

September 2011

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Special Articles of Interest:

- Volunteers
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- Health Awareness- "How to protect your child from strep throat" here at back to school
- PTA National Standards
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday Sep 13

- 1ST GRADE PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT
5:30pm-6:30pm 1st Grade Parent/Teacher Night
- PTA BOARD MEETING
5:30pm-6:30pm PTA Board Meeting



President's Letter

Welcome back Riverwood parents! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to be "Climbing to New Heights" together throughout the school year. I'm excited to serve as your 2011-2012 PTA President. I'm equally excited to be introducing our first NEWSLETTER!!! We hope that you will find this monthly newsletter to be a reliable resource to you and your family. We will be "Going Green" with all future editions of our newsletter, so please be sure to check out our website at the link enclosed so you don't

miss out!

<http://www.orgsites.com/n/respta/>

Make sure that you check out the site above. Your PTA website is being updated daily/weekly with tons of information that you will find helpful.

I encourage each one of you to JOIN the PTA, if you have not already done so. By joining the PTA it will give you the opportunity to have a voice within our school. Parent involvement in the PTA works to fund school assemblies, classroom supplies, reading,

programs, family nights and so much more that will enhance your child's learning experience. The PTA is also an environment for exchanging ideas and a way for you to become more involved and have a better understanding of your child's school.

Thank you for all of the AMAZING parents and teachers who have already taken time out of their busy schedules to help out thus far. We have a GREAT school at Riverwood and I look forward to working with each and every one of you!

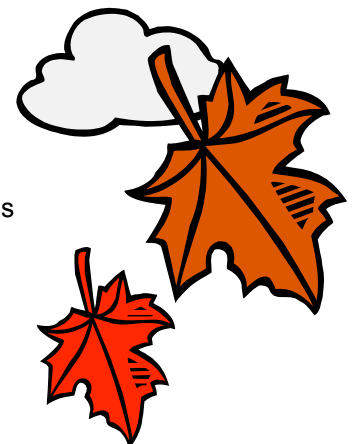
Tina Marie Boykin, RES PTA President 2011-2012
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Volunteers

Do you want to get more involved at RES, but not sure how? The RES PTA welcomes all volunteers to our school. We are excited to announce that Johnston County Schools has implemented a new volunteer process for the protection of our children. In order to volunteer at our school, you MUST complete the online registration form. Please view the enclosed information sheet from the Johnston County Schools for directions on how to complete the volunteer application. Safety comes

first with our children! If you have further questions please email the PTA at volunteer4res@yahoo.com.

Thank you for helping us in compliance with the County's policy.



National Spotlight

"North Carolina is receiving national recognition for NCPTA's innovative and unique Parent Involvement Initiatives."

Debra Horton
NCPTA Executive Director

September Staff Birthdays:

- 8th Jill Kreacic - Guidance
- 11th Ann Burke- 2nd Grade
- 16th Linda Jones- Kindergarten
- 20th Brenda Taylor - Cafeteria
- 26th Ms. Bea - Cafeteria
- 29th Terri D'Angelo - Front Office



Volunteer Coordinator

My name is Kathleen Stuckey and I am super excited about being the RES PTA Volunteer Coordinator this year. I served on various RES committees last year as well as co-chaired the RES Shop-O-RAM-A event. I look forward to the challenges this new role brings!

I have a daughter in Mrs. Smoak's 1st grade class as well as a son in preschool. My husband, David, and I have lived in Clayton for 7 years. I have two Master's Degrees in Education and believe that my past experiences will benefit me in this new role. I look forward to meeting you while working together to "climb to new heights" and make RES the best school possible!

Announcement of New Secretary

My name is Christine Nunn and I am very excited about being the RES PTA Secretary this year. I served as a co-coordinator with Box Tops last year and also look forward to the new challenges this new role brings!

My family has lived in Clayton for 11 years. Our daughter is in Mrs. Beddingfield's 2nd grade class. My husband Scott works at Novo Nordisk and I am a Faculty Secretary at Campbell Law School. We have two cats and one dog. Again, I am very excited to serve on this year's board and look forward to working with the staff and parents at RES!

BOX TOPS



Please continue to clip the box tops and help us earn money for our school. Last year our school earned \$3,200.00 for box top clippings! There is a drop off location in the front entrance. Please be sure to include your child's name and grade in the Ziploc bag that contains the box tops. There will be an end of the year pizza party for the class that turns in the most box tops.

Spirit Wear

Due to the high demands of our newly designed t-shirts, spirit wear orders have been extended to Wednesday, September 14th. If you do not have a form you can download a form from our website or request one from your child's teacher.

Please make checks payable to RES PTA.



**RES PTA Board
Members**

2011-2012 School Year

Principal- Dorlisa-Cowart
Johnson

President- Tina Boykin

Vice President- Shauna Macon

Secretary- Christine Nunn

Treasurer- Sandy Jones

Volunteer Coordinator-
Kathleen Stuckey

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[http://www.orgsites.com/nc/
respta/](http://www.orgsites.com/nc/respta/)



"Climbing New Heights"



PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community—Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

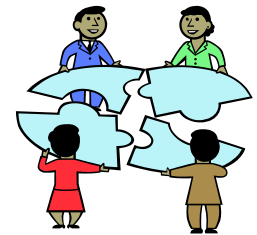
Standard 2: Communicating effectively—Families and school staff engage in regular, meaningful communication about student learning.

Standard 3: Supporting student success—Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

Standard 4: Speaking up for every child—Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

Standard 5: Sharing power—Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Standard 6: Collaborating with community—Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.



For further information about the National Standards and PTA programs that promote family-school partnerships, please visit www.pta.org.

Membership

September is PTA Membership Month. Please help us obtain our membership goal and join the RES PTA today! Membership forms can be found on the website and turned in to your child's teacher. The cost is \$6 per person. There are many benefits to joining the PTA. Please share this partnership with us and join today!

Parent Resources

Health

www.nchealthyschools.org

www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com

www.beactivenc.org

Academically Gifted & Talented

www.ncagt.org (NC Assoc. of Gifted and Talented)

www.learnnc.org (LearnNC- UNC School of Education)

www.tip.duke.edu (Talent Identification Program)

Special Needs

www.ldanc.org (Learning Disabilities Assoc. of NC)

www.nc-ddc.org (NC Council on Develop. Disabilities)

www.autismsociety-nc.org (NC Autism Society)

www.chadd.org (Children and Adults with ADD/ADHD)



September Health Awareness

Strep Throat

Strep throat is caused by streptococcal (strep) bacteria, most often by group A beta-hemolytic streptococcus (GABS). Every disease has an incubation time, which is the time from exposure to the time symptoms are felt. People exposed to strep throat have an incubation time of approximately 1-4 days. So you can be exposed to strep throat and not even realize it for several days. Strep throat is often described as a very sudden onset of severe sore throat. The throat becomes red and swollen first. Difficulty swallowing often accompanies the sore throat shortly thereafter. Strep throat most commonly affects children ages 5-15 years old, but can strike at any age. In infants the symptoms are typically irritability and decreased appetite. Children tend to complain of a sore throat and painful swallowing with fevers. While adults' symptoms are many times less intense.

The symptoms of strep throat are however, very similar to those of several other viral illnesses, including viral pharyngitis and mononucleosis. These symptoms include: Sore throat, red and swollen tonsil, fever, swollen and tender lymph nodes on the sides of the neck, white or yellow patches on the tonsils or on the back of the throat, headache, ear pain and even nausea/vomiting. It is difficult for health care providers to diagnosis on symptoms alone.

A rapid strep test can be completed very easily and relatively painlessly. A swab is taken from the back on the throat. A positive rapid strep is a definitive diagnosis of strep throat. Therefore when should you see your health care provider? Contact your provider whenever a child has: A severe sore throat and fever over 101°, severe sore throat 2 to 5 days after you know you have been exposed to someone with strep, sore throat that is not part of a cold that lasts longer than 2 to 3 days despite home treatment or if they have a rash that feels like sandpaper. Treatment with antibiotics such as Penicillin, Amoxicillin or Erythromycin is used to treat strep throat.

It is important if you have been diagnosed with strep throat that you take all of the antibiotics as directed until they are complete. Even if you feel better after only two days on the antibiotic you need to complete the course. You are still contagious until you have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Once you have been on antibiotics for 24 hours replace your toothbrush with a new one. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds (this can help prevent you from getting strep to begin with). Do not allow your child to go to school until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. If your child has a sore throat and is not diagnosed with strep they still should not go to school if they have a fever.

Neil Boykin, RN, BSN, MSN, FNP-BC