



# RIVERGOLD PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## School Calendar

**Tuesday, March 23**  
SPRING PICTURES, extra envelopes from Island Photography are in office

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS  
@ YHS all day

**Wednesday, March 24**  
**History Night 5:30—7:30**

**Friday, March 26**  
**LAST SKI DAY**  
**End of 3rd Quarter**  
UPCOMING  
**Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011 will be on April 20th. Please call for an appointment beginning March 29th.**

**Sixth Grade Calvin Crest Field Trip Mar. 29— April 1.**

**Eighth Grade Catalina Field Trip Tuesday, March 30—Returns 10 pm Fri. Apr. 2**

Spring Break Begins on Friday, April 2—Friday, April 9, Return Monday April 12th.

COMMUNITY CORNER  
**YLP Fire Department Open House on Sat, 3/27 10 am to 3 pm, Free Fun for Families, Cookies & Ice Cream, Jaws of Life Demo, CHP, Pictures Call 641-7854 for info**

Girl Scout Troop #661 - Easter Egg Hunt for all kids up to age 10 Sunday April 4, 11:00 am. Bring your Easter basket!

**"We Are Family"**  
**Principal's Corner**  
**From: Mr. Noccio**

Dear Parents,

I have an important message to all of our parents on the back side of this newsletter regarding communications. Please give it your special attention. I welcome your comments or concerns; you may call me at 658-7566, ext. 0, and the office staff will connect you, or email [anoccio@yosemiteusd.com](mailto:anoccio@yosemiteusd.com)

### WALK-A-THON 2010 A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!!!!

I can't thank all of the volunteers enough for everything they did on Wednesday. Thank you so much. All of the sponsors on the back of the 'Walk It Out' shirts make it possible for the PTA to give the shirts free as gifts to ALL students, staff and volunteers. A very special thanks to Kearson Strong and Paw Print Promotions who has for the last 3 years printed these shirts for us. I couldn't do this without you, Kearson. Please take note of all our sponsors on those shirts and support them when you can.

Top Donators and Top runners will be announced this mid-week. Winners will be able to choose their gift cards and we will do a drawing to announce winners for the ipod nano, and ipod touch or Nintendo Wii this week as well.

**I was so impressed with our runners. You all did a fantastic job. Another wonderful Walk-A-Thon. Thanks everyone. Trudi Cacy**

### EYEMOBILE COMING TO THE MOUNTAINS OFFERING FREE VISION SCREENINGS FOR FAMILIES!!!

Sierra Lions Club will provide the Lions Mobile Screening Unit and Dr. Stephen Parker O.D. will conduct the screening all three days: Friday, March 26 at North Fork Elementary School, Saturday, March 27 at Sierra Star parking lot on Road 426, and Sunday, March 28 at Chukchansi Indian Housing Authority parking lot, Meadow Ridge Road in Coarsegold. Everyone is welcome.

### Being a part of the PTA is a great way to get involved at Rivergold!

The Rivergold PTA is currently looking for individuals who are interested in becoming a member of the PTA Board. You may nominate yourself by returning the form below to the office or by calling the current PTA president Liz Kuykendall at: 658-2609. Elections will be taking place soon so please have your nomination in by April 1, 2010. You may run for these offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Auditor, Corresponding Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator/Co-Coordinator

**BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY OF SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS**

March 15, 2010

Dear Parents:

During our last Site Council Meeting it was reported by a parent representative that communication between Rivergold School and the parents was lacking in three areas.

1. Teachers in the K-6 grade levels are not communicating enough with parents.
2. The Cafeteria staff is not communicating enough with parents when it comes to keeping them current as it relates to their child's lunch account.
3. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are not communicating enough with parents about students poor grades in a timely manner.

The dialogue in the meeting was productive. Teachers and parents during the Site Council Meeting discussed what means of communication exist and to that end, I thought it would be worthwhile to share with you about the conversation.

In a cost saving approach, teachers in the K-6 grade levels communicate with parents via weekly and monthly letters as to what is going on in each teacher's classroom. Those letters are sent home with the kids. If parents are not receiving those letters please call your youngster's teacher. Some teachers in those grade levels use email, and School Notes.com to post homework assignments.

The Cafeteria has a link on the Rivergold website entitled, EZSchoolPay.com. This link can be found on the left column of the front page of our website under School Information. This site enables parents to access their student's lunch account. Parents can also make payments on line to keep their child's lunch account current. A charge of \$3.00 per payment is added by the EZSchoolPay company. You will need your child's school lunch number, available from the cafeteria clerk. When a student lunch account is out of funds the Cafeteria policy is to provide the pupil with a regular school lunch. Often the child is asked to phone home. A note indicating insufficient funds will be printed and sent home with the child following the second lunch charge.

Parents, please understand Rivergold School communicates to our families using the following:

- Phone calling
- Email
- Blackboard Connect mass calls at a designated day and time
- Rivergold website---Rivergoldschool.com
- Rivergold Weekly Newsletter
- School Notes.com

*\*\*Starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (April) parents of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to access their student's attendance and grades via the internet. To do so, interested parents will need to work with their student's teachers. A special access code will be issued to parents who want this information.*

If you have any concerns with regard to a perceived or real lack of communication please contact me at the Rivergold Office 658-7566 or via email [anocciolo@yosemiteusd.com](mailto:anocciolo@yosemiteusd.com)

Sincerely,

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