

Riverview Raptor News

Riverview PK-8 School

Sept/Oct 2021

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School Website click <u>HERE</u>

Coming up	at Riverview
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September



Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm - PTCO meeting (in person or virtually: click here)

Wednesday, September 29 - 4:00-7:00pm Family Pizza Night at MOD Pizza to support our school PTCO!

Thursday, September 30 - School Picture Day (order online or return your paper order envelope by Thursday, watch for emails from Lifetouch Photography)

October

Tuesday, October 5 - Hearing and Vision Screenings (we will need volunteers to help, see below for who to contact)

- 8 No School
 13 & 14 Parent Teacher Conferences (more info to follow)
 14 & 15 No School for Students
 29 PTCO Trunk or Treat @ Riverview!
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From the Principal..

I want to thank all of our amazing parents, staff and students for an amazing first month at Riverview. I have been impressed with how quickly students have settled into a brand new school. Transitions can be really tough on students. We have been working hard on routines, building community and setting our school up for success. We have appreciated your grace as we navigate some of the challenges that come with opening a new school during a pandemic. With Covid shipping delays, we are still receiving shipments every day. As I tell our Riverview staff, we



have everything we need to have a great year (an amazing staff, a beautiful building, supportive parents, and great students). Every new shipment just adds to the tools we have for creating the best learning environment for all students.

Over the next few weeks, we will be adding more opportunities for after school activities for our students. We will continue to work to create opportunities for all Raptors. We have had a great start to athletics at Riverview. Our Volleyball and Cross Country teams have made for an exciting beginning to our school year. We will be starting our Yearbook committee and Girls on the Run clubs the week of September 13th. We are also working on getting our Sources of Strength and Give Next clubs started soon. We will have more activities and athletics starting in the coming months.

Our teachers have been working hard to get to know students and their needs. We are collaborating to ensure that we are doing everything we can to meet the needs of all students. I have enjoyed seeing all of the great learning that is going on in our classrooms. I see happy students engaged in engaging learning every day. When I ask students what they love most about Riverview, I commonly hear the answer "EVERYTHING!" One student replied "I feel like a billionaire here." Every day we work to continue to build a fun and supportive environment where all students feel valued. We want everyone to be proud to be a Riverview Raptor.

Rick Bowles Principal





Riverview PTCO News

All parents, guardians, and staff are voting members of our PTCO and there are no dues required. During our last meeting, we elected our officers, they are:

Faculty Liaison- Ashley Korfhage ashley.korfhage@tsd.org and Charlotte Wyburn cmsell41@yahoo.com

Treasurer- Karis Schneider karis.schneider@aol.com

Secretary- Jessica Halas jesshalas@yahoo.com and Tara Evans <u>4taraevans@gmail.com</u>

Vice President- Camille Ortiz camille.ortiz@tsd.org and Penny Sorensen penny@iecrm.org

President- Ashley Ricker ashleyjangell9@yahoo.com and Candie Joshi candie.joshi@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator- Jessica Anderson jessica0171@gmail.com

Thank you very much to each of you for volunteering to help build our school Parent Teacher Community Organization!

Our PTCO is planning their first Spirit Night to take place this month at Mod Pizza on Wednesday the 29th!

You can see the bylaws along with other information on the Riverview PTCO website, <u>www.RiverviewPTCO.org</u>. We established this email address (riverviewptco@gmail.com) for our PTCO activities. The paperwork is filed paperwork for our taxID and 501(c)3 status so we can accept tax-exempt donations. We have also started a <u>"Riverview PTCO" Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> page in an effort to facilitate communication and reach out to more of our supporters. We will use those pages to share things going on in the school, volunteer opportunities, fundraising, and fun events we see happening nearby in our community. Please help us spread the word! Our next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00pm, please join us in person or virtually for this upcoming meeting!

Here are the pages for the PTCO social media:

Facebook: riverviewptco Instagram: riverviewptco

We are excited to share with everyone what is coming our way this year!

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Riverview PTCO News, continued...

Dear Riverview Community,

The Riverview PTCO (our Parent-Teacher-Community Organization) needs your help! While we have big plans, Riverview PTCO does not have start-up money. We are asking for a small contribution to help fund some of the events we are planning prior to our big fundraiser, a direct-donation Jog-A-Thon in the spring. If you can help us financially, please send cash or a check made out to "Riverview PTCO" to the school or donate online at <u>www.RiverviewPTCO.org/fundraising</u>. Any amount will help keep us running! We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization (application pending) and donations are tax deductible.

Money raised will be used to help with teacher conference meals and teacher appreciation, school social events such as our Trunk-or-Treat or a family movie night, field trip transportation fees, clubs or extracurriculars, and any school needs that may come up.

We also have some smaller "passive" fundraisers in place where you can help us raise money on things you already purchase, including a monthly Restaurant Spirit Night, King Soopers Community Rewards, Morning Fresh Dairy milk caps, etc. You can learn more on our website, <u>www.RiverviewPTCO.org/fundraising</u>.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, whether you can attend one or all. All parents, guardians, and staff are voting members. We are still planning events for this school year. Bring your ideas and let's make it happen! Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 28th at 7PM at Riverview and an email reminder will be sent with an online link if you'd like to attend virtually.

Thank you for your support of Riverview PreK-8 School! Riverview PTCO

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TSD Clothing Closet

Community Connections, a school within our district, runs a clothing closet. Our 18-21 years old with disabilities that attend the school run the closet; including washing, folding, sorting, and filling orders. Please feel free to utilize <u>this link</u> if you are in need of items for your children.

Counselors Corner

Please click THIS LINK to visit our school counselor, Lacee Smith's website and learn more about her and how she helps us daily at Riverview!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a minute to volunteer at Riverview? We have a few upcoming events that we could really use some assistance with! You must be a registered volunteer in Thompson School District - please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to register. Many of you were able to register at our back to school event, if you need to see if you are already registered or possibly update your school to Riverview, please email <u>Lisa.Wegener@tsd.org</u> to confirm.



9/30/21(Thursday) - We need one more full day volunteer for picture day, please email <u>Tammy.Wildin@tsd.org</u> if you are available. ~Thank you!

10/5/21 (Tuesday) - We need several volunteers to assist us with our annual hearing and vision screenings. We will need a few ½ day AM volunteers and a few ½ day PM volunteers - all training is provided. We have many students to test and desperately need as many helpers as we can gather. Please email <u>Michelle.McLeish@tsd.org</u> if you are able to help ~ Thank you!

10/9/21 Riverview/High Plains/Conrad Ball joint Swim and Dive team is hosting a Middle School Championship swim meet and needs volunteers! Saturday, October 9th, from 11:00am to 6:00pm, is the Middle School Championship swim meet hosted by Bison Swim and Dive. Our school needs volunteers from 11:30am to 2:30pm and from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Please review the sign-up genius below and help our team put on an impressive meet! This meet also serves as an excellent fundraising opportunity for our athletics department through program, concessions, and admission sales. Please come get involved! Bison Swim and Dive is already off to a great start because of the efforts of our amazing coaches and the volunteering spirit of our community.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9ad28a0face9-october

All volunteers must be registered volunteers. To register go to www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer. ~Thank you!

Date TBD - Scholastic Bookfair

We are looking for a "coordinator" to run our Scholastic Bookfair. This person will coordinate dates within our building and set up the bookfair (with volunteer assistance) and schedule helpers during the "open" hours of the book fair. The Scholastic Bookfairs are always a treat for our students, they love getting to visit and see all the amazing books! Please email jenni.leinweber@tsd.org if you have any questions! ~Thank you!

Riverview, In the News

Riverview PK-8 School has our own Facebook and Instagram pages! Please follow us by liking our Facebook page, @RiverviewPK8School, as well as our Instagram page, riverviewpk8!

School Fees

During the next week, school fees will be posted to student accounts from the district. The instructional material fees for the 2021-2022 school year are:

Elementary (K-5) \$32.00 per student Middle School (6-8) \$25.00 per student

As a reminder, if you qualify for free or reduced lunch, your fees will be reduced accordingly. Please remember to apply for F/R lunch status if you think you may be eligible.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

As many of you know, lunch is free again this school year (USDA extended the waiver that allows Thompson School District Nutrition Services to offer meals to ALL students at NO CHARGE through June 30, 2022) WE DO ENCOURAGE YOU TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION if you would still be eligible because the qualification status does carry over to other school related fees/programs. <u>Here is the link to the application</u>.

Raptor Gear

I have received a few emails from families inquiring about purchasing **Raptor Gear**...<u>HERE</u> is the link to visit our gear store! You can also find the link on our website under "Our School."

School Lunch Update

As many of you have heard from your students, the daily menu has changed frequently due to shipping/receiving of food supplies not being on schedule. The September lunch menu is now posted on the district website (<u>Click</u> <u>Riverview and bookmark this!</u>) - You can also utilize the Thompson School District app for daily menu options. The nutritional services department anticipates being able to stay closer to the menu posted now that we are a couple weeks into the school year.



9th Annual TSD Science Fair- December 11, 2021

sign up instructions: TSD Science Fair Information!

Please visit the Science Fair page located on the Thompson School District website for details and

Early Childhood/Preschool Program in the **Thompson School District**

Are you interested in your child being ready for kindergarten? Are you interested in free preschool for your 3 or 4 year old child? If your child turns 3 or 4 by October 1, you may qualify for preschool! Please contact us at 970-613-5052 if you have any questions or visit our website for information about the programs we offer and how to apply.

The Boy's and Girl's Club

The Boy's and Girl's Club of Larimer County provides our before and after school care program for K-8 students. They are needing to hire more staff to accommodate the needs of our families. If you or someone you know would be interested in this employment opportunity, please reach out to Kyle Jackson @ kjackson@bgclarimer.org

Dogs and Pets on School Grounds

Please help us in maintaining a safe school environment by leaving your pets at home during drop-off and dismissal times. While we know that many of you have very well-behaved animals, all animals can be unpredictable. Please do not bring your pets to school with you when you pick up your children. There have been a couple of incidents in the past where dogs have growled or barked at kids who are eager to pet them. We don't want anyone hurt, and the chaos of school dismissal might cause a pet to react unexpectedly. Thanks for helping us keep our kids safe!



Riding Bikes/Scooters on School Grounds

We encourage our students to ride bikes/scooters to school! Please remember to push while on school grounds, ride once off school grounds.