



River Woods Elementary School

Welcome to River Woods Home & School

Welcome to River Woods and to Home & School! River Woods Home & School is a group of parent and guardian volunteers that supports our students, teachers, and staff (like a PTA). Home & School helps coordinate and run school and family events, and raises funds to support the school. There are no fees to participate. All parents or guardians of River Woods students are members. We invite and encourage all River Woods parents and guardians to be involved!

Activities

Home & School volunteers coordinate and run River Woods family activities, including Kindergarten Connections, an all-school family picnic, an adult social, carnival, ice cream socials, and more. Volunteers also assist with school activities such as Field Day, the Learning Commons, and classroom celebrations.

Fundraising

Home & School raises funds through dine out nights at local restaurants, spirit wear sales, and events like Carnival and the Adult Social. Funds pay for assemblies, birthday books, end of year activities, classroom enhancements, field trips, school beautification, hospitality, teacher appreciation, teacher "wishlists" and more.

Get Involved

- **Sign up for a committee:** Committee descriptions are below. Different volunteer activities can be completed as your schedule allows: during school days, on weekends, or in the evening. Learn more and [show your interest in a committee here](#).
- **Attend meetings:** We alternate between [morning and evening meetings](#) to allow as many people as possible to attend. See below for meeting dates.
- **Follow Home & School on Facebook** [Follow us at River Woods Home & School Association](#)
- **Read the weekly school email news**
- **Email** Home & School at RiverWoodsHandS@gmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you in the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

Home & School Executive Board for 2024-2025

Jacki Chaidez, Co-President

Meredith Pollack, Co-President

Dawn Gambini, Vice-President

Becca McIlwee, Secretary

Becky Wolski, Treasurer

Home & School Committees

Interested in helping? If you are interested in joining a committee, email RiverWoodsHandS@gmail.com. A committee chair will contact you when help is needed. Many opportunities will have specific sign ups closer to the event/opportunity. Watch school emails and the Home & School Facebook page for updates.

- **Adult Social**: This adults-only event gives our community a chance to get together and spend time with friends old and new. The committee selects the theme and venue, organizes ticket sales, and runs the event, which is a fundraiser for Home & School.
- **Beautification/School Garden**: The beautification committee maintains the Peterson Memorial Garden along the Parent Drive and the large planters in the front of the school.
- **Carnival**: Carnival is a school-wide community event, with games, prizes, activities, food and auctions. The committee is responsible for the theme, organizing games, selling tickets, running food and beverage sales, and event decoration, set up and take down.
- **Hospitality**: This committee coordinates and sets up breakfasts and lunches for staff or event guests during parent-teacher conferences, receptions and teacher appreciation week.
- **Ice Cream Social**: Each year there are 2 after school ice cream socials. The committee takes orders before the event and distributes ice cream at the social.
- **Teacher Appreciation**: Organizes a theme for teacher appreciation week, decorates the school and coordinates with each classroom's communication lead.
- **Variety Show**: Organizes and runs the annual Variety Show.

Other opportunities include: Dine Out Nights, Field Day, Gift Cards, Movie Night, Picture Day/Retake Day, School Directory, School Supplies, School Family Community Partnership (SFCP), Spirit Wear, Veteran's Day, Vision & Hearing Screening and Yearbook.

Home & School Meetings (Thursdays) **RW Multi-Purpose Room or Learning Commons**

All parents/guardians are welcome to participate!



September 12 at 7:00 PM

November 14 at 7:00 PM

February 13 at 7:00 PM

April 17 at 7:00 PM

May 15 at 7:00 PM