



## PTA

Together we *CAN* make a difference!

Dear Tomás Rivera Families,

Welcome Back!

We are ready for another exciting school year and hope that we can count on all of you to help us make it happen! The PTA's involvement and support in the school has always been important, and this year will be no different. We sponsor many of the programs that our children enjoy during the school year like:

Buses for Field Trips      Student Assemblies      Family Nights / Dances      Fall Festival  
Reflections      Skills Day      Red Ribbon Week      6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp      Hospitality / Staff Appreciation  
Book Fairs      Holiday Gift Shop      Outreach Programs      Back-to-School Night      Yearbooks

In order for all of this to happen, we need your help!

**Volunteer!** We always need help. Work at Fall Festival, a Book Fair, sort orders for a fundraising event, help make copies, take pictures for yearbook, or simply count and sort flyers at home. Any time you are able to give we would love to have. Look for our "volunteer" wall at back-to-school night and sign up where you can help out or simply fill out the volunteer page in this packet.

**Become a PTA Member!** Please join PTA, your membership is very important! Even if you cannot attend meetings or volunteer, you are supporting our school by becoming a member. Plus, the benefits you receive are well worth the \$6 membership fee! Check out the membership flyer for more information.

**Make a Cash Donation and/or support Fundraising!** Most of the programs we support require monetary funds to run them. Fundraising is the key to having these opportunities for our children. Please support whatever fundraising efforts you can. There will be many opportunities throughout the year to raise money and we hope that one or more will fit with your family's interests and means. If you know of any corporate sponsors or individuals that would like to make a cash or goods donation for any of our events, please contact Mechelle Easley through the [riverapta.org](http://riverapta.org) website or leave a message with the office staff. Thank you in advance for your support!

Also, don't forget to continue to support your PTA's **Target Take Charge of Education Credit/Check Card Program, Box Tops for Education, Fresh & Easy \$hop for Schools receipt program** and **Campbell Soup Labels**. These are easy and consistent fundraisers for our school. Please see information sheets on how to sign up or participate in these programs.

**Communicate!** We always welcome ideas, comments or concerns from parents, staff, teachers and students. Some of our best events have started as a "small seed" planted by a parent who "just wanted to throw something out there" and then it grew with great collaboration! PTA meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the school library and parents are always welcome to attend. We send out monthly newsletters/calendars to keep you updated and you can always contact any member of the board directly or through the [riverapta@gmail.com](mailto:riverapta@gmail.com) website. We love to hear from you!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,

Kate Phelps  
Rivera PTA President 2011-2012  
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**Volunteer Interest Form**  
**Helping our children – Helping our school**

**Can you spare an hour?** Rivera PTA needs your help in supporting our programs and events on campus. We know that our children learn from adults who care about them. Giving your time, talent and ability will not only help our school, but also influence our children's learning.

Check the area(s) that interest you:

- Fall Festival
- Book Fairs
- Holiday Gift Fair
- Reflections
- Red Ribbon Week
- Yearbook (Photography or computer entry)
- Family Fun Nights (dances, shows & events)
- Hospitality (refreshments)
- Teacher Appreciation
- Fundraising (assist with distributing flyers & product)
- Clerical duties (copying, stapling, distribution, etc.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach me \_\_\_\_\_

An hour is all we ask for ☺