

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

# BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME PACKET

4TH ST. ELEMENTARY  
2023 - 2024



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## BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

Families should complete all required and appropriate items by August 15

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School Supply List                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> *Permission to Administer Medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Purchase                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> *Apollo Before and Aftercare         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization and Medical Records                          | <input type="checkbox"/> *Parental Medicaid Consent           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Agreement<br>(New Families Only)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> *School Lunch Program                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Questionnaire<br>(PS3-PK4 Families Only)* |                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSA Sign-up*                                              |                                                               |

\*denotes optional items

# LETTER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## DEAR TWO RIVERS FAMILIES,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you Back to School as your new Executive Director! It is an honor and a privilege to take on this role of steering and guiding our Two Rivers Boat! Each and every member of our CREW is working extremely hard as we prepare for another excellent year of learning and growing together. As an EL Education school, you have joined a group of educators who will do all in their power to ensure your child's success in our three dimensions of student achievement: Master of Knowledge and Skills, Character, and High Quality work. Focusing on these dimensions

Next year we will celebrate *twenty years* of keeping our mission and goal at the forefront of all that we do. In the lead up to this remarkable anniversary, you will notice us doing two things:

1. Reflecting on what it means to provide culturally responsive instruction that is rigorous and prioritizes student voice and produces excellent and equitable outcomes for all students.
2. Building Crew as a full network by strengthening relationships within schools, across schools, and throughout Two Rivers with staff, families, and students to collaboratively, efficiently, and effectively make progress toward achieving our goal.

I am thrilled to be working with a group of individuals who I know are deeply engaged in our success. I know our instructional team is hungry for continued growth and support in meeting the high expectations we have set for our student outcomes. We have taken this feedback to heart and are committed to ensuring staff have what they need for them to be successful so that our students will be successful.

As a seasoned school leader, I have already witnessed the deep love and care that our faculty and staff have for Two Rivers students. As I prepare to drop off my two young adults at college this fall, I am reminded how much trust we as parents put in the institutions our children attend as we watch them mature and grow up. Working together as CREW, not passengers, I am confident our Two Rivers community will reach new heights as we evolve. Let the adventure begin!

Yours in partnership,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belicia B. Reaves".

Mrs. Belicia Reaves  
Executive Director  
Two Rivers Public Charter School

# LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

## DEAR 4TH STREET ELEMENTARY FAMILIES,

I am so honored to re-introduce myself as your Interim Principal and welcome you to Two Rivers 4th St Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. I am grateful to those of you who have already spent time meeting with me, and I look forward to meeting all of our families as we collaborate on plans for the upcoming school year. As we embark on this journey together, it's important that I learn as much as I can about you and our scholars and share some of who I am and what drives me to do this work. Therefore, I'd like to share a little about my background and educational philosophy.

I am a native Washingtonian and product of the DC Public School System. In 2004, I was one of the founding staff for Two Rivers Public Charter School (PCS). I have 10 years of administration experience, including having served as the founding Principal of Two Rivers Young Elementary School starting in 2014, where I led the planning and opening of the first EL Education elementary school to successfully replicate in the nation. During the first eighteen months I led Young Elementary School to dramatic increases in student achievement, attaining Tier 1 status in record time.

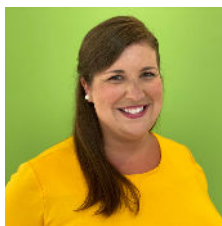
My previous experience taught me the importance of listening as the key first step to building strong, trusting, collaborative relationships within a community. I am so excited to get started on this effort with each of you in the 4th Street family. Equally important, I firmly believe that culture and community are the essential cornerstones of all highly successful schools. This is the foundation that propels a school from good to great. I am a hands-on administrator, focused on accountability, data driven analysis, goal setting, shared leadership and capacity building for our staff. I promote continuous development and will be actively engaged with the entire Two Rivers PCS community. Likewise, I emphatically believe in teaching to the whole child. Academic learning cannot be realized without social-emotional learning. Likewise, it's important to know that I have extremely high expectations. For myself. Our staff. Our students. And for all of our families. Together, we are the "community" that will drive success for the school.

### 4th Street ES Leadership Team

We are crew not passengers!



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# LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

## **Student Placement in Crews and Classrooms:**

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the upcoming school year. Teachers, counselors, and leaders took careful consideration to ensure your student is placed in a crew where they can feel a sense of belonging, excitement for the school year, and reassurance in being a part of a crew they know and love.

## **Arrival and Dismissal:**

We need your partnership with timely arrival and dismissal. As you prepare for the new school year, we encourage your family to determine a consistent drop off and pick up plan.

### *School Hours and Arrival*

Students in preschool through fifth grade are in class from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays are early release days for all students ending at 1:15 pm to allow for staff meetings, professional development, and reflection. Students are not allowed to be inside of any building prior to 8:15 am unless they are being supervised by an adult. Elementary School students are considered tardy if they arrive at school after 8:30 am.

### *Dismissal*

In order to provide necessary teacher planning and preparation and conduct our after school program accordingly, Elementary school students who are not enrolled in aftercare or another club are not permitted to remain on school grounds after 3:30 pm without adult supervision. All elementary school students must be picked up by 3:15 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 1:15 pm on Wednesdays.. Only students with written permission from their parents or guardian and the permission of a school administrator will be allowed to walk home or use public transportation home from school.

## **Uniforms:**

As part of our commitment to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment, Two Rivers adheres to a uniform policy for all students. Wearing uniforms fosters a sense of unity and equality among our students and promotes a focus on academics and character development. Detailed information regarding the uniform requirements, including where to purchase them, can be found in the attached document. We kindly request your cooperation throughout the school year in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform policy.



# LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

In closing, I want you to know that I take extreme pride in investing my time and effort into ensuring that staff, students and families feel supported and part of an inclusive community. It is not by luck that I ended up back at Two Rivers PCS at 4th. I see myself in the students here, and I'm committed to providing the students with the role model and critical tools necessary to succeed.

I look forward to each step of this exciting journey with all of you beginning the week of August 28, 2023.

Sincerely,

Mr. Guye and the 4th Street ES Leadership Team

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# SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

In an effort to mitigate the purchase of anything that your student will not need, the below list of items are basic supplies that all students will need. Additional supplies may be requested by individual teachers the first week of school. *We recognize that some families in the Two Rivers community will not be able to purchase supplies and others may be able to purchase extras. Please contribute what your family is able to towards classroom supplies.*

## Preschool and Prekindergarten

- 1 package of washable markers
- 1 package of construction paper
- 2 packages of crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 packages of baby wipes
- 3 boxes of facial tissue
- 4 rolls of paper towels
- 4 canisters of sanitizing wipes
- 2 bottles of sanitizing spray
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 2 full change of weather appropriate clothes, **labeled**



## Grades K-1

- 2 packages of pencils (at least 12)
- 1 package of rectangular pink erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pencil case
- 2 packages of crayons
- 2 packages of washable markers
- 2 packages of colored pencils
- 1 package of dry erase markers and eraser
- 2 solid color (1 blue, 1 red) folders with pockets (no designs)
- 4 glue sticks
- 1-2 boxes of facial tissue
- 4 rolls of paper towels
- 4 canisters of sanitizing wipes
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 1 full change of weather appropriate clothes, **labeled**

## Grades 2-3

- 2 packages of pencils (at least 12)
- 1 package of rectangular pink erasers
- 2 packages of colored pencils (at least 12)
- 1 package of washable markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pencil case
- 1 box of dry erase markers and eraser
- 2 wide ruled, black composition books
- 4 solid color folders with pockets (no designs)
- 1 glue stick
- 3 boxes of facial tissue
- 4 rolls of paper towels
- 4 canisters of sanitizing wipes
- 4 bottles of hand sanitizer

# SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

## Grades 4-5

- 2 packages of pencils (at least 12)
- 1 package of rectangular pink erasers
- 1 package of colored pencils (at least 12)
- 1 package of crayons
- 1 package of washable markers
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 package of dry erase markers and eraser
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of sticky notes
- 1 package of 3x5 index cards
- 1 pencil case
- 3 black composition books
- 4 solid color folders with pockets (no designs)
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 3 rolls of paper towels
- 4 canisters of sanitizing wipes
- 4 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 1 spiral notebook with 4-5 subjects
- 1 one inch binder
- 1 package of 8 binder dividers



## Grades 6-8

- 1 - agenda book (provided by school)
- 1 - 3-ring, 2" binder w/ zipper
- 1 - 7-subject binder tabs/dividers
- 1 - 3-hole punched, solid-colored folder (for home-to-school communication)
- 2 - marble composition notebook (for science lab)
- 1 - 3-subject spiral notebook
- 1 - 3-hole punched pencil pouch for binder
- 1 - additional 3-hole punched pouch for binder (for personal hygiene products) - optional
- 1 - pack each of blue/black ink pens
- 1 - large pink eraser
- 1 - pack of glue sticks
- 2 - packs of 24 count-#2 pencils (pre-sharpened at home or mechanical)\*
- 2 - package of post-it notes\*
- 1 - pack dry erase markers\*
- 2 - box(es) of tissue\*
- 1 - pack of graph paper (for 8G Algebra I only)\*
- 1 - pack of 4 count multi-colored highlighters\*
- 3 - packages of loose leaf filler paper\*
- 1 - pack of 12-count colored pencils

\*Note: The items indicated (\*) will be collected by the teacher on the first day of school for the crew community.



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## REQUIRED FORMS

### Uniform Sales

Two Rivers' uniform policy is intended to generate a feeling of unity, while allowing students some personal choice. Students are required to wear a Two Rivers uniform top at all times while in the school building. However, students may wear any bottoms they choose as long as they are appropriate in length and design. Please closely review the Student Dress section of the forthcoming Family Handbook for additional dress guidance, including details about dressing for weather, footwear, and loaner uniforms.

Uniform pricing starts at \$7 for short-sleeve Two Rivers T-shirts, which come in a variety of colors. **Two Rivers will be selling uniforms at the Young Campus (820 26th Street NE, on the Green), at the following times before the start of school:**

- Thursday, August 10, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Saturday, August 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 15, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Thursday, August 24, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday, August 26, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For families purchasing uniforms during one of the above onsite dates and times, payment can be made in the form of cash, credit card, or debit card. If you need financial support to purchase your child's uniforms, please email your assistant principal.

Uniforms will **not** be sold during the first week of school; however, the Two Rivers online store *will* **reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. Look for information via The Trib on ParentSquare for updates.



*If you are in need of financial support with purchasing uniforms, please reach out to your school leadership team via email or ParentSquare before school starts.*

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## REQUIRED FORMS

### Immunizations and Medical Records

Don't Delay, Schedule Today! In order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, it is vital that all students are up-to-date with required immunizations. All students must have an up-to-date immunization certification on file with Two Rivers. Please note, proof of appointment will no longer be accepted. Schedule your child's doctor visits now or send forms from recent appointments ASAP - your child's pediatrician will be able to provide the forms we need. You can find the required immunizations [here](#). Submit all forms and questions to [medical@tworiverspcs.org](mailto:medical@tworiverspcs.org).



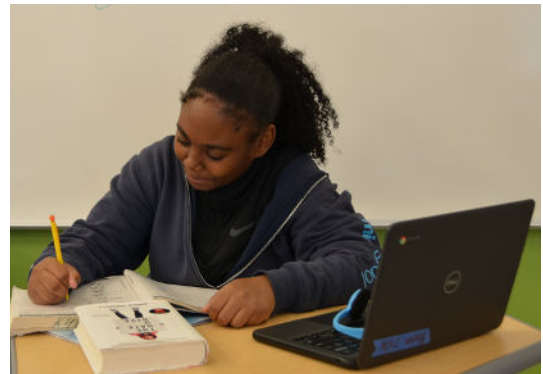
# BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

## REQUIRED FORMS

### Tech Agreement for TR Learning Devices [New Families Only]

It's critically important that if your child needs to access their learning remotely, that we are able to lend them a device. New families, please fill out one form per child:

[Use and Responsibility Agreement for TR Learning Devices](#)



### Early Childhood Questionnaire [Preschool and Pre-K families only]

For Preschool and PreKindergarten families, please complete the “Ages and Stages Questionnaires” (ASQ)! We use these tools as part of our ongoing work to ensure every student is reaching both academic and developmental milestones, and it helps us know a bit about your child before their year starts. You will likely want to print or review a PDF of the questionnaire on your device before submitting the answers online because some questions ask about your child’s response to very specific tasks that you might not have done with your child. Please use [this link](#) and click the option for BOTH ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE on the welcome screen. **We ask that you complete these questionnaires by August 15th at the latest.**

By the way, did you miss Early Childhood Education Night for new families earlier this year? Watch [the replay!](#)



# BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

## OPTIONAL FORMS

### Meals at Two Rivers

We are excited to have a new meal vendor - [Whitson's Culinary Group](#) - which we selected with the help of a team of student tasters!



Breakfast at Two Rivers is free for all students and Two Rivers participates in the National School Lunch Program, which includes free and low cost options for lunch.

We ask that ALL families interested in having their child receive meals through school complete the [Free and Reduced Price Meal Application Form](#) to sign up. (If you need a paper form, please email Chris Headecker at [cheadecker@tworiverspcs.org](mailto:cheadecker@tworiverspcs.org).) Additionally complete this [Meal Preference Form](#) regarding allergies and meal program selection. For families who previously have paid for meals and have a credit in their account, please stay tuned for more information on how that will impact payment for the current school year.

Families can purchase meals at our [uniforms and meals online store](#).

### Permission to Administer Medication

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please use [this form](#) to detail your student's medication and/or medical procedure plan to be administered at school and return it to the school nurse or [medical@tworiverspcs.org](mailto:medical@tworiverspcs.org). The School Nurse will contact you to arrange medication/medical supply drop-off. For multiple needs, complete multiple sheets.

### Parental Medicaid Consent Form

*Students with disabilities only.*

If your child receives special education services, please review and complete a [Parental Medicaid Consent Form](#) to ensure that Two Rivers can receive appropriate federal reimbursements for certain health related services provided pursuant to your child's IEP. The form can be turned in at your school's front desk. Examples of health related services for which Two Rivers may be reimbursed include the following:

- Audiology Services/Assessment
- Behavioral Support Services
- Occupational Therapy/Assessment
- Speech-Language Pathology Services/Assessment
- Mobility Assessment
- Physical Therapy Services Assessment
- Psychological Evaluation
- Special Education Transportation Services

### Before and Aftercare Enrichment Need Based Scholarships

Currently Apollo is applying to participate in OSSE's Childcare Voucher program with Two Rivers. While they apply, Two Rivers is partnering with Apollo to offer need-based scholarships for families who are eligible for the OSSE childcare voucher program. We are additionally coordinating with Apollo and their enrichment partners on need-based scholarships for the added vendor enrichments. To indicate your interest in being considered for financial support with before/aftercare, please send a message to your school leadership team or [asteinle@tworiverspcs.org](mailto:asteinle@tworiverspcs.org).



## IMPORTANT READING



### Two Rivers Culture

At Two Rivers we are guided by the motto: “We are crew, not passengers.” Building a sense of crew means students are fully seen, understood, and valued, and learn to fully see, understand, and value others. This enables them to be active participants in making their community a place where everyone can learn and achieve excellence. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

### Five Scholarly Habits

At Two Rivers, our vibrant student culture is undergirded by five habits of mind, called [Scholarly Habits](#), that all students thrive to master. We ask that families familiarize themselves with these same habits so that they can notice and celebrate them at home!

### Three Dimensions of High-Quality Student Work

From its infancy, Two Rivers has remained a proud member of the EL Education network, which now serves over 400,000 students across the US with research-proven resources and equitable outcomes. [High-quality student work](#) is a fundamental aspect of student success (along with character-building referenced above) and is defined by work that is complex, well-crafted, and authentic.

### Family Handbook

The Family Handbook serves a foundational document in introducing families to Two Rivers and in building a community that is centered on the mission. The 2023-24 edition will be available in early August. Last year's version can be accessed [here](#).

### Commitment to Anti-Racism

Since our founding, Two Rivers has sought to nurture a diverse group of students. In recent years, we've explicitly committed to a journey to become an anti-racist organization — recognizing and celebrating both our differences and commonalities; integrating the experience and perspectives of people of color throughout our curriculum; and having courageous and empathetic conversations about race and racism with one another. Read more on our [website](#).

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

# '23'24

# calendar

The Elementary School day at 4th Street and Young begins at 8:15 AM and ends at 3:15 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. School begins at 8:15 AM and ends at 1:15 PM every Wednesday.

The Middle School day begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. School begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 1:30 PM every Wednesday.

Total number of instructional days is 180.

## August

- 18 Summer Bridge
- 24 Back to School Potlucks
- 23-25 Family Conferences
- 28 First Day of School

## September

- 4 Labor Day - no school
- 12 NorthBay Parent Meeting (6th grade only)
- 21 Back to School Night

## October

- 2-4 NatureBridge (5th graders only)
- 5 Math Festival
- 6 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- 9 Indigenous People's Day - no school
- 10-13 NorthBay (6th graders only)
- 25 Fall Festival

## November

- 2 Picture Day at 4th Street
- 3 Picture Day at Middle School & Young ES
- 7-9 Family Conferences - early release for students
- 10 Veterans' Day - no school
- 21 Ms. Brenda's Day of Service
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 27-30 Fall Book Fair

## December

- 1 Fall Book Fair
- 11-12 Community Showcase at Young (tentative)
- 13-14 Community Showcase at 4th St (tentative)
- 18 Early release for students
- 19-30 Winter Break - no school

## January

- 1 Winter Break-No school
- 2 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- 3 Students & Staff return from Winter Break

## January continued

- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school
- 19 Family Movie Night
- 20 Middle School Science Fair (tentative)
- 31 Family Conferences - early release for students

## February

- 1-2 Family Conferences - early release for students
- 5-9 Black Lives Matter Week of Action
- 12-15 Share the Love Week
- 13 Family Dance
- 16 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- 19 No School for Students, Staff

## March

- 7 Literacy Night
- 11-14 Latin Dance Competition
- 15 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- 18 No School for Students, Staff

## April

- 1-5 Book Fair
- 15-19 Spring Break - no school
- 26 Spanish Night

## May

- 3 Better World Day (tentative)
- 16 Welcome to Preschool Night (new families)
- 20-21 Community Showcase at 4th Street (tentative)
- 22-23 Community Showcase at Young (tentative)
- 24 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- 27 Memorial Day - no school

## June

- 6-7 MS Musical
- 10-11 Field Days
- 12 5th Grade Promotion at 4th St
- 13 5th Grade Promotion at Young
- 12-14 Family Conferences - early release for students
- 14 8th Grade Promotion
- 14 Last Day of School



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# **Two Rivers celebrates turning twenty in 2024!**



**Stay tuned for special events to commemorate our upcoming  
milestone and showcase how we live our mission.**





Two Rivers at 4th Street Elementary  
Presents:

# Apollo After School

EXTENDED DAY  
PROGRAM



Homework



Enrichment



Fitness



Snacks

Monday

## Science Club

Starts September 11th

Students in Apollo Science will learn how to ask the questions that are the beginning of all scientific discoveries, how to make hypotheses, and of course the fun part – testing them to see how they work. Through a hands-on and exciting curriculum, this club will help your child become more curious and have a deeper understanding about how the world works.

Tuesday

## Young Explorers

Starts September 5th

Students will learn about mysterious rainforests, towering mountains, sweltering volcanoes, exotic cultures, and many other wonders this amazing planet has to offer along with fun travel tips and the great explorers whose daring gave us the maps and charts we take for granted today.

Wednesday

## Apollo Builders

Starts September 6th

Creating new objects has always been at the core of human existence, and is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling activities for the old as well as the young. In our club, your child will learn many basic building techniques and will be encouraged to put their imaginations and hands to work in making their ideas turn into reality.

## Math Club

Math is fun – we're not just saying that, let us show you! Our math enrichment club uses a variety of games and hands-on activities to help improve our students' understanding of this critically important subject.

## Arts & Crafts

In Arts & Crafts Club, young Apollo students will learn many techniques to turn their ideas into reality under the guidance of our Apollo staff. Club members will use their creativity and imagination to make many objects for gifts and decorations.

Thursday

## Board Games Club

Starts September 7th

Whether in games of chance or games of skill, board games are an incredible source of fun, social interaction, and mental activity. Students in this club will play many of their favorite board games, and even learn some new ones to teach their parents.

Friday

## Apollo Olympians

Starts September 8th

Zumba! Yoga! Dancing! These easy fitness activities for kids make exercise so much fun that your children won't notice they're working out. When you motivate children to exercise, they will be happier, healthier, and more focused!

**Register Today!**



855 - 543 - 7277

**Apollo After School**



# Extended Time For Expanding Minds!

Apollo After School is a comprehensive extended day program. We are dedicated to inspiring children to become lifelong learners and build positive relationships that will help them succeed both in and out of school.

We create a safe, fun and friendly environment for our students through our unique curriculum of physical, intellectual and social activities.



Fun And Engaging  
Environment



Healthy And  
Nutritious Snacks



Daily Physical  
Activities



Daily Homework  
Help



Academic And  
Enrichment  
Activities



Unique Individualized  
Approach



**Dates:**

**August 28th - June 15th**

Apollo After School does not operate on  
school non-attendance days

## Sign Up Today!

Registration is open! Enroll by August 18th for an  
early registration discount!



**855 - 543 - 7277**



**[apolloafterschool.com](http://apolloafterschool.com)**



**/Apolloafterschool**

Check us out  
on Facebook!

Program fees shall not be refunded or prorated if a child is absent from Apollo ASP regardless of cause.  
Acceptable payment methods: Visa, Mastercard, Amex. Apollo reserves the right to cancel activities if registration  
falls below required attendance minimum. Late fee of \$25 per week will be applied if monthly rate is not paid on  
time. A \$15 late fee will be charged for every 15-minute increment after 6:00pm.

## Schedule

7:00 - 8:15	AM: Before Care
1:15 - 3:15	Snack & Activities (on Wednesdays)
3:15 - 3:20	Welcome and Attendance
3:20 - 3:25	Snack Time
3:25 - 3:45	Physical Activities
3:45 - 4:15	Cooldown Activities and Homework
4:15 - 5:05	Enrichment Activities
5:05 - 6:00	Supervised Free Play Latest Pick Up Time

## Monthly Rates

Registration fee \$50 or \$25 if registered prior to August 18th

	3 days	4 days	5 days
Before Care	\$87	\$100	\$125
After Care	\$220	\$254	\$318

## Extras

Expected/Same-day and Unexpected Drop-in

**\$35/\$45**





**[Click here to check out the video!](#)**

# Creative and fun

## Enrichment classes

**Registration Will  
Open on August 21st!**



Dear Families,

Apollo After School is excited to join the Two Rivers Family and looking forward to an invigorating school year!

Aside from offer our the daily enrichment activities included in our program, we are partnering with a great list of organizations to offer additional enrichments that families can add to their Apollo enrollment or purchase separately if they are not an Apollo family otherwise. We are still finalizing details, but wanted to share what's on the horizon and save the date below for a virtual enrichment partner fair.



### **The Village Music School (Piano/Guitar Classes)**

**Grades:** K-8  
**Session:** Sep 27th - Dec 13th  
**Price:** \$327  
**Class Day:** Wednesday



### **Wellness Yoga**

**Grades:** PK-8  
**Session:** Sep 26th - Dec 12th  
**Price:** \$264  
**Class Day:** Tuesday

**Other vendors pending  
are:**

- **DC Way**
- **Washington Ballet Company**
- **Magnus Chess**
- **iGen**

**Join us at the virtual enrichment fair on August 15th at 6pm!\***  
**Link for joining and details forthcoming via ParentSquare.**

\*The date and time are tentative and subject to change

# FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

## DEAR TWO RIVERS 4TH ST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES,

On behalf of the Family School Association (FSA), we would like to extend a warm WELCOME to new families and a WELCOME BACK to those of you who are returning. What an exciting year we are embarking on together as we journey towards 20 years as a school community. As we approach this special 20th anniversary we will be focusing on celebrations, reflections, and future gazing!

As many of you know – or will come to learn, Two Rivers 4th St Elementary School is not just a building; it is a warm, welcoming, and friendly community full of staff who are committed to the growth and education of our children, parents, family members, and caregivers who give their time to support the staff and students, and students who love coming to school ready to engage and learn. Over the years, this community becomes a second home, a place where students want to be each day.

In support of this, the FSA has two primary goals - School-wide community building and ensuring families are key partners in the education of their children (through active engagement in the life of the school community). Our FSA is an active volunteer-based organization that supports Two Rivers by funding and planning activities that allow us to come together to help our crew feel bonded, in sync and continually growing together in trust and communal ownership.

Starting in the fall, the FSA will be hosting a variety of engagements each month. This includes beloved annual events like: Back to School picnic (August 24th), Ms. Brenda's Day of Service in November, Share the Love week and Black History Month in February, and The Latin Dance Competition in March. We will continue to partner with the school to make special evenings like Literacy Night, Math Night, Spanish Night, and Family Dance Night fun and accessible for our whole crew, and plan to bring back new favorites like Movie Night. Each month you can also keep an eye out for smaller scale, casual, popup meet-ups at local playgrounds and some of our favorite local small businesses.

All parents and guardians of Two Rivers students, as well as Two Rivers staff and administrators, are automatically members of the FSA. Through participation, community fellowship, and teamwork families are engaged in the many facets of Two Rivers. Two Rivers and the FSA welcome and value family involvement in pursuit of the school's mission. Families are encouraged to contribute at least 20 hours of volunteer time to the school each year. Families may volunteer their time for activities and committees sponsored by the FSA - or seek out other opportunities that best suit their interests and schedules. We would like to highlight some of the opportunities below.

# FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

## Community

- Community is essential to life at Two Rivers. Many parents and guardians find a supportive group of like-minded families at Two Rivers to connect with.
- At Two Rivers we joyfully come together for activities, events, showcases and to work together on fundraising, and projects. Events are announced in the Trib, our weekly school newsletter, and ParentSquare.

## Classroom & Room Parents

- Opportunities often arise to support expedition and chaperone field studies; these opportunities will be communicated by your crew teacher.
- Each class has a designated parent/guardian volunteer that supports the crew and assists families in finding avenues of participating in class activities and integrating into the broader school community. There may be multiple room parents in one classroom. (It's often helpful.)
- Room parents will reach out to families to invite participation in activities and to enlist support for the teacher and crew.

## Fundraisers

- Fundraisers give us a chance to work and play together. Throughout the year there will be several fundraising events. Money raised by fundraisers is used to improve the school and support opportunities available to students.
- Fundraiser selection criteria is aligned with principles that support the well-being of the planet, the people, the animals, the environment. Thoughtfulness toward child development must be considered and favoring of local businesses or charities when possible are also foundations of fundraiser choices.

## Volunteering

- There are many ways to volunteer at Two Rivers. Classroom volunteer needs are often shared by room parents or crew teachers. School-wide volunteer needs will be posted on ParentSquare or the Trib.
- We recognize that everyone has different talents and resources they bring to the school, and we try to identify different ways for families to volunteer, participate and support the school.
- If you have time, skills, or resources you want to share with the school please reach out to one of the FSA officers!



# FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

The FSA gathers at least 3 times during the school year. By attending these meetings, parents and guardians are invited to participate and be involved. The FSA is a wonderful way to be a part of our community. Look for announcements in the Trib to find out when the FSA is meeting next! Find more information about the [FSA on the Two Rivers website](#).

Let's come together this year and learn from each other on this Child Raising "Expedition" we are all embarking on. You might be the exact connection another parent or guardian needs to find.

To start this journey, we have a few questions we would love your input on. Please follow [this link to take a quick survey](#).

We are Crew,

Your Two Rivers FSA President and Secretary



**Rachael Coad**  
4th Street FSA President



**Jangela Wendel**  
4th Street FSA Secretary

*Hit us up at [4ES.FSA@tworiverspcs.org](mailto:4ES.FSA@tworiverspcs.org)*

# PARENTSQUARE

New families can set up their account now or wait for a ParentSquare activation link via email by early August. Returning families should continue to use their same account log-in information from last year. Please note that in late July and early August, the platform will be undergoing data updates and may be temporarily inaccessible.

Stay connected from anywhere with our

**online portal** and **parent app, ParentSquare!**

Get all school notifications in one place.

View only what's relevant to your student.

Never miss out again!

## Smart Alerts!

Get school wide announcements at your fingertips.

## One Tap Participation

For volunteering, conferences, event RSVPs, payments, permission slips and more

## Two-Way Communication

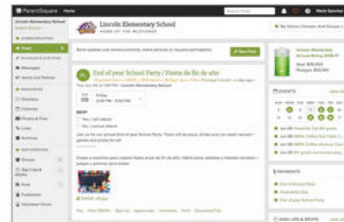
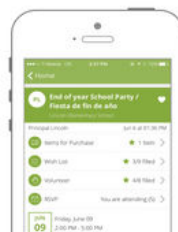
Send & receive real-time messages directly with teachers and administrators.

## How ParentSquare Works



**1.** Teachers & staff share school-related news on ParentSquare.

**2.** Parents receive, respond & sign up, and get automated reminders!



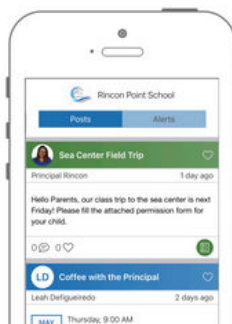
**3.** Everyone has easy access to all interactions in one place.

## Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!

**1.** Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.

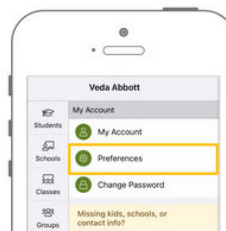
**2.** Log in with your email or phone registered with the school.

**3.** Start receiving posts relevant to your student.

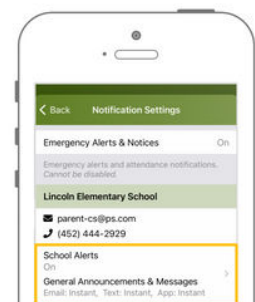


## Choose Your Notification Preferences

**1.** Tap the '☰' icon at the top left corner. Tap 'Account' and then 'Preferences'



**2.** Tap 'Notification Settings'



**3.** Select how you'd like to be notified

## How to Make Sure You Stay Connected



Activate your account & login.



Set your notification preferences in ParentSquare.



Make sure the school has your correct email AND mobile phone number.

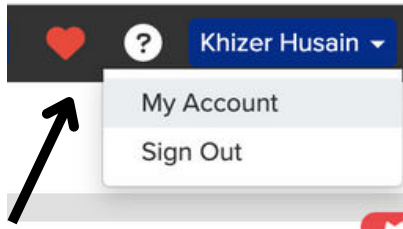


## TOP 2 PARENTSQUARE TIPS & TRICKS

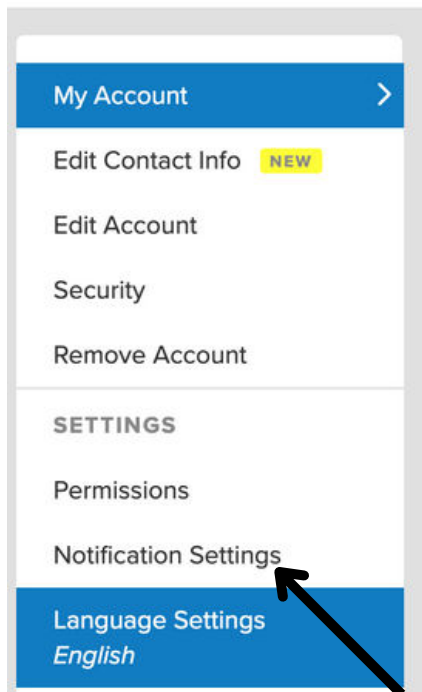
### #1: Customize Your Notification Settings

ParentSquare is powerful and can be overwhelming if you do not customize your notification settings. Be sure to set the frequency of posts to "digest" if want once-a-day posts after close of the business day. Select your preferred language and help others in the community, too. Make directory details (your students, email, phone) hidden or visible for other families at Two Rivers.

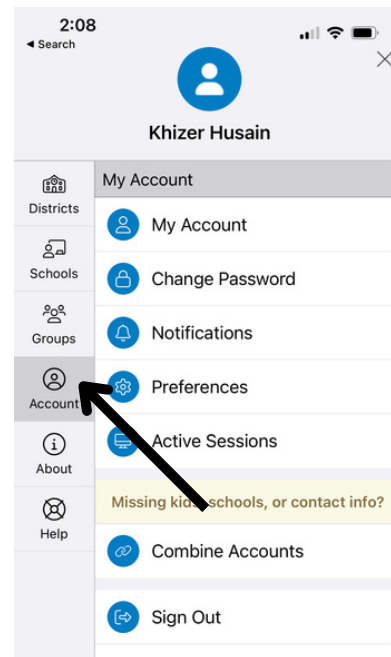
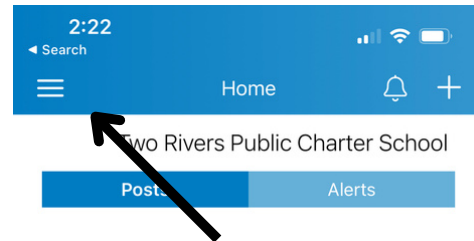
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#### My Account



In app: Go to upper left corner to reveal Account menu

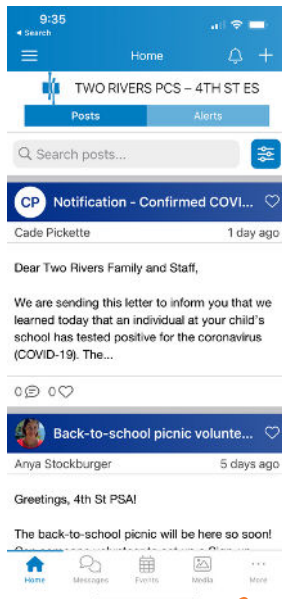


# PARENTSQUARE

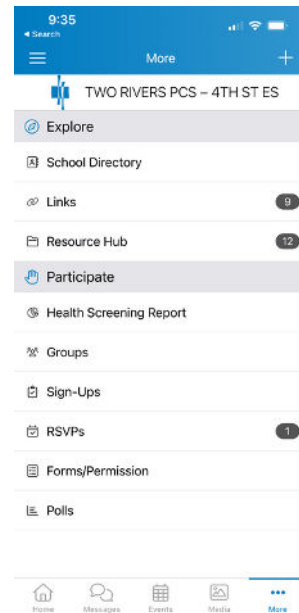
## #2 Access "Links" for Key Two Rivers Resources

Need to order student uniforms or lunch? What about the Family Handbook? We have created a set of "hot links" in the app so that you can access information on the go.

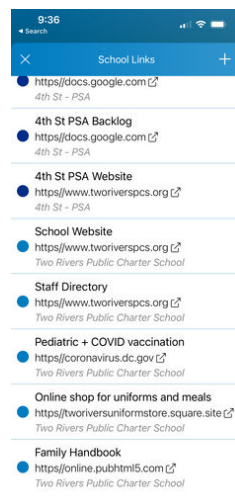
Go to lower right corner to  
"More"



Find "Links"



Find a curated list of hyperlinks





# COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

As we enter this new school year, we want to introduce and remind you about all the wonderful ways you can stay in touch and engage with the Two Rivers Community. We have three main communication channels for you to stay connected:

## ParentSquare

Our "all-in-one" family communication app and web portal. This will be our primary communication source for families to stay connected with teachers, staff, and other families.

## Two Rivers Website

Our website presents "the story" of Two Rivers - the history and mission of Two Rivers, learning approach, staff directory, policies, Board minutes. There are also campus-specific pages, which feature student work and opportunities for families to get involved.

## Social Media

Have you given us a follow yet? Our Instagram accounts are sources for bonus content! We celebrate joy throughout the schools, highlight student learning, and share information about community events.

## PARENTSQUARE

- Primary communication source
- Trib, the TR newsletter, sent every Tuesday
- Links to uniform/meal store, calendar, etc.

[www.parentsquare.com/signin](http://www.parentsquare.com/signin)

## WEBSITE

- Story of Two Rivers, staff directory, calendar
- Policies, Board minutes
- Parent School Association info for getting involved

[www.tworiverspcs.org](http://www.tworiverspcs.org)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Additional information and highlights
- Celebrating joy, student work, and community stories
- Instagram, Twitter, Facebook

**@tworiverspcs**

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