



RIVERTREE ACADEMY

RIVERTREE REVIEW

RIVERTREE ACADEMY EDUCATES UNDER-RESOURCED STUDENTS TO LIVE LIFE WELL: FOLLOWING JESUS, THRIVING ACADEMICALLY, AND TRANSFORMING THEIR COMMUNITIES.



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HOORAY FOR ACCREDITATION!

By Dr. Justina Jenkins

I am so proud to announce that Rivertree Academy has earned dual accreditation status! For the past two years, the team here at RTA has been working with both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia (formerly the Southern Association for Colleges & Schools) to become recognized as one of their accredited

schools! The accreditation process invites third party experts from the field of education to come evaluate your school's policies, learning conditions, and chances of long-term sustainability. Based on rigorous research-based standards and evidence-based criteria, the process probes the entire organization, and the experts from the field determine how well

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the school meets the criteria for accreditation. Well, Rivertree Academy has passed the test!

Now as an accredited school, Rivertree has become a part of two organizations that will provide continuous, meaningful feedback, informed evaluators, and ongoing support for our efforts in all areas of our school. This accreditation demonstrates to all others that we are a school that is solid in

its foundation and prepared to meet the needs of the students that enter our doors daily. Now, Rivertree has the ability to demonstrate to anyone desiring to invest in our program that we have done the work and continue to do what it takes to fulfill the mission of educating our students to live life well: following Jesus, thriving academically, and transforming their communities. I am so proud of our team, and I thank God for allowing RTA to reach this goal!

LET THE PIES FLY!

As part of our annual Building the Tree Family Giving Campaign, every student who donated to Rivertree was given a pie to throw in a staff member's face! Thank you Mr. Aaron and Ms. Shineta for allowing our students to decorate your faces!



TEACHER BRAG BOARD

“When they were tested at the beginning of the year, only 3 students in first grade were reading on grade level. There were 11 students who were below grade level and who were not able to blend words to read independently. This particular class was struggling in part because of missed in-person and virtual instruction during the COVID-19 shutdown when they were in preschool and kindergarten. After just a semester of working with them, ALL of our students in first grade are reading, and two students are reading on a second-grade level!”

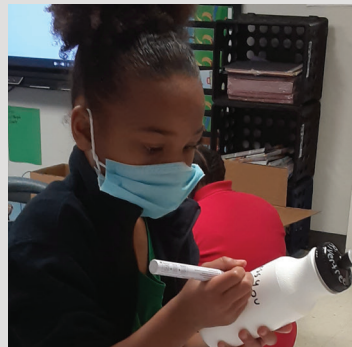
– Margie Culpepper, Head of Lower Elementary

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING: ACTS OF KINDNESS

Adults aren't the only ones who can make a difference in our world! Our students focused on Acts of Kindness during their second Project Based Learning Unit. This project provided an opportunity for Rivertree students to become change agents and explore how

they can meet their civic responsibilities! Students brainstormed strengths and struggles in their community, identified a list of community needs, and then used this information to design a shared community service project to address

that need by making a difference. Our students decided to adopt the nearby elderly residents of Lake Como COC Community of Hope by providing blessing bags, water bottles with encouraging notes, and really sweet and encouraging video messages!



ADDING ENCOURAGING MESSAGES TO WATER BOTTLES



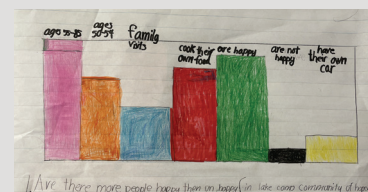
3RD GRADE MAKING A DELIVERY TO THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS



1ST GRADE VISITING LAKE COMO COC COMMUNITY OF HOPE



KINDER'S CARE BAGS



STUDENT RESEARCH ABOUT THE SENIOR RESIDENTS THEY ARE SERVING IN THIS PBL



1ST PLACE - JORDAN SUSTAITA

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPELLING BEE WINNERS!



2ND PLACE - TROY D. WILLIAMS



3RD PLACE - GEOVAUN LINCOLN



MS. JESSICA AND MS. MILLER AT THE SPELLING BEE!

GIVE

★ TRIP SPONSOR

Rivertree's 4th and 5th grade students are preparing to embark on a wonderful and educational adventure in the Florida Keys this June. Support our students going on the trip of a lifetime by helping them reach their fundraising goals!

★ EAT WELL LUNCH

We would like to show appreciation to our teachers for all they do by providing a delicious and nutritious lunch for them once a month. Your business or group can sponsor the Eat Well Lunch for one or more months, or sponsor one of our three campuses for the year!



COMING SOON

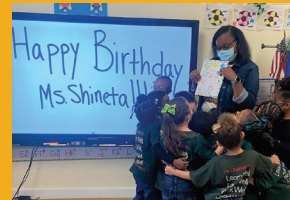
4.2.22
SERVE SATURDAY

4.13.22
RIO LUNCH
(RIVERTREE IN OPERATION)

5.20.22
THE BIG DILL - RIVERTREE'S
ANNUAL PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT



LEARNING HOW TO TELL TIME DURING OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



OUR PRE-K STUDENTS LOVING MS. SHINETA WELL!

VOLUNTEER

★ FIRST GRADE MENTORS

Mentors make an incredible difference in the lives of our students! We have an awesome group of mentors for our older students, but are looking for volunteers to mentor our 1st graders. The commitment is only one Friday per month from 1 to 3 p.m. During your time together, you will have planned activities, crafts, games, journal prompts, and free time to allow you to engage with your mentee, and get to know them and what is going on in his or her life.

★ AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLUB LEADERS

We are in need of volunteers to host clubs in the after-school program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Clubs are meant to provide enrichment and fun for our students that will help them grow outside of the classroom. Some ideas for club activities are Legos, art/drawing, card games, comic books, knitting, etc. The possibilities are endless! Clubs typically meet one to two times per week. This is a great opportunity for high school and college students!

★ CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Come worship with us and deliver a simple, 5 to 10-minute Bible lesson. You do not need to work in ministry to qualify! The only requirements are that you love kids and you love Jesus! Curriculum will be provided.

★ SERVE SATURDAY

Our remaining Serve Saturdays are on April 2 and May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please email abbie@rivertreeacademy.org if you are interested in any of these opportunities or for more information.

RIVERTREE CREED

I am a student at Rivertree Academy. God's grace is at work in me. I am fearfully and wonderfully made; a child of the living God, deeply loved, totally accepted, and completely forgiven. I am called to care for all of God's creation. Therefore, I will learn well, love well, work well, and lead well.