established according to the youngest child in that room.

Special thanks to those of you who have signed up to be **substitutes** for our classes, and/or A.A. and our Extended-Day Class during Staff Meetings every other Tuesday. Your assistance is vital to our success and is always very much appreciated!!!

Come and **get involved!** We hope to show you and the children a fun-filled month of activities, projects, and special events. We don't want you to miss a single minute!



Festively yours,

Sharon & Your RDS Faculty & Staff