

BASA: East

Riviera Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! All our Riviera After School Staff were anxious to welcome back our students. It was so exciting to see them again and to welcome new students to the program. All of us are adjusting to new safety protocols put in place and everyone is cooperating. Parents, please encourage your child to work along with their group leaders by wearing their masks and washing their hands. Together we can do this!

21st Century activities have begun! In addition to tutoring by a certified teacher and time set aside for help with homework, group leaders have prepared art, wellness, and social-emotional learning projects so that students can earn a badge. The theme for August 24-November 11 is "It's About Time." Project based learning activities will be centered on the "Prehistoric World." Primary students will earn a badge titled "Dinosaurs" and Intermediate will work on a "Jurassic" badge. Artwork will be displayed for students to enjoy and will be sent home at the end of each month. Be sure to give your child commendation for their hard work. A special presentation is being planned to recognize this achievement. We are looking forward to a great year!

Attendance in BASA: 21st Century

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program. If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.

Thelma Warren, Coordinator



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Upcoming Events

**September 7: Labor Day
No School**

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child's verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.
2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.
3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.

Michael Hall: Strong Fathers-Strong Families: <http://strongfathers.com/>