

# MARCH 2021

# IN THE LOOP

Updates for Riverview Elementary PTA Members



## TEACHER APPRECIATION

- In January, teachers were treated to breakfast foods during their teacher work day!
- In February, the PTA provided two catered, COVID-friendly meals to all staff members! Special thanks to Sombreros and Goodcents for the delicious meals and wonderful customer service!
- The PTA also opened applications for Big Ticket items that teachers may not be able to purchase with their ETC and district funds. The total amount available for this school year was \$1,000. Preference was given to items that enhance classroom learning and will benefit students for many years.
  - This year's winner was the 2nd grade team, who asked for S.P.I.R.E. decodable readers. These books support the district and building initiative to ground instruction in the science of reading through explicit phonics instruction and application. The staff also worked with Heather Conway, Riverview's reading specialist, to select the best program to benefit the most students.
  - The remaining funds were able to partially fund the 4th grade team's request for the "I Survived" book series. This novel series is high-interest and will provide opportunities for students to explore learning through quality text. These books will eventually be able to be used by all Riverview students.

## OVERVIEW

The PTA Board would like to thank you for your support during this challenging school year!

Here are a few updates on the PTA's activities:

- Teacher Appreciation
- Color Run
- Restaurant Night
- Board Elections
- Diversity Update
- Book & Game Drive
- Upcoming Calendar Changes

## STAY INFORMED

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## FUNDRAISING

### Color Run:

The PTA Ways & Means Committee is excited to announce a new spring fundraiser this year - a Color Run! Students will be lightly sprayed with their grade's color of choice as they run around a fun track on the school fields! The spray is made out of food coloring, vinegar, and water. The suggested donation is \$20/student. Students will need to wear a white t-shirt (extra shirts are available in the office for kiddos that do not have one), masks, and sunglasses. These shirts will also serve as class shirts for May's Field Day, replacing the school's normal tie-dye day. Save the date for April 29th! We will need many volunteers for this event, so please stay tuned for more information!



### Sombreros:

A Riverview Restaurant Night is tentatively planned for May 12. Please watch for additional details to follow.

## REMINDERS



Wish your child a Happy Birthday and help the school! If you would like your child's/children's name(s) to be broadcast on TV Screens in the front office and cafeteria during the month of his or her birthday, please visit [www.refalconspta.org](http://www.refalconspta.org) and purchase the birthday sign so we can celebrate their birthday in style. (Summer birthdays will be posted the last two weeks of school).



Turning in your BoxTops to benefit RE PTA is even easier this year! Visit [www.refalconspta.org](http://www.refalconspta.org) for instructions using the app or emailing receipts to take advantage of the highest number of BoxTop products.



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## ELECTIONS

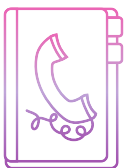
The window for self-nominations for the 2021-2022 PTA Board has closed. The nominating committee will announce the proposed slate on Monday, March 22nd. At April's general membership meeting, all current PTA members in good standing will vote to approve or reject the slate. Please consider attending this important meeting!

## DIVERSITY UPDATE

USD 232 hosted the parent webinar, "How to Talk to Your Children About Race" on Thursday, February 4, as part of the school district's Student Well-Being Series. The PTA provided two books for a raffle for all registered Riverview attendees, "So you Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Olu and "Hair Love" by Matthew A. Cherry. Riverview parent Allison Unruh was the winner!

Riverview's Media Specialist, Ms. Younger, also provided a list of suggested books to read with children about diversity. That list can be found here: <http://bit.ly/REDiversityBooks>

Two of our PTA members are serving on the Parent Advisory Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the district's new Equity in Schools Cohort. You can read more about this initiative at: <http://bit.ly/USD232Equity!> More information about this initiative will be presented during the April meeting.



The Student Directory is now an online document! If you need to update or add your information, please fill out this form: <http://bit.ly/RE2020Directory>.

## BOOK & GAME DRIVE

In March, the PTA organized a book and game drive to benefit the library, classroom teachers, and support staff! Thank you to everyone that donated new games and books for our Falcons to enjoy!

Additionally, the PTA, through the use of our Scholastic points and an additional \$500 in funds, was able to purchase Scholastic Magazines for all grade levels. Thank you for supporting the school's book fairs!



## CALENDAR UPDATES

- March 22nd - PTA Board Slate Announced
- April 26th - PTA General Membership Meeting (Election Night)
- April 29th - Color Run
- May 12th - Sombreros Fundraiser (tentative)
- May 21st - Field Day (tentative)

