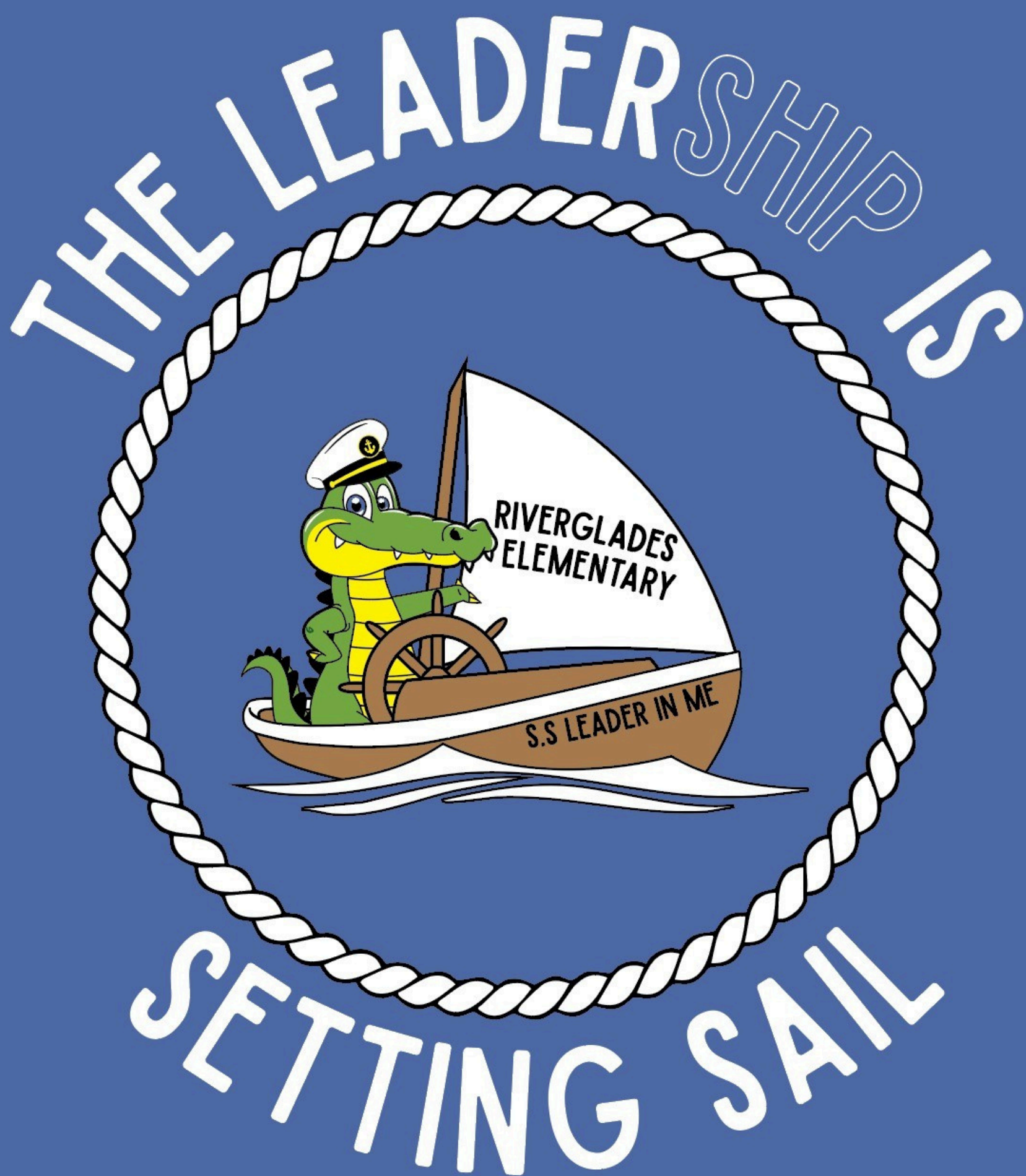


# GATOR GAZETTE

WHERE LEADERSHIP SETS SAIL

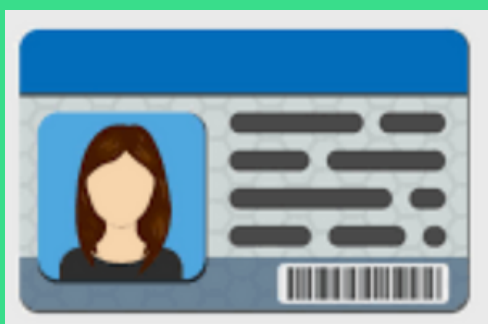


## WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER!

As we step into a brand new month, we want to thank you for an incredible start to the school year. Your support, patience, and understanding during the first few weeks, especially during arrival and dismissal, have not gone unnoticed. We're proud of the progress we've made together, and we continue working hard each day to refine and improve our practices.

We are excited to welcome you to the month of September, a time full of opportunities for learning, growth, and community connection.

Breakfast will continue to be provide free for all students, however, as of September 22<sup>nd</sup> students will only eat lunch for free or for a reduced price based off their Meal Eligibility status. Application for meal benefits can be completed at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)

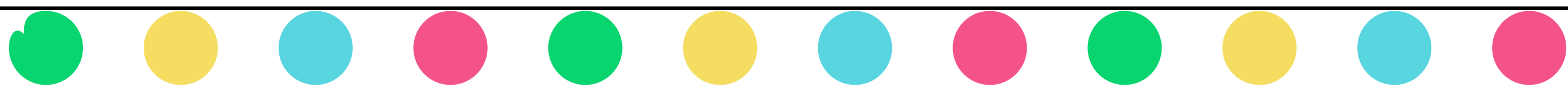


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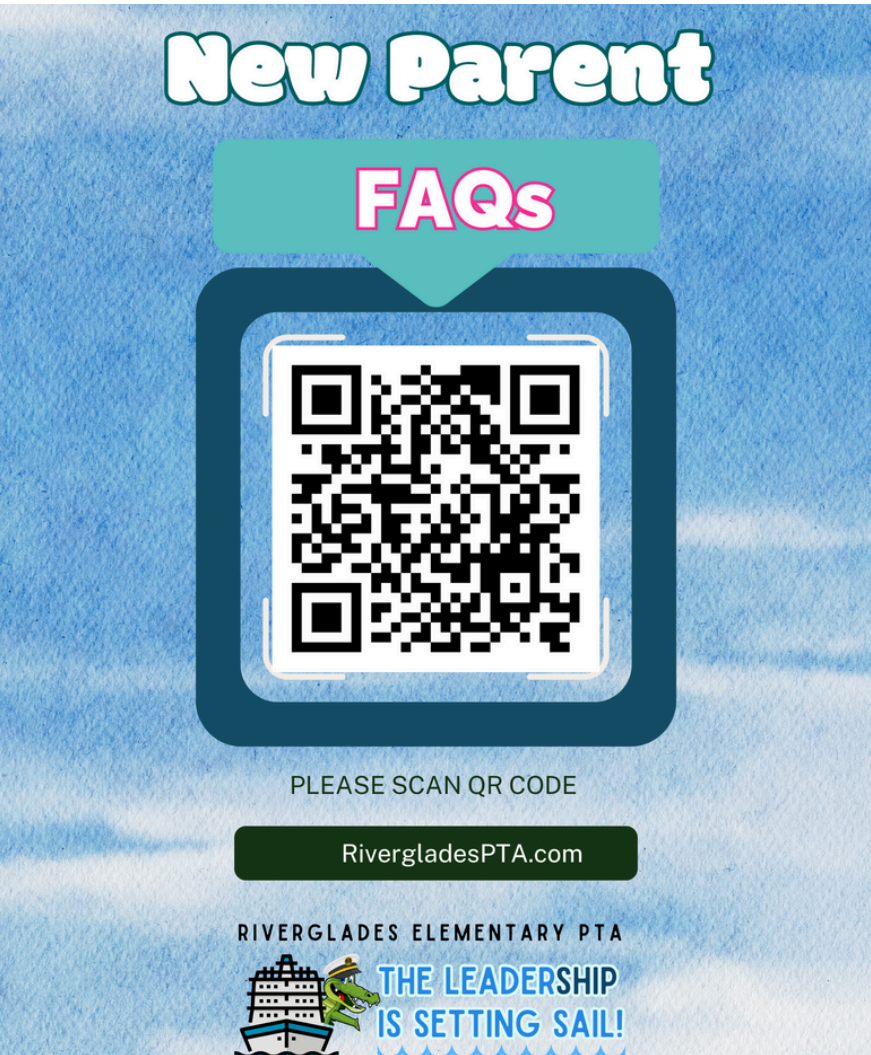


As always, student safety remains our top priority. Please remember that in accordance with state expectations, all adults wishing to enter the campus or visit the front office must present a valid ID. To help us expedite the check-in process, we respectfully ask that you have your ID in hand as you approach the office door. We thank you for your cooperation.





DATES TO REMEMBER:



Please remember to drive safely during arrival and dismissal. Well – drive safely all the time but please be extra cautious during arrival and dismissal.

Remember to pull all the way forward in car line so we can load and unload as many cars as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation to keep our kids safe.



Please join us in Dad’s Take Your Child to School Day!  
**September 19, 2025**

Dad’s will be able to walk their child up to the white gates and get a picture taken with your child.  
Photos may be shared on social media.

- 9/8 – 12 – K STAR Early Literacy PM 1
- 9/8 – Fun Run Kickoff
- 9/9 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> STAR Reading PM 1
- 9/10 – Parent Orientation (ASD, 1, 3, 5)
- 9/12 – 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> FAST Reading PM 1
- 9/15–19 – Fun Run Spirit Week
- 9/15–19 – K STAR Math PM1
- 9/16 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> STAR Math PM1
- 9/16 – Texas Road House Fundraiser
- 9/17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> FAST Math PM1
- 9/19 – Dad’s Take Your Child to School Day
- 9/23 – NO SCHOOL
- 9/24 – PTA General Meeting @9:00am
- 9/29 – SAC/SAF Meeting @9:00am
- 10/1–15 – Costume Drive
- 10/2 – NO SCHOOL
- 10/3 – Diwali Celebration

WATER SAFETY AND SWIM LESSONS

“Water safety is so important for everyone raising children in South Florida. This is why we are sharing resources from Every Child a Swimmer, whose goal is to achieve and sustain a zero-drowning rate among children in Broward County. Below are links that will direct you to their website for instructions on how to secure free or reduced-priced swim lessons for your students at a location near you, and additional water safety resources. These resources were created and provided by Every Child a Swimmer.  
[everychildaswimmer.org](http://everychildaswimmer.org)

• **Volunteers needed for big upcoming events — scan the QR code to sign up!**

Upcoming Opportunities:

- ✨ Diwali Celebration – Oct 3
- 🎃 Trunk or Treat – Oct 17
- 👕 Costume Drive – Oct 1–15
- 📖 Book Fair – Oct 14–20





## LEADER IN ME!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of Leader in Me at Riverglades! This powerful, school-wide initiative is designed to help students develop leadership and life skills that will serve them well both in and out of the classroom.

Grounded in the belief that every child has the potential to lead, Leader in Me teaches students to take ownership of their learning, build positive relationships, and contribute to a culture of excellence and collaboration.

Our entire staff is committed to weaving leadership principles into our daily routines, conversations, and lessons. Together, we're building a school culture where students not only learn, but also lead. We can't wait to watch our students grow into confident, capable leaders at school, at home, and in their communities.



### Habit 1: Be Proactive

Being proactive means taking responsibility for your actions, attitudes, and choices. Instead of reacting to situations or blaming others, proactive students recognize that they are in charge of themselves. They understand that they have the power to choose how they respond to challenges, and that their behavior is a reflection of their character, not their circumstances.

At school this looks like:

- Taking initiative in learning
- Being prepared and organized
- Following through on responsibilities without reminders
- Using positive language like "I can" and "I will"
- Owning mistakes and making things right

We encourage you to talk with your child at home about what it means to "be proactive" and celebrate the ways they show leadership in everyday situations.

Thank you for partnering with us on this exciting journey. We are proud to help grow tomorrow's leaders – starting today!



# Riverglades loves our Grandparents

In honor of Grandparents we will create a school-wide collage.

Send in a copy of your favorite picture of your child with their grandparent(s) for us to display in the cafeteria for our students to enjoy.

**Pictures will not be returned**

All pictures are due to your teacher by  
Tuesday,  
September 9th.



## FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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Individuals who knowingly submit a false tip through FortifyFL may be subject to investigation by law enforcement, and additionally subject to criminal penalties under Section 837.05, F.S.



## See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)

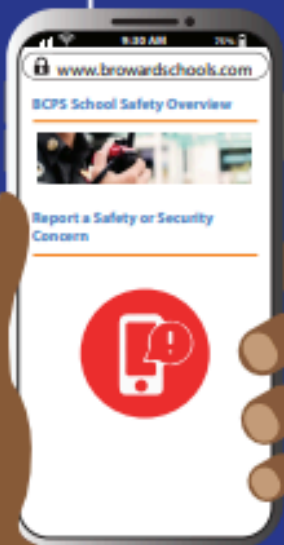


### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)



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## SAVE THE DATE

# Diwali

## AT RIVERGLADES

### OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 5:30-8:00

Calling all students !!!!!!!!!

WE INVITE YOU TO SHOWCASE YOUR DIWALI CULTURAL OUTFITS AT OUR  
COLORS OF DIWALI FASHION SHOW – SAREES, LEHENGAS, KURTA PAJAMAS,  
SHERWANIS, OR ANY FESTIVE DIWALI WEAR!  
WALK THE RUNWAY WITH PRIDE WHILE CELEBRATING THE  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.

PLEASE EMAIL MS. ROMEY AT  
[SEROMANY.JAWAHIR@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM](mailto:SEROMANY.JAWAHIR@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM)  
IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.



## MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

All Broward County Public Schools have processes in place to meet student needs in the areas of academic, life skills & wellness and behavioral functioning. Specifically, each school offers a framework that provides varying levels of academic and behavior supports to students based upon their individual needs. This framework is referred to as a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

All school's Collaborative Problem-Solving Team (CPS team) meet regularly to review data and make decisions regarding specific students' need for intervention and/or evaluation. The problem-solving process includes steps that school-based teams use to determine how well students have responded to the instruction and interventions that have been provided. This focused approach of matching interventions to student needs and monitoring them on a regular basis is referred to as Response to Intervention (RtI). The information gained is used by school personnel to adapt instruction and enable students to be successful in school.

Parent involvement is vital in the process. Please reach out to your child's teacher with questions or clarification.



### FUN RUN SPIRIT WEEK!

**Monday, 9/15 – Luau Day:** wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt

**Tuesday, 9/16 – Ride the Tide:** wear tie dye to make a colorful splash

**Wednesday, 9/17 – Seashell Snooze Day:** Get comfy in your favorite pajamas

**Thursday, 9/18 – Rainbow Fish Day:** wear bright colors and let your scales shine!

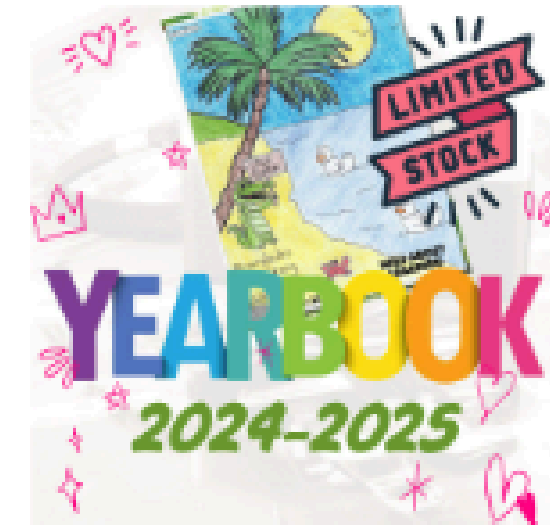
**Friday, 9/19 – Fish Out of Water Day:** wear wacky clothes or wacky hair.



## Yearbook

- Submit your photos to [yearbook@rivergladespta.com](mailto:yearbook@rivergladespta.com). Please include your child's full name and home room teacher with each photo submission.
- Last call for 2024-2025 yearbooks

<https://www.rivergladespta.com/store/p/yearbook-2024-2025>





5951 Lyons Rd – Coconut Creek, FL

# DINE TO DONATE

Support  
**RIVERGLADES  
ELEMENTARY**

**Tuesday,  
September 16  
3-10PM**




Present this flyer at the Coconut Creek, FL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Riverglades Elementary!

## 10% DONATION NIGHT

Support Riverglades Elementary by presenting this flyer to the Coconut Creek, FL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Riverglades Elementary!

# PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE!

## EXTENDED

Win pizza for your child's class when you become a PTA member by Friday, ~~August 29~~ **September 5!**



## JOIN NOW



[RIVERGLADESPTA.COM/PTA-MEMBERS](http://RIVERGLADESPTA.COM/PTA-MEMBERS)

Scan your receipts to help!

# SAVE THE DATE


**THE PTA WILL BE COLLECTING GENTLY USED HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO SPREAD JOY TO THE CHILDREN AT OUR SISTER SCHOOL, "PARK RIDGE ELEMENTARY".**

**PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR OLD COSTUMES FOR NOW!**


**MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED SOON!**




**BOO!**



**RIVERGLADES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Parkland, FL



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