

Royal Report

The Newsletter of the Riverside Middle School PTSA
Greer, South Carolina

2010 Palmetto's Finest and Red Carpet Award Winner

Mission Statement

Riverside Middle School, in cooperation with the home and community, will provide opportunities which prepare students intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically to become productive and responsible members of society.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We are quickly approaching the end of our twelfth year at Riverside Middle School, and it has been a great year. Due to the hard work of our teachers, students, and parents, our test scores are outstanding. We continue to earn awards in both academics and fine arts, and our teachers shine in state and national workshops.

I am so proud to be part of this great school – we are truly “Palmetto’s Finest” – and we will continue to strive to be even better in the years to come.

I wish everyone a safe and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you for another exciting school year at RMS.

Sincerely, Ron Harrison, Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Greetings parents, students and teachers,

The school year is almost over and I want to thank everyone for a fantastic year! Because of you and your wonderful support, the PTSA has been extremely successful in not only raising funds but increasing parent volunteer involvement this year!

Our PTSA fund raising goal was \$75,000. This was set to try and give back to the school what RMS lost in budget cuts. I am extremely proud that we project to reach 72% of that goal. With these funds your PTSA Executive Board has approved \$25,000 for improved technology, \$16,000 in teacher/staff support and much more. Please see inside for a list of these approved expenditures.

Our final budget will be posted at the last general PTSA meeting on May 23, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Gym. At this meeting we will be installing our new PTSA officers and have their planned budget posted for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

In summary, I'd like to thank our dedicated volunteers who participated in not only the daily PTSA activities at our school, but also in our “big” events this year which required a lot of planning! This year our many volunteers have logged in over 4,483 hours! Please thank the chair people who are listed inside for all their leadership. We are truly blessed!

As my youngest daughter moves on to high school I only wish the very best for you and ask that you continue to support the RMS PTSA! Your new PTSA President, Annah Thurmond and her Executive Board will make an excellent team to lead you on!

It has been my honor to serve Riverside Middle as your PTSA President this year. I thank all of the RMS Staff and Teachers for their support this year with all our PTSA activities. As I've told Mr. Harrison many times, I wouldn't be here so much if I didn't like you all so much!

Take care and have a glorious summer!
Diana Farrall, PTSA President

2011-2012 BUSINESS PARTNERS

Do you know a business that would be interested in advertising at our school? Would you like to help contact area businesses? We have several sponsorship options and all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Manoj Bajaj at mrabajaj@hotmail.com if you would like information on sponsorship or if you would like to volunteer on the business partnership committee. This is a great opportunity to bring the business community and the needs of our school together.

**RMS OFFICE
SUMMER HOURS
MON-THURS 8-5
ORIENTATION
AUG. 15 (7TH/8TH)
AUG. 16 (6TH)**

Calendar of Events

May

- 5/16-5/17 - Dodgeball Tournament
- 5/19 - PTSA Board Mtg., 9 am
- 5/19 - All Library Books Due
- 5/19 - 8th Grade Dance 6-8 pm
- 5/20 - 8th Grade Day
- 5/23 - Book Exchange-Media Ctr
- 5/23 - Awards Night & PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 5/25 - Parent Volunteer Luncheon
- 5/25 - Spring Film Festival, 3:30 pm
- 5/26 - Final Exams Begin
- 5/30 - Teacher Workday - Students not in school
- 5/31 - Final Exams - 1/2 Day

June

- 6/1 - Final Exams - 1/2 Day
- 6/2 - Make Up Exam Day - 1/2 Day
- 6/2 - Last Day of School!
- 6/7 - Report Cards

**Have a
Wonderful
Summer Break
School Starts Again
August 17, 2011**

SPRING FILM FESTIVAL

Weds., May 25th 3:30-4:30
In RMS Cafeteria
Free Admission
Concessions Available

**RMS DODGEBALL
TOURNAMENT
MAY 16 & 17
SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST
Concessions Available**

HIGHLIGHTS OF RMS PTSA EXPENDITURES FOR 2010 – 2011

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| Technology: | Additional Promethean Boards and Pens Additional Video Projectors Projector Screen for Cafetorium Media Center Computers |
| Teacher Support: | \$150/teacher for classroom supplies 8 th grade Social Studies Workbooks \$3,000 for additional paper and more copies/teacher 300 batteries for Math calculators; 1,000 pencils Professional Development Hospitality Luncheons and Teacher Appreciation items |
| Agendas/Handbooks: | Helped supplement cost |
| Media Center: | Video Camera and Flip cameras Artist in Residence |
| Administration: | Message Board for front office Sticker "rolls" for volunteer/visitor name tags, 100 folding chairs |
| Student Scholarships: | Help supplement summer school costs |

2011-2012 PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Annah Thurmond
VP/Pres. Elect - Ronnetta Griffin
VP Communications - Tracy Butenhoff
VP Volunteers - Ruth Robinson
VP Ways and Means - JoLynn Honeycutt
Secretary - Amy Tessman
Treasurer - Jena Young

THANK YOU TO THESE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!!!

MEDIA CENTER BOOK EXCHANGE

The library is now collecting books for the Book Exchange. Donate your gently used, middle school appropriate books for the Book Exchange. For each book you donate you will receive a ticket. When the Exchange opens on May 23 you will be able to shop for "new" books with your tickets. One old book = one ticket = one new book! Remember, the nicer the books you donate, the nicer the selection. The Book Exchange opens at 7:45 am on Monday, May 23.

Reminders:

- Thursday, May 19 - All library books, fines and fees are due.
- June 1 – Riverside Middle School's Summer Reading Program "Literacy Luau" begins! See the library webpage for more information <http://teachers.greenville.k12.sc.us/sites/afansher/Pages/Summer%20Reading%20Program.aspx>

THIS SUMMER....Besides reading books...

- Patronize our awesome Business Sponsors!
- Watch for the Summer Newsletter which will be mailed to your home in late July with information on orientation times and details. Read books!
- Keep using your Publix, Bloom and BiLo loyalty cards when you shop so RMS will get a portion of the proceeds. Read books!
- Save Boxtops! Read books!
- Save ink and toner cartridges and old cell phones & drop them by the RMS office for recycling.
- Sign up for Coke rewards program! READ BOOKS!

THANK YOU 2010-2011 PTSA BOARD PTSA Volunteer Executive Board and Chair People

2nd VP: Tracy Butenhoff
Secretary: Ruth Robinson
Treasurer: Stefanie Moseley
Box Tops: Laura Spangler
Business Partners: Manoj Bajaj
Communications: Tracy Butenhoff
Concessions: After School - Ronnetta Griffin
Concessions: Dodge ball – Jo Lynn Honeycutt, Lisa Bruce
Cookie Dough Sales: Shika Morgan
Directory: Charlene Parkins
Eighth Grade Day and Dance: Pam Freeman, Kathy Graves, Leigh Easterday
Grade Coordinators: Maria Marler (6th); Barbara Stacy (7th); Terry Davidson (8th)
Hospitality: Chris Chapman, Leigh Ambrose
Ice Cream Sundae Sales: Shay Hughey, Kathy Graves
iMOVE: Resh Gramopadhye
Legislative: Barbara Stacy
Marquees: Angi Delperdang
Membership: Robin Dunn, Annah Thurmond
Newsletter: Claire Lawrence
Red Ribbon Week: Annah Thurmond
Reflections: Terri Klaeser
School Store: Mary Woods, Caron Strickland
Silent Auction: Kelle Corvin, Maria Marler
Talent Show: Ronnetta Griffin
Tea Sales: Deb Burke
Volunteers: Tracy Butenhoff, Amy Tessman

**RMS
PTSA
NEEDS
YOU!**

Would you like to help the PTSA over the summer? We need help the 3rd week of July putting together a mailing for all students and help the week before school starts putting first day packets together. Please send your name and email address to thethurmonds@gmail.com, and we will contact you with more details this summer. Thank you for volunteering!!!

SUMMER TRAVELS?

Please save hotel travel size lotions, shampoos, etc. this summer for Beta Club service projects. We will collect these travel size items in August.

RMS Parent Volunteers, please join
us for a

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

MAY 25, 2011

11:30 am to 12:30 am
RMS Media Center

RSVP to Meg Stovall by May 18

mstovall@greenville.k12.sc.us or 355-7912

RMS SIC volunteers are needed for the school year 2011-2012. If interested contact Mr. Harrison. SIC brochures are available in the school lobby, or on our RMS website and the state SIC website (sic.sc.gov) School Improvement Council "SIC" nominations are open to parents of students attending Riverside Middle School. The SIC is an organization that exists in each school, in accordance with South Carolina law. It is comprised of parents, educators and community members who meet to collaborate on improvements for our schools and acts as an advisory group to our schools' faculty and administration. The RMS SIC plays a key role in our children's education by developing, implementing and monitoring goals and objectives for the improvement of RMS and serving as a liaison among our school, our families and our community. The SIC meets monthly, usually on the 4th Thursday of the month. If you are interested in becoming a member of this vital organization, please complete the adjacent form and return to the RMS front office.

SIC Nomination Form

Return to RMS office -

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Riverside High School Cheerleading Camp

When: June 27-30 (9:00am – 12:00 pm)
Where: Riverside High School Gymnasium
Cost: \$50.00 (includes t-shirt and snack)

Tomahawk Lacrosse Summer Camp June 7-July 28

@ Riverside Middle Lacrosse Field

Tues/Thurs 6-8 pm - More Info @

www.Tomahawklacrossesc.com

Mauldin High Volleyball Camp July 11 - 13

For more info, download flyer:

http://static.gomavs.net/q/uploads/files/2011/Feb/27/2011_volleyball_camp_brochure.pdf

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Jeannie Jumper, LPN and Rudie Ivester, RN, BSN would like to thank you for all the prayers, donations, understanding and support that you have given the Health Room. You are an integral part in helping us run our health room here at RMS.

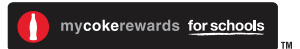
We have a few end-of-the-year reminders we want to pass on:

- All medications need to be picked up by May 31st or they will be destroyed. We cannot keep them for the next year. All forms and meds have to be started anew each year. If your child has an emergency or daily med here at school and you wish to keep it here to be given until their last exam day, you may phone us and we will hold it past May 31st for pick up on your child's last day. Otherwise everything will be destroyed May 31st after 3:30 pm.
- If your child has a doctor visit planned during the summer and you need the medical forms filled out for meds (inhalers, epipens, or any prescription med for the school year 2011/2012), you may refer to the district web site. The forms can be found under the Student Personnel Services heading.

**Jeannie Jumper, LPN and Rudie Ivester, RN, BSN
Health Room - 864-355-8479 - Riverside Middle School**

RECYCLING

PLEASE bring in your used ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones to be recycled. RMS has a box in the office for collection of these items. RMS will be able to turn in these items and collect points, which can be redeemed for school items.



Help make great things happen for our school.

Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to our school.



Your donations will go towards rewards like physical education equipment, art supplies, and educational resources that help our students learn, play and have fun.

It's easy to donate:

- 1 Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, including DASANI®, Sprite®, Minute Maid®, POWERADE ION4® and more.)
- 2 Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you aren't a member).
- 3 Enter codes to collect points - choose "Donate to Your School" from the six ways to spend points.
- 4 Find our school by Zip Code. When our school's page comes up, click enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "Donate."

Check out mycokerewards.com/schools for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.

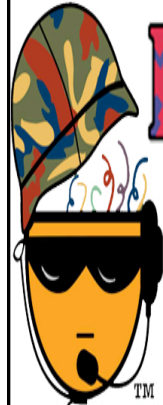
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For more information on business sponsorships, contact Manoj Bajaj at rmsbusinesspartner@gmail.com

Click here to download additional sponsorship forms:

[Business Sponsorship Form](#)

Business Sponsorships are still available. New sponsors will have a calendar year of advertising from when they sign-up. This program really is a "win-win" for RMS and your business.

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chloro - green

chlorophyll – a green coloring in plants used in photosynthesis.

chlorine – a nonmetallic element, a greenish yellow gas used to purify water.

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cent - 100

centipede – a long segmented insect with many pairs of legs.

century – one hundred years.



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