



# ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

September 2021

## Fun In The Fall!

*By Mike Mullen, School Administrator*

I still have a hard time believing all of the amazing learning and exploration that has taken place so far this year. The learning experiences that our teachers have offered in September are often more than most students experience all year. Our students have visited active bee hives to learn about pollinators, explored mushroom logs while learning about fungi, raised monarchs to better understand migration, explored sturgeon rearing and then released tagged fingerlings, created countless pages of nature journals, discovered outdoor art, picked hundreds of pounds of potatoes in addition to learning the fundamentals of math and strengthened skills in reading and writing.

We are especially proud of the daily emphasis teachers put on building community and the social and emotional skills of our young learners. In these challenging times we must never assume that students of this age can process all that is taking place around them. Please have conversations with your child(ren) to explore how they are coping with the challenges we all face in society due to Covid.

Lastly, thank you for working together to keep our kids safe. Families who are proactive around getting their children tested, monitoring health before sending them to school, getting vaccinated and keeping them home when sick has had an immeasurable impact.

All our best,  
Mike

### CHECK IT OUT!

Trails & Treats on October 22nd & 23rd,  
4:30-6:30pm and 6:30-8:30pm  
Register at Riveredge Nature Center  
website!

### PTO Board

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Greta Malek

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### JOIN US!

The PTO Executive Board has openings for Fall 2021:

Treasurer: Manage finances for PTO with the help of our officer team.

Recording Secretary: Record meeting minutes and create agendas.

Please join us! We would love to have you!  
Email Sarah Neumann: [roles.pto.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:roles.pto.secretary@gmail.com)

## ***STAFF APPRECIATION***

Our goal is to offer monthly acts of kindness to our teachers and staff. On Tuesday, October 5th, the Staff Appreciation Committee will be offering a fall treat for our teachers and staff for World Teacher's Day!

We encourage anyone interested, please join our committee. Contact Ami Rosengren at [ami\\_marie@msn.com](mailto:ami_marie@msn.com) or Brittnie Dohl at [brittnie.mahnke@gmail.com](mailto:brittnie.mahnke@gmail.com) with any interest or questions.

## **COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT**

We are looking for amazing people to help support the school and give new ideas to our team.

We need help in a few different areas:

- Sanding and staining tables. Please contact Mr. Mullen when ever you are available.
- Hanging two boards: One by the 2nd grade classroom and the other by the 3rd grade classroom. Please contact Mr. Mullen to set up a time if you are able to help.
- Backup drop off volunteers needed. Please contact Chrissy at 262-573-9803 if you can be on our backup list.

We appreciate any and all help. None of these awesome additions and activities wouldn't be possible without all of you amazing volunteers.

We are also excited to announce our first Fall Fest! There will be so many fall activities and festivities that the kids and families are sure to enjoy! Please save the date: November 5th.

Thanks Chrissy and Jessi

## **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

Welcome Back ROLES! On behalf of the Governance Council, we are excited for a great 2021-2022 School Year!

The Governance Council is currently looking for anyone who would like to serve on and/or Chair a Social Media Committee. We look forward to more opportunities to work with parents.

The Governance Council is happy to announce their newest member on the team: Cate Tinker. Thank you Cate for volunteering your time and we are glad to have you on board with us!

Please note the Governance Council is reviewing the current Covid Protocols for the school year and looking into adding more details and clarifications. Please follow the recommendations given to you and keep your child home if they are sick. We are all in this together and hoping for a healthy school year!

## **FUNDRAISING**

### 1. Stickers/Clings Sale:

- ◇ Items will be in the Riveredge Nature Center gift shop shortly. We will update when available.

### 2. Gear Sale:

- ◇ Currently working on processing. Thank you for all who ordered!

### 3. Square 1 Art:

- ◇ Students will create art shortly. More info to come!

## **PLANS**

Next PTO Meeting: **October 11th** at 6:00pm virtually. Please join!

<https://meet.google.com/bdk-iuwx->

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! There are so many: snack and water donations, drop off volunteers, volunteers in classrooms, volunteers with picnic table and hammock set up. This list goes on! We are so grateful!

