

Keeping Up With Riviera

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Thanksgiving Edition Issue 3

A MONTH OF GIVING

November is a month of giving and kindness. This year, we hope the students of Riviera Middle will make it extra special for someone. Just by putting in a little time and effort, you could make a huge difference in our city, and the world. A good website to use is "volunteermatch.org." This website is very user friendly and you will be certain to find a good cause in your community. Here are some local charities that do great work:

- Miami Rescue Mission: Serving the homeless and those in need with shelters, providing food, clothes, toys to those that need it the most especially during the holidays.
- Salvation Army: Helps others with job training, disaster relief, veteran services, domestic abuse and many more. They provide shelter, meals, and support at all time.
- Food For Life Network: "Dedicated to providing food and nutritional assistance for those living with chronic illnesses in Miami-Dade County since 1987."

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa

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VETERANS DAY

November 11th every year is a day we all look forward to because there's no school and many people do not have to go into work. However, on this day we honor military veterans, which are persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. On that day and every day, remember to thank them for their service.



TAKE A STAND AGAINST DIABETES

November is also National Diabetes Month. Diabetes is a condition in which the body can not properly process foods to make energy. It occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Diabetes affects people from all walks of life and treating it can be very expensive. American Diabetes Association (also known as A.D.A) has a different campaign every year, this year's campaign is "We Stand Greater Than Diabetes". The association helps people with diabetes and helps other people to understand what diabetes is and what it does. It's up to all of us to take a stand against diabetes!

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THANKSGIVING

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. We asked some staff members and students what they were most thankful for and here is what they said:

Ms. Perez Munoz "I am most thankful for my family, nature and being able to show my students how the world works from a scientific perspective."

Alicia Martinez (8th grader) "I am thankful for my family, not having to struggle and living comfortably."

Ms. Tamayo "I am most thankful for my life. I do not take for granted that I have my legs to walk in, my arms to swim with and my healthy brain (well, most days.) I am blessed to have such a wonderful life where I have health, love, my family and a career. Life is a gift that I intend to enjoy until the very last moment."

Mr. Coppola "For my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Loffredo "Mostly I am thankful for Health; yes mine but also all of the people that I love and care for like you! I am also grateful for peace; that we can continue to enjoy life the way we know it. ...and Hope! Because with hope we know that no matter what there is always a better tomorrow."

Mr. Ramsey "I'm thankful for my wife and my kids, especially during these times because I get to see my kids grow up."

David Connolly (Security) "I'm most thankful for my Mother."

Ms. Fraga "I am thankful for all the people in my life, including my students."

Mr. Bulnes "I'm thankful for my immediate Family, my Riviera Family, health, and the special moments shared with loved ones."

Ms. Rodriguez "I am thankful for so many things. To begin, I am most thankful for my amazing family, friends, students, co-workers and all of our health."

Ms. Cumberbatch "I am most thankful for being able to empower people as a school counselor."

Ms. Amy Rodriguez "I am Most Thankful for Mr. B, the Best Principal Riviera has ever had."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cyber Monday - November 30th

Rosa Parks Day - December 1st

Winter Break - December 21st to January 1st ,2021

New Year's Eve - December 31st

GIFT SHOPPING!

Here's a list of what we kids would love to see in our stocking:

- Xbox Series X
- PS5/ PlayStation5
- iPhone 12
- Stuffed animals
- Shoes
- MacBook pro from Apple
- MacBook air
- Basically, any new electronic devices that came out recently



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