



# E. RIVERS

THE LION'S ROAR BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

The E. Rivers family develops confident, independent learners; challenging them to be respectful and compassionate citizens of the world, while providing a rigorous, inquiry-based education.

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## From Principal White's Desk

Welcome Back from the Snow Break.

Report cards will go home *this* Friday, January 21st.

As we begin the second semester of the 2010-2011 School Year I wanted to highlight a special group, which works to support our school's ongoing success. Did you know our school has a Foundation? Well, we do! It is called the Friends of E. Rivers Foundation, Inc. It is comprised of E. Rivers Alumni, former parents, and community members. The current PTA Presidents and I also serve as non-voting members. The Friends of E. Rivers operates parallel to but separate from the PTA. While the PTA operates on an annual budget and funds activities and initiatives to support the Day to Day activities and operations at our school, the Friends of E. Rivers Foundation serves as an endowment and accepts general donations and contributions. As a public charity, it adheres to specific guidelines about promoting initiatives and expenditures that will benefit the school over time. In 2008 the foundation funded the construction of our Welcome Desk. They were also instrumental in serving as the conduit for monetary donations and gifts-in-kind as the E. Rivers Field House was constructed last year.

*Expect to see more about the Friends of E. Rivers in the coming weeks!*

### K-2 Only Movie Afternoon Coming January 28th

The next movie afternoon is Friday, JAN 28th. It will be for LITTLE KIDS only - our K-2nd graders.

However, to accommodate parents with both BIG kids and LITTLE kids, the event will be open to siblings. Sign up forms will go home in Friday Folders this week. Please turn in your form with \$5 CASH on TUESDAY, JAN 18th. We can only accept the 1st 100. (for questions please contact Danica Diget soldonatlanta@yahoo.com)

### PTA General Meeting Now on Thursday, Feb. 3rd

PTA members, please make plans to attend the 2nd General PTA Meeting of the year. Thursday, Feb. 3 at 6:30pm in the E. Rivers Auditorium (this is a change from the original schedule).

- Hear from Principal David White
- Vote on amendments to the Budget
- Announcements of interest to all PTA members

### Report Card Spirit Night at Planet Living *This* Friday

Join us at Planet Living this Friday, January 21th from 3pm-6pm. Located at The Peach Shopping Center, Planet Living will donate a portion of the total 3pm-6pm sales back to E. Rivers PTA! What a great way to celebrate the end of another great quarter at E. Rivers - with Smoothies and Frozen Yogurt! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Hammond Whitmore colleen@chwconcepts.com

### The 2011 Scholastic Book Fair is on its Way!

In just a few weeks the Scholastic Book Fair will begin. If you are not familiar with this event, it takes place here at E. Rivers where we transform our Auditorium into a bookstore. This year's theme is **Book Fair Carnival, Your Ticket to Read**. The Fair will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 15 and go through Thursday, Feb. 17th. There are books for adults as well as hundreds of children's books, games, posters, computer games, calendars and more. The best part is that a percentage of the profit comes back to our school PTA.

Gift certificates are available in any amount. These are perfect gifts for birthdays, teacher gifts and Valentine's Day! We will have these available to purchase at the Welcome Desk and look for info in your child's Friday folders. Please contact Meredith Minné (404)352-4339 or minne4@earthlink.net with questions.

## January 2011

18-21, Girl Scout Blanket Drive

21, Friday, Report Card Day

21, Friday, Spirit Night at Planet Living

28, Friday, K-2nd Grade Movie Afternoon, Auditorium

## February 2011

2, Wednesday, Spirit Night at Moe's 3-7pm

3, Thursday, PTA General Assembly Meeting, 6.30pm

14-17, Book Fair, Auditorium

17, Grandparent & Loved Ones Day

18-21, NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

## Save the Date! Grandparent & Loved Ones Day

Grandparent & Loved Ones Day will be here before you know it! Please invite your grandparents or loved ones to attend this special event at E. Rivers! This celebration will take place in the morning on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

*If you have not already signed up to help and would like to be a part of this special day, please contact Co-chairs Adrienne Hardesty at adriennehardesty@earthlink.net and/or Margaret Mertens at mertensm@bellsouth.net*



### E. Rivers Students Take Action

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 25340  
Collection Bin next to Welcome Desk

Troop 25340 is collecting blankets to benefit homeless and those in need in the Atlanta area. These blankets are used not only to keep warm, but as sleeping pallets for adults and children. All students, parents, teachers and staff are invited to participate. Donations of New or Used Blankets Accepted.  
Any Size: Throws, Baby, Queen, Full, Twin, etc.  
Any Material: Fleece, Down, Quilted, Microfiber, Knit, Chenille, Cotton, etc.

### Spirit Night at Moe's

Tuesday, February 2nd  
Moes, 2915 Peachtree Rd NE,  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
3pm-7pm

We love Moes!



E. Rivers IB Learner Profile for the month of January is OPEN-MINDED.

### After School Updates New Year's Addition: YOGA

We are excited to offer our extracurricular programs for the winter/spring semester. In addition to our current classes, we are now offering Yoga!

Visit our website, [www.riversafterschool.com](http://www.riversafterschool.com) for registration information or call Kim Bishop at 404-433-6126.

### TARGET

#### Take Charge of Education

Attention all Target Credit Card holders. Please take 3 minutes and register your card with [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) Go to the bottom of the page enter 30305 and click on Rivers Elementary School. E. Rivers will receive 1% of what you spend at Target in the next year! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Hammond Whitmore [colleen@chwconcepts.com](mailto:colleen@chwconcepts.com)



## Cougar Corner

### Sutton Middle School Tours

The remaining tour dates are: December 8, 2010, January 12, February 9, March 16, April 13, and June 8, 2011

Please call Jennifer Miller at the Sutton Welcome Desk 404-802-5600 to register.

**If you find that you will be unable to attend, please call Mrs. Miller so that she can let other parents on the waiting list take your spot.**

## shoes, shoes, shoes, SHOES...

We need your unwanted shoes.  
Gently used shoes.

Little shoes, BIG shoes, any kind of childrens or adult shoes.

We will be collecting shoes for African children. Please bring them to school the week of January 24 - 28, 2011.

Let's protect little feet.  
Join in, and enjoy the gift of giving!

### Alliance Theatre Camp Discount

Save 40% on ALL Spring Break and Summer drama day camps! Explore musical theatre, acting on camera, or the magical stories featured in Honk!, Around the World in 80 Days, and other upcoming Alliance productions

For more information, contact their education department at 404.733.470 or [alliancetheatre.org](http://alliancetheatre.org).

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### Lost and Found

Please remember to check lost and found for coats, jacket and scarfs. All items labeled with student's name will be returned to the student.

We welcome all interested parents but would like to accommodate our 5th grade parents first. Thanks for your interest and understanding!