

River Grove: A Marine Area Community School

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~ A SPECIAL INVITATION ~



Thursday, Oct 11, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SAL'S ANGUS GRILL

12010 Keystone Ave N, Stillwater

Hosted by Nick Mundt, Co-Host of the Bone Collector and Realtree Road Trips on the Outdoor Channel



Walleye & Filet of Beef Dinner • Games, Raffles, & Silent Auction

Great prizes from Hoyt Archery, GAMO, Realtree, G5, Scent Crusher, Drake Waterfowl, Big & J, Wings North, Catchin' Deers, Bone Collector, Bushnell, Morrell Targets, Code Blue, Dead Ringer, & more. Registration includes dinner and 20 entries for prizes.

Tickets \$75 each • 21+ only please

Click Here to Register or Learn More!

www.withrowsportsman.org

All proceeds go to

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PTO and Board of Directors Meetings on Monday, October 8

Get involved! All are welcome to the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings. This is one place you can make a significant difference to the school and kids. The PTO meeting will be in the Commons at 5:00pm, with the Board of Directors meeting at 6:30pm also in the Commons. Please see our website for the Board of Directors meeting agenda.

REMINDERS

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS DUE TUESDAYS AT NOON for the following week. **(NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK FOR MEA BREAK.)**

ATTENDANCE: Please email or call the office by 10:00 am if your child is sick, late, or absent for any reason. Send changes to attendance@marineareaschool.org

DAILY DISMISSAL CHANGES: Call 651-409-3122 or email attendance@marineareaschool.org by NOON (except for emergencies).

LOST AND FOUND: Located in the Commons.

WE ARE A SCHOOL ZONE! We may not have the signs, but we are still a school zone. Drive carefully and obey the traffic signs.



- Only delivery, emergency, and handicap-authorized vehicles are allowed on our service roads.
- When picking up a student, please park in the "Guest" parking lot. Do not drive or park on the service road.
- **Please drive slowly on campus and on area roads.**
- **Watch for kids walking and biking, please!**

After-School Clubs Starting After MEA Break

Six fun clubs are being offered for fall! [Click here for the brochure and registration form.](#)



Artist in Residence Karron Nottingham at River Grove October 11 & 12

You will be amazed at what your children create as they study the elements of art with Ms. Nottingham. The PTO is sponsoring eight lessons for each class throughout the year, beginning this week.

New River Grove Shirts Due in This Week

The new blue River Grove shirts you ordered ... or meant to 😊 ... should be in this week. Don't worry if you missed the ordering: We got extra!

Helping the Minnesota Food Association

The first annual River Grove-MFA Harvest Day Picnic will be held at the Minnesota Food Association's farm this week (although not Monday as originally planned). Many fun events are planned, including several service projects for our students to help the MFA prepare for its Harvest Potluck event on Sunday, October 14 (see below). The rain date for our picnic is scheduled for October 10. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

**MONDAY PICNIC
POSTPONED
DUE TO
FORECASTED RAIN**

Don't Miss the MFA's Harvest Potluck!

River Grove students will be making signs and candle holders and helping around the farm to prep for Minnesota Food Association's Big River Farms Harvest Potluck on October 14. Please come see the wonderful things happening at Big River Farms on Sunday! Learn more about the MFA here: www.mnfoodassociation.org

BIG RIVER FARMS Harvest Potluck



MINNESOTA FOOD ASSOCIATION

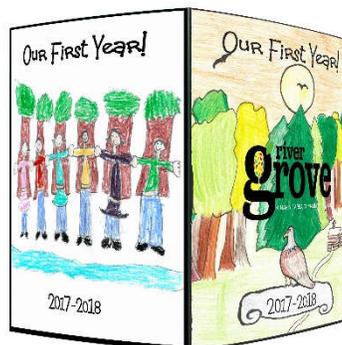
a program of the food group

silent auction • potluck • beer & wine • farmer graduation • music • scarecrow building

Yearbook Cover Contest

River Grove 4th, 5th, and 6th graders can enter a contest to have their design on the front cover, and the K-3 kids are eligible to design the back cover. Space-permitting, all submitted designs will be printed inside the yearbook. Look for the special sheets to come home with your students on Friday.

Last year's front and back cover:



REMINDERS

OLDFIELD ROAD: Please do not use Oldfield Road north of Hwy 7 to Ostlund Trail N. This road is not an approved route for River Grove traffic, and usage may affect our Conditional Use Permit. 

PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS in good condition so everyone can enjoy them. If a book is lost or severely damaged, we ask for a \$5 replacement fee.

NO OPEN-TOE SHOES, PLEASE: A reminder that closed-toed shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. The students play outside where there are sticks, rocks, and other things that could potentially injure little feet. No sandals please!

SEASONAL CLOTHING REMINDER: With the cold weather, kids need to be appropriately dressed — we go outside as much as possible! When snow arrives, snow pants, boots, coats, mittens/gloves, and hats are required.

NO DOGS ON CAMPUS
Please do not bring dogs on campus (with the exception of certified service dogs). Thank you for your understanding.

BUS ROUTES

The Transportation Working Group is continuing to work on improving our bus routes. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ron Gubrud at rgubrud@marineareaschool.org

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)

Marine Mills Folk School



The new Marine Mills Folk School offers lifelong, hands-on, whole-person experiential learning for all ages in a fun, supportive environment. The teachers will be your guides in woodworking, fiber arts, baking or other arts & crafts pursuits. Many of the classes will be held on the River Grove campus (outside of regular school hours). [Visit their website](#) to see the upcoming class offerings on preserving, leather- and wood-working, weaving, fiber arts, jewelry, soap-making, and more!



National Fire Prevention Week: October 7 to 15

**Marine on St Croix Fire Department
Open House: Tuesday, October 9,
6:00 to 8:00pm**

During National Fire Prevention Week, fire departments across the country focus on fire prevention. The Marine on St Croix fire department will have an open house on Tuesday, October 9 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. This is a good opportunity to thank your local residents who volunteer to make your community safer. If you are thinking of volunteering, stop down with the family and talk with our members what a commitment entails. We will also be giving kids a ride in the fire truck.

This year's fire prevention week theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" and works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and how to escape safely in the event of one:



- **LOOK:** Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- **LISTEN:** Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- **LEARN:** Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

VOLUNTEERING

VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING IN A CLASSROOM: If you would like to visit or volunteer in a classroom, please contact the teacher directly in advance to schedule a time that works for all. Please do not bring siblings or extra guests.

Check in at the Main Office in Earth. For the safety of our staff and students, all visitors, including parent volunteers and community members, must wear a visitor badge when on school grounds. Please check out and return the badge before departing.

To volunteer with kids at River Grove in any setting, you must complete a background check and [completed the on-line orientation](#). All responses are required, including your name (for us to check off that you completed the presentation).

EARN \$\$ WITH SCRIP

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for River Grove. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards at face value. Your program's coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. For example, you purchase a \$50 card that River Grove bought for \$40: River Grove makes \$10. It's really that simple!

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↓ ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER ↓

Dear River Grove Families,

Our second year at River Grove is off to a wonderful start! We have some exciting improvements this year, including the purchase and operation of our very own bus fleet, a revised lunch program in collaboration with the Marine General Store, and extended community partnerships that will provide our students with enriching and fulfilling experiences. By combining these improvements with an amazing group of teachers and staff, we feel we are well on our way to becoming one of the top educational experiences in the state, and one that will make our community proud.

Even though we are on a great path, we are not without continued challenges. As a second-year charter school, we continue to have large start-up expenditures and limited financial and staffing resources. The effect of this was amplified this year when, as a result of our spring community conversation, we decided to take the large step of buying our own buses in order to provide a service that meets the expectation of our families and furthers our ability to fulfill our mission.

In order to tackle these challenges and continue the growth of our school we are asking for your support. River Grove was founded on the collective hard work and financial support of a generous civic-minded community. We are asking that every family honor this spirit by making ONE of the following:

- ✓ A Donation of \$100 — OR —
- ✓ A Donation of Ten (10) Hours of Volunteer Service

While this donation is not a requirement to attend River Grove, it is extremely vital in making our school into the best place to learn and grow in the Valley!

We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Drew Goodson, School Administrator

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Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip cards to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's an easy way to make your "normal" shopping dollars work overtime!

[Sign up here!](#)
www.shopwithscrip.com
Code: BBL8122461124

**Remember:
NO SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK
FOR MEA
BREAK!**

**CAN YOU
HELP PROMOTE
RIVER GROVE?**

We have a few lawn signs that could go in prominent places! Could you put one in your yard?

Also we are looking for talented "guerilla" marketers - anyone with experience in innovative and low-cost marketing techniques. If you want to be part of a River Grove promotion team, let us know!

Contact Ele or Drew in the office

River Grove Calendar

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE	MORE INFO
Mon, Oct 8		NWEA Testing (All Week)	K-6	
		PE	Commons	
	12:00 – 2:00pm	Harvest Day Preparation and Picnic with the Minnesota Food Association	At the MFA Farm	POSTPONED DUE TO FORECASTED RAIN
	5:00pm	PTO Meeting	Commons	
	6:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Commons	
Tue, Oct 9		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6 Classrooms	
	10:00am	Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Judging	6th	
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
		Fire Safety with Marine Fire Department	K-6 Classrooms	
	3:30-5:00pm	Brownie Troop Meeting After School	Commons	
	4:00-7:00pm	Cub Scouts: Family Fun Night - For Boys & Girls!	Kiwanis Scout Camp, 15987 St Croix Trail N, Marine on St Croix	Contact Pam or Troy Bradshaw: PamBradshaw@live.com TroyBradshaw@live.com
	6:00-8:00pm	Open House at the Marine Fire Department	160 Judd St, Downtown Marine	
Wed, Oct 10		PE	Commons	
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
	9:30am-2:00pm	First Grade Taylors Falls Field Trip - Rivers Are Alive	St. Croix Falls, WI	
	6:30pm	Informance Concert, 4th Grade, Band and Orchestra	Commons	4th grade only
Thu, Oct 11		Artist in Residence Karron Nottingham - part 1	Lower Commons	
	Afternoon	Art Specialist (Robin Iredale)	Lower Commons	
		Library Day	Commons	Please return library books in good condition before library day
Fri, Oct 12		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6	
		Artist in Residence Karron Nottingham - part 2	Lower Commons	4th grade classes
	9:15am-1:45pm	Warner Nature Center Field Trip	2nd	
	9:30-10:30am	The Great Pumpkin Catapult - 5th Grade	Commons	
	1:00-2:30pm	First Grade Community Event!	First	
	12:30-2:30pm	Parent Event in Third Grade	Third	
	2:40pm	ALL SCHOOL PRIDE ASSEMBLY	Commons	
Sat, Oct 13		Marine Folk School Classes at River Grove	Commons	marinemillsfolkschool.org
Sun, Oct 14	3:00-6:00pm	Big River Farms Harvest Potluck	Big River Farms -- up the road!	www.mnfoodassociation.org
MON - FRI, OCT 15 - 19		MEA Break - No School		