

Dates to Remember

January 2019

01/10/19	Jan. tuition and Dec. LB/AA fees due by 3:00 p.m. today to avoid late fees
01/16/19	School Spirit Day - * wear your RDS shirt * Silly Hat Day
01/21/19	No School—MLK Jr. Day
01/24/19	School Spirit Day - * wear your RDS shirt * Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
01/29/19	Parent Leader meeting—9:05 a.m.
01/30/19	Parent Leader meeting—9:05 a.m.
01/31/19 } 02/01/19 }	VPK conference days - (see your teacher’s schedule)

Registration Dates for 2019-2020

<u>Current:</u>	<u>Enrolling In:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
2's	3's	1/17/19	8:30 a.m.
3's	VPK	1/18/19	8:30 a.m.
Siblings of Current Students	Any class	1/23/19	8:30 a.m.
RUMC members	Any class	1/24/19	8:30 a.m.
Returning RDS families	Any class	1/25/19	8:30 a.m.
Community—New Families	Any class	1/28/19	7:00 a.m.



January 24, 2019

Join us on Thursday, 1/24/19, for our School Spirit day at the 4th Street Chick-fil-A. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Smith will be our featured hosts during the evening between 5:00—7:30 p.m. Come and stay a bit or go through the drive-thru and let them know you are with RDS. 20% credit goes back to the school.

Chapel

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This month's Fruit of the Spirit lesson is:
Kindness



The Riviera Reporter

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First Day of School Again!

By Cyndi Chavez

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful “Winter Break”. We always say that the breaks tend to come right when we need them. The problem is.....break time always comes to an end too and we need to gear back up. I wrote this message last January and figured it all still applies and could bear repeating.

The first day back after a long break brings on a multitude of emotions. It is like a mini first day of school. Some children (and teachers) may:

- *Feel scared or anxious*
- *Be sad or upset that break time and holidays are over*
- *Be excited about seeing friends again*
- *Have separation anxiety*

There will probably be some that are late, some that are absent, and some with tears.....of joy (since I am talking about the parents). Either way, there will be lots of emotions from everyone. We have done this before and ready for whatever comes.

To help ease the pain, just follow some of the guidelines we gave at the beginning of the school year for the very first week of school. Reassure them that you will be back shortly, say your goodbyes, and escape while you can—they are in good hands. Remember, we will call you if we feel your little one needs you to come early. At least now you know, that time is our friend and this too shall pass. In a matter of weeks, we will be back to normaland then it will be Spring Break!

Spring Fling Carnival 2019

Mark your calendar for this fun, family event. Your child will be performing in the Spring Fling Spectacular show at 10:00 a.m. followed by our carnival from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. There will be all kinds of fun activities and a mini-auction as well.



We will be sending out Auction forms this month for anyone who would like to donate a product, service, or item to our school auction. This is a great way to promote a business as well. You may sponsor a game booth or a ride. Just turn in the Auction form with your item or certificate or provide us with a business card to add to the Spring Fling brochure.

Our Spring Fling leaders, Natasha Kemper and Melissa Simoni, are working hard planning and organizing. If you are willing to help in any way: set-up, clean-up, or give donations such as coolers, canopy tents, juice boxes, sodas, waters, snacks—please let us know. We will be going over this in more detail at our upcoming Parent Leader Meetings on January 29th and January 30th in Room 19 at 9:05 a.m.

Gingerbread Night—Sweet Success



We had over 50 families show up for our Gingerbread cookie night! Thank you so much to the PAC committee for planning this awesome family event. Special thanks to the Gingerbread Man (aka Adam Lightfield) for the awesome photo booth sessions. Check out the bulletin board in the west-side school entrance hallway—great photos of a fun night!

2nd Annual RDS Christmas Party

Thank you to all the parents that participated in our Christmas Pajama Party on December 15th at Cage Brewing. Maria McCall and Monica Fitzgerald are the ones to thank for all their planning and organizing. Everyone was so creative and had some really fun Christmas pajamas. Congratulations to Omar Flores as the big winner and to Chris Murrie for runner-up. They received some great prize baskets. Check out the photos on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Parent Leader Meetings

We will be having two meetings this month in Room 19. If you are part of the PAC Committee, Spring Fling Committee, a Room Mom, or would like to volunteer, please choose to attend one of our Parent meetings. We offer 2 so you have a choice of which day is more convenient. We will be discussing Parent Survey results, upcoming PAC events, and the Spring Fling carnival. Anyone is welcome to join us—Tuesday, January 29th, or Wednesday, January 30th, at 9:05 a.m. (lasts about an hour).

Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

It's here again already—registration for Fall 2019. We will enroll current students first and then siblings of current families before we begin accepting applications from church members, returning families, and the community. Pay attention to dates for forms to be returned in order to secure your spot for next year. If you are interested in observing a classroom in the next week or two, please come by the office to set up a time.

2's Moving Up To 3's: You will be receiving forms this week in order to enroll your student in the 3's for next year. Registration fees are \$175 and must be attached to your registration forms. You will need to decide if you want your child in the 3-day class (\$320/mo.) or the 5-day class (\$380/mo.) Forms will be accepted as of **January 17th at 8:30 a.m.**

3's Moving Up To VPK: You will be receiving forms this week in order to enroll your student in one of our VPK classes. RDS registration forms will be accepted as of **January 18th at 8:30 a.m.** You may select a preferred teacher, Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Moore, but it is not guaranteed. We will do our best to accommodate your choice, but classes will be balanced in regards to gender and needs and will ultimately be selected by RDS staff. There is no application fee—it will be your responsibility to enroll in the VPK program at vpkpinellas.net on the Family Portal. You may begin applying at the end of January in order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility which is due to RDS by May 1st.

VPK Students Moving On To Kindergarten: If your child will be continuing education at a private school then you will need to follow the registration instructions for that school. Otherwise, you can visit the kindergarten registration site at pcsb.org/kg for more information.

Siblings of Current RDS Students: If you would like to enroll a sibling of your current RDS student, please inquire in the school office for registration forms. Forms will be accepted as of **January 23rd at 8:30 a.m.** You have the opportunity to enroll a sibling before registration opens up to the community on January 28th, so please make sure to get your forms to the school office before then in order to increase your chances of getting a spot.

PAC Parent Surveys

We are grateful to those that took the time to fill out the PAC Parent Surveys. This was a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts whether it be positive or negative. These surveys are very important to us as we use them to make adjustments as we are able. We also love to hear all the wonderful things you enjoy about RDS as well. We only received about 15 completed surveys out of 95 families. I am hoping this just means that you are pleased with everything so far. We will be reviewing the surveys that we received at our Parent Leader meeting this month and will forward the results to all families in February.

