February 2025

CEPTSA Newsletter

Message from the Presidents:

Did you know that studies show students with engaged families are more likely to earn higher grades and develop better social skills? When PTSA is involved, our children thrive. From supporting educational programs to creating memorable events, the work we do together directly benefits our students. By volunteering, you help foster a stronger school community, enhance learning opportunities, and show our kids the power of teamwork and care. Join us in making a lasting impact—your involvement truly makes a difference!
Thank you!
Bailey and Kyla

Reflections Update:

As we wrap up another successful Reflections season at Carnation, we want to congratulate all of our students who entered this year's competition! The theme, "Accepting Imperfection" sparked such imagination and creativity, with 44 entries across 5 of our 6 categories! We had the chance to celebrate all of our amazing and talented participants at our Awards Gala in November. The following students were awarded Finalist ribbons and were showcased at the Riverview PTSA Council Gala in January. A special acknowledgment to the students, indicated by an asterisk (*), whose entries advanced to the WA State level of the competition! Way to go Tigers!

Primary Division (PreK-2nd)
Chloe Batishchev (Visual Arts)
Savannah Bryant (Visual Arts)
Aiden Chen (Visual Arts)
Faye Denman (Visual Arts)
Evelyn Dix (Visual Arts*)
Mihika Kotiya (Visual Arts)
Coen Krieger (Visual Arts)
James Murphy (Visual Arts).
Agastya Rai (Visual Arts)
Thea Shah (Visual Arts)
Davyd Shyti (Visual Arts)
Ingrid Wadsworth (Visual Arts)

Intermeddiate Division (3rd-5th)
Hazel Brandenberger (Film Production*)
Preston Culbertson (Film Production*)
Dhamayanthi Dineshkumar (Literature*)
Hitansh Garg (Dance Choreography*)
Lincoln Julius (Visual Arts*)
Walker Julius (Visual Arts*)
Jillian Metcalf (Literature*, Photography)
Cassius Richenburg (Visual Arts, Photography)
Swathi Tadepalli (Visual Arts)
Max Turner (Visual Arts)

Engagement Update:

In January, the PTSA delivered OTTER and Sasquatch award nominee books to all 1st - 5th grade classrooms. These books were generously donated by KCLS.

Teachers are coordinating walking field trips with the children's librarian at the Carnation public library to learn more about these books and how kids can vote for them in the spring. You can learn about this program by clicking on the QR code below:

Sasquatch

Otter

Membership Update:

Get your membership today!

Already a member? Consider a volunteer opportunity!

Fundraising Update:

Sweets for your sweets, right in time for Valentine's Day!
Please return the form that came home in backpacks to your child's classroom or the office by Friday, February 7th. Doughnuts will be available for pickup at the school on Thursday, February 13th.

The mission of Carnation Elementary PTSA is to positively impact the lives of all students by partnering with staff, families, and the community to foster a culture that values learning, builds community, and advocates for all students to excel personally, academically, and socially.

Radiant Readers:

What better way to celebrate our PTSA's monthly reading genre of Friendship and Kindness than by sharing stories that inspire compassion, understanding, and the bonds that unite us?
We invite all families to help their Tiger continue toward the Radiant Reader goal by reading books that highlight the importance of kindness and friendship. A few suggestions from our Radiant Readers booklists:

Cubs:
Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
Zoe and Sassafras by Asia Citro
Bob by Wendy Mass
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Tigers:
Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey by Erin Entrada Kelly
The New Kid by Jerry Craft
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Bob by Wendy Mass
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Why Read About Friendship and Kindness?

- Building Empathy: Stories that focus on kindness and friendship teach children to understand and care about others' feelings.
- Strengthening Bonds: Reading together as a family provides an opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together.
- Encouraging Positive Behavior: Books can be a powerful tool to help children navigate social situations and practice kindness in their everyday lives.

A Reminder of How to Participate:

1. Choose a booklist. Available on our website: carnationptsa.org
2. Read 15 books.
3. Celebrate! Students who read 15 books and return their signed booklist by April 18th will be invited to our Rad Reader's Celebration in May!
4. Let's make February a month of reading that fills our hearts with kindness and strengthens the bonds of friendship. Happy reading!

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Visit https://www.rsd407.org/food to access this month's lunch and breakfast menus!

Executive Board:

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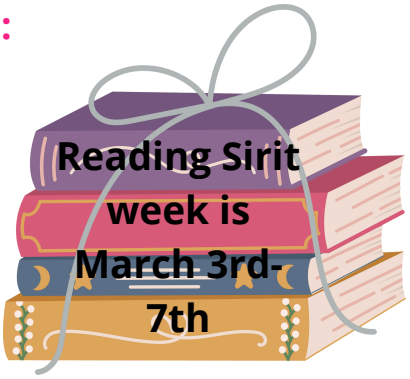
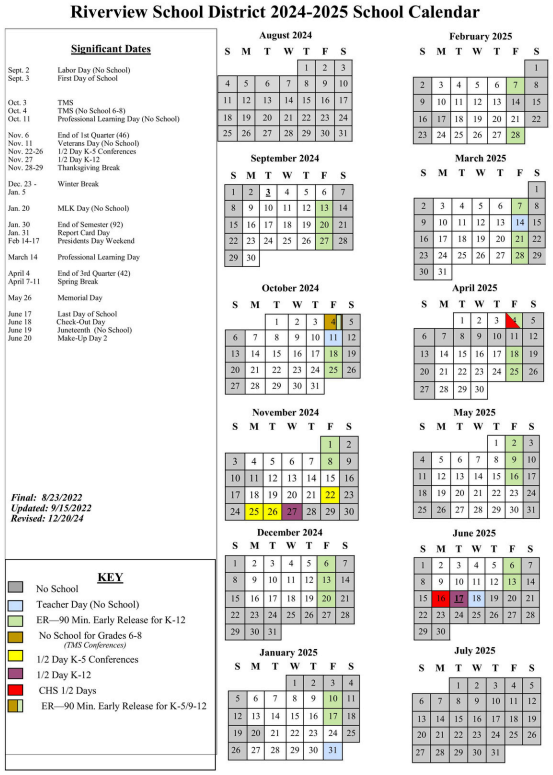
Upcoming Events:



District calendar



Riverview School District 2024-2025 School Calendar

Significant Dates

Sept. 2	Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 3	First Day of School
Oct. 3	TMS
Oct. 4	TMS (No School 6-8)
Oct. 11	Professional Learning Day (No School)
Nov. 6	End of 1st Quarter (46)
Nov. 11	Veterans Day (No School)
Nov. 22-26	1/2 Day K-5 Conferences
Nov. 27	1/2 Day K-12
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23 - Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 20	MLK Day (No School)
Jan. 30	End of Semester (92)
Jan. 31	Report Card Day
Feb 14-17	Presidents Day Weekend
March 14	Professional Learning Day
April 4	End of 3rd Quarter (42)
April 7-11	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day
June 17	Last Day of School
June 18	Check-Out Day
June 19	Juneteenth (No School)
June 20	Make-Up Day 2

Final: 8/23/2022
Updated: 9/15/2022
Revised: 12/20/24

KEY

- No School
- Teacher Day (No School)
- ER—90 Min. Early Release for K-12
- No School for Grades 6-8 (TMS Conferences)
- 1/2 Day K-5 Conferences
- 1/2 Day K-12
- CHS 1/2 Days
- ER—90 Min. Early Release for K-5/9-12

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