



# THE PIRATE POST

RIVERSIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY'S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Happy October, Pirate families!

We are so excited for all of the fun events and interesting projects we have going on here at RLA! This month we will have fire prevention week, Red Ribbon Week (this will be a spirit week), school pictures, and student-led conferences. Parents will schedule their student-led conference with their student's PAA during the school day on October 24th. Students do not have school on this day, and should only come during their scheduled conference time with their adult. This time is for students to reflect on their first quarter and use a strengths-based approach to plan for the second quarter and the remainder of the year. Families should see our focus on Project Based Learning in the work their students present and bring home. We encourage parents to ask their students about the projects they are working on in their classes! Here is a [link](#) to detailed information about what Project Based Learning looks like. This is the curriculum that is in our charter and that we use to teach the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Here is a [link](#) to commonly used words at RLA.

A reminder that the day after student-led conferences (October 25th) is a teacher workday, so students do not have school on October 24th or 25th. We are looking forward to our first family night on November 2nd! Our Pirate Support Network (PSN) is busy planning this event. If families want to be involved in the PSN, please reach out to Mrs. Brewer or Mr. Jenkins.

Exciting news! Our playground will be installed this month! We are so excited to have this available for our students to enjoy at recess time. We do intend to add to the playground through fundraising efforts, so be on the lookout for those.

We are looking forward to seeing our families at our upcoming events this month, and we appreciate the continued support from our Pirate community!

## Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a small group of parents that will meet with the Executive Director, Mrs. Brewer, every month to discuss school items.

The PAC should have one representative from each grade level, and that representative will communicate with other parents within that grade to bring forth topics of conversation with the Executive Director in an informal yet confidential environment.

The representatives for the PAC will be voted on by parents. If you are interested in serving on the PAC, please complete this [Google Form](#) by October 15, so we can get out the ballot for voting and meet in November.

Please complete all required areas if you are interested in serving on our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

**This month's spotlight is on:**

**Pirate Support Network**

**Our Pirate Support Network (PSN) is an organization of parents and teachers that work to support our school through events, fundraisers, teacher support, and more!**

**The PSN meets the first Tuesday of every month, with a few extra meetings as needed**

**They will meet October 15 at 5:30 PM to plan our Fall Festival. All parents are welcome to attend!**

## Important Events

**October 1st- Pirate Support Network (PSN) Interest Meeting for Parents, 5:30pm, Room 108 (Building A)**

**October 2nd- School Custodial Workers' Day (WE LOVE Mr. T and Mr. Dan!!)**

**October 4th- Club day**

**October 14th-17th**

**RLA Pirates' Fire Prevention Week**

**14th-(8:30, 9:00)**

**NB Fire Department (Puppets) meets with K-1**

**15th-(8:30-10:45)**

**Township 7 FD (Kahoot) meets with 4th Grade**

**16th-(8:30-10:00)**

**Township 7 FD (Kahoot) meets with 5th Grade**

**17th-(8:30, 9:00)**

**NB Fire Department (Puppets) meets with 2-3**

**October 15th- PSN Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Rm. 108**

**October 18th- Spirit Day- wear orange to support bullying prevention for Anti-Bullying month; Club day**

**October 21st- Read to Achieve Test (For select 4th graders, transition students)**

**October 21st-25th- National School Bus Safety Week**

**October 23rd- End of First Quarter**

**October 24th- Student-led conferences, Schedule TBD by students' PAA**

**October 25th- Teacher Workday, No school for students**

**October 28th-November 1st- Red Ribbon/Wellness Spirit Week. The schedule can be found in emails sent through Infinite Campus and on Class Dojo. Dress code (colors only) do not apply all week!**

**October 30th- Fall pictures with Lifetouch**

**November 1st- Club day, Report Cards go home**

**November 2nd- Family Fall Festival, 4pm-6pm**

# Important



Per the Student and Family Handbook, our school day begins promptly at 8:00am. To ensure that our teachers and students can get to their designated classrooms on time, please ensure that you have your child to school before this time. If you arrive after 8:00 am, you will have to park and sign your child into the front office. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school day running smoothly!

## REMINDERS

- Students should not be checked out after 2:30 pm, for safety reasons. If you arrive after 2:30 pm to pick up your child, please join the carpool pick up line. Please remember if there is a transportation change to let the front office and your child's teacher know. We cannot accept transportation changes over the phone alone, they must be accompanied with a written note or through Dojo.
- We have been working diligently to schedule IEP and 504 meetings. You should be contacted over the next week or two to get these meetings on the calendar.
- Health assessments are required for all students new to NC public schools within 30 calendar days of the child's first day of attendance. **All kindergarten students who are attending for the first time and students who have transferred from out-of-state or from homeschool must have a health assessment completed and turned in, as they will not be allowed to attend school past this date without it.** A copy of this form is [here](#). Please print, have your child's primary care provider fill it out and sign it, and return this form by October 14th.
- Please avoid sending your child to school when they are not feeling well. Per the [CDC](#), if a child tests positive for COVID, Flu, or respiratory illness, they should remain home until they are 24 hours symptom free, and wear a mask for 5 days upon their return to school.
- Any messages for staff should be delivered through calling the front office, through Class Dojo, or through school email. To ensure that messages are received and reviewed in a timely manner, please do not send messages to staff's personal cell phones or social media pages.

### **Reminder to our Parent Volunteers!**

**Please be sure to complete the volunteer information and complete a background check prior to volunteering.**

**When volunteering, please schedule with the teacher AND clear the dates with administration. Please**

**WE "ARGH" LOOKING FORWARD**  
*to seeing you soon!!!*