

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME PACKET

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2024- 2025



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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"/> Schoolwide Allergen Alert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Purchase | <input type="checkbox"/> *Permission to Administer Medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization and Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> *Apollo Before and Aftercare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Agreement (New Families Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> *Parental Medicaid Consent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NorthBay Info Session (6G Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> *School Lunch Program |
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*denotes optional items

LETTER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Summer Two Rivers Families,

Welcome, Welcome to those of you who are new to us! I hope this summer mailing finds you all staying cool and hydrated in our nationwide heat waves. Our TR Crew have been balancing some well earned rest and relaxation with learning, planning, and preparing our buildings and staff for this upcoming school year. 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.

It has been a joy to reflect on "Year 0" with our Board of Trustees, administrators, and our teacher leaders as we enter Year 1 of our *Strategic Plan: Sailing to Success!* Some goals and strategies will hit the ground running in August, while others will still be in planning over the course of next year. Having grounded in our EL Education approach, we have a clear roadmap as our improvements to systems for school culture, coaching, and professional learning take shape.

We are elated to be celebrating our 20th anniversary in the education landscape of Washington, DC. This is no small feat in the world of charter schools. Two Rivers has set a high standard of excellence for our students and staff and have made significant impacts on the community in which we serve. Visit our [TR20 homepage](#) to see how you can get involved! Our anniversary celebration kicks off on September 7, 2024 and our optional October Black Tie Gala, promises to keep heads turning all night as we honor those in our community who have supported us in arriving at this milestone. We hope to see you there!

As you continue to enjoy the rest of summer, know that we are nearly fully enrolled for next school year but do still have very few seats open in 5th Grade at 4th St. ES, and Grade 6 at TR Middle School if you know of any interested families! Please direct interested families in all grades to Asia Bell at registrar@tworiverspcs.org.

We have such a wonderful school year ahead of us! Please know that my door is open if you would like to connect: breaves@tworiverspcs.org. I look forward to seeing you all in August!

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

Two Rivers Middle School Home of the Sharks

Dear Two Rivers Middle School Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Two Rivers Middle School (TRMS), home of the Sharks! As we embark on the new academic year as “one crew”, I am delighted to share our priorities and the implementation of key programs that will foster a strong crew culture and provide rigorous learning experiences for all our students.

Our theme of “one crew” helps to embody our collective commitment to the shared mission of our school’s success. While we honor the diversity of our staff, student, and family body, we are here as “one crew” living out the TR mission - *to nurture a diverse group of students to become life-long, active participants in their own education, develop a sense of self and community, and become responsible and compassionate members of society.*

At TRMS, we plan to live our mission this school year by focusing on:

- 1.) creating a culture of achievement and academic challenge for a diverse group of learners,
- 2.) fostering a positive “sense of self and community” through strong crew programs and student leadership opportunities, and
- 3.) engaging students in high-quality work and showcasing their accomplishments to the school community so that they are “active participants in their own learning”

Culture of Achievement - *What to expect from your child’s learning experience...*

At our school, we are committed to fostering a culture of achievement for all learners. Here's what you can expect:

- ***Accelerated Course Work (7G/8G)***- Starting in seventh grade, students can test into accelerated math instruction, preparing them for advanced coursework in eighth grade and beyond. We offer Algebra I in eighth grade, which counts for high school credit, if the end of year criteria is met. Explore our Introduction to MS Math to learn more.
- ***Expanded Spanish Program***- With the addition of our new Spanish instructor, Ms. Debbie, all eighth graders will participate in a year-long Spanish I course, enriching their language skills and cultural understanding.
- ***PSAT(8G)***- Eighth-grade students will have the opportunity to take the Preliminary SAT(PSAT), gaining early insights into college and career readiness. This experience helps students familiarize themselves with the test format and content, setting them on a path to success.
- ***New Math Curriculum***- We are excited to introduce a new math curriculum, Illustrative Math, that emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving, preparing students for future academic challenges.
- ***Year-Round Science and Social Studies***- To provide a well-rounded education, we will offer science and social studies year-round for all grade levels. This approach ensures continuous engagement and deepens students' understanding of these essential subjects.
- ***Wednesday Clubs***- All 6th-8th graders can explore a variety of club options this year. Please help your child rank their top three club choices using the provided [form](#) by Friday, August 9, 2023.
- ***Additional Arts Elective***- We are excited to introduce African Drumming as a new elective option, adding a unique and enriching experience to our arts program.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our School “Crew” Culture - *Building a positive sense of self and community for your child...*

We are dedicated to fostering a strong "Crew" culture by starting each day with a Crew session at 8:40 am. This year, Crew will provide a structured environment to support students' social-emotional needs and include time every Friday for students to reflect on their academic and behavior data and set goals for improvement. Each student will maintain a portfolio and a data book, which they will present to their families during student-led conferences. This process not only prepares students for these conferences but also equips them to successfully defend their 8th-grade passage portfolio—a significant academic milestone and promotion requirement. We ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time for Crew each day at 8:40 am, as it is crucial for their success in our academic program.

- **Middle School Social Calendar-** We are excited to offer a Middle School Social Calendar, offering at least two social events each quarter and weekly community meetings. Additionally, students can earn monthly dress-down days and Fun Fridays by meeting their Crew's "Caught in the Acts" (CIA) goals. These activities aim to build community and provide positive, engaging experiences for our students.
- **Behavior Management Structures-** Our behavior management approach combines restorative practices, positive interventions, and logical consequences. We use "red sheets" for minor incidents like tardiness, inappropriate language, cell phone misuse, and uniform violations. These sheets serve as reflective tools for students and are shared with families. For major incidents, we follow our code of conduct outlined in the family handbook. We also celebrate positive behaviors through our "Caught in the Acts" (CIAs) system, aligned with our scholarly habits. This balanced approach helped reduce negative behaviors by over 80% last year, and we aim to maintain this momentum this year.

High Quality Work and Celebrations of Learning - *Empowering your child to lead their own learning...*

- **Expeditionary Learning-** We are committed to providing high-quality learning experiences, guided by EL Education's definition of high-quality work. Students will delve deeply into core concepts and engage in meaningful learning activities, including at least two field studies per year that are directly connected to their classroom studies. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to interact with at least one expert in the field, grounding their learning in real-world applications and enhancing their understanding of each subject.
- **Celebration of Learning-** To showcase their learning and growth, students will create a high-quality product for our Celebrations of Learning, held twice a year. These events provide students with the opportunity to present their work to peers, families, and the community, demonstrating their mastery and understanding of key concepts.
- **Passage Portfolio-** For 8th graders, the culmination of their middle school journey will be the presentation and defense of their passage portfolio. This comprehensive portfolio showcases their academic achievements and personal growth and serves as a promotion requirement.
- **Student-Led Conferences-** Throughout the year, students will discuss their progress and data in quarterly student-led conferences. These conferences empower students to take ownership of their learning, set goals, and reflect on their achievements, fostering a sense of responsibility and self-direction.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Meet Our Leadership Crew

I am pleased to introduce our exceptional leadership team who will work closely with our dedicated staff to ensure a successful school year!

Principal



Mrs. Ashley Stone

Mrs. Ashley describes Middle School as a musical composition that involves blending the melodies of student experiences and challenges to shape a masterpiece

Assistant Principal



Mr. Derrick Miles

Mr. Derrick describes Middle School as the lively junction between elementary and high school.

Director of Special Education



Mrs. Jade Bryant

Mrs. Jade describes Middle School as a bustling beehive of curiosity and energy, where young minds buzz with excitement and eagerness to explore the world around them.

Dean of Students & Families



Mr. Johnathan Weech

Mr. Johnathan describes Middle School as a wonderful educational experience. You will never regret investing in high quality adventures.

Over the summer, Ms. Maggie transitioned from her role as Director of SPED to our Bridge Program Lead Teacher. We are excited about her new role, as she will play an integral part in building out this new program for our middle school special education department. Ms. Maggie will continue to support our leadership team and SPED department during the transition to our new SPED Director, Mrs. Jade Bryant, who will be joining us before the start of the school year.

We are delighted to welcome two new leaders: Mrs. Jade Bryant and Mr. Johnathan Weech. Mrs. Bryant joins us as the Director of Special Education, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge in the special education field. You can learn more about her on her "About Me" page in our summer mailing. Mr. Weech is our new Dean of Students and Families, and he will lead our work around crew, responsive classroom/restorative practices, and positive school culture. Please check out his "About Me" page in the summer mailing.

Meet Our Staff Crew

We are starting this year with a fully staffed team, consisting of experienced educators who are dedicated to your child's success. Our teachers and support staff, both new and returning, will be equipped with tools and strategies to understand and address the unique needs of the middle school brain. We are confident that our collective efforts will create a safe and stimulating learning environment where every student can thrive. Click the link below to see a complete list of our crew and discover your child's team of educators.

[Meet the Team - TRMS SY 24-25](#)

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Student Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival

To ensure a smooth start to the school day, please help your child arrive on time. School begins at 8:30 am, and students are considered late at 8:40 am. Students are not allowed inside the main building before 8:30 am unless supervised or enrolled in our before-care program, Apollo. If students arrive early (between 8:00 am and 8:30 am), they should go to the gym through the side gate, where they can participate in ***study hall*** until the school doors open. If students arrive before 8:00am, they must enroll in our before care program, Apollo.

Dismissal

School ends at 3:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays for staff development. Students are not allowed to leave and return to campus after dismissal. Those walking home independently must have written permission from a parent or guardian and school approval. After-school care and activities, including clubs, sports, and extracurriculars, are available through Apollo Afterschool. Outside of Apollo, the middle school offers after school sports and extracurricular clubs. Please stay tuned for more information in our September newsletter.

Uniforms

Uniforms promote unity and focus among students. Our policy ensures students are easily identified by grade level:

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
LIME Two Rivers shirt or sweatshirt	AQUA Two Rivers shirt or sweatshirt	GOLD Two Rivers Shirt or sweatshirt
<i>Hoodies are not permitted</i>		

Students are expected to dress in uniform everyday unless the middle school leadership team (MSLT) announces otherwise. Students can express their individuality during planned “dress down days” on the last Friday of each month, earned by each crew. This policy also supports our core value, “learn better together.”

Yondr Pouches

As a new requirement, all students must use Yondr Pouches for securing their phones during school hours. Please check the school supply list for this and other essential items to support your child's success this school year.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Staying Connected

Our goal is to meet and/or reconnect with all of our families before the first day of school.

- Our first opportunities to connect as a school family will be during our **Family Lunch & Learns** scheduled on Family Conference days - August 21st-23rd at 12pm or 3pm.
- The **Beginning of the Year Social** will take place on **Thursday, August 22nd**. More information about this exciting event will be coming soon!
- **Family Conferences** will take place:
 - 1:00pm-4:00pm-**Wednesday, August 21st-Thursday, August 22nd**
 - 10:00am - 1:00pm - **Friday, August 23rd**.
- During the school year, we will offer various opportunities for families to connect with other families and school leaders through our *monthly* FSA meetings (evening), *monthly* coffee chats with the principals (morning), and family conference days.
- We encourage all families to stay connected and involved in their child's education. We will utilize **ParentSquare** to keep you informed about important announcements, events, and school updates. On ParentSquare, you can expect monthly updates on Tuesdays from our leadership team in the “Principal’s Corner” of the weekly Trib. Additionally, each grade-level team will send monthly newsletters for grade-level updates.

Just like sharks, we are constantly moving forward and always seeking opportunities to learn and grow. From the first day of school, we'll be circling our mission and goals, aiming to make a splash in every one of our priorities and leaving a lasting mark. We are excited that you are a part of our “One Crew”!

Here's to a shark-tastic school year!

In partnership,

The TRMS Leadership Team



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SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

REMINDERS:

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 can towards classroom supplies.

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.



UNIFORMS

Uniform Sales (Uniform Store Linked)

Two Rivers' uniform policy is intended to generate a feeling of unity, while allowing students some personal choice.

All Two Rivers students are required to wear a uniform shirt to school each day, starting on the first day of school. 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:

Monday, August 5, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday, August 10, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, August 13, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday, August 15, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, August 20, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday, August 21, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, August 24, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Uniforms will not be sold during the first week of school; however, the online store will reopen on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Payments can be made in the form of cash, Apple Pay, credit card, and/or debit card.

- 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.

Look for information via The Trib on ParentSquare for updates.

Uniform Colors by Grade Level

6th Grade – Lime

7th Grade – Aqua

8th Grade – Gold



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.

SCHOOLWIDE ALLERGEN ALERT

Greetings Two Rivers Middle School Families,

As we prepare for the excitement of a new school year, we wanted to make you aware of important information regarding food items which will not be allowed, due to student and staff's severe allergies. If the child or adult accidentally ingests these foods, they will swiftly enter life-threatening anaphylaxis. Per our family handbook, "we will do what is medically required for students with food allergies, up to and including banning specific foods from classrooms."

The following food items will not be permitted at the Middle School:

- **Peanuts (including any foods containing peanuts, like granola bars or candy)**
- **Sesame (including any foods containing sesame, such as hummus and seaweed snacks)**
- **Cashews**
- **Pistachios**

In addition to ensuring your child does not bring the above food items to school, we ask that you also help reinforce that we do not share food at school. This helps us prevent any possible allergic reactions that may arise in the event a child accidentally ingests an allergen. Two exceptions to the no-sharing policy include potlucks and birthday celebrations. Please ensure any food items brought in for a potluck do not contain the above allergens. If you wish to bring a treat for your child's birthday, please ensure there is enough for everyone in the class.

Children suffering from food allergies are too often bullied by peers, who sometimes do not take their condition seriously. To learn more, and find resources about how to talk to your child about food allergy bullying, visit <https://www.foodallergy.org/resources/bullying-prevention>.

If your child has any allergies to food, please contact our Director of Special Education, Jade Bryant at jbryant@tworiverspcs.org. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and inclusive. "We are crew, not passengers!"

Sincerely,

Ashley Stone
Middle School Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

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.

Arts Electives Selection (7G and 8G Only)

Students in 6th grade will get exposure to all the Arts over the course of their academic year; however, for students in grades 7th and 8th, we want to honor student choice by allowing students to choose their arts electives. Please have your child rank their arts class preferences using this [form](#) by Friday, August 9, 2024.

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](#)



BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

OPTIONAL FORMS

Meals at Two Rivers

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Two Rivers Public Charter School offers healthy meals every school day. The breakfast costs is FREE; lunch costs \$4.05. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is FREE for breakfast and FREE for lunch. This packet includes an [application](#) for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. [Here](#) are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process. If you need help completing the actual application, please find the instructions [here](#).

This year, we will continue using our meal vendor - [Whitson's Culinary Group](#).

Who can get free OR REDUCED PRICE meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from DC SNAP, DC TANF, are eligible for free meals.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 24/25			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$27, 861	\$2,322	\$536
2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$728
3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$919
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$1,110
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$1,302
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$1,493
7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$1,685
8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$1,876
Each additional person:	+\$9,953	+\$830	+\$192

TWO RIVERS CULTURE



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

This year we are requiring all families to sign the Family Handbook by September 30 via [ParentSquare](#). If you do not sign the form, it will be assumed that you agree with the form. This year’s Family Handbook can be found online at <https://www.tworiverspcs.org/schooltransparency/>. The Family Handbook is a great tool to understand Two Rivers’ culture and expectations.

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](#).

YONDR PROGRAM

July 2024

Dear Middle School Families,

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a system called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in over 2,000 schools across 16 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores your child's phone/smartwatch. Every student will secure their phone/smartwatch in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school, either in the gym or at their grade level entrance. Students will maintain possession of their phones/smartwatch and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day as they are exiting the building.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- **65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance**
- **74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior**
- **83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 202-388-3177, or attend one of our upcoming parent meetings where we will share about the adoption of Yondr.

- ☐ Family Lunch & Learn: Option 1 - August 21st @12pm or 3pm *(all families)*
- ☐ Family Lunch & Learn: Option 2 - August 22nd @12pm or 3pm *(all families)*
- ☐ Family Lunch & Learn: Option 3 - August 23rd @12pm or 3pm *(all families)*

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please call the main office at 202-388-3177.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,



Ashley Stone
Middle School Principal

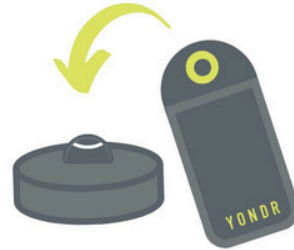
How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 202-388-3177.

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students will be advised to turn their phone - in their Yondr pouch - with their crew leader or place it in their locker for the entire school day. This will reduce their chances of it being lost or stolen.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, the school will collect the phone/Pouch and contact the family. Please see the Phone Policy and Guidelines on page 21.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

STUDENT PHONE POLICY & GUIDELINES

Phones are not to be used during school. Every middle school student that owns a phone must purchase a personal Pouch through the school store for \$30. It is each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition. Students can use the same pouch each year, considering it is in working condition. The campus homeless liaison and Business Manager will work together to support families unable to pay the \$30.

DAILY PROCESS

As students **Arrive to School**, they will:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Place their phone inside their Pouch and secure it in front of the designated school staff (school admin)
3. Store their Pouch with their **crew leader** or in their **locker** for the day.
4. If students do not have their Yondr pouch, their phone will be collected for the day by our Dean.

At the end of the day, students will open their Pouch, remove their phone and have the option to either put their Pouch in their crew bin at grade level exit or take the Pouch home. Families must indicate if a child has a phone on the BOY Survey.

***Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Main Office**

VIOLATIONS:

Pouch Damage / Lost Pouch / Using Phone During School If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, Administration will collect the phone/Pouch and call home for a **Parent Pickup** and **Progressive Discipline** which is based on our middle school behavior response ladder (1st offense, 2nd offense, 3rd offense). Damaged Yondr pouches will cost \$30 to replace.

Examples of damage:



- Deep scratches on the globe and on the green ring around it
- Intentional pen marks on the inside of the Pouch
- Bent pins
- Pin and button not fully recessing, due to pin damage

Forgotten Pouch

If a student forgets to put their phone in their Pouch, **their phone will be collected and Admin will call home to remind the Parent of the policy.** The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal and a cellphone plan will be reviewed with the student/parent and issued to the student.

If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost. **Refer to the Lost Pouch policy above.**

6G NORTHBAY TRIP

Dear Sixth Grade Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your children in good spirits and eager for the upcoming academic adventures. We are thrilled to announce the much-awaited NorthBay 2024 trip, which promises to be an unforgettable experience for our students.

The dates for this year's NorthBay trip are scheduled from October 8th to October 11th, 2024. As always, NorthBay continues to be a favorite tradition among our middle school students, offering a unique blend of science and adventure on the stunning Chesapeake Bay.

The NorthBay trip serves as a significant milestone in the transition from elementary to middle school, fostering camaraderie and teamwork among our students. It provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth, learning, and building lasting memories.

To ensure that both families and students are well-prepared and informed about this exciting journey, we have scheduled a mandatory important family meetings. Our North Bay Parent Meeting will take place on September 16th, 2024 at 6pm. During this gathering, we will share comprehensive details about the trip's itinerary, safety measures, packing lists, and address any questions or concerns you may have.

We want to emphasize that the NorthBay 2024 trip is entirely FREE for our students, thanks to the generous support from the school and our community. We want every eligible student to have the opportunity to participate in this enriching experience.

Let's embark on this remarkable adventure together, nurturing the growth and development of our children. We sincerely hope to see all of you at the upcoming family meetings as we prepare for NorthBay 2024.

If you have any queries or require additional information before the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support and guide you throughout this journey. Please feel free to contact me at Derrick Miles at dmiles@tworiverspcs.org if you have any questions.

Warmest regards,



Ashley Stone
Principal, Two Rivers Middle School



Derrick Miles
Assistant Principal, Two Rivers Middle School



MATH

Dear TR Middle School Families,

We are excited to announce that for the 2024-2025 school year, we will be transitioning from Carnegie Math to Illustrative Mathematics, complemented by Khan Academy. We believe this change will greatly enhance our students' learning experience and better prepare them for future academic success.

Why the Switch?

After extensive research and feedback from our Math Task Force we determined that Illustrative Mathematics offers a more engaging, rigorous, and accessible approach to math instruction. It aligns with the latest educational standards and best practices, providing a comprehensive curriculum that supports all learners.

Benefits of Illustrative Mathematics:

- **Engaging Lessons:** Emphasizes hands-on activities and real-world applications to foster a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.
- **Conceptual Understanding:** Prioritizes understanding the "why" behind procedures, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Differentiated Instruction:** Designed to meet diverse needs with various entry points and supports, allowing for targeted interventions.
- **Collaborative Learning:** Encourages group work and discussions to develop communication skills and foster a sense of community.
- **Standards Alignment:** Fully aligned with Common Core State Standards, preparing students for high-stakes assessments and future courses.
- **Teacher Support:** Ongoing professional development for teachers ensures effective implementation and enhances student learning.

Integration of Khan Academy:

- **Personalized Learning:** Allows students to learn at their own pace, reviewing challenging concepts and accelerating through mastered topics.
- **Additional Practice:** Offers extensive practice exercises to reinforce classroom learning and improve math skills.
- **Accessibility:** Available online, enabling learning anytime, anywhere.
- **Immediate Feedback:** Provides instant feedback on practice exercises to help students correct mistakes in real-time.

We are confident that this transition to Illustrative Mathematics, along with Khan Academy, will positively impact our students' math proficiency and overall academic achievement. To support you through this change, we will host an informational session where you can learn more and ask questions. Details will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to an exciting and successful school year.

Warmest regards,



Derrick Miles
Assistant Principal, Two Rivers Middle School

INTRO TO LAB

Dear TR Middle School Families,

We are very excited to have a strong and rigorous “Lab” Program at our Middle School that offers the opportunity to meet students where they are and provide differentiated instruction based on their areas of growth. Labs are designed to push on unique academic skills that each student needs. Students are in lab class once a week (on Wednesdays) and these are typically smaller class sizes so students can get their needs met.

In years past, students and families have expressed an interest in learning about the placement process for lab classes, especially what data informs end of year decisions around placement. In this letter, we hope to clarify how students are selected for placement in each lab class, and what skills they are expected to master in order to matriculate out of that lab class and into one that better meets their needs at the next testing cycle.

In order to make decisions pertaining to the selection of lab class placements, your child will take the NWEA MAP Assessment three times each year (September, January, and May). Based on your child’s data and identified sub-dimension area of growth, they will be placed in a lab class. For some students, this will mean that they stay in the same group, while others will move into another lab group as their data changes throughout the year.

Students scoring below the 50th percentile on the NWEA-MAP are put in a “Push” Lab (a Tier 2 intervention), and students below the 25th percentile are put in a more intensive Tier 3 “Rising” Lab. However, If MAP scores are not consistent, teachers and administrators then look at classroom data to get a clearer picture of student needs. For students in Special Education, we ensure that the subject areas in which the student has goals are addressed in their lab placement.

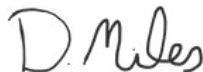
Please bear in mind that students who are performing above the 50th percentile on MAP in Math or ELA will still be placed in a Lab class and will still receive a challenging and enriching intervention that focuses on the skills within the subscore that is an area of growth for them. While in that lab, learning will be focused on a range of various engaging topics based on student and teacher interests. However, the main focus will be on teaching the knowledge and skills needed to master the subgroup focus of that lab.

In partnership,



Ashley Stone

Principal, Two Rivers Middle School



Derrick Miles

Assistant Principal, Two Rivers Middle School

SCHEDULING

Dear TR Middle School Families,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year at TR Middle School! We are thrilled to embark on another exciting year of learning, growth, and community building with you and your children. As we look forward to the year ahead, we want to share important details about our schedule and program to ensure a smooth transition and successful start for everyone.

Our Schedule:

We will continue with our block schedule, which was successfully used last year:

- Monday and Thursday: A Day
- Tuesday and Friday: B Day
- Wednesday: Clubs and Intervention

Daily Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Why the Block Schedule?

The block schedule remains in place to allow for 110-minute periods for ELA (English Language Arts) and Math. This extended time provides students with the opportunity to delve deeply into these essential subjects, explore complex concepts, and receive personalized support. On A and B Days, students will not see all core classes daily but will rotate through them throughout the week, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience.

Program Highlights:

In addition to core subjects, each day will include:

- A 40-minute lunch and recess block for relaxation and socialization.
- Core subjects such as Science, Social Studies, Health, and Spanish.
- A Crew session to foster community and support.
- Electives include Music, PE, Drama, Art, and AfricanDrumming, allowing students to explore their interests and develop new skills.

Wednesday Early Release:

On Wednesdays, we have a special schedule to foster community and provide additional support:

- 35-minute Crew session
- 30-minute Clubs period
- Intervention “Lab” Block for targeted support
- Whole School Community Meeting to build school spirit and address important topics

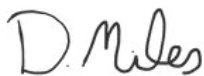
We believe this well-rounded schedule will support both academic and personal growth, providing a balanced and enriching educational experience.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to a fantastic and productive school year ahead!

Warmest regards,



Ashley Stone
Principal, Two Rivers Middle School



Derrick Miles
Assistant Principal, Two Rivers Middle School

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

6th Grade Sample Schedule

		Monday, Thursday A-Day				Tuesday, Friday B-Day			
		6A	6B	6C	6D	6A	6B	6C	6D
Block 1	8:40- 9:20	Crew				Crew			
	9:20-9:25	TRANSITION							
Block 2	9:25- 10:00	Math	Social Studies	ELA	Science	ELA	Science	Math	Social Studies
	10:00-10:50								
	10:55-11:00	TRANSITION							
Block 3	11:00-11:20	Drama Art Music	Health PE	PE	PE	Health PE	Drama Art Music		
	11:20- 11:50								
	11:50- 12:10								
	12:10-12:15	TRANSITION							
Block 4	12:15 - 12:30	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
	12:30-12:35	TRANSITION							
Block 5	12:35 - 12:50	Lunch				Lunch			
	12:50-12:55	TRANSITION							
Block 6	12:55 - 2:25	Social Studies	Math	Science	ELA	Science	ELA	Social Studies	Math
	2:25-2:30	TRANSITION							
Block 7	2:30 - 3:10	Lab				Lab			
	3:10-3:15	TRANSITION							
Block 8	3:15-3:25	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

6th Grade Sample Schedule - Wednesday *only*

Wednesday A Day				Wednesday B Day			
6A	6B	6C	6D	6A	6B	6C	6D
Crew	Crew	Crew	Crew	Crew	Crew	Crew	Crew
Transition 9:00am-9:05am				Transition 9:00am-9:05am			
Math	Social Studies	ELA	Science	ELA	Science	Math	Social Studies
Social Studies	Math	Science	ELA	Science	ELA	Social Studies	Math
Drama, Art, or Music				Health or Spanish		PE	
Lunch							
Community Meeting							
Clubs/ Extracurriculars							
Closing Circle							

SCHOOL CALENDAR



2024-25 School Year Calendar

2024

Key

- First/Last Day of School
- Holidays/School Closed
- Half-days
- Family Conferences

August

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- 21-23 Family Conferences
- 22-Back to School Social
- 26-First Day of School/Quarter 1 Begins

September

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- 2-Labor Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 7-20th Anniversary Festival
- 16-NorthBay Parent Meeting (6G)
- 17-19-Back to School Night

October

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- 7-9-5G Nature Bridge (4ES and YES)
- 8-11-6G NorthBay
- 11-PD Half-day
- 14-Schools & Offices Closed
- 17-Math Night
- 24-Fall Festival
- 28-Picture Day @ 4th Street
- 29-Picture Day @ Young ES/MS

November

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- 1-Quarter One Ends, MS Transition Meetings (Current Families)
- 4-Quarter Two Begins
- 7-TR High School Fair(s) (8G)
- 11-Veterans' Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 12-Open House (MS)
- 13-15-Family Conferences Half-days
- 20-Open House (4ES)
- 21-Open House (YES)
- 27-29-Thanksgiving Break

December

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- 2-6-Fall Book Fair
- 3-Make-up Picture Day (4ES)
- 4-Make Picture Day (YES/MS)
- 10-Open House (MS)
- 11-Open House (4ES)
- 12-Open House (YES)
- 18-31-Winter Break: Schools & Offices Closed

2025

Progress Reports & Report Card Dates

Quarter	Quarter Begins	Quarter Ends	Distribution Window
Quarter 1: Progress Report	August 26	November 1	November 8
Quarter 2: Report Card	November 4	January 31	February 7
Quarter 3: Progress Report	February 3	April 4	April 11
Quarter 4: Report Card	April 7	June 10	June 18

Community & Special Events

Aug. 21-23: Family Conferences	Jan. 10: 20th Anniversary Alumni Night	Mar. 31: Spring Book Fair
Sept. 7: 20th Anniversary Festival	Jan 28-30: Celebration of Learning (First Semester)	April 23-25: Family Conferences
Sept. 16: NorthBay Parent Meeting (8G)	Feb. 10-14: Share the Love Week	May 2: Better World Day
October 7-9: (5G) Nature Bridge (4ES & YES)	Feb. 12-14: Family Conferences	May 2: Spanish Night (Location: Young ES)
Nov. 13-15: Family Conferences	Mar. 14: Ms. Brenda's Day of Service (1/2 Day for Students)	May 14: 8th Grade Passage Portfolio
Dec. 2-6: Book Fair	Mar. 25-28: Latin Dance Competition	June 3-5: Celebration of Learning (Second Semester)
		June 10-12: Family Conferences

SCHOOL DAY START AND END TIMES

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

School begins at 8:15 AM and ends at 1:15 PM every Wednesday.

Middle School:
The day begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM on 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.

January

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- 1-New Year's Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 2-3-Winter Break (No School for Students)
- 6-Students Return from Winter Break
- 10-MS Transition Meetings (Current Families) and 20th Anniversary Alumni Night
- 14-Open House (MS)
- 20-MLK Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 21-Open House (4ES)
- 28-30-Celebration of Learning (First Semester)
- 30-Open House (YES)
- 31-Quarter 2 Begins/Semester 1 Ends

February

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- 3-Quarter 3 Begins
- 3-Parent Assessment Learning Night
- 3-6-Black Lives Matter Week of Action
- 7-PD Day (No School for Students)
- 11-Open House (MS)
- 10-14-Share the Love Week
- 12-14-Family Conferences Half-Days
- 17-President's Day
- 19-Open House (4ES)
- 27-Open House (YES)
- 27-Black History Month Network-wide Celebration

March

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- 6-Literacy Night
- 7-Middle School Transition Meetings (Current Families)
- 13-One Continuous Journey (Shadow Days Field Studies for 4ES 5G)
- 14-Ms. Brenda's Day of Service and Half-day for PD
- 17-Wellness Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 20-One Continuous Journey (Shadow Days Field Studies for YES 5G)
- 25-28-Latin Dance Competition
- 31-Spring Book Fair Begins

April

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- 1-Enrollment & Re-Enrollment Open
- 1-4-Spring Book Fair
- 4-Quarter 3 Ends
- 7-Quarter 4 Begins
- 14-18-Spring Break: Schools & Offices Closed
- 23-25-Family Conferences Half-days
- 26-Enrollment Saturday

May

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- 2-Better World Day
- 2-Spanish Night
- 5-9-Staff Appreciation Week
- 14-8G Passage Portfolio
- 19-23-MS Musical
- 23-PD Day (No School for Students)
- 26-Memorial Day: Schools & Offices Closed
- 30-Re-Enrollment Deadline

June

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- 3-5-Spring Celebration of Learning
- 6-Quarter 4 Ends
- 9-Field Day (4ES)
- 10-Field Day (YES)
- 10-12-Family Conferences Half-days
- 11-MS Dance
- 11-5G Promotion Community Meeting (4ES)
- 12-5G Promotion Community Meeting (YES)
- 12-8G Promotion Community Meeting (MS)
- 13-Last Day of School

Stay tuned for detailed monthly updates by visiting bit.ly/TRCommunityCalendar or scanning the QR Code.



FAMILY EVENTS

September 21

Back to School Night

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Audience: All TR Middle School families

During Back to School Night, students and families will:

- *Engage in an EL lesson together*
- *Learn more about our intervention and enrichment model (LAB)*
- *Learn more about our grading system*
- *Review each course syllabus*



Let's celebrate 20 years of TR!



From casual to black-tie optional, we have a host of events for all members of our diverse community!

Anniversary Festival



Free festival
open to all

Saturday, September 7
11 AM – 2 PM
Young campus

Anniversary Gala



Black-tie dinner

Saturday, October 19
6 PM – 10 PM
Middle School Campus

Alumni Night



Networking event
for alumni

Friday, January 10
TBD
Middle School Campus

For more info, please visit our [**TR20** page](#)

New ways to show TR pride!

Place orders for
limited edition school
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TR20 Line



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Order our classic
uniforms as you
have always done.



Classic Line



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**Delivery for pop-up shop:
October 4.**



Two Rivers Public Charter School Presents:

Apollo After School



**EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM
FOR ALL GRADES**



Homework



Enrichment



Fitness



Snacks

In partnership with families, Apollo will be selecting exciting enrichments from the many daily clubs we offer throughout the year:

Art Club

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.

Young Explorers

Students will learn about mysterious rainforests, towering mountains, sweltering volcanoes, exotic cultures, and many other wonders this amazing planet has to offer!

Basketball

The children are taken through various exercises, drills, and games to improve their basketball skills. This training is good for players of all levels.

Apollo Chefs

Cooking is one of the most important and rewarding life skills a child can learn! We teach our students kitchen and equipment safety, safe food handling, and food presentation.

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.

Science Club

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.

Yoga

Fun and exciting way to either introduce new students to yoga, or continue to foster an interest in those that are familiar with it.

Board Games Club

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.

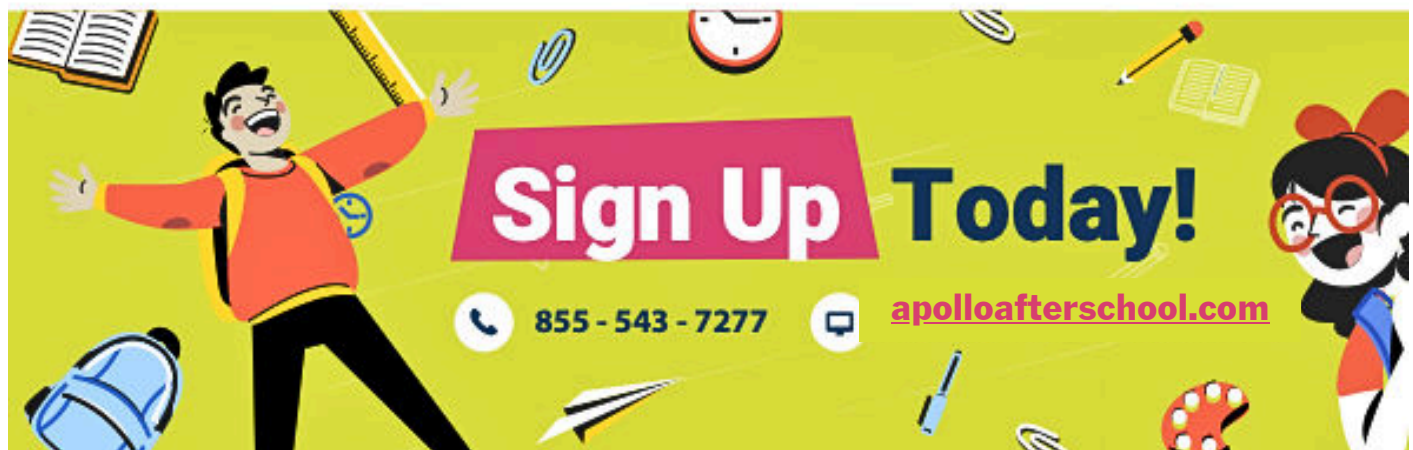
Sign Up Today!



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Apollo After School

Apollo Builders	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.
Entrepreneurship	In Apollo Enterprises, our students will learn how to think constructively about their own cool ideas for creating value, practice some of the steps for making them a reality, and learn about what it takes to keep their young businesses running.
Dance	Your child will learn a wide-range of dance techniques from hip-hop to jazz to choreography, taught by professional dancers. No matter your skill level, this class will get you dancing!
Civics	No one just grows up and becomes a participating citizen of our American constitutional republic. Just like any right, skill or responsibility, it takes a combination of education and practice to fully participate in our civic society. Students will learn about local, state, and federal government, how to investigate and form their own opinions on issues that matter to them, and participate in their own debates and class elections.
Sport Games	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!
Story Tellers	While it may seem like everywhere your child turns there is a touch-screen calling to them, there is still nothing that opens up the world of imagination and possibility like a good book. By reading both quietly and out loud, Book Club students will greatly improve their ability to determine meaning from the written word along with public speaking skills and listening skills. Watch your child discover more about their world through a book - great readers often become great thinkers!
Soccer	Our program allows young players to learn and enjoy soccer in a positive and fun environment. We provide a healthy activity through teaching the right technical soccer skills and we make sure the games that the players play are relevant to their skill levels.
Coding-Animation	Your child will dive into computer science and software engineering through fun block programming, creating captivating animations with newfound coding skills.
Chess Club	We will provide fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students. Students will be divided into groups according to their chess experience. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-tournament.
Web Design	Many people would be surprised if you told them that designing websites nowadays is so easy, a child can do it. Today there are so many tools available which make web design easy, kids aren't the only ones who can do it... soon they will be teaching their parents as well! Children enrolled in this class will create their own website and will be able to show it off to their friends and family.
STEM Engineering and Movement	Your child will dive into the realms of science, technology, engineering, and math with LEGO kits! Let their imagination run wild as they design structures, machines, and vehicles. They'll sharpen their problem-solving abilities through thrilling STEM adventures that make learning an enjoyable experience.



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 26th - June 13th

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

Schedule

7:15 - 8:15	AM: Before Care
8:15 - 3:15	Welcome and Attendance
3:20 - 3:35	Snack Time
3:35 - 3:55	Physical Activities
3:55 - 4:25	Cooldown Activities and Homework
4:25 - 5:15	Enrichment Activities
5:15 - 6:00	Supervised Free Play Latest Pick Up Time

Monthly Rates

Registration fee \$75 or \$35 if registered prior to August 16th

	3 days	4 days	5 days
Before Care	\$102	\$115	\$140
After Care	\$220	\$254	\$333

Pre-K Rates

Before Care	\$127	\$140	\$165
After Care	\$245	\$279	\$358

Extras

Expected/Same-day and Unexpected Drop-in

\$38/\$48

Apollo has completed the initial inspection to begin accepting vouchers and is waiting for our school buildings to be certified. Once that is approved, Apollo will have to complete an additional application to be able to accept subsidy payments.

Subsidy approved families will not see Apollo as an option until the aforementioned steps are completed. At this time, vouchers will not be offered. We will inform families via the Trib when the voucher process is complete. If you would like for your student(s) to be considered for a scholarship, please email your Assistant Principal.

Childcare Subsidy Vouchers are for families needing after-school care, you can apply for subsidy vouchers through this [link](#). This support can help cover the cost of after-school care, ensuring that your child is in a safe and nurturing environment. Flyers with more information are linked [here](#).

If you are unsure if you will qualify, the income eligibility can be found [here](#).

Before and aftercare enrollment will take place on a rolling basis from now until the start of school - while we encourage families to register at their earliest ability, Apollo anticipates being able to serve all families who enroll before August 1 by staffing based upon family interest. A discounted registration fee is available through August 15.

The before and after school program flyer for grades Preschool-8 can be found [here](#) and enrollment links are below:
6G - 8G Registration [link](#).

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Greetings Two Rivers Middle School Families,

On behalf of the FSA (Family School Association), it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families for the 2024-2025 school year!

The FSA is all Two Rivers families; we need everyone's labor to help fulfill our two-pronged role: support school-wide community building and ensure families are key partners in the education of their children. Since the origin of the school, each family in our village is asked to contribute 20 hours throughout the year in any way that works for their schedules, whether chaperoning, assisting with events, and/or assisting the FSA with specified tasks.

According to a study conducted by John Hopkins University, "When families are stakeholders in students' education, there's a positive impact on student success. When families get involved and engaged in their child's education, students are more likely to graduate, earn higher grades, improve their attendance, and go on to college."

We aspire to host monthly events throughout the year for family and community engagement where parents/guardians have a safe space for perspectives to be shared and heard. Please fill out this *quick survey* to show how you can support the middle school community.

Middle school years are a very interesting stage of development. This is a time where children are beginning to experience themselves in a way they never have before. For a while, most of them are really unsure of how to accept all the changes that are taking place simultaneously.

As we approach the 20th celebration of the Two Rivers network, it is an opportune time to reflect on the very principles that the foundation of the organization was built upon. This is an excellent opportunity to utilize the wisdom we've gained over the years and implement on the way forward.

While intellect is important, studies show that the biggest determiner of success in any area is not intellect, it is the ability to manage one's emotions (Emotional Intelligence). As a village it is important that we take this into consideration when interacting with our children. Patience is the key, both with our children and with ourselves. With your support, we plan to offer programs for families that can assist in the process of cultivating emotional intelligence to help ensure a very successful school year. Our strength is that we all come from very diverse backgrounds which bring in many unique perspectives that we can blend and create greatness!

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

We are truly excited to embark on this journey together as one CREW! We really look forward to an amazing and successful school year!

Hit us up at MS.FSA@tworiverspcs.org!

Very Best Always,



Hajah Barnes
Middle School
FSA President

PARENTSQUARE

New families can set up their account now or wait for a ParentSquare activation link via email in 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.

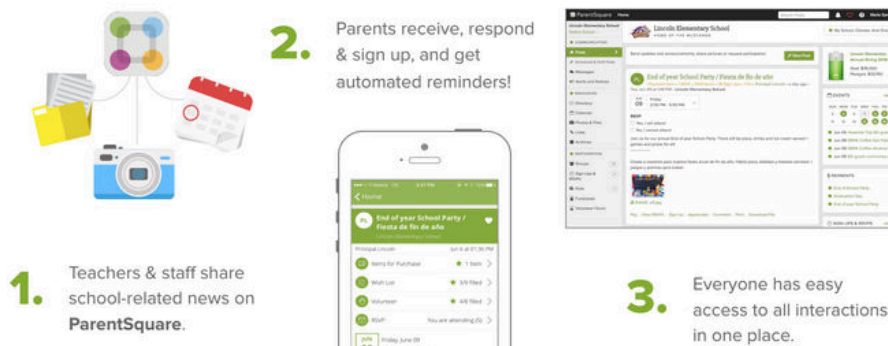
One Tap Participation

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

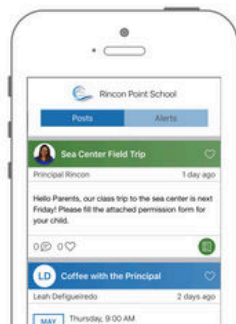


Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!

1. Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.

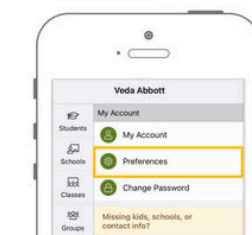
2. Log in with your email or phone registered with the school.

3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student.

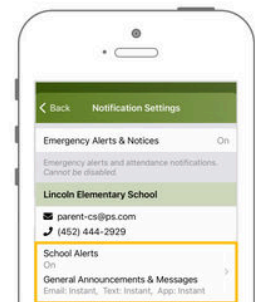


Choose Your Notification Preferences

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.



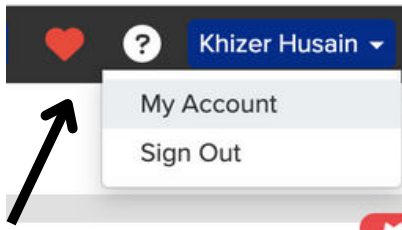
PARENTSQUARE

TOP 2 PARENTSQUARE TIPS & TRICKS

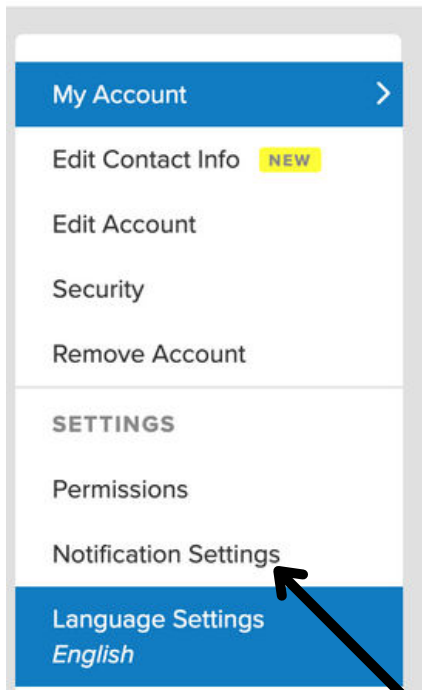
#1: Customize Your Notification Settings

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 you 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.

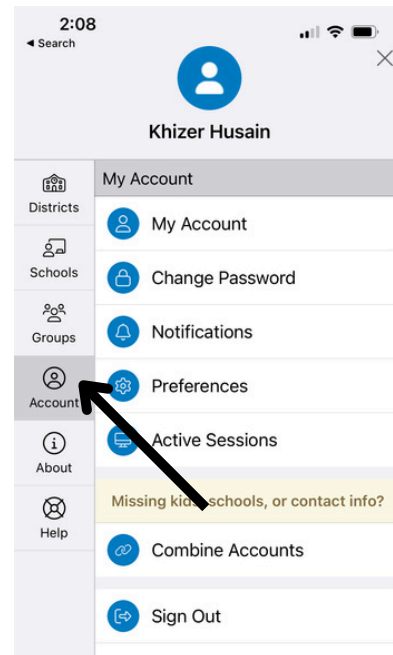
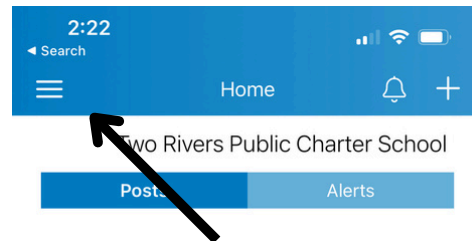
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My Account



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

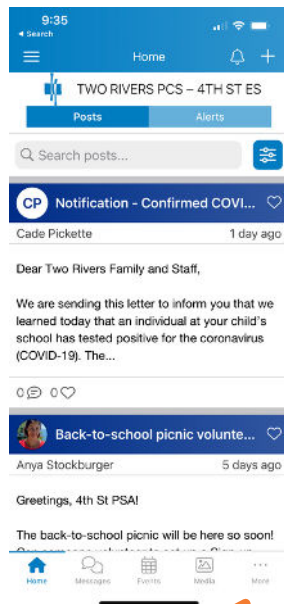


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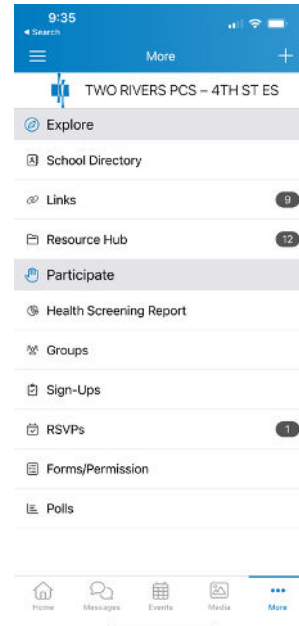
#2 Access "Links" for Key Two Rivers Resources

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.

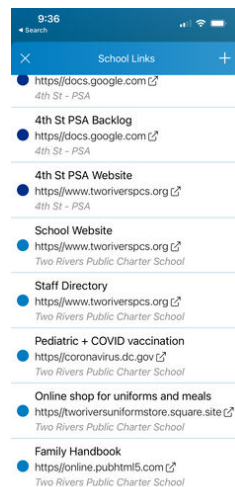
Go to lower right corner to
"More"



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

WEBSITE

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

www.tworiverspcs.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

@tworiverspcs

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