4th St Family School Association (FSA)

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Quarterly Community Meeting

Hello and Welcome



Introductions

Please drop your name, kiddos' name, grade, and crew in chat! What are you looking forward to this school year?



Building Community

This is intended to be a dialogue! How are we doing in terms of building community - how can we do better?

Community Engagement & Volunteer Opportunities

Focus on remaining November & upcoming December events

Tonight's Agenda

We are super excited to build community with you!

Building Community

We believe in nurturing the whole child. We believe that character and community are as important as curriculum. We believe in seeing, respecting and celebrating our commonalities and our differences. We are Two Rivers.

Two Rivers Mission

To nurture a diverse group of students to become lifelong, active participants in their own education, develop a sense of self and community, and become responsible and compassionate members of society.

Two Rivers Goal

When students graduate from Two Rivers, they will have the cognitive and social skills to succeed in high school and college, so that they are positioned to have rich and varied options for their future.







EXPERIENCE AND GROW

Learning is active and rooted in a continuous cycle of inquiry, experience, grappling, reflection, and sharing

GIVE ACCESS

Everyone is entitled to be included and all are challenged to do advanced learning.





BE THOUGHTFUL

NURTURE

each other.

RELATIONSHIPS

trust, have honest

We make connections, build

conversations, and care for

We are intentional and deliberative in decisions and actions.



LEARN BETTER TOGETHER

Our work is improved by considering multiple perspectives and making meaning together.





Culture & Community We are crew, not passengers





Scholarly Habits

Community Meeting

Somos El Barco

Commitment to Anti-Racism

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Learn More

Role of FSA in the Two Rivers Community

FSA fosters COMMUNITY and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT in three ways:



Family Community

Create opportunities for families to engage with each other and build FAMILY COMMUNITY.

Family Resources

Leverage FAMILY RESOURCES to help the school

School Resources

Help the SCHOOL to provide RESOURCES to families

Discussion

- **DROP IN CHAT** do you feel a strong sense of community at Two Rivers?
- Discussion item 1: What is working initiatives, communication, events, etc?
- Discussion item 2: What could be improved? What are our "blockers?"







Community Engagement & Volunteer Opportunities

On the horizon for November and December

MS.BRENCA'S DAY OF SE' (VICE

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<u>Ms. Donna's food drive</u> (11/6 – 12/16)

Two Rivers students who participate in local Cub Scouts are supporting Ms. Donna's Food Drive by collecting non-perishable food donations. This event is held in memory of Ms. Donna, who was a beloved and giving preschool teacher for many years at Two Rivers (and before that, at Gallaudet University).

Look for boxes in the lobby of Lower and Upper Schools from Nov 6-Dec 16. All donations will go to the Capital Area Food Bank. Questions? Contact TR parent Kate Gilles or TR Student Support Counselor Ms. Jasmine Washington.



Girls on the Run (11/19)

The Girls on the Run - DC Fall 5K. Make signs and cheer for the TR students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades on our Girls on the Run team on 11/19! Sign-making kits available during pick up Nov. 15-17.



Scan or visit bit.ly/FallFamilyPulse23 to complete our 5-minute survey

Family Survey ends 11/21

Complete a 5-minute survey about your experience at Two Rivers. This year's fall survey has the added importance of informing a strategic planning process that TR will launch in January and inform the future of TR! Please <u>follow this link</u> to the ParentSquare post with the survey attached.



When I think of Ms. Brenda, I think of her as the neighborhood Nana. Ms. Brenda was such a blessing to have in our community for so many years. She was tenacious, gregarious, and also just a humorous person.

Ms. Brenda's Day Of Service(11/21)

Ms. Brenda was a beloved member of the 4th St community who is remembered and celebrated in an annual network-wide day of service. On Tuesday, November 21, each crew will build donations to support: assisted living cards for elderly and N Street Village and trail mix for Martha's Table. All donations should be brought to the Lower School front desk by Friday 11/17 at pick up. We have also added opportunities for you to volunteer in the classrooms by assisting with read-alongs and with service activities. **Supplies**: Amazon links for each item can be found in this <u>document</u>. Ms.



Donate to support Ms. Brenda's Day of Service!





- 1. Shop the Fair- check out the **eWallet option**! eWallet is your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, <u>set up eWallet</u> for worry-free, cash-free purchases.
- 2. <u>Volunteer to staff the Fair-</u>We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, breakdown, and daily staffing of the Fair. Sign up at the link!
- 3. Donate to TR Books for All through the Two Rivers website. Last year, we raised enough for over 20 students at each campus to receive a \$10 gift certificate to purchase a book! This is like doing double duty for our community. A student gets a book, AND those funds help our classrooms get more books! Donate on the <u>TR</u> website.

In Planning



December Community Play – FSA Hosted Tentative dates: December 9th and/or 16th



Throw a Party With a Purpose

In lieu of the Framing the Future Gala this spring, we are flipping the script: we are asking creatives from our community to host experiences throughout the last two weeks of March 2024. Folks will buy tickets to attend your party. We are calling this spring fundraiser, *Choose Your Own Expedition*. In order to bounce ideas off one another, ask your questions, and build this new-to-TR campaign together, <u>sign-up</u> to join us for an in-person workshop on **Thursday, November 16th, at 6pm.** We'll provide dinner - you just need to bring yourselves, some friends, and your ideas. Location TBA.

Email Khizer (khusain@tworiverspcs.org) or Aziza (atemple@tworiverspcs.org) with questions or to confirm your spot.

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Thank You

We want to hear from you!!!

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Closing share: What is one thing you would change at Two Rivers – or do more of?