

# Parents' Association of Riley Avenue, Inc.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Parents' Association of Riley Avenue and the 2022-2023 school year at Riley Avenue Elementary School!

The Parents' Association of Riley Avenue is the link between parents, staff and administrators. As a parent/guardian, you are automatically a member of PARA. Our goal is to support the students by hosting social events, providing school-wide programs and more. Funding for all activities comes from several fundraisers we manage throughout the school year, such as the Spiritwear sale, book fairs and the Fun Run.

PARA provides notifications about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and important information from Riley Avenue to all of their members. To receive these notifications please be sure to check our website (<https://sites.google.com/view/rileypara/home>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rileypara/>) and sign up for our new communication platform, **Remind**, by sending a text to 81010 with the message @rileypara.

Parent meetings are held generally on the first Thursday of each month and will be hosted virtually this year. We would like to cordially invite you to our first meeting on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. The agenda and meeting link will be provided via Remind and Facebook. At this meeting we will discuss upcoming events and answer questions. Your attendance is highly encouraged. Our meetings allow you to be involved in your child's educational experience while providing a forum to receive information about potential plans during the course of the year. It is a place where parents can have open discussions about anything that is happening at the school, and their voices can be heard. Your opinions matter.

There will be many opportunities for you to attend meetings and contribute to PARA's efforts based on your own availability. Your involvement will go a long way in supporting all the students and the school as a community. We, as officers of PARA, are here to represent you and request that you join us in the year's endeavors.

The **Fun Run** is the first PARA event of the school year. This year's Fun Run will be held September 20th through September 30th. Please check Remind and Facebook for additional information regarding the Fun Run and future events and fundraisers. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via email at [rileypara@gmail.com](mailto:rileypara@gmail.com). We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to make this the best school year at Riley Ave yet!

Wishing you and your families a great school year!!

Sincerely,

The PARA Board