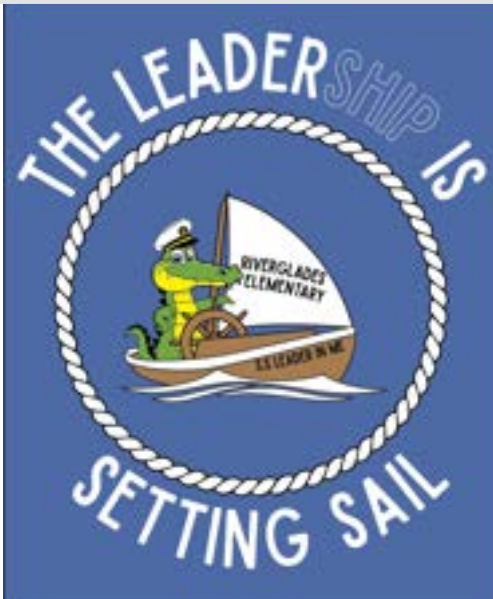


GATOR GAZETTE

WHERE LEADERSHIP SETS SAIL



A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO CHILLY FLORIDA WINTER!

While the temperatures are dipping, the warmth of our school community continues to shine brightly.

As we reflect on the school year so far, our hearts are full of gratitude. Thank you for your tremendous support and involvement in your child's educational journey. Your participation in family events, parent-teacher conferences, School Advisory Council (SAC), PTA events, and classroom activities makes a meaningful difference in the success of our students and the strength of our school community.

We had an amazing start to the winter season with so many joyful and engaging events:

- ESOL Family Game Night brought laughter & learning through games.
- Our beautiful Winter Concerts, hosted by Mr. Silva, showcased the incredible musical talents of our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students and filled the air with winter cheer.
- Literacy Night at Barnes and Noble was a wonderful showcase of our students literacy and confidence.
- New Worlds Reading Night inspired families to continue building strong literacy habits at home.
- Family Bingo Night brought out friendly competition, smiles, and lots of fun.
- Black History Night celebrated culture and diversity with a fun filled night of activities and entertainment.
- Day of Service and Love to support our community and those in need!
- Green Party and game room celebrations with popcorn for classes and students meeting their i-Ready goals and showing outstanding growth and achievement.

We would like to extend a special thank to to our student leaders, staff, parents, and PTA for your incredible support and participation. It is always heartwarming to see our students actively engaged in serving others, learning together, and supporting each other. These experiences help nurture empathy, responsibility, and kindness, qualities that make us so proud of our students. Your encouragement and involvement help make these meaningful opportunities possible.

It is truly an honor to partner with you in nurturing their growth, curiosity, and confidence. Your participation and support are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.



Deputy Gerry



Deputy Gerry has been part of the Riverglades family for over 20 years.

He has kept our school safe and has built so many positive relationships with our staff, students, and community.

His impact will never be forgotten!
He will be missed and we wish him well in retirement!



Riverglades is proud to support the American Heart Association by becoming heart heroes. Riverglades has a long history of supporting AHA in their quest for education and research to help save lives.

Riverglades was the number 1 public school in the State of Florida raising over \$50,000 last year. We are currently over \$33,000 which is 66% of our goal! Keep up the great work. The deadline is March 12, 2026!

- \$200 – Slime Mystery Teacher
- \$300 – Slime Mr. Duhart
- \$400 – Slime Mrs. Seltzer

Click [here](#) to make a donation.



Top 2 students from each grade level will earn playtime with Pink!





IDs are Required for Entry

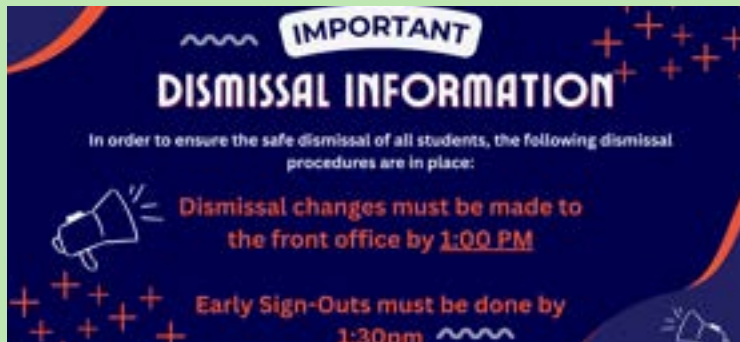


As always, student safety remains our top priority.

In accordance with state expectations, all adults wishing to enter the campus or visit the front office must present a valid ID.



Thank you for helping us by having your ID in hand as you approach the office door. We thank you for your cooperation.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 3/9 – Pre-K, K, & 1st : Field Day
- 3/0 – 2nd and 3rd Grade Field Day
- 3/11 – 4th and 5th Grade Field Day
- 3/11 – STEM Night
- 3/12 – Slime Day
- 3/12 – Early Release Day
- 3/13 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Planning
- 3/16-20 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
- 3/25 – PTA Meeting @ 9:00 am
- 3/30 – SAC and SAF Meeting @ 9:00 am
- 3/31 – 4th and 5th Writing Assessment
- 4/1 – Publix Math Night
- 4/1 & 4/2 Spring Pictures (Schedule below)
- 4/3 – No School
- 4/6 – Employee Planning – No School
- 4/7 – Report Cards Posted
- 4/8 – Yogurt Craze
- 4/15 – PTA Meeting @ 9:00 am
- 4/18 – Autism Awareness Event – Pines Trails Park
- 4/20 Career Day
- 4/20-4 Book Fair
- 4/23 Take Your Child to Work Day
- 4/24 – Creative Arts Night
- 4/27 – SAC and SAF @ 9:00 am

Read for the Record

Read for the Record is the world’s largest annual shared reading experience. Millions of people worldwide read the same book on the same day to pre-K and kindergarten classes. Riverglades was excited to participate and have staff, District and community visitors read to our classes – even Pink joined! Each pre-k and kindergarten student gets a copy of the book This year the book was See Marcus Grow.

A special thank you to Mrs. Judd for inviting and setting up Read for the Record!



Spring Pictures

April 1: PreK, ASD, K, 1st, Coyne, Hernandez, McAllister, & Faust,

April 2: 3rd, 4th, 5th, Strelitz, Riedy, & Pratt



LEADER IN ME!

Growing Leaders Together – Our Leader in Me Progress Update

We are excited to share our progress with the Leader in Me initiative! Across campus, we are seeing meaningful growth in our students—not only in their academic efforts, but in their leadership, responsibility, and ownership of their school community.

- One of the most exciting milestones is that students are beginning to independently exhibit the 7 Habits throughout campus. With continued practice these behaviors will become natural and consistent. We are noticing:
- Less writing on walls
- Less littering in shared spaces
- More awareness of surroundings
- Greater ownership of classrooms, hallways, and common areas

Our students are beginning to understand that leadership is not a title—it's how we act every day.



Habit 1: Be Proactive

At School: Students take responsibility for their actions, make positive choices, and solve problems without blaming others.

At Home: Encourage your child to complete chores without reminders, admit mistakes honestly, and focus on what they can control.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

At School: Students set academic and personal goals and reflect on their progress.

At Home: Help your child set short-term goals (reading minutes, saving money, learning a new skill) and celebrate progress along the way.

Habit 3: Put First Things First

At School: Students prioritize learning, complete assignments on time, and manage their time effectively.

At Home: Support routines for homework before screen time and discuss how to organize responsibilities.

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Habit 4: Think Win-Win

At School: Students work toward solutions where everyone benefits, especially during group work or conflicts.

At Home: Model compromise during disagreements and encourage siblings to find fair solutions together.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

At School: Students practice active listening with peers and teachers before responding.

At Home: Encourage your child to listen fully during conversations and repeat back what they heard before sharing their opinion.

Habit 6: Synergize

At School: Students value teamwork and appreciate differences in others' strengths and ideas.

At Home: Work together on family projects and point out how each person's contribution makes the outcome better.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

At School: Students focus on balance—academics, physical health, relationships, and emotional well-being.

At Home: Encourage reading, outdoor play, creative activities, and meaningful family time to recharge and grow.

Growing Leadership Together

We are incredibly proud of the progress our students are making. The increased respect for our campus and shared spaces is clear evidence that leadership habits are taking root. Students are showing greater awareness and ownership—not because they are told to, but because they understand why it matters.

We sincerely thank our parents and families for your continued support. Your reinforcement of these habits at home strengthens our shared efforts at school.

If you are interested in being trained in Leader In Me and be a greater part of this schoolwide initiative, please use the link below to share your interest.



Leader In Me – Riverglades' Family Leadership Team

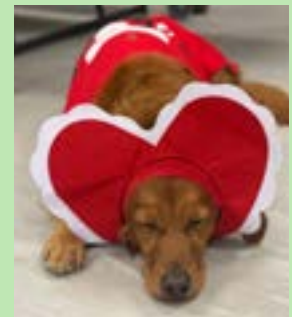


Let the Games Begin!

We are looking forward to a day of fun filled activities for our students. This year we are excited to welcome students from MSD. They will be assisting with field days for all grade levels.

Pre- K and Kindergarten	March 9	8:30 - 10:15
1 st Grade	March 9	11:00 - 1:15
2 nd Grade	March 10	8:30 - 10:45
3 rd Grade	March 10	11:00 - 1:15
4 th grade	March 11	8:30 - 10:45
5 th Grade	March 11	11:00 - 1:15

Day of Service and Love



Thank you for the donations to help support those in need .



DON'T SPACE OUT!
Save the date
CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT
Rocketing Through Riverglades

Friday, April 24
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Save the date for this year's seriously SPACE-tacular Creative Arts Night: Rocketing Through Riverglades! Join us in a faraway galaxy at our annual extravaganza celebrating creative arts of all kinds, featuring:

- Student art gallery
- Student talent show
- The best basket raffle in the UNIVERSE
- Crafts & activities
- Food & drink
- and more!

DRESS-UP IS ENCOURAGED!

Kids and grown-ups are all invited to join us in on-theme outfits! We can't wait to see our astronauts, aliens, rockets, and maybe even a comet or two!

Black History Night



Green Party

Students and staff had a great time at the Green party celebrating academic success and growth. Students danced and enjoyed special treats at the celebration.

Our first Black History Night was a huge success. The performers, food, and activities highlighted culture and was fun for all!





PARKLAND DAY PARADE
WE ARE LOOKING FOR OUR MILITARY
AND FIRST RESPONDERS!
JOIN US TO LEAD OUR FLOAT AT THE PARKLAND DAY PARADE

TO REGISTER SIGN UP HERE:
UNTIL SUN 8AND1



MARCH 7TH 2026 - 9:30AM - PINE TRAILS PARK
WEAR RED WHITE AND BLUE / ATTIRE & ACCESSORIES MUST
BE NON-POLITICAL & NON-PARTISAN



Parkland DAY
STARS, STRIPES & SUNSHINE
9:30 am MARCH 7TH, 2026
COME PARADE WITH RIVERGLADES HEROES!



RIVERGLADES STEM NIGHT
Wednesday, March 11 6:00PM - 7:30PM
Join us for an exciting night of science, technology, engineering, and math! This will be a fun and hands-on evening featuring robotics, science experiments and technology crafts.

In partnership with **CODE SCHOOL**



Yearbooks
ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!
Ads also available through March 12
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Scan your receipts to help!



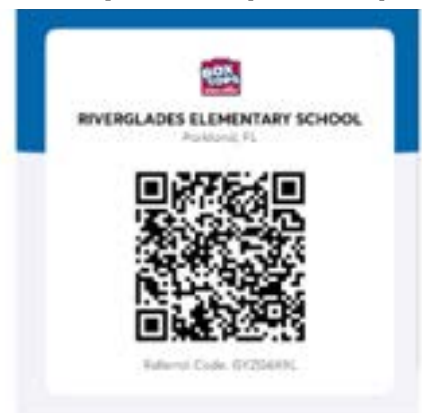
Volunteers needed
There are plenty of opportunities to get involved! Join our community and make Riverglades a better place for all our kids.
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