

Riviera Beach
Elementary School
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Office Hours:
8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Mr. John Wojtila,
Principal

SAVE THE DATE!

*The Pre-Kindergarten
Application begins on
May 3, 2022.
Registration will occur
online. See page 2 for
more details.*

MISSION STATEMENT

*Riviera Beach
Elementary School
is dedicated to
building positive
relationships in
order to provide all
students equitable
access to quality
academic and
social-emotional
instruction.*

VISION STATEMENT

*We envision
fostering resilient,
confident learners
on their path to
being college,
career, and life
ready to meet the
challenges of the
21st century.*



The Riviera Beach BEACON

April/May 2022

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe the fourth and final marking period of the school year is officially underway! This is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the goals set in our School Improvement Plan. If you recall from the fall, our two goals are in the area of writing and attendance. There are several ways families can support. For starters, ask your children about what they learned in school each day. You can also encourage your child to free write or draft ideas at home. So far, students in grades 1-5 have all completed units in narrative writing, informational writing, and persuasive or opinion writing. Another way families can support is by simply making sure your child is ready for learning each day. With only one

marking period left, it is extremely important that your child make every effort to be in school. If you have specific questions regarding how each grade level is addressing our goals, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

State assessments are right around the corner. This spring, students in third, fourth, and fifth grade will take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program, or MCAP. Students in those grades will take the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment during April 26-29. The math assessment will be given during the week of May 9.

Earlier this month, we had a very successful virtual PTA meeting. Our PTA has several events coming up so

please look out for flyers or join their Facebook page. All PTA offices are up for election this year and the call for nominations is open. If you are interested in running, please email: rivierabeachespta@gmail.com. The election will occur during our June meeting which will be in-person on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM in the Media Center.

In closing, I would like to offer another reminder that students are not to be dropped off outside in the morning prior to 8:55 am as there is no adult supervision prior to that time. Children left unattended is a major safety concern. Please keep this in mind as you plan for morning arrival. As a reminder, the warning bell rings at 9:10 am with instruction beginning promptly at 9:15 am.

Best, Mr. Wojtila

Dates to Remember

- ◆ 4/26—PTA Ledo's Fundraiser
- ◆ 5/3—Schools Closed - Eid-al-Fitr
- ◆ 5/12 - PTA Burger King Night
- ◆ 5/30—Schools Closed - Memorial Day
- ◆ 5/31-6/7—Book Fair
- ◆ 6/1—Evening Book Fair
- ◆ 6/2—Spring Concert
- ◆ 6/3—Field Day
- ◆ 6/9—5th Grade Drown-Proofing

Early Dismissals

The parent/guardian needs to provide the school with a dated and signed written request for a student's early dismissal. The request should include the student's name, grade, date of the early dismissal, and reason for the request, all in addition to the parent's/guardian's signature. At the time of the early dismissal, the parent/guardian should pick up their child directly from the office. **Students will not be released from the classroom until the parent/guardian arrives. A government issued photo ID will be required** before the student is released. **Due to the structures at the end of the school day, there will be no early dismissals after 3:25 PM to ensure a safe and orderly dismissal for all students.**

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Elementary
is on Twitter!
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Note from the Health Room

Please note that the use of face coverings in the Health Room are still required. If your child is sent home with a fever or is absent from school with a fever due to illness, they cannot return to school until they are **FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS**—without the use of any fever reducing medication. Thank you!

School Security Cameras

Riviera Beach Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of our students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Office of School Security at 410-222-5083.

Prekindergarten Application Process

To qualify for Pre-K, children must be four years old on / by September 1, 2022. All

pre-kindergarten applications will be processed using the Online Enrollment portal in order to ensure an equitable application process where each submission is date and time stamped.

The Enrollment Secretary will process completed applications in the order in which they were received on the Portal. The following link

will be live on 5/3/2022: <https://www.aacps.org/enrollment>.

Be sure to have all documents ready to upload prior to entering in the Online Enrollment Portal by saving them in PDF, JPG, or PNG format:

- ◇ Parent's proof of identity
- ◇ Two proofs of residency
- ◇ Student's evidence of birth and immunization record
- ◇ Pre-Kindergarten Application

(for eligibility consideration, found at: <https://www.aacps.org/earlychildhood> and must accompany income verification).

Additional details and updated information can be found by visiting aacps.org and **follow Tabs:**

- ⇒ **Families**
- ⇒ **Early Childhood**
- ⇒ **Pre-K/Kindergarten Enrollment**

Brightspace

This fall, AACPS transitioned to Brightspace, a learning management system (LMS) that teachers and students use for online teaching and learning. Brightspace is a multimedia environment designed to support all aspects of learning. Features include dynamic learning dashboards where students, families,

and teachers can track student engagement and achievement; communication tools to support teacher-student-family connection and interaction; and easy access to lessons, assignments, learning resources, and assessed work/grades.

Now AACPS families can use a new tool, Brightspace Parent &

Guardian, to help their students succeed. All parents and guardians are invited to join the Brightspace Parent & Guardian community. Please visit <https://www.aacps.org/brightspaceparent> for more information.

