Dear Rivendell Families,

I am so excited to begin my new role as Rivendell Interstate School District’s new VISIONS Director! My family lives in Vershire and, with two children at Westshire, I am no stranger to the importance of enriching and engaging afterschool care for our students. With the 2014-2015 VISIONS program soon underway, I am looking forward to spending time with our students, parents, teachers and community members to ensure VISIONS continues to offer the highest quality programming.

VISIONS is Rivendell’s extended day program and it’s available at both elementary schools and the Academy. The program provides a safe and enjoyable place for students to complete homework, receive a healthy snack, and participate in a variety of enrichment activities. Details below:

- Academy VISIONS program serves grades 7-10, Monday through Wednesday, 2:50 – 5:30.
- SME VISIONS serves grades K-2 and 3-6, Monday through Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:30, and Thursday, 1:45-5:30.
- WES VISIONS serves grades K-4, Monday through Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:30, and Thursday, 1:45-5:30.

Each afternoon VISIONS students will participate in an hour long homework café (staffed by teachers and support personnel) followed by a snack and stretch break. After snack, students participate in a one hour enrichment workshop. This year’s workshops will include many of the students’ returning favorites as well as new opportunities.

There is a late bus available that leaves the Academy at 5:25 and makes stops at SME, WES, and a final stop at Vershire Center by 6:15. Those students not taking the late bus will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian promptly when the program ends. We expect that if your child is registered that he/she will attend on scheduled days. If he/she will be absent from the program, please write a note or call the school.

VISIONS is funded solely by grants and student fees, at VISIONS we understand the need for programming to not only be enriching, but financially accessible to families as well. With that in mind, as VISIONS enters its tenth year we have decided to keep the fee for the 2014-2015 school year at $7. VISIONS will continue to offer full and partial scholarships to families in need. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss concerns you may have regarding program fees. We have never turned a student away!

To maintain a high quality program we need your support by regularly paying your child’s bill. If you owe fees from last year or the summer, please do your best to pay them as well. In an effort to keep the fees minimal, prompt payment of fees is of
course very important to the sustainability of our program and, without your support, our available days/hours and activities may need to be cut or even eliminated. If your children qualify for free/reduced lunch, they will be considered first when scholarships are given. Please let us know if you’d like to apply for financial assistance.

VISIONS will begin September 8th and workshops will begin the week of September 15th. The first week of the program will be spent working on building a sense of community amongst the VISIONS students. We will review the year to come, play games and gather student input about what they’d like to see from the program, as well as review important safety information such as fire drills and first aid. Paperwork will be going home later this week, so please check your child’s folder/bag. **Students will not be registered or able to attend the program if the necessary paperwork is not filled out and returned.** The completed registration/medical form should be sent to the office at your child’s school as soon as possible. Programs may accept no more than 25 students (12 students in the K-2 programs) and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

To ensure your child’s participation, program fees should also be included. Checks must be payable to either “RISD” or “Rivendell Interstate School District” and on the memo line write, VISIONS and the session number. Thanks for your support!

If you have additional questions, please contact me:

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**Got Talent?**
We have many opportunities in VISIONS for families and community members. If you have a hobby or talent and would like to share it with our students, please contact us. We welcome all support. Together we can help our children become knowledgeable 21st Century learners and good citizens in our community.

- Jenna