



THE PRIDE

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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Friends of E. Rivers Foundation

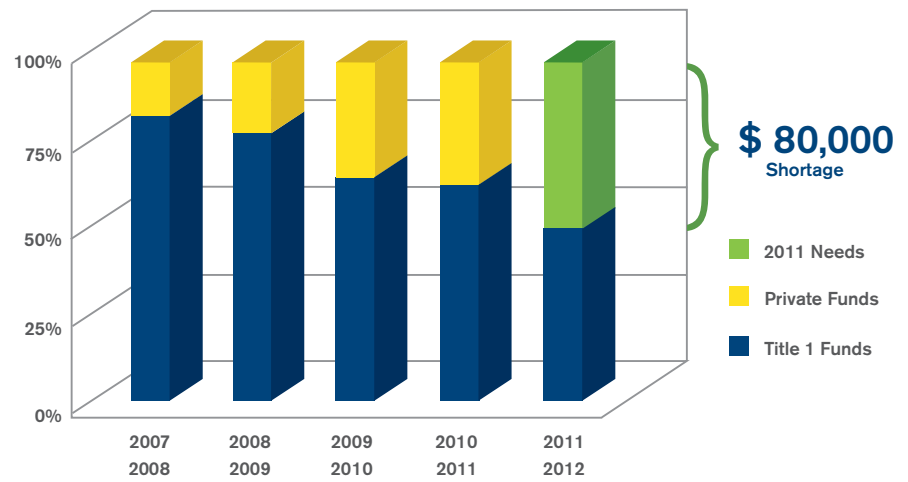
The PRIDE is a family of advocacy groups that work year-round to support the mission of E. Rivers:
PTA, E. Rivers Education Foundation, Local School Council and Friends of E. Rivers.
This newsletter will provide quarterly updates on their activities to support the students of E. Rivers.

KEEPING E. RIVERS GREAT!

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) provides a strong educational base for our school, however, many of the things that sets our neighborhood school apart are not funded by APS. For the past several years, E. Rivers has distinguished itself by utilizing additional funding from both Federal Title 1* funds and private funding from parents, neighbors and community business partners. In each of the past several years, even as our enrollment has grown, our Title 1 funding has decreased. We need your help to make up this funding gap.



DECLINE IN TITLE 1 FUNDS TO E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY



*Title 1 is a source of Federal Funding for schools with a high concentration of economically disadvantaged students, based on the percentage qualifying for free or reduced price meals.

★ The Pride ★

NEW & NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PTA hosts Celebration of Learning

In 2010-11, the PTA had over 500 members and more than 50 active committee chairs providing countless hours of volunteer time to enrich the experience of each E. Rivers student.

Late last school year, the PTA was instrumental in orchestrating many of the events we all love about E. Rivers:

- ▶ Fun Run
- ▶ Field Day
- ▶ 5th grade "graduation"

The PTA has already been hard at work:

- ▶ Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- ▶ Celebration of Learning
- ▶ Preparing many activities for the new year

For more information: eriverselementary/pta.com

E. Rivers Education Foundation Incorporates

EREF, the newest member of the PRIDE, was incorporated in March 2011. Its main purpose is fundraising for curriculum expenditures which take our school "above and beyond" what is provided by APS. Many of these items are what you have come to expect from our neighborhood school of choice.

The need for an educational foundation was made clear as the 2011-12 school year brought a further \$70,000 reduction in our Title 1 funds due to continued demographic changes and APS budget cuts. EREF goals for this year are:

- ▶ Maintain 2010-11 level of curriculum enhancements (\$60,000)
- ▶ Supplement additional curriculum expenditures previously paid for with Title 1 funds
- ▶ Provide funds for educational assets, such as technology.

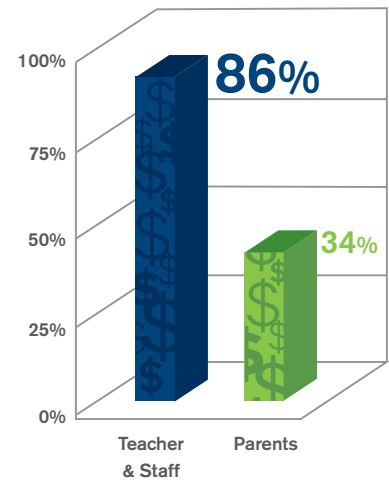
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider a generous donation to the Lion's Pride Annual Fund so we can continue to provide many of the wonderful things we all love about E. Rivers. Your contributions allow us to provide essential curriculum enhancements, teacher training, educational software, test preparation materials and so much more. The table below list some of the items on the 2011-12 budget. But they won't be possible without your help. If you gave last year, please consider giving more. If you didn't give last year, please let this be the year you start.

2011-2012 LION'S PRIDE PLANNED ENRICHMENT ITEMS	COST
High-touch High-tech Science Enrichment	\$16,000
Teacher Grants \$250 per Classroom	\$10,000
CRCT Prep Books Testing Aides	\$5,000
DRA Reading Assessments \$250 per Classroom	\$5,000
Worldly Wise Vocabulary Curriculum	\$2,500
Brain Pop Student Software	\$1,500
Mountain Math Curriculum Enhancement	\$1,000

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!



Participation in the Lion's Pride among teachers is very high. They know the NEED for additional funding! We want to dramatically increase the number of families that give each year!



★ *The Pride* ★ NEW & NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Local School Council Represents Us at Weekly Board of Education Meetings

The Local School Council had a busy spring dealing with issues relating to our facility and renovation. LSC representatives have written letters to numerous officials (Sharon Pitts, Larry Hoskins, Dr. Beverly Hall, Nancy Meister, Reuben McDaniel) and met with Senator Ed Lindsey regarding overcrowding both here and at Sutton Middle School.

The LSC is continuing to dedicate significant man-power to regular attendance at NAPPS (North Atlanta Parents for Public Education) meetings and monitoring other APS issues through weekly attendance at Board of Education meetings. See gsci.org/councils/councils.html for more information about Georgia's Local School Councils. And contact de.reeves@comcast.net for E. Rivers LSC.

Friends of E. Rivers Has Successful Spring Fundraising Campaign

"Friends" is intended to be an underlying support for major endeavors that will benefit the school on a long-term, rather than an annual basis. Recent activities of the Friends Foundation have included:

- ▶ 2008: Construction of the Welcome Desk to help ensure the safety of the students, support the front office, and welcome visitors to the school
- ▶ 2009: Donated to the construction of our new field house.
- ▶ Spring 2011: Launched fundraising campaign for general donations from alumni and surrounding community

For more information: www.friendsoferivers.org



Your Dollars Spent to Date:

- \$240 Science lab equipment
- \$640 Fun Run
- \$440 3rd grade Science books
- \$390 Kindergarten Kaleidoscope
- \$710 5th grade graduation and pizza party
- \$200 Field Day
- \$1,440 Library books
- \$7,600 IB training for staff
- \$1,070 International Baccalaureate Program materials
- \$660 Teacher appreciation breakfast
- \$350 Celebration of Learning supplies



REMEMBER TO GIVE TO THE LION'S PRIDE

Examples of what your donation can fund:

- \$ 1-99 ★ We are grateful for any amount you are able to give!
- \$ 250 ★ Seat sacks for new classrooms
★ Classroom supplies for one class
- \$ 500 ★ Tumblebooks Web Software
★ Classroom supplies for Art, Music, French, Science or PE
- \$ 1,000 ★ One High-Touch High-Tech Workshop per grade (Science Workshop)
★ Mountain Math Curriculum Instruction Kits
★ Wordly Wise Workbooks
- \$ 2,500 ★ 25 Unit Mobile Apple iTouch cart plus charger
★ Brain Pop Software for all students
- \$ 5,000 ★ One Promethean Smart Board and software
★ CRCT test preparation books for all students
★ Reading Assessment Kits

Donate online www.iverselementary.com/lions-pride or send your check to school. E. Rivers Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT E. RIVERS

Date	Event	Sponsor
Aug 8 - Oct 3	Lions Pride Annual Fund Campaign	EREF
Sept 23 - Oct 14	Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale	PTA
Dec 2 - 4	Christmas Tree & Bake Sale	PTA
Jan 18 - 20	Scholastic Book Fair	PTA
Mar 24	Gala and Silent Auction at Alstofi Art Gallery	EREF
Fall & Spring	Lions Pause Concession Stand	PTA
Ongoing	Corporate & Business Donations	EREF & PTA
Ongoing	Alumni Donation Campaign	Friends

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT

There are additional ways to support E. Rivers in the everyday things you do. Shopping with partners earns money for our school!

- ★ Kroger Card
- ★ Family Dinner Nights
- ★ Publix Partners Card
- ★ Target Red Card
- ★ True Blue Schools
- ★ Box Tops for Education

See iverselementary.com/lions-pride/partners to sign-up for these programs.