



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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### LEARNING WELL

By Rachel Fagan

This fall semester Rivertree students have been learning the importance and joy of learning well! The Learn Well campaign focuses on inspiring our students to fully apply themselves and equipping them to thrive academically. Our desire is for our students to experience the joy of becoming lifelong learners while loving God with all their heart, soul, MIND and

strength. We believe that by exposing our students to new places and experiences, our students will learn that there are limitless opportunities available to them.

The Learn Well campaign has offered the perfect chance to introduce a vast array of career opportunities through professionals who are passionate about what they do. During chapel every Wednesday, volunteer speakers have been visiting to share their passion for their career field with our students.

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Some of these special guests are Conor Bingaman, an aeronautical engineer, who gave an excellent interactive presentation about planes and the process of engineering planes for unique purposes; and Cameron Pybus, an architect, who shared about the exciting ways to design buildings using math. Additionally, a group of very inspiring future female doctors from UNTHSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Texas OBGYN Association of Students visited our Hope Farm campus to talk to about the body with our female students!

Through this campaign, students have been shown how science, technology, engineering and math are used beyond

the classroom in our daily lives! During the fall festival, students experimented with engineering by constructing catapults with popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Students also engaged in a “Dancing Popcorn” science experiment to observe the reaction of vinegar and baking soda. On a daily basis, our classrooms have been exploring additional activities and group discussions highlighting science, technology/engineering, and math throughout the Bible. Not only have our students enjoyed the practical and hands-on learning aspect during the Learn Well campaign, we have also seen them begin to independently recognize learning opportunities during routine daily activities!

## RIVERTREE'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



# BELLA OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our Pre-K class has been so fortunate to be visited by the Bella Storytime program! This unique Early childhood educational outreach opportunity provided by the FWBG|BRIT is

tailored to Pre-K classes, and utilizes quality children's literature, nature, and environmental-STEM. They bring along Bella, The Puppet Flower, to assist with the lesson and help engage the

students in the session! The highlighted literature for this term is In the Tall, Tall Grass, The Tortilla Factory, The Little Red Hen and The Busy Tree.



# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that helped make our annual Dinner Under the Stars a huge success! We are so thankful we had the opportunity to gather this year to support the mission and vision of Rivertree. Our students performing with our Choir teacher Mr. Justin was just one of the many highlights of the night!



VOLUNTEER MEET AND TREAT

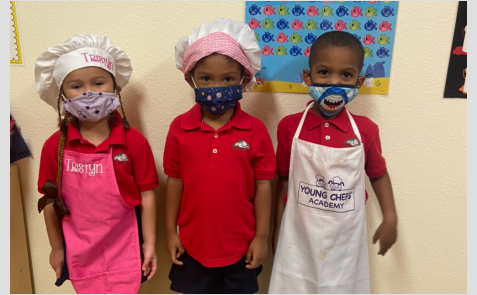
VOLUNTEER MEET AND TREAT

MR. JUSTIN JUMPING ROPE AT HOPE FARM

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR OUR NEW LIBRARIAN!

*“He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”*

PSALM 1:3



**SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

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**CHEF DAY & TRYING VEGETABLES**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have a need for male mentors! Mentors get paired with a student they can encourage and support throughout the school year. Mentors will meet one Friday afternoon each month for two hours. Each mentor will be provided with goals, objectives, and planned activities for their time with their mentee. If you would like to serve, please email [abbie@rivertreeacademy.org](mailto:abbie@rivertreeacademy.org).

## HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

★ This year Rivertree is asking toy donations to stock the shelves of our virtual store! When students exhibit phenomenal behavior and meet expectations, they are rewarded with ClassDojo points they can use to purchase a toy from the school store they have saved for. Our teachers use our school store and points system to teach students life skills, math concepts, and delayed gratification! An Amazon wish list with most asked for items will be shared soon!

★ Every year during the holidays we like to bless our hardworking teachers and staff with gift cards to thank them for bringing the mission of Rivertree to life. If you would like to donate gift cards this Christmas, you can give online to that purpose on our website or by check to Rivertree noting the purpose in the memo line. If you have any questions, please email [abbie@rivertreeacademy.org](mailto:abbie@rivertreeacademy.org).

### COMING SOON

11.22.21 - 11.26.21  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

11.30.21  
GIVING TUESDAY  
(THE TUESDAY AFTER  
THANKSGIVING!)

12.9.21  
CURRICULUM NIGHT

12.27.21 - 1.4.22  
CHRISTMAS BREAK

### 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.