

RIVERTREE REVIEW

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



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WELCOME BACK

By Dr. Justina Jenkins, Head of School

It is an exciting time here on campus as we begin the 2021 school year. As we welcome new families and build deeper relationships with those returning, I anticipate another great year of substantial academic growth and development for all of our students. This is a time for new beginnings and

endless possibilities. It is time to meet new friends, build new relationships, grow in knowledge, and share God's love with every Rivertree student.

This year marks the beginning of the seventh school year at Rivertree Academy. We have several traditions that will continue and some new opportunities that we hope will become traditions.

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Project-based learning continues to be a staple in our program. Through PBL, our students explore different cultures, deepen their knowledge about their heritage, learn how to be responsible citizens, and have the opportunity to demonstrate learning in creative ways. Last year, we had to close our doors to guests and volunteers, but we are welcoming all our visitors back to campus for face-to-face (or mask-to-mask) interactions. As we reopen our doors, we will have new opportunities for guest speakers and field trips off campus that will provide our students with opportunities to

learn from others in various professional fields while exploring new places.

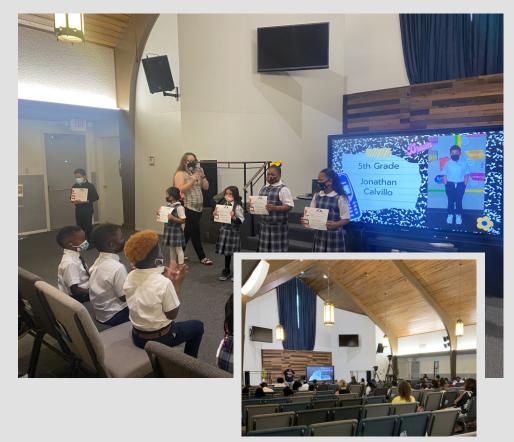
There are so many ways to get involved, and we are praying that the greater Fort Worth community is willing to come share their talents, gifts, and life experiences with all of our students this year. We ask for continued prayers for the 2021-2022 school year, and we look with excitement and anticipation for what God has in store for the children of Rivertree Academy this academic year!

WELCOME BACK, RIVERTREE STUDENTS!

We are back! We are praising God for a successful and safe start to the school year—one that will be filled with learning, fellowship and Jesus.

- We are back to worshipping in person during chapel every Wednesday.
- Volunteers are welcome back on campus again.
- We can't wait to share updates about exciting class and school events that are back this year!





LEAD WELL

Our Lead Well Campaign just kicked off and will end with a pep rally on October 7th! Our students are learning the 6 pillars of Character.

Each week the students will focus on one pillar, and families can get involved with activities at home. Our students will learn how to Lead Well in chapel by leading the Rivertree Creed, Scripture, Pledge of Allegiance, and worship every week!

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

WELCOME BACK, TEACHERS!

Our teachers trained a LOT this summer to prepare for our students! We ended the training week with our annual staff retreat focusing on building relationships. We are so thankful for our devoted staff who show up and are the living example to our students of "Learn Well, Love Well, Work Well, Lead Well."





BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Thank you to our hosts, teachers, volunteers, parents and students for making Back-to-School Night an engaging night of fellowship. While our parents and teachers got caught up on school year basics, volunteers served Chick-Fil-A and played outdoor games with our students!













"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."

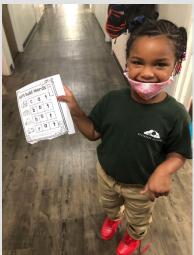
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

IN-PERSON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE BACK! THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE, PLEASE EMAIL ABBIE@RIVERTREEACADEMY.ORG.

- Host an after school enrichment club Introduce your favorite hobby (dance, sports, Legos, choir, art, etc.) to our students by hosting a club during the after school program.
- After school tutors Help students with homework and areas of study with which they need extra help. We need help with the Pre-K as well as our older students (K-5).
- Classroom helpers Assist teachers with lessons, one-on-one time with students who need extra help, organizational tasks, etc.
- **Mentors** Get paired with a student to encourage and support throughout the school year. Mentors will meet one Friday afternoon each month and will be provided with goals and objectives and planned activities.
- **Reading buddies** Engage in one-on-one reading time with students.
- Lunch/recess helpers Help distribute lunches, monitor students during lunch and recess, assist with clean up.
- **Speakers for Chapel** Deliver a 10 minute bible lesson during chapel on Wednesdays. Objectives and goals will be provided.

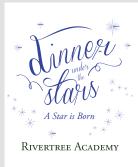
• Parent University facilitators - Lead Rivertree parents in a spiritually educational and encouraging course called "Raising Kingdom Kids." PU will meet once a month, in the evening at Rivertree. Email: abbie@rivertreeacademy.org.











COMING SOON

9.23.21 - NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

9.15.21-10.15.21 -CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

10.19.21 - OUR ANNUAL DINNER UNDER THE STARS FUNDRAISER

10.29.21 - FALL FESTIVAL

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.