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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a great summer break. The students certainly appear relaxed, recharged and ready to conquer the new school year. Back-to-school Night was a huge success. The PTA members put a lot of time and effort into this event, and we have received extremely positive feedback about it. We are so delighted that we are part of an amazing learning community that is full of positive energy and that values excellence in education.

### Updates

Each year brings positive change. This includes some new additions to our staff. We have Ami Shah, who joins our team as an assistant principal this year. She will be at Riverton Wed., Thurs., and every other Friday. If you spot her in the parking lot or in school, please feel free to stop her to say hello. We are also delighted to welcome Lindsey Christensen (kindergarten) and Tonya Burgess (first grade) to our school.

We are looking forward to making this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Tingey

For students to develop into happy, confident, and well-rounded individuals, the schools must teach more than just academics. Certain lessons, such as kindness, must be learned earlier in life. For example, understanding and practicing kindness builds a foundation of compassion in young minds and gives them tools to be responsible and contributing members of society.

### 8 Reasons for Teaching Kindness in School

by Lisa Currie

1. Happy children
2. Increased peer acceptance
3. Improved health and less stress
4. Greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem
5. Increased feelings of gratitude
6. Better concentration and improved results
7. Less bullying
8. Reduced depression

Lisa Currie is an Australian author and blogger. She regularly blogs on [edutopia.org](http://edutopia.org) and has also authored books titled "The Positivity Kit", "Notes to Self", "Me, You, US", "Surprise Yourself", and others.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September (Green Ribbon month)  
9/5- Fun Run T-shirts - Orders due  
9/11- Boo to the Flu (3:30-7:00 pm)  
9/17- Fun Run Kick-Off assembly @ 2:00 pm  
9/24- Picture day  
9/27- Grandparents and Goodies

