

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME PACKET

YOUNG ELEMENTARY
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"/> *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 (New Families Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> *School Lunch Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Questionnaire (PS3-PK4 Families Only) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSA Sign-up* | |

*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: breaues@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

Greetings YES Families,

We are so excited for the 24-25 SY at Young Elementary School! We hope you are having an incredible summer and feeling relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. Whether you are a new or returning family to Two Rivers, we welcome you and are excited that you are a part of our Young ES Crew.

At Two Rivers, we are dedicated to providing an exceptional school experience driven by our 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*, and grounded in [EL Education's Core Practices](#). To uphold our mission and Core Practices at YES we firmly believe family partnership is critical.

We look to you as Crew.

At YES and as an EL Education school throughout the year, you might hear us say, “We are Crew.” The term “crew” comes from educator Kurt Hahn, founder of Outward Bound and was originally quoted as “We are crew, not passengers, strengthened by acts of consequential service to others.” While we use the term ‘crew’ to organize our classrooms and identify a structure such as morning meeting, it is also a metaphor for the work we do together. This metaphor refers to a group in a boat on a long voyage, where everyone is needed to pull at an oar and no one sits by watching. The culture of crew impels all members of a school community to work together as a team, to pitch in, to help others.

From EL Education, [Crew is two things](#):

1. *It is a structure. A group of students who meet together to support each other and push each other in school, and life.*
2. *It is a spirit, a way of being. To be "Crew" means to pitch in to help each other, to step up and take responsibility for everyone's well being around you.*

This year, we will continue and strengthen our focus on Crew (inclusive of students, families, staff, and the greater community) through our emphasis on social-emotional learning, academic excellence, and shared leadership. We are honored to be a part of your family's educational journey, and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead. Together, we can create a positive and supportive learning environment where every student feels valued and inspired to succeed. As we prepare for the new school year, we are excited to introduce the current school leadership team for the 2024-2025 school year. At this time we have two vacancies on the leadership team and have been busy interviewing candidates throughout the summer. While we are eager to fill the positions, we understand the importance of a strong and dynamic leadership team in order to effectively fulfill our mission. We are adamant about finding the right fit and will continue to search until we are confident in our selection.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Young ES Leadership Team:

We are each tremendously excited to serve students, teachers, and families to reach our goals for the 2024-25 SY.



Megan DeRitter
Principal



Kim Colley
Director of Special Education

Important Reminders

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

For dismissal, students are not permitted to remain on school grounds after 3:15 PM without adult supervision. All elementary school students should be picked up by 3:15 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and by 1:15 PM on Wednesdays, unless signed up for aftercare. The school has the right to contact CFSA to make a report of child neglect in the event children are regularly not picked up by 3:30 PM. Children who have not been picked up by 3:30 PM may be referred to the school resource officer. In these cases, the school has the right to contact CFSA to make a report of child neglect. There are no school staff on site to supervise students who have not been picked up and are not part of an after school activity (*Family Handbook, page 36*).

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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 on *page 24 of this document*. We kindly request your cooperation throughout the school year in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform policy.

A Chance to Connect:

Our first opportunities to connect as a school family will be at the Beginning of the Year Potluck and Back to School Conferences.

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 during the afternoons starting on **Wednesday, August 21st through Friday, August 23rd**. Our goal is to meet and/or reconnect with 100% of families before the first day of school.

We will communicate additional information about welcome events via ParentSquare —and you can find regular updates from our leadership team in the “Principal’s Corner” of the weekly Trib newsletter for families, which is delivered via ParentSquare and will be sent home every Tuesday. This Welcome Packet includes instructions on accessing ParentSquare. If you need additional assistance with ParentSquare, please reach out to Mr. Khizer khusain@tworiverspcs.org.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and families. Let us embark on this exciting journey together, as we strive for excellence and make Young Elementary School an exceptional place to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours In Service,

The Young 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

REQUIRED FORMS

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.



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. You can find the required immunizations [here](#). Submit all forms and questions to medical@tworiverspcs.org.



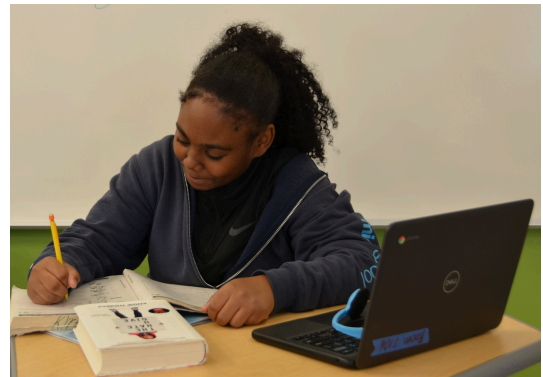
BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

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-2 on the welcome screen. We ask that you complete these questionnaires by August 12th 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



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 the school nurse or 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.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Operations, Tameka Faison, at tfaison@tworiverspcs.org.

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](#).

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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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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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27	28	29	30	31		

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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31						

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.



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
uniforms by 9/9.



TR20 Line



[TR20UniformShop](#)



Shark Line



[TR20SharkShop](#)

Order our classic
uniforms as you
have always done.



Classic Line



[TR Uniform Shop](#)

**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.

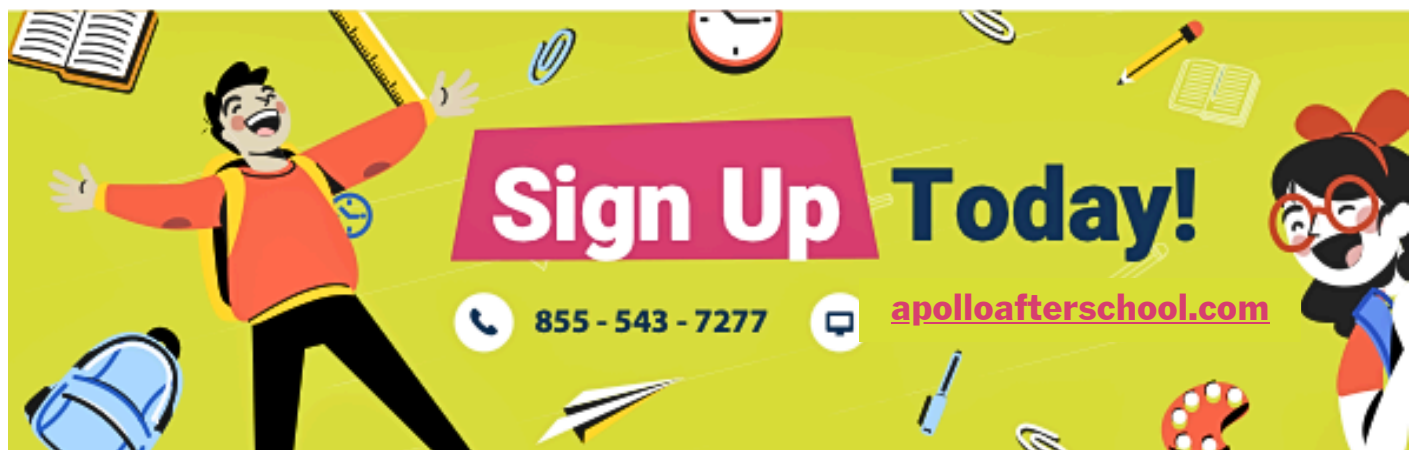
Sign Up Today!



855 - 543 - 7277

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:

For 4th St. Elementary School:

K-5 enrollment click [this link](#).

Preschool and Pre-K enrollment click [this link](#).

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Dear Two Rivers Young ES Families,

Warm greetings and a heartfelt welcome to all new and returning Two Rivers families at our Young Elementary location! We are delighted to have you join us for the 2024-2025 school year filled with learning, growth, and community.

The Family School Association (FSA) is an organization of parents, guardians, and dedicated school staff from Two Rivers elementary schools and middle school. As valued members of our school community, you automatically become part of this exceptional association. 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.

Starting in the fall, the FSA will be hosting a variety of engagements each month. This includes beloved annual events like: Back to School Social (August 22nd), Share the Love week and Black History Month in February, and The Latin Dance Competition and Ms. Brenda's Day of Service 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.

Our dedication to student learning is unwavering. We are committed to providing the resources and support necessary to help our children thrive socially and academically. By working hand in hand with teachers and families, we can empower our students to reach their full potential and achieve remarkable success.

At the heart of the FSA's purpose is to ensure that every family's voice is heard and valued. We believe that your input and perspectives are invaluable in shaping our school's direction. By actively engaging in the FSA, you can contribute to fostering relationships and play a vital role in guiding our school's journey.

By joining the FSA, you'll not only have the opportunity to impact your child's education but also forge meaningful connections with other caring parents. Together, we can create a warm and supportive community that celebrates the diversity of our families and embraces the unique strengths each individual brings.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Together, as a united crew, we will create a meaningful educational journey for our children and continue to make Two Rivers Public Charter School a place where dreams thrive and futures flourish.

Please show support and follow this link to [*fill out our participation survey.*](#)

With enthusiasm,



Telisha Wilson
Young Elementary
FSA President



Andrew Foote
Young Elementary
FSA Secretary



Ryann Glaccum
Young Elementary
FSA Network Treasurer

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

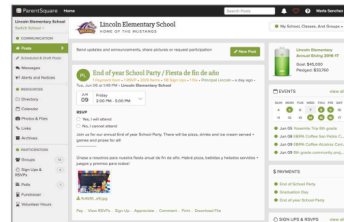
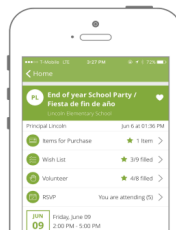
Send & receive real-time messages directly with teachers and administrators.

How ParentSquare Works



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

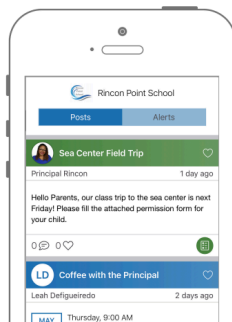
2. Parents receive, respond & sign up, and get automated reminders!



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 number registered with the school.

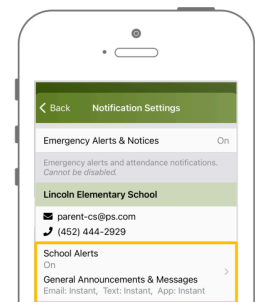
3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student.

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.

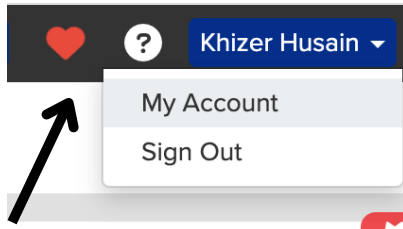


TOP 2 PARENTSQUARE TIPS & TRICKS

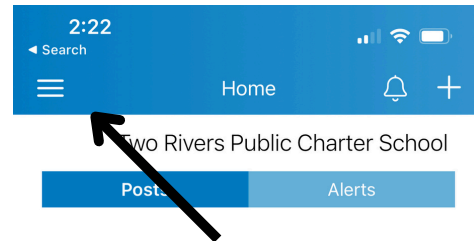
#1: Customize Your Notification Settings

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.

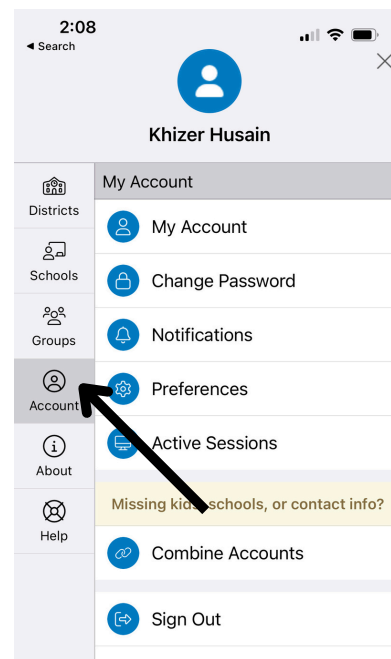
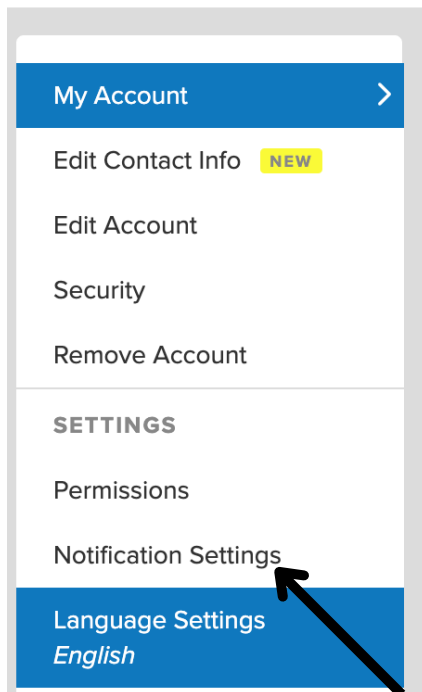
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In app: Go to upper left corner to reveal Account menu



My Account

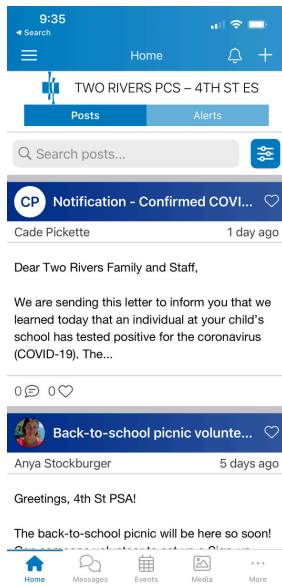


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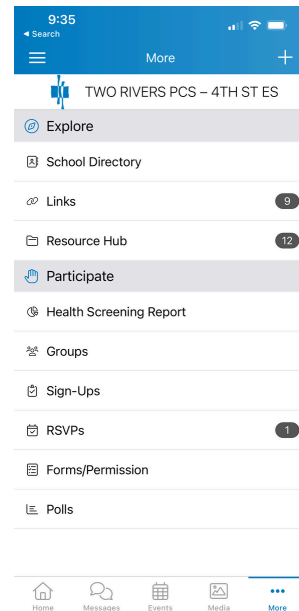
#2 Access "Links" for Key Two Rivers Resources

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.

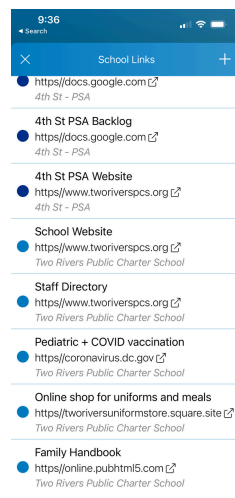
Go to lower right corner to
"More"



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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