



# River Springs

## CHARTER SCHOOL

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## THE RIGHT PATH



# From our Executive Director

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I was delighted to see many of you at the Pechanga conference in September and enjoyed hearing about your successes and challenges in your homeschooling journey. Thank you for your commitment to making your student's educational experience top-notch which, in turn, makes our school top-notch. Your dedication and vision to River Springs Charter School's mission has made our school what it is today.

And what are we? Improving! In our recent review of 2012 STAR data, we were thrilled to see that our school-wide Academic Performance Index (API) went up 22 points (up to 750), our overall math proficiency increased by 4.9%, and our overall English proficiency increased by 4.7%!!! After we looked at the school-wide data, we looked at our Homeschool program's data by itself. You will be happy to hear that Homeschool API increased 26 points (up to 767), English proficiency increased 6.8% to reach 60.7% proficient, and math proficiency increased by 3.7% to reach 42.8% proficient. This is truly great news and means that in just one year, Homeschool has quadrupled the level of improvement experienced over the past three years. Well done to you and your children!

In order to help our students succeed, we made several important changes last school year, including proctoring high school exams for all core courses and establishing I CAN! goals and key assignment accountability. How did this help? The data shows some interesting trends. One encouraging trend is that our high school students' proficiency in all core subjects has improved dramatically (with the exception of grade 11). We were surprised at how much our third graders struggled to meet minimum grade-level proficiency, while our second graders did very well. This information helps us to assess the benefits of the changes we've made as well as decide on additional support that may be needed.

It's important to put our data into perspective with state and county averages so we can get a realistic picture of our strengths and weaknesses. Our English proficiency is on par with state and county averages. Our math proficiency is significantly below the state average of 62%. It is more common for schools to score higher on math than on English, so our results are unusual. In addition, it is typical that most students score no more than 50 points different on the two tests. If you're proficient in English, you're usually proficient or close to proficient in math. At River Springs, some students score advanced on English and below basic on math. For the most part, a student who is capable of being advanced in English is capable of being proficient in math, so this trend is a concern that we must address immediately.

Our Math Path program is off to a wonderful start. We have several hundred students using our supported Math Path curriculum options. Our I CAN! Classes at our learning centers help to support Homeschool families who would like to spend their time focusing on humanities and science with the day-to-day, incremental development taught by a math specialist. If math is not your forte, talk to your ES about enrolling in our I CAN! classes available in Hemet, Temecula, and Costa Mesa. (Riverside is full and is currently taking names for a waiting list.)

We have tremendous resources to support personalized skill development for our I CAN!s in English and in math. Please ask your ES to give you a tour of our wonderful Moodle resources. Additionally, please feel free to email me with any suggestions or to share your child's successes. I would love to hear from you!

Happy schooling and CONGRATULATIONS to you, our River Springs Teachers!

*Kathleen*



Join us for our  
Town Hall Meeting  
Wednesday, October 17th  
5:30PM  
Temecula Student Center  
43030 Margarita Road,  
Temecula, CA 92592



## MOTIVATING MOMENTS!!

Hi, my name is John Britt, a.k.a. John John. I just got the results from my first STAR testing, and I was thrilled! So do you what to know what I did to prepare? At least three times a week I take small timed tests in math and writing. Sometimes we play games, use flash cards, Legos, and do things that normal people do in life. Taking practice tests help. I learn measurement through cooking, remodeling the house and building.

My homeschool day includes Daily oral language (I fix sentences!), Spelling and handwriting, Journal writing, Reading science, geography or history, and Math...I just like everything in math!

I enjoy multiplication the best! I learned from Saxon and Excel last year. I really enjoy computer math games. I have completed all my "I Can's" and my mom tested me with the test prep...I read it. On a test I try to focus on the test and not on others.



## MOM'S MOMENT!!



"I know for home-schooled, second graders... this first STAR test is a bit more challenging as they are not use to sitting in a classroom setting and being assessed..... so I wasn't expecting much.

I don't know what the performance levels are for the school but know he performed 455 for ELA(94%) (Advanced) and 600 for Math(100%). (Advanced Perfect Score!!)

I thought he did pretty good for his first time.

After going over his scores he said... "mom, do you think they will put me in "The Eagle" so I can help others too?"

I laughed...but then remembered...John John saw Kristian Brenton in "The Eagle" last year and it really meant something to him.

I believe that we need to get the message that getting good grades is "COOL"!

John John works hard at many things...legos,violin, piano, baseball and golf are his loves...but he has a heart of gold.

We hope to inspire others....John John may play around a lot as most boys do...but I can say he gets his work done (and still plays around a lot! ha!).





# The Value of an Internship

By Judy Adair, Internship Coordinator



Many colleges and universities require students to complete an internship at some point in their college experience. This experience is a valuable tool. Many university websites have a section dedicated to an internship program that they offer. River Springs Charter School is known for being on the cutting edge of education, and our internship program in our "Real World" academy is one such a program. Our high school students who participate in this program are gaining a huge advantage and making a fantastic investment in their future careers.

Marymount University believes strongly in their internship program. The Marymount University website explains about the importance of internships. <http://www.marymount.edu/academics/internships/value.aspx>

## Internships and Experiential Learning

Internships allow you to explore and apply academic theory in the professional world by combining learning and work experience. This is the opportunity to take the knowledge you have gained as a student and put it into action while developing new skills, exploring possible career choices, and building a professional network.

You learn theory in your classes, but it's only through experience that you can learn what to expect after you complete your degree program. Students who intern early on may find that they do not want the career they expected. Better to discover this now rather than discovering it after spending thousands of dollars on one or more college degrees! Internships enhance your academic experience and can help narrow your focus for future studies. Sometimes an internship even leads to a job offer from your internship site!

Internships offer opportunities to:

- ϕ gain real-world work experience & build your résumé
- ϕ introduce you to new fields
- ϕ learn about career interests & develop or improve skills
- ϕ increase your chances of getting a full-time job after graduation
- ϕ allow you to test potential employment at a company/organization/agency
- ϕ possibly receive pay, academic credit, or both

To learn more about River Springs Charter School's internship program contact our coordinators:

Judy.Adair@riverspringscharter.org (Temecula/Hemet)

Gabriella.Baumert@riverspringscharter.org (Magnolia/FAPA/Indio)

We would also like to thank the businesses that are currently participating in our "Real World" academy internship program and encourage your patronage. Without their dedication and commitment to this program, our students' opportunity to participate would not exist.



Semnar Law Firm-Temecula   Monarch Products-Temecula   Temecula Music Academy  
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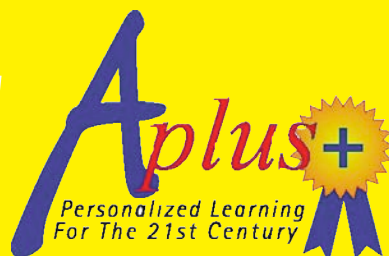
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## Take Flight with The Tom Wathen Center @ Historic Flabob Airport

### Enrichment Through...



**Air Academy ~** 5 Day academic program with hands-on activities & a free Young Eagles Flight that introduces students to aviations.



**Restoration Projects ~** Small groups of high school students under close & expert adult supervision, rebuilds airplanes.



**Model Building ~** Starts with simple hands-on model building and advances through more complicated projects.



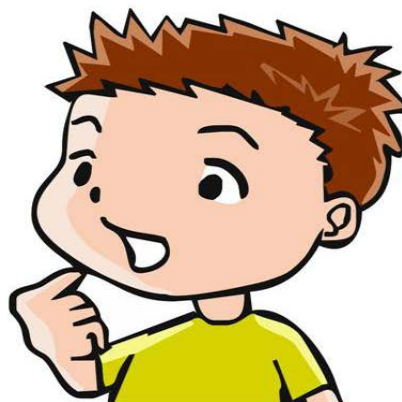
**Student Visitation ~** 2 or 3 Hour programs that that introduces students to the rich history of Flabob Airport.

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To Build Airplanes,  
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To Build Kids."*

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Kathy@tomwathencenter.org  
[www.tomwathencenter.org](http://www.tomwathencenter.org)



*The Tom Wathen Center uses the fascination of flight to inspire the love of learning...*

# S.P.R.E.E.

Student Parent Regional Educational Events

Homeschool S.P.R.E.E. occurs regionally for  
River Springs Charts School parents and  
their K-8th grade students.

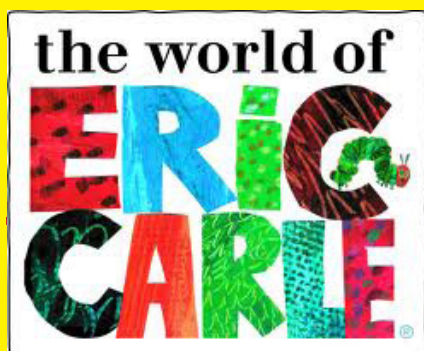
Our 2012-13 Theme:

## "WE CAN: Expect, Elevate, Achieve!"

We offer educational,  
make - and - take  
activities for our Homeschool students!

Join us for our FALL SPREE!!  
We will be offering:

"Eric Carle" workshops  
for our PRIMARY GRADES!



Our Fall Workshop for our  
parents will focus on  
teaching and implementing  
new strategies for MATH!

"Exploring Space" workshops  
for our UPPER GRADE students!



### Our 2012-13 Schedule

9AM - 12:30

Oct 19th	UCR Riverside 75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert (No childcare provided)
Nov 5th	Riverside Student Center 3050 Chicago Ave., Riverside
Feb 1st	1st Congregational United Church of Christ 3041 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino
Feb 27th	Orange County Student Center 2897 Mesa Verde Drive West, Costa Mesa

We also offer childcare for your 3-5 year old toddlers  
as well as YUMMY snacks for our students and adults!





## HOW DO YOU BECOME A CENTURION?

The Centurion Recreational Club (CRC) is a school wide organization that promotes an active and healthy lifestyle by committing to YOUR favorite active pastime. Log your progress as you work towards the goal of an Active Century (100 miles). By committing to the challenge, students will reach a goal that we hope will be the start of a lifelong adventure in a healthy activity.

Registration for this program costs \$10.00. Homeschool students may use Instructional Funds for this. When you sign up, you will receive a pedometer to help you start keeping track of your miles. A Mile Equivalent Activities sheet helps convert other activities into "miles" to count towards your 100 mile goal.

When you have reached 25 miles, you are eligible to purchase a Centurion Recreation Club t-shirt for \$10.00.

When you complete 100 miles, you'll receive a special Certificate of Completion and your Centurion medal.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.riverspringscharter.org/about-us/our-departments/athletic-department/centurion-crc>  
or contact

[susan.picone@riverspringscharter.org](mailto:susan.picone@riverspringscharter.org)



## Ground School Class at Flabob Offered on Wednesdays

In this course, students will be prepared to pass the FAA Private Pilot Written Examination. Areas to be studied are: airplane components; aerodynamics; engines; electrical systems; flight instruments; FAA regulations; airport operations; radio operations; radio navigation; airspace; aviation maps; weather; weather charts & briefings; flight planning; airplane performance charts; weight and balance; pilot psychology and physiology.

Students from either Homeschool or any of the other Academies who are interested in the class should contact Beth LaRock for more information at: [beth.larock@riverspringscharter.org](mailto:beth.larock@riverspringscharter.org)

# "I Will"



By Stephanie Parshall  
Academic Achievement Advisor  
Instructional Support



Last year, we introduced our "I Can!" statements. These were a great success, and it was wonderful to see our students striving towards their educational goals! It is extremely rewarding to celebrate successfully reaching a goal. There is something exciting about saying, "I Can!" However, sometimes we can't—not yet anyway. It is important that students understand that the learning and mastery process moves us from "I Will" to "I Can!" Students need to be aware of what it is they will learn (the objective) in order to set appropriate goals for mastery. The objectives for a lesson shouldn't be a mystery. Before beginning a new concept, tell students "You will...!"

Here are a few suggestions for making students aware of the content they will be learning:

- Use academic language when sharing the objective.
- Write the objective or learning goal in the student's journal or on a white board.
- Ask the student to restate the objective to you.
- Relate the objective to something that interests the student.
- Make goal posters with objective(s) listed.

CONGRATULATIONS  
ON  
BEST MESSAGE!  
By Jeff Giba



This was the second year that I was able to obtain a Leadership Grant from the CA Office of Problem Gambling and FNL Partnership. Our team worked on Public Service Announcements using animation with Bruce Royer of Royer Industries and Edwin Aguilar from The Simpsons.

The grant fully paid for 4 students at the Paradise Peer Disney Resort for 3 days and 2 nights (June 18th -20th) including Park Hoppers, to represent our team from River Springs.

The students attended workshops on Problem Gambling and getting the word out. Additionally Disney presented them with the YES leadership conference Session.

Of the 20 entries, there were only 5 awards and our team received the "Best Message" trophy. They also won the scavenger hunt. This is the second year our students came home with an award for their community service work. They were all freshman and a cross section of our student community. I was very proud of them. They also were selected to LEAD 10 groups of animation production teams and helped the other teams produce 10 animated PSAs in 3 hours.



**IT'S ALL THE  
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZ!**

# SPELLING BEE

**January 25, 2013**

Temecula Community Rec. Center,  
30875 Rancho Vista Rd, Temecula  
1:00pm-4:00pm (Students must arrive by 12:15PM)

Students grades 4-8 study the correct spelling of words from a prepared study list and participate in "round" competition with other RSCS students. Our 4th to 8th grade students compete against each other. In order for our students to proceed to the county, state, and national levels, we will follow the Riverside County Office of Education Spelling Bee Guidelines.

Word Lists will be available by November 1, 2012. Check with your ES or Site Facilitator at that time. Please make sure your student(s) study the entire list.

The winner of the River Springs competition will be eligible to compete at the Riverside County Spelling Bee in March 2013.

**CONTACT YOUR ES OR ACADEMY SITE FACILITATOR FOR  
SIGN- UP INFORMATION**

Or, if you have other questions,  
PLEASE CONTACT KERRI HODAK  
[kerri.hodak@riverspringscharter.org](mailto:kerri.hodak@riverspringscharter.org) with any questions.



## KEYS High School -Reaching New Heights

Revamped! Students will be met, mentored, and tutored at one of our 6 locations. Yes! KEYS High School now has a home (or 6!). We now have locations in Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Orange County, Temecula, and Riverside. This will be one of our best years yet!

Our change in structure means less ESs, and we wish the best to our fabulous ESs who've moved to other programs for this school year! We may have less ESes but just as many students. Our Instructional Aides will assist with the workload, including paperwork, compliance, and tutoring.

Please help us welcome the following talented individuals to our program.

- Corona/Riverside: Kristi Bastian, Araceli Melendez, and Gabriel Reyes
- Hemet: Mary Henry
- Lake Elsinore: Sally Segura
- Orange County: Jennifer Brink
- Temecula: Mayra Angel and Nancy Talbert

We now have the opportunity for students to come and work at school when they are struggling with assignments. In some areas, our aides can help with Math and Spanish questions. We know that the new changes will make a more supportive environment for our students and that having a permanent location will really help our students feel connected to our school. As usual, our fantastic staff is up to the challenges and doing whatever is needed and best for our students.

# Parent Certification

## 2012-2013

River Springs Charter School is excited to offer our Parent Certification Program for RSCS full-time Homeschool parents. Our goal is for our parents to receive training that will enhance their skills as a Home Educator.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Register: Your ES will be registering you if you are interested in participating in the Parent Certification Program.

### COURSE WORK:

In order to become certified, you will need to complete 3 core courses, 4 electives, and 1 Final Project.

Core Courses (1, 2 & 3) are offered several times throughout the year. Please see our Master Calendar and website for more information.

Electives can be met by attending or participating in 4 of the following:

Course #4 as an elective (Course #4 is typically completed for renewal)

- ☼ RSCS Annual Curriculum Conference in August
- ☼ SPREE events that are offered throughout the school year (with the exception of SPREE events that are offering Course #4.)
- ☼ 2 Writing Workshops offered throughout the school year (TBA)
- ☼ Attend outside, pre-approved, conference or training
- ☼ Read and Review book from posted book list on the RSCS website under Parent Certification

### Final Project:

This is a parent-choice project that is required to demonstrate application of our program from all seven courses in your home. You can complete your pre-approved project in a variety of ways such as: a Power Point presentation, a unit study, a lap book of learning, portfolio of student work, year plan/outline, etc.

Due Date: June 21, 2013. Projects will be reviewed during the summer and vouchers will be sent out once projects are reviewed. You only receive vouchers for students currently enrolled in RSCS Homeschool.

COMPLETION: Upon completion of all requirements, parents will receive Homeschool Certification through RSCS, a Parent Certification T-shirt, and a voucher worth \$150.00 to be used one time in Bookmart.

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### RENEWAL

Complete Course #4 and Complete 4 elective classes (any combination) from the list provided:

- ☼ Participation in Inspired Learner Expo (Meet the Expert)
- ☼ Attending the Annual Curriculum Conference in August each year.
- ☼ Attending SPREE events that are offered throughout the school year.
- ☼ Attending 2 Workshops (TBA)
- ☼ Attend outside, pre-approved, conference/training,
- ☼ Independent book read and review, from posted book list on the RSCS website under Parent Certification or pre-approved by Gina Wickwire.

For further questions, please contact [parent.certification@riverspringscharter.org](mailto:parent.certification@riverspringscharter.org)

**ATTN Parents:** We know our parents are our best advertisers. And in this tough budgetary time, we need you more than ever! It amazes me how many people still don't know about River Springs, located in their own backyard. And, in order to continue offering our students the best possible support and learning opportunities, we need our community to be knowledgeable about our fabulous charter school!

**Here's how you can help ensure that River Springs keeps getting better every year:**

1. Be on the lookout for a letter from our Executive Director with this poster.
2. Take the poster to a local business and (with their permission) hang it in their lobby.  
(We suggest your local coffee shop, crafting shop, music shop, etc.)
3. Talk to your friends and neighbors about us and all that we have to offer.

We value our partnership with you and your children and look forward to a great year!

# We want YOU!

No, honestly, we really do.

At **River Springs Charter School** we want to share our thriving, innovative education with nice people who want the best for their wonderful, brilliant, and unique children.

If you're reading this, you passed the first test. We want parents who love learning. We also need parents who will collaborate with us to provide the personalized learning experience their children deserve. What do you think? If it sounds like your cup of tea, then email us at:

[itsoundlikemycupoftea@riverspringscharter.org](mailto:itsoundlikemycupoftea@riverspringscharter.org)

Why not say hello? Drop us a line, or pop in for a visit at any one of our locations: Corona, Flabob, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Magnolia, Murrieta, Orange County, Palm Street, Riverside, Temecula.

Or Call the "Empower" Parent Support phone line at (951) 252-8888.

## River Springs Charter School

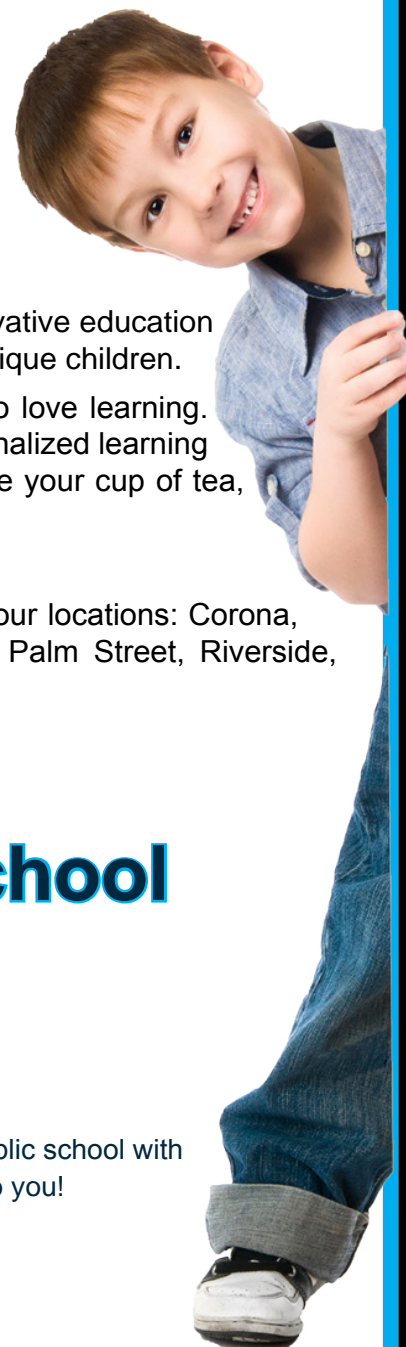
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## Parents Take Action!

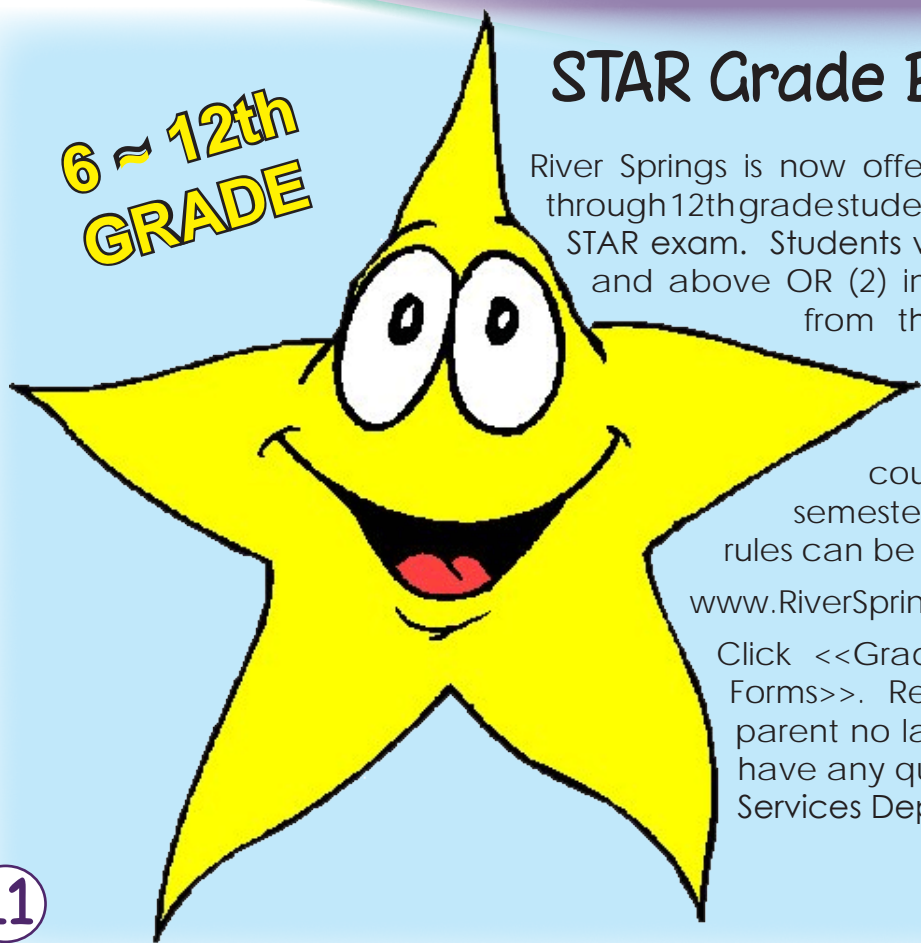
My kids are studying Botany this year as part of their Science curriculum. So we decided in order to become junior Botanists that we would start going on "Botany camps" where we could do lots of hands on training and learning and that way the whole family could be involved.

We had a wonderful time learning about plant types, going on hikes to collect samples, and best of all spending quality family time with no cell phone, T.V., or other distractions. We all had such a great time that the kids can't wait until the next "Botany camp" experience!

RSCS Mom Hayley Williammee



6 ~ 12th  
GRADE



## STAR Grade Bump Incentive

River Springs is now offering a great opportunity for 6th through 12th grade students who have done well on the 2012 STAR exam. Students who either (1) scored "proficient" and above OR (2) increased one performance level from the previous year's STAR test in any subject areas are eligible to receive a ONE step grade increase in the corresponding course taken during the spring 2012 semester. More information and program rules can be found at:

[www.RiverSpringsCharter.org](http://www.RiverSpringsCharter.org)

Click <<Grades 7-12>> then click <<Parent Forms>>. Requests must be made by the parent no later than **October 31, 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact the Pupil Services Department at 951-252-8833.



# STUDENT SUCCESS

I have been a student with River Springs for 3 ½ years now. I joined the KEYS program at the beginning of my sophomore year, and it wasn't an easy transition. My first year was very confusing and I had a hard time understanding this new program. I struggled that year, not only from the difficulty of joining a new school, but also because I struggled with being a good student. Even before River Springs I was never a good student. I procrastinated, I never turned in my work and I did not like school at all. Between my bad study habits and having a hard time getting into my new routine with River Springs, I did not pass all of my classes that year.

My junior year with River Springs was worse than my sophomore year because of my lack of interest in school. It showed every week. I would turn in less than half of my work, only doing enough to keep me afloat and in the program. Yet again, I failed almost every class I had that year.

My senior year? A whole new ball game! I finally got in the mind set of needing to do my work. This was my senior year, I couldn't mess around anymore. This was it, my last chance. I sat down with Miss Wagner, my new ES, and Mr. Lemke and discussed the issues with my credits. An extra semester was necessary for me to graduate. I'll admit, this was hard to hear. But I knew this year I had to do it; I had to work hard or risk failing high school and never earning my high school diploma. So it began...the hard trek towards graduating after two years of almost solid failure. Little by little, I found myself becoming a better student each week. I was doing my work in a timely manner and doing well on each assignment. I wasn't failing every class. Now, I'm not saying that year was golden and absolutely perfect. By no means was it easy or flawless for me. I had many ups and downs and I can honestly say the only thing that kept me afloat, aside from hockey, was Miss Wagner. I went from a girl whose GPA was 0.3 to a girl whose GPA was 3.5 for the 2011-2012 year. I came, I battled and I conquered.

As I sit here and type this article I am reminded of just how much I owe River Springs and Miss Wagner. Without these two important facets in my life I do not know where I would be. I can guess that I would have dropped out at seventeen and given up on everything. But with the help of friends and my wonderful ES, I persevered. As I look in the mirror, I no longer see a failure, but rather someone who CAN make something of herself. So thank you, Melissa Wagner and River Springs Charter School, for being the best Independent Study program out there. You all truly do make a difference in students' lives; you help us be the best we can be. Even though I may not absolutely love school now and even though I still may not know what exactly I want to do with my life, you have given me a chance. So, with the help of Riversprings, Melissa Wagner and my own determination and smarts, I am going to graduate high school. "Thanks, me" for deciding I deserve more. I guess I'm not so bad after all. - Thank you so much.

Charlotte Riddle, Keys High School

## Help Promote River Springs Charter!

**We need you!!**

**If you have great things to say about River Springs don't let it go unheard! Go to [www.GreatSchools.org](http://www.GreatSchools.org) and help promote our unique, fabulous charter.**



# KUDOS FOR KIDS!!!

*Carlee Horton* made it a goal to become a model. She and her family started doing research, putting together a portfolio, and going on modeling calls. In May she was hired by Claire's to be the "face of Claire's" for the summer shoot. If you go into any Claire's store now, you can see her face on most of the print ads. She has also been hired by Mattel, which is currently working on their largest branding campaign in Barbie history. This summer, Carlee spent five days at Mattel shooting three days for a commercial and two for print. We can expect to see these ads all across the globe soon. I am very proud of Carlee and am so excited to see that her hard work has paid off. Way to go River Springs homeschoolers!



## Elizabeth Renee DeLay

designed and put together five projects for the LA County Fair, which her family is very proud of her for doing. She won two sweepstakes awards for two of her creations. The theme of the fair was castles and wizards. Elizabeth designed and created a cape with designs of things that are precious to her in her life. She made a wizard's wand that she burned and carved designs into with a phrase describing the attributes of the wand. The other three projects were a 3-D book created by folding the pages of a book to look like the breast cancer symbol; designed and colored a picture of our families crest with our Scottish clan name and motto in the old Scottish language; and she sewed a quilt with sayings, quotes, and pictures about music. She got two second place awards and a third place award.

Congratulations,  
Elizabeth



# KUDOS FOR KIDS!!!

*Ian Phillips*, sixth grade Homeschool student, son of ES Nadia Phillips, just promoted to the rank of Private in Junior Corps of the Mountain Fifes and Drums Corps. Ian had to memorize 12 patriotic colonial tunes on the fife and perform them for Senior Corps members in order to pass. He can now perform with the Corps at their regular performances and parades. Look for the Corps marching in parades at the Twin Peaks Pinecone Festival (Oct 13) Blue Jay Christmas Parade (Dec 1), George Washington Homescoming (Dec 8) Knotts Berry Farm, USS Midway, Disneyland, Reagan Library, Memorial Day in Newport Beach, 4th of July parade in Huntington Beach, Crestline Jam Days parade, and many more. They are hoping to march in the Rose Parade in 2014 as well! Check them out at [fifesanddrums.org](http://fifesanddrums.org).



*Congratulations, Ian!!*



## *Jonah and Ethan Sanchez*

Received 1st place wins at the CA State Mountain Bike Championships. Jonah won the 11-12 year old category and Ethan won the 10 and under category. Jonah and Ethan are homeschool students at River Springs. They take advantage of their flexible schedule to train for their races. They invite you to keep an eye out for them as they advance in Mountain bike racing.

*Congratulations, Johah & Ethan!!*

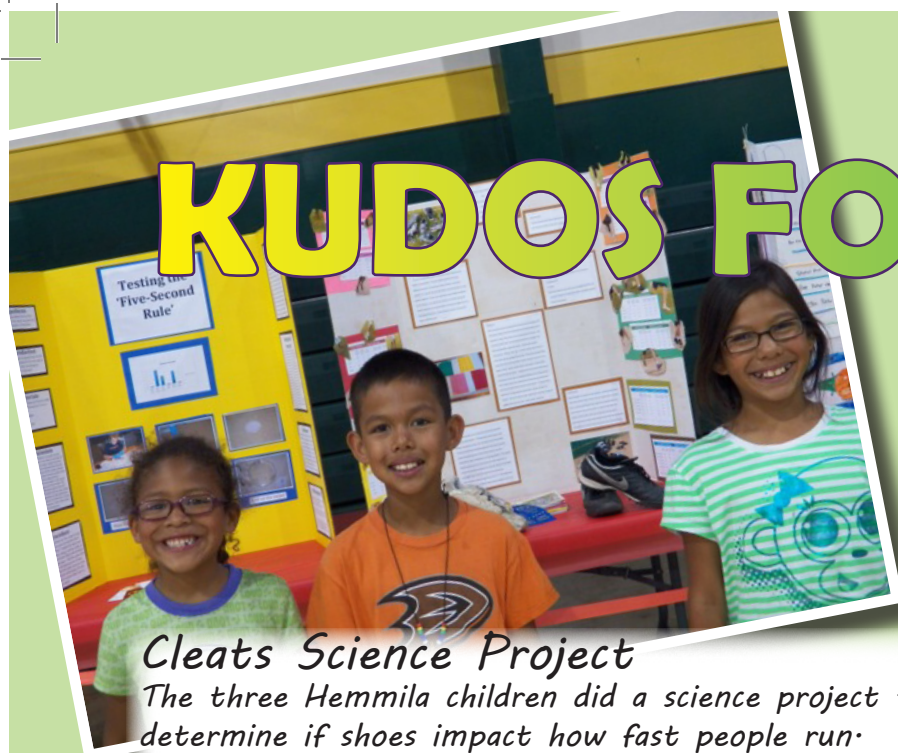




**Justin Spriet** a senior in the KEYS program and has been with River Springs for three years. He has an overall 3.7 and is a competitive BMX rider. He recently won was the first stop of the Monster Recon Tour, winning \$500. The second stop of the tour was Saturday September 8th and he earned 2nd place in that as well, winning \$300 and putting him in first place for the overall points! The third and final stop is on October 6th in Clairemont and he has a chance to win the overall tour prize of \$1,000. Congratulations, Justin!



# KUDOS FOR KIDS!!!



## Cleats Science Project

The three Hemmila children did a science project to determine if shoes impact how fast people run. They took their shoes and went to the track. Then they made a display of their findings.



## Viking History Project



Kristen Hemmila 9, Christopher Hemmimila 9, Rachell Hemmila 5  
Sweep of 1st place ribbons for the 220 races.

RSCS students do an INCREDIBLE job with homeschool. Their creativity and hands on approach is truly an inspiration and fosters an enthusiastic love of learning in their home. They entered a homeschool fair for art, PE, and science and won a few awards. Congratulations!!

Carrie Paschall



Rachell Hemmila-  
Tumbling Clowns....best in  
Show for Acrylic Paints.



## Viking Boats

**The Flabob Aviators** spent 9 days at the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association ) AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. This was an awesome experience for all who went. There were 12 Students from FAPA who attended this chance of a lifetime aviation event. Emilio Castrejon, Jonathan Deming, Jacob Palmer, Kole Drake, Dorian and Michael Crutcher, Brittany and Audrey Cain, Christian Krause, Tyler Howell, Cody Luna and Derek Curtis. We also had adults who attended Kathy Rohm, Nina Brentham and Bill Sawin from the Wathen Center, Gabe Baumert and Beth LaRock from FAPA , Lori Curtis and Rachel Cain were our moms, Mr and Mrs Palmer and a former student Carah and her husband Rick. A truly great time was had by all.



Flabob Students at the Campsite at Oshkosh AirVenture during the week of July 20th to July 29th



Flabob Aviators group on the wing of the DC 3 that they were docents for during the EAA AirVenture experience.



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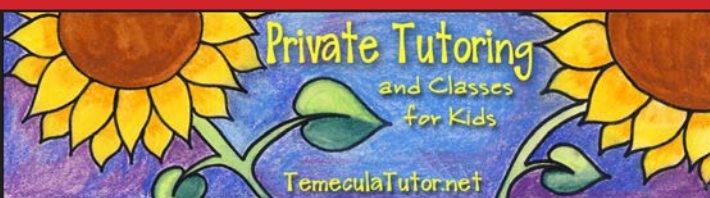
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