

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME PACKET

4TH ST. ELEMENTARY
2025 - 2026



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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"/> *Optional Health Forms |
| <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

DEAR TWO RIVERS FAMILIES,

August 2025

To those of you who are new to Two Rivers, “Welcome to the boat!” I hope you’re staying cool, safe, and recharged this summer! While many are enjoying some well-deserved rest, the Two Rivers Crew has been hard at work preparing our buildings, supporting our staff, and planning for a strong launch into the new school year.

As an EL Education school, you are part of a community of educators committed to the belief that all students can achieve excellence, academically, personally, and through the creation of high-quality work. Together, we nurture all three dimensions of student achievement: Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, Character, and High-Quality Work.

We are now entering Year Two of our strategic plan: *Sailing to Success—Charting a Course to Educational Excellence*. I am truly inspired by the many achievements from our first year and proud to share a few highlights:

- Our elementary students saw double-digit gains in their math MAP achievement and growth
- Our Co-Teaching Cohort made strong gains in instructional collaboration and inclusion across all three campuses-and their student outcomes have reaped the benefits
- We launched our Network Data Dashboard, deepening our culture of data-driven decision-making
- We welcomed our new Director of Family Engagement to the boat, Mr. Matthew Carothers
- Two Rivers is on solid financial footing despite the uncharted waters in the federal landscape
- Our continued commitment to integrated arts led to our Network Spring Musical of *Moana Jr.* this year with 4th-8th graders participating on stage and behind the scenes!

LETTER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approach the final weeks of summer, I'm thrilled to share that we are nearly fully enrolled for the upcoming school year. We still have a few open seats - 4th and 5th Grade at 4th Street Elementary and 2nd and 4th Grade at Young Elementary. TRMS is completely full!. If you know families looking for a joyful, rigorous, and inclusive school community, please send them our way! They can reach out to Asia Bell at registrar@tworiverspcs.org.

We're excited for the journey ahead and grateful to have you aboard. As always, my door is open. If you'd like to connect, feel free to reach out at breaves@tworiverspcs.org or to get on my calendar reach out to Michelle Kimso at mkimso@tworiverspcs.org.

I look forward to seeing you all Back to School Social!

In Crew Spirit,



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

Mrs. Belicia Reaves
Executive Director
Two Rivers Public Charter School

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

DEAR TWO RIVERS 4ES FAMILIES,

We are so excited for the 25-26 school year at 4th Street Elementary School! We hope you are enjoying your summer and feeling relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year.

At Two Rivers, we are committed to creating an exceptional school experience grounded in our mission:

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

Our mission is only possible in true partnership with our families. Your support, engagement, and collaboration is critical to student success.

As we embark on the new school year, we remain deeply rooted in the Two Rivers Scholarly Habits. Our aim is to foster a climate that promotes emotional safety, joy in learning, kindness, and student leadership. As an EL Education school, we believe that academic growth and character development are inseparable. We intentionally nurture both, to prepare students not just for school, but to be ethical people who contribute to a better world.

Ron Berger, the former Chief Academic Officer at EL Education has said:

“When a student completes her schooling and enters adult life, for the rest of her life she will be judged not by test scores, but rather two things: the quality of her work and the quality of her character.”

Throughout this school year, we will be working together to support our students in developing a strong academic mindset rooted in these beliefs:

I belong in this academic community.

My ability and competence grow with effort.

I can succeed at this.

This work has value for me.

We are honored to be on this journey with your family and look forward to a year of connection, growth, and joyful learning. Together, we can create a school where every student feels seen, supported, and inspired to thrive. To achieve these goals, we are excited to introduce the school leadership team for the 2025-2026 school year.

TWO RIVERS SCHOLARLY HABITS



I KNOW MYSELF.

- I can identify my emotions.
- I have an accurate self-perception.
- I recognize my strengths.
- I demonstrate self-confidence.
- I advocate for myself.



I AM INDEPENDENT AND RESILIENT.

- I control my impulses.
- I manage my stress and emotions.
- I act with self-discipline.
- I am self-motivated.
- I set realistic goals and work to meet them.
- I can organize my materials.
- I can plan and manage my time.



I SHOW COMPASSION AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY.

- I see others' perspectives.
- I demonstrate empathy for others.
- I appreciate diversity.
- I respect others.



I CAN CONNECT AND COLLABORATE.

- I can communicate clearly and flexibly.
- I can actively listen.
- I actively engage with others.
- I build relationships with diverse individuals and groups.
- I cooperate with others and negotiate conflict constructively.
- I seek and offer help when needed.



I ACT WITH INTEGRITY.

- I identify problems.
- I resolve personal and social situations.
- I constructively solve personal and social problems.
- I evaluate the impact of my actions.
- I honestly reflect on the impact of my actions.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

4th Street Leadership Team:

We are each excited to serve students, teachers, and families to reach our goals for the 2025-2026 school year.



We are thrilled to officially welcome Mr. Derrick to the 4th Street leadership team as our new School Culture Coordinator! Mr. Derrick brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as an assistant teacher leader, interim lead teacher, and most recently, as our Acting Dean. As we continue to build a strong and positive school culture, we are confident in Mr. Derrick's leadership and his deep commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive community for students, families, and staff alike.

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.

Student Attendance:

At Two Rivers, we believe that every day counts. Missing even a few days of school can make it more difficult for students to stay connected, keep up with lessons, and feel confident in their learning. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or emergencies. In those cases, we ask that families communicate directly with their child's teacher to provide context or contact the your Front Desk Associate:

4th Street Elem. Lower School (PK3-2G): Ms. Anny - 202-546-4477 / 4esfrontdesk@tworiverspcs.org

4th Street Elem. Upper School (3G- 5G): Ms. Nessi - 202-543-8477 / 4esfrontdesk@tworiverspcs.org

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

To celebrate and reinforce strong attendance habits, students with perfect attendance during Quarter 1 will be recognized and celebrated. Our goal is always to partner with families in ensuring students arrive at school on time, every day, ready to learn.

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 learning, 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. If your child arrives after 8:30am you will not be allowed to escort your child to class.

Dismissal:

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

Early Dismissal:

All early dismissal/pick ups will stop at 2:45 pm. We will not release your child for early pickup after 2:45PM. If you miss early pickup, your child will be dismissed at 3:15 pm (regular dismissal). Parents and or guardians will not be allowed to wait in the lobby for pickup between 2:45 pm-3:15 pm.

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Community Meeting:

Every Wednesday, we will hold Community Meeting from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. This is a school-wide tradition in which families and community members are encouraged to join. To maintain safety and security, any students, families, or community members who arrive after 8:30 am. will be marked tardy and will not be permitted past the lobby. Students will wait in the lobby until the program concludes at 9:00 am.

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Uniforms:

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

A Chance to Connect:

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

The **Beginning of the Year Social will take place on Thursday, August 21st.** More information about this exciting event will be coming soon!

Family conferences will take place during the afternoons starting on Wednesday, August 20th through Friday, August 22nd. 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 on Tuesday afternoons. If you need additional assistance with ParentSquare, please reach out to Mr. Matthew Carothers at mcarothers@tworiverspcs.org.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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 4th Street Elementary School an exceptional place to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Crew Spirit,

4th Street Leadership Team

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LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Dear Crew,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. My name is Matthew Carothers, Jr., and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Director of Family Engagement here at Two Rivers Public Charter School network. It is a true privilege to join a community so deeply committed to the growth and success of every student.

At the heart of my work is a deep belief that strong family-school partnerships are essential to a thriving educational experience. Families are a child's first and most important teacher, and when schools and families work together, we create powerful opportunities for student success and we make the mission of the school more likely to be true. My goal in this role is to build bridges that connect the school community with your experiences, values, and hopes for your children. Additionally, in this role, I will work to ensure we are creating conditions for all families to engage, partner and connect with their school and the network.

I have 25 years of professional experience in educational leadership, counseling, and building meaningful partnerships with parents and the community. Throughout my career, I've focused on creating inclusive spaces where every voice is heard and respected and every individual feels seen, affirmed and valued. I am passionate about building trust, promoting two-way communication, and celebrating the diverse cultures, backgrounds, and traditions that make our school community unique. I look forward to continuing this work here at Two Rivers.

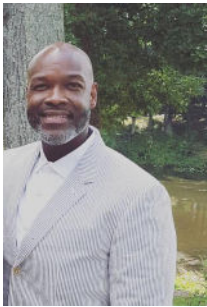
In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to getting to know each of you—your stories, your children, and your hopes and dreams for their futures. I will be organizing family events, working closely with campus communities and parents around daily in-seat attendance, and developing workshops designed to empower families and foster meaningful connections with staff and one another. Whether you've been part of this school community for years or are just beginning your journey with us, I am here to support you.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, ideas, or simply to say hello (mcarothers@tworiverspcs.org). I want to hear what matters most to you, and how I can help make our community a more welcoming and responsive environment for all families.

LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received from those of you I've had an opportunity to meet. I am genuinely excited to partner with you in making this a joyful, inclusive, and enriching year for all families.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Carothers Jr." in a cursive style.

Matthew Carothers Jr.
Director of Family Engagement
Two Rivers Public Charter School

ATTENDANCE AT TWO RIVERS PCS

Every Day Counts at TRPCS!



Every day counts for attendance at all Two Rivers Public Charter School campuses! Consistent, and timely attendance builds strong learning habits, academic success, and emotional growth. Additionally, regular attendance helps students stay on track, feel included, and develop key traits for lifelong success. Each day missed means missed instructions, discussions, social connections and opportunities to grow academically. **This time cannot be fully recovered.** When students show up every day, we are more likely to meet our mission, which means that students are more likely to reach their full potential and leave Two Rivers PCS high school ready.

Our **FULL** attendance policy can be found on in our [Family Handbook](#) that will be shared with all families.

Please, always communicate with your FDAs if your student will be tardy or absent from school. You may also report an absence, upload doctor's note, or leave a message at anytime using the

Two Rivers Attendance Lines:

Email - attendance@tworiverspcs.org

Voice/Text Message - 240-389-0244

If you have questions, our Front Desk Associates (FDAs) are here to assist and support, contact:

Lower School (PK3-2G): Ms. Anny - 202-546-4477 / 4esfrontdesk@tworiverspcs.org

Upper School (3G- 5G): Ms. Nessi - 202-543-8477 / 4esfrontdesk@tworiverspcs.org

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
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer



Grades 6-8

- 1 - agenda book (provided by school)
- 1 - Yondr Pouch- \$30.00
- 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)
- 1-Water Bottle
- 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 all Math classes)*
- 1 - pack of 4 count multi-colored highlighters*
- 3 - packages of loose leaf filler paper*
- 1 - pack of 12-count colored pencils
- 1- composition book for each 6G student for science class CQ

Note: The items in red are a must for all students. 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

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 Two Rivers branded uniform shirt each day, beginning on the first day of school. Students may wear any school-appropriate bottoms and closed-toe shoes. (Open-toe shoes are not permitted.)

Uniform shirts start at \$7 for short-sleeve t-shirts and are available in a variety of colors. Elementary school students can wear any color Two Rivers branded uniform t-shirt purchased from us.

Students **are not permitted** to customize their uniform t-shirts, polos, sweatshirts, or hoodies. We ask that no embellishments, decorations, or alterations be added to uniform tops.

Uniform Sales (Young Campus – 820 26th Street NE, on the Green):

- Wednesday, August 6: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday, August 9: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Saturday, August 16: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 19: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Thursday, August 21: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Saturday, August 23: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

✦ **Please note:**

Uniforms will not be sold during the first week of school. The online [uniform website](#) will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Accepted payment methods:

Cash, Apple Pay, credit card, and debit card.



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.

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.

Additional Health Forms:

Asthma Action Plan

Health Certificate

Oral Assessment Form

Permission to Administer Medication

If your child has severe allergies, it is imperative that their physician completes an *Anaphylaxis Action Plan* and prescribes an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen). This form must be fully completed and submitted directly to the Health Suite team at your child's school location.

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:

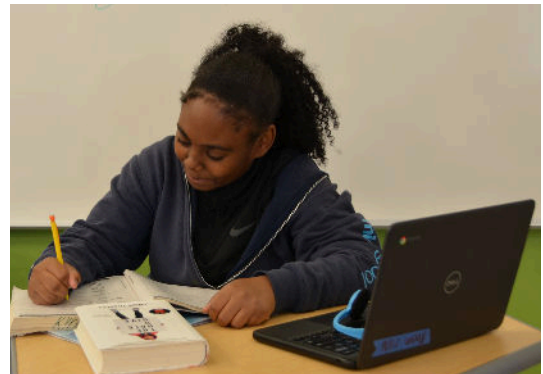
- Audiology Services/Assessment
- Behavioral Support Services
- Occupational Therapy/Assessment
- Speech-Language Pathology Services/Assessment
- Mobility Assessment
- Physical Therapy Services Assessment
- Psychological Evaluation
- Special Education Transportation Services

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

REQUIRED FORMS

Tech Agreement for TR Learning Devices [New Families Only]

At Two Rivers, we use technology in our educational program to ultimately promote and develop the digital responsibility of our students, as they use technology to engage more effectively with learning. Being digitally responsible means students are caring for their laptops and making sure that their internet time is on task, appropriate, and expands their learning. All devices must be returned at the end of each school year. [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? Please review the slides [here](#).



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MEALS AT TWO RIVERS



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We're looking forward to another great year with our dedicated meal vendor, Whitsons Culinary Group, who continues to provide nutritious, student-approved meals for our community.

Breakfast at Two Rivers is free for all students. For lunch, Two Rivers PCS participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), which offers both free and low-cost meals. However, Two Rivers PCS is not a CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) school, which means not all students automatically qualify for free meals. Instead, families must either:

- Submit a Free and Reduced Meal Application, or
- Pay for meals directly through the [online store](#)

If you believe your family may qualify, please complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application form. If you need a paper form or have any questions about the meal program, please contact Christopher Headecker at cheadecker@tworiverspcs.org.

If your child has a food allergy or specific dietary need, it is important that you complete the Meal Preference Form to ensure they receive meals that meet their health requirements.

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.
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IMPORTANT READING



Two Rivers Culture

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

Five Scholarly Habits

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

Three Dimensions of High-Quality Student Work

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

Family Handbook

Annually we require our families to read our Family Handbook - you will find it includes information about our educational philosophy and our policies on uniforms, electronic devices, attendance, student supports, and bullying, among many other useful areas! The Family Handbook can be found [here](#). We are requiring that all families complete the form attached to [this post](#), which confirms that you have read and agree with key information found in the handbook. You will continue to hear from your school leaders about opportunities to ask questions and learn more the Family Handbook at your school.

The deadline for signing using the form attached to the linked post is Tuesday, September 30th. If you do not sign the form, it will be assumed that you agree with the form. If you have multiple Two Rivers students, please be sure to complete the form for each child. If you have any further questions, please reach out to your school principal or other school leadership team members.

We look forward to a great year and hope you find this resource has much of the information you need to support us in this work!

Please note that New to Two Rivers Families will not yet have access to ParentSquare and cannot complete the form referenced above. We will notify all new families when their ParentSquare account is active. We will also reshare this notice in our Weekly TRIB.

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](#).





Two Rivers Public Charter School
Presents:

Apollo

After School

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Registration
Link!



Homework
 Enrichment
 Fitness
 Snacks

Sample Daily Clubs Schedule

Monday

Arts & Crafts
(PK)

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
(Grades K-1)

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

Basketball
(Grades 2-3)

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
(Grades 4-5)

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.

Tuesday

Math Club
(PK)

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
(Grades K-1)

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.

Apollo Olympians
(Grades 2-3)

Zumba! Yoga! Dancing! These easy fitness activities for kids make exercise so much fun that your children won't notice they're working out.

Entrepreneurship
(Grades 4-5)

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.

Sign Up Today!



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Before & After School Care

Wednesday

Dance (PK)

Students will dance the afternoon away to kids bop favorites. Give your child the opportunity to get their energy out before going home for the night!

Arts & Crafts (Grades K-1)

In Arts & Crafts Club, young Apollo students will learn many techniques to turn their ideas into reality under the guidance of our Apollo staff.

Apollo Builders (Grades 2-3)

In Apollo Enterprises, our students will learn how to think constructively about their own cool ideas for creating value, and learn about what it takes to keep their young businesses running.

Board Games (Grades 4-5)

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.

Thursday

Young Explorers (PK)

Students will learn about many wonders this amazing planet has to offer along with fun travel tips and the great explorers whose daring gave us the maps and charts we take for granted today.

Apollo Olympians (Grades K-1)

Zumba! Yoga! Dancing! These easy fitness activities for kids make exercise so much fun that your children won't notice they're working out.

STEAM (Grades 2-3)

The word STEAM stands for S-science, T-technology, E-engineering, A-arts, and M-mathematics. STEAM time is all about presenting challenges and helping students come up with their own solutions.

Civics (Grades 4-5)

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.

Friday

Storytelling (PK)

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.

Board Games Club (Grades K-1)

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Science Club (Grades 2-3)

Through a hands-on and exciting curriculum, this club will help your child become more curious and have a deeper understanding about how the world works.

Math Club (Grades 4-5)

Our curriculum emphasizes how math relates to creativity and everyday life, whether it is the geometry of creating their personal starship or in saving money for a trip to the theme park.



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Before & After School Care

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 25th - June 16th

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

Sign Up Today!

Registration is open! Enroll by August 15th for an
early registration discount!



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Check us out
on Facebook!

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

Sample Schedule

7:15 - 8:15	AM: Before Care
3:15 - 3:20	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 15th

	3 days	4 days	5 days
Before Care	\$108	\$121	\$147
After Care	\$231	\$267	\$350
Pre-K Rates			
Before Care	\$134	\$147	\$174
After Care	\$258	\$293	\$376

Extras

Expected/Same-day and Unexpected Drop-in

\$38/\$48



FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

DEAR TWO RIVERS 4TH ST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES,

The Family School Association (FSA) is delighted to welcome all new and returning Two Rivers 4th Street families to an exciting year filled with learning, growth, and community. As parents and caregivers, we honor and empower our children's education through active engagement in our school community.

The FSA facilitates that engagement by working directly with the school administration: together we identify ways parents, caregivers, and families can multiply the efforts of the educators as they work to build a strong, effective, safe and dynamic school community.

Our goal is to facilitate a space where children, teachers, and families alike thrive. In support of this, the FSA has two primary objectives: Building school-wide community and ensuring families are key partners in the education of their children. As a volunteer organization, our FSA is led by an executive committee but run by you: the adults in our community. All parents and guardians of Two Rivers students, as well as Two Rivers staff and administrators, are automatically members of the FSA and no dues exist. The committee meets regularly with school staff and families and serves as a facilitator to identify needs of the school and available adult capabilities. We need you in any capacity that is right for you. Your time, expertise, and involvement matters and will help strengthen our school.

Throughout the year, the FSA will be supporting and hosting a variety of engagements. This includes beloved annual TR events like: Back to School picnic, Ms. Brenda's Day of Service in March, Black History Month in February, and The Latin Dance Competition in March. We will also continue to partner with the school to make special evenings like Literacy Night, Math Night, Spanish Night, Movie Night, Family Dance Night, and Staff Appreciation week fun and accessible for our whole crew. These events are made possible by parent/caregiver volunteers.

While the calendar is full of classic Two Rivers events, we also need support in other creative ways. We welcome your ideas and have some of our own:

Off-hours, time-limited efforts:

- Event planning
- Community activities at sports stadiums or other DC locations
- Small scale fundraising ideas and operation

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

In-person, time-limited efforts:

- Special experts to support modules
- School and grounds beautification
- Concession volunteers
- Fall festival and Field day support
- Bookfair setup and support

Small but regular contributions:

- Room parents
- Teacher appreciation efforts
- Book club leaders

All support is welcomed!

Community

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

Classroom & Room Parents

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

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Fundraisers

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

Volunteering

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

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

Whether you have a small amount of time in-person or the ability to email and coordinate offsite, we need you. Our community is stronger when we all participate in ways that feel right for us. We look forward to meeting you at our next community event, and we hope it is a fun one!

We are Crew,



Your Two Rivers FSA President
Maya Connell

PARENTSQUARE

New to TR families, please wait to receive a notification that your ParentSquare account is active. Returning families should continue to use their same account log-in information from last year. Please note that in 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.

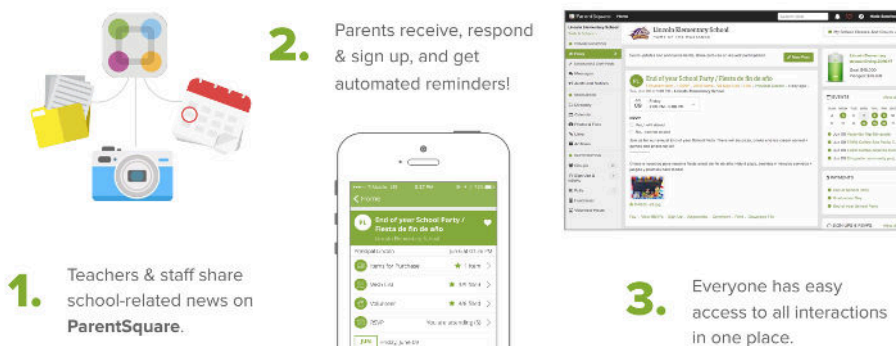
One Tap Participation

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

Two-Way Communication

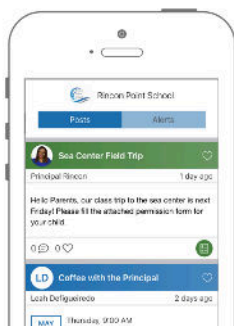
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How ParentSquare Works



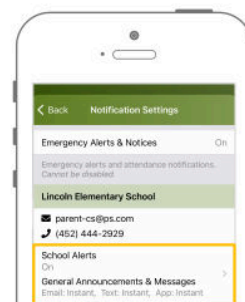
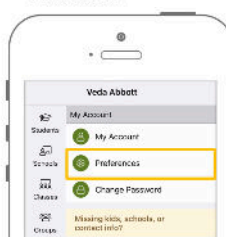
Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!

- 1.** Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.
- 2.** Log in with your email or phone 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.

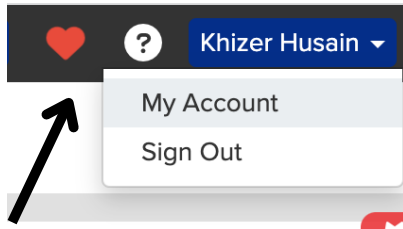


TOP 2 PARENTSQUARE TIPS & TRICKS

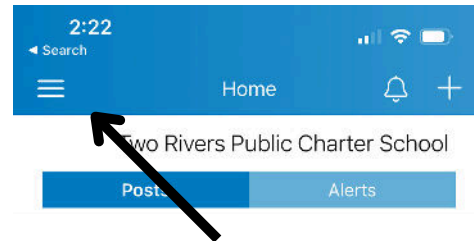
#1: Customize Your Notification Settings

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.

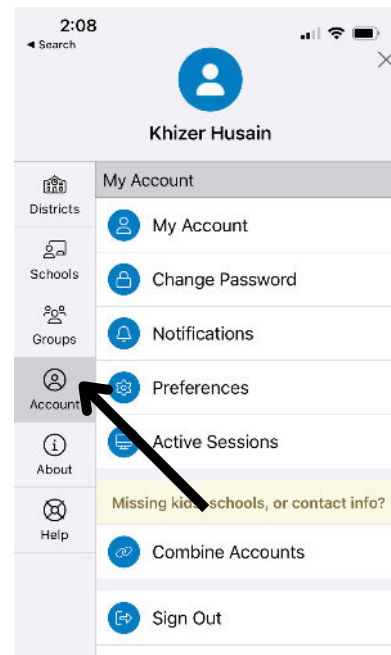
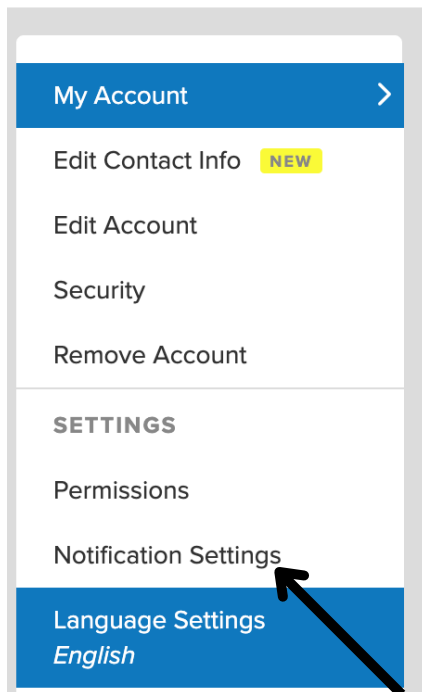
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In app: Go to upper left corner to reveal Account menu



My Account

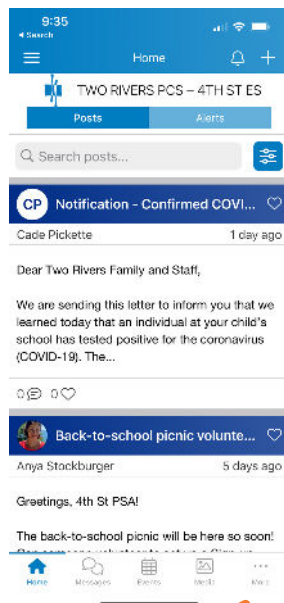


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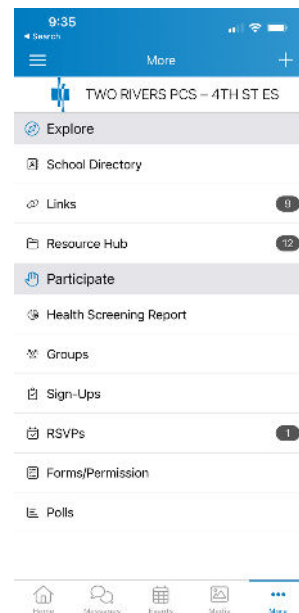
#2 Access "Links" for Key Two Rivers Resources

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, Twitter, Facebook

@tworiverspcs

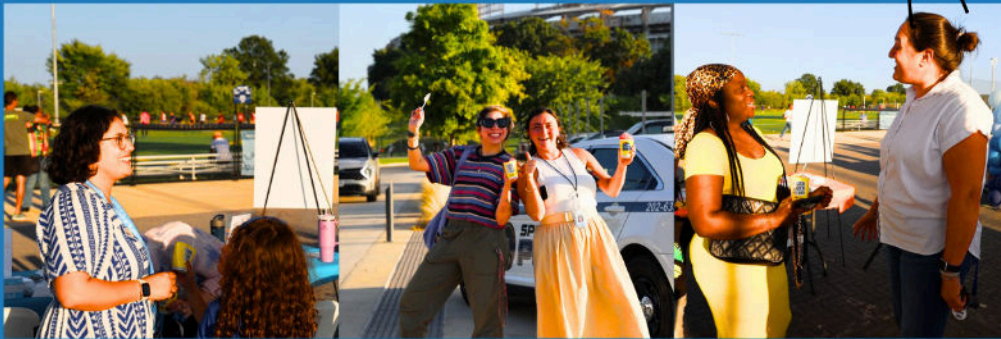
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TWO RIVERS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



BACK TO



SCHOOL SOCIAL



AUGUST 21, 2025



5:30 - 7:30 P.M.



FIELDS AT RFK CAMPUS
401 OKLAHOMA AVE. NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002



**Join us for our first Community Meeting of the Year!!!
Meet your Teachers, School Leaders, Friends and TR Families
Kona Ice, Taco Truck, Games, Music and Fun, Fun, Fun!!!**

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