



June 22 9am - 12pm, June 29 9am - 12pm, or by Appointment

1. Tour Rivermont Elementary, meet the team, and claim your project by emailing rivermontinfo@gmail.com or online: <http://signup.com/go/ewxZvin>

Month of July

1. Work with your teacher to develop a design and work plan.
2. Recruit volunteers to your team. They can sign up online: <http://signup.com/go/vtRmsCk>

Wednesday, July 17

1. All design concepts submitted to design committee for review. rivermontinfo@gmail.com
2. Obtain any materials for your project that are not already provided.
3. **Hang company sponsorship signs on the Hixson Pike fence**, with over 17,000 average daily traffic count.

Monday, July 24

Blitz Begins at 9am!

Saturday, July 29

All work complete by 4pm.

Monday, August 7

Community Celebration and Open House (time to be announced).



“The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate.” -Malcolm Gladwell

ON THE EDGE

Rivermont Elementary School is on the verge of something big. Bigger than anything we could have ever imagined. Nestled on 10 acres of land along the Tennessee River, open the doors to Rivermont Elementary and you will find the county’s number one ranked teachers bringing out the brilliance in some of Chattanooga’s brightest young minds. You’ll find inclusion, creativity and art. You’ll find a STEAM Lab, hydroponic system, and a butterfly garden. Open the doors to Rivermont Elementary and you’ll find a school in total transformation. A school teetering ever closer to crossing the tipping point. **Will YOU push us over the edge?**

OVER THE EDGE

With a little help and a lot of elbow grease, we believe **YOU** have the power to change the course of history for hundreds of kids in our community. You see, Chattanooga parents already know Rivermont Elementary is a great place to send their kids, and the proof is in the tremendous boost in enrollment numbers for the 2017-2018 school year. But unfortunately, after years of serving the Rivermont community, our local school is in need of a facelift. Simply put: the facility and grounds at Rivermont Elementary are not up to par with the superior, high-quality education that’s taking place on campus. **And that’s a big problem.** Studies indicate a direct correlation between a positive learning environment and an increase in students’ school performance, health benefits, and emotional well being.

WHAT IF?

It is no surprise that funding is the number one barrier to creating the learning environment our kids deserve. Very little money from the Hamilton County school system is allocated to projects such as maintenance and upkeep. **But what if money isn’t the only answer?** What if we already have everything we need to make Rivermont Elementary a beacon in our community? What if, for one week, our community rolled up their sleeves and worked together to change the future for our children and those who teach them? **If you could trade a few days of your summer in exchange for making an enormous, lasting impact on our local school, would you do it?**



REIMAGINE RIVERMONT

Beginning at 9:00am on Monday, July 24, 2017, and working nonstop until 4 pm Saturday, July 29, contractors, designers, teachers, civic groups, parents, and loads of volunteers will come together to transform Rivermont Elementary School.

We're pairing teachers with designers and asking them to create a renovation plan for their room or space and assemble a team to get the work done. Each team will be assigned to makeover a classroom, other major indoor facility, or a zone on campus. Teams will develop a plan and resources in order to address the academic, developmental, and functional needs of the space. The culmination will be a public, community-wide celebration and open house on Monday, August 7.



HOW CAN YOU BE A PART?

Are you... (circle)

- A builder?
- A carpenter?
- A designer?
- A fundraiser?
- A painter?
- A landscaper?
- An artist?
- A gardener?

Will you sponsor a classroom or project or know someone who might?

Do you own a restaurant or work in one willing to donate lunch or breakfast during the renovation week?

I can also help by:

Please email this form to rivermontinfo@gmail.com



DESIGN TEAM GUIDELINES

Guideline Number One: Be Creative! Have Fun!

This is an opportunity to make Rivermont Elementary School and campus physically reflect the energy, creativity and discovery that's already taking place inside these four walls. The following guidelines will be enforced to maintain consistency, safety and overall project flow. If there are questions or concerns about the rules, please contact:

1) RENOVATION OPTIONS

- Each design team will choose a public space or individual classroom. See attached sheet for room options.
- All spaces will be chosen on a first come first serve basis.
- Contact rivermontinfo@gmail.com by July 8 to reserve your room.

2) TEAMS

- Each team will consist of a designer and a teacher.
- Each team will be responsible for helping recruit the volunteers and materials needed to complete the design.
- The designer will manage the project.

3) BUDGET

- We will have limited materials available, therefore teams will be responsible for sourcing materials/funds needed for completing the project.
- We are happy to include materials you need donated on the signup.com page. Please email rivermontinfo@gmail.com with specific requests.
- Teams will not be responsible for general classroom purchases such as desks or technology.

4) PLAN REVIEW AND TEAM PREP

- Teams will have the opportunity to view and plan their designated space on June 22, June 29 or by appointment.
- Additional site visits can be arranged through Principal Nikki Bailey bailey_nikki@hcde.org



- A representative from each design team will meet with the review committee the week of July 17 to present their comprehensive plan. After approval, any advanced on-site project work may begin.

5) SCHEDULE

- Teams will check in between 9am-10am on Monday July 24th.
- Rivermont Elementary is located at 3330 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415.
- Work days: Monday- Wednesday 9am- 8pm, Thursday/Friday 9am- 5pm and Saturday 8am- 4pm.
- All work must be complete by Sunday, August 6, in anticipation of the August 7th Celebration and Open House.

DESIGN INSPIRATION

1. THEME

- A “STEAM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) theme is encouraged.
- Think clean, crisp and colorful.
- Much of the Rivermont community was developed in the 1960’s-1970’s. This Mid -Century Modern design is something that distinguishes the Rivermont area from surrounding communities and something we hope all design teams will take into consideration when planning their projects. Please reference attached “Design Brief” for more detail.

2. PAINT

- Color Palette- to be determined by design team
- White paint is provided and free
- Rooms with existing oil-based paint must be repainted with oil-based paint.
- Proper disposals for paint and stain will be on-site and must be used.

3. BUILT STRUCTURES

- Structures must be built according to code for safety
- Structures may include but are not limited to cabinets
- If the structure is freestanding, it must be under 4 feet and stable.
- Any structure at risk of tipping must be secured.
- Built-in book shelves and cabinets are encouraged in classrooms

- Freestanding structures will not be allowed in corridors or stairwells.
- LET'S BE GREEN
 - Teams are encouraged to use earth friendly paint, stain, and flooring.
 - Teams are encouraged to recycle, reuse, and/or repurpose products.
- SAFETY
 - Be aware of designated "no touch" areas
 - Safety will be enforced for those using ladders and scaffolding

PUBLICITY

- Designers and builders are invited to hang their company banners on the fence that runs along Hixson Pike beginning Monday July 17 through the end of first semester.
- Signage outside of each room listing the design team names, company logos, and team member photos.
- Designers and team members may put their business cards or flyers outside of the room or space they transformed.
- Publicize yourself! This is a great opportunity to communicate your volunteer support, talent, business, and philanthropic involvement in our community! Invite your clients to the Open House; keep your social media followers updated on the project and progress by posting photos; highlight this project on your website and using the hashtag #RenovateRivermont

Release and Waiver of Liability

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!

This release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release" executed on this __ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (the "Volunteer") in favor of Hamilton County Department of Education and Rivermont Elementary School, their officers, employees, and agents (collectively HCDE).

The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for HCDE and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the "Activities". The Volunteer understands that the Activities may include construction, painting, moving of heavy objects, and other activities related to the Renovate Rivermont project.

The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

- 1) Release and Waiver.** Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless HCDE and its employees and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's Activities with HCDE. Volunteer understands that this Release discharges HCDE from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against HCDE with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer's Activities with HCDE, whether caused by the negligence of HCDE, or of its employees, or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that HCDE does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness. Volunteer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold HCDE harmless from and against all claims, suits, or causes of action brought against HCDE alleging the negligent, reckless, or intentional acts or omissions of Volunteer in his/her Activities related to the Renovate Rivermont project.
- 2) Medical Treatment.** Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge HCDE from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with HCDE.
- 3) Assumption of Risk.** The Volunteer does understands that the Activities include work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, loading and unloading, and transportation to and from the work site. Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and releases HCDE from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities. Volunteer represents that he/ she will only engage in activities that Volunteer is physically capable and fit to perform and will only use tools and equipment about which Volunteer is knowledgeable, including safety features of the same. Volunteer acknowledges that HCDE shall not provide training, and shall rely on Volunteer's representations concerning his or her knowledge and physical fitness.
- 4) Insurance.** The Volunteer understands that HCDE does not carry or maintain property, health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for Volunteer. Volunteer understands, acknowledges, and represents that he/she is participating in the Renovate Rivermont project as an independent participant and volunteer, and is not acting as an agent of HCDE, unless expressly authorized as such in a separate written document, signed by an authorized representative of HCDE. Each volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.
- 5) Photographic Release.** Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto HCDE all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by HCDE during the Volunteer's Activities with HCDE.
- 6) Other.** Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Tennessee, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. Volunteer agrees that in the event of any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer has executed this Release as of this day and year:

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Volunteer: _____

“Renovate Rivermont” Design Brief & Technical Specs

Address: Rivermont Elementary, 3330 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415

Phone: 423-870-0610

Principal: Nikki Bailey, bailey_nikki@hcde.org

School colors: Orange and blue

Mascot: Tiger

Logo motif: River

Background: For the past several years, Rivermont Elementary has been transitioning to a project based learning S.T.E.A.M. (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) curriculum. Teaching and learning in Rivermont are collaborative, dynamic, and different every day. The school’s goal is to become the best STEAM elementary school in the district by encouraging exploration and innovation in a safe and nurturing environment--and it is well on its way!

One of only 2 schools in the entire district with 100% effective teachers, Rivermont has earned some of the fastest improving test scores in the state. At the same time, Rivermont is enjoying a ground swell of support from the community. Along with long-standing partners such as the North River Rotary and area churches, a variety of community members have come on board to help take Rivermont Elementary to the next level. An example is the new STEAM lab: with design by COGENT Studio and construction by Strauss Construction, two classrooms are currently being converted to a STEAM lab. Another example is our new front office: Parks Construction recently converted a storage room to our front office so that we can re-orient the school’s entrance to the more welcoming Carter Drive.

Overall, amazing teaching and learning are happening in Rivermont. Our physical space needs updating and refreshing--REIMAGINING--to continue supporting what’s happening. Research shows that inviting, light-filled, and healthy space improve learning, behavior, and teacher effectiveness. That’s where we need the design community’s help--to get our physical campus up to par with the education happening inside.

History of Rivermont: Originally built in the 1950s, Rivermont Elementary has elements of midcentury design. From the front of our sign, to the brickwork on the Hixson Pike entry, our school building could be brought back to its original vision. Between the architectural heritage and the STEAM focus, we think there are significant opportunities to reimagine and highlight midcentury design elements of Rivermont.

<https://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/15709218/list/roots-of-style-midcentury-modern-design>

A significant addition was built in the early 1980s that added a focus on special and early childhood education and a library. While we still serve many children with special needs, the vast majority of our children are typically developing and we have had to repurpose those classrooms. However, many have not been updated since their original construction over 30 years ago.

Each classroom has an exterior door, giving excellent access to the outdoors. Our campus is almost 10 acres, with various learning and play areas outside, so indoor-outdoor is a big opportunity.

Scope of Work: Identify a space you'd like to "adopt", work with the teacher or staff person over the course of July to develop a work plan. Get student/user input when needed. Rally your team, network, friends to get involved. Make it happen the week of July 24-29 with your team and our volunteers. To be clear, we're looking for everything to be donated, including your time and materials.

Key Dates:

- June 22, 9am-12pm: Drop in tours of the space
- June 29, 9am-12pm: Drop in tours of the space
- June 29-July 24: Work with your teacher to understand what they need and develop concepts
- July 24-July 29: Renovate Rivermont Blitz
- August 7: Open house + Celebration (open to the public)

Technical considerations:

- Flooring: Classrooms are a mix of hard surface and carpet flooring. Carpet in the 1950s wing used asbestos glue and is being abated before Renovation Blitz. Carpet in the 1980s wing has been tested and can be pulled up without worry of asbestos. However, please double check with Principal Bailey before removing any carpet.
- Windows: We are working to get the plexiglass windows in each room replaced with glass, so that is considered outside the scope of this design project.
- Window coverings: Due to school lock-down requirements, all windows must have the ability to be covered quickly in an emergency.
- Lighting: unknown?
- Walls: Principal Bailey will have to tell you on a case-by-case basis whether the walls need sanding and priming, or can simply be painted.

Resources available:

- White & Light Beige paint
- Existing Classroom Furniture, which can be modified or repurposed

- Volunteers