

May 2014



# Riverview School District

*The Riverview School District serves the communities of Oakmont and Verona through its mission to promote the achievement of all students.*

**Academically Competitive**

**Safe Learning Environment**

**Personalized Learning**

**Expanded Learning Opportunities**

**Small Neighborhood Community**

# Academically Competitive



# Riverview Students Participate in the 2014 Student Panel on Financial Literacy



Riverview junior, Gina Santoriello and senior, Zach Lesnick were part of a panel of 16 students from 10 selected high schools and colleges which addressed the importance of financial education to an audience of their peers, professionals, educators, and media representatives.

# Verner on the Rise!

## Verner Rankings:

Grade Level	2014 Ranking	2013 Ranking
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	104	149
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	155	199
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	156	159
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	112	116

In the April 2014 edition of the Pittsburgh Business Times ranks the schools in the local region as well as the state. This year Verner Elementary is rising in the rankings. Go Verner!

# Riverview competes in the Euro Challenge Competition



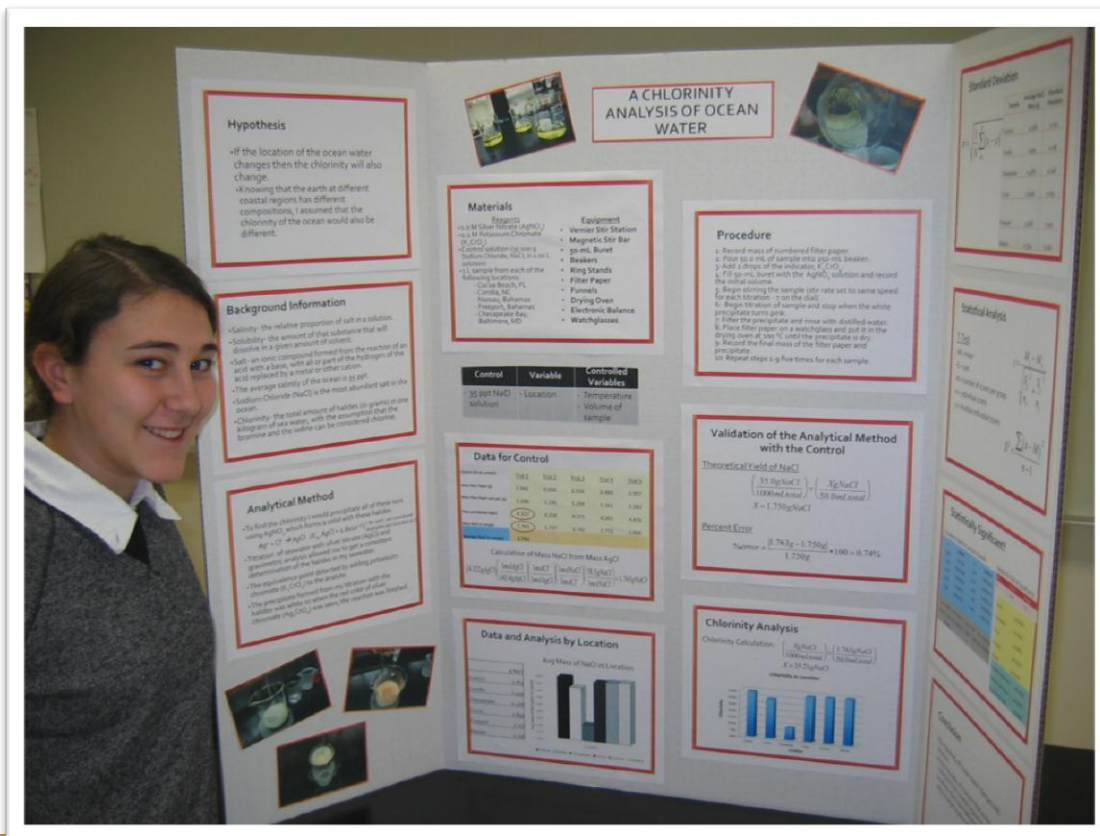
The Riverview Euro Challenge Team of Julia Burton, Lavinia Falck, Ian Kobal, Kylie Mericle and Rosie Spinola presented their proposal on Assimilating Technology into Slovak Society to a group of three judges, including a representative from the Federal Reserve of Cleveland. This is the first year a Riverview team has participated in this competition. Congratulations to the team for a third place win.

# 12 Students participate in the Model African Union Conference



12 Riverview students participated in the Third Annual University of Pittsburgh Model African Union Conference. The simulation, one of two in the entire country, enables students to research issues specifically facing the nations on the African continent. This non-competitive simulation provided a great opportunity for new students to learn the Model UN process, others to hone their skills, and all students to learn about African culture.

# Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair



Emily Walker was awarded the Third Place Chemistry Award Senior Division. She also received the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Affiliate Award and the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh Sponsor Award.

# Safe Learning Environment





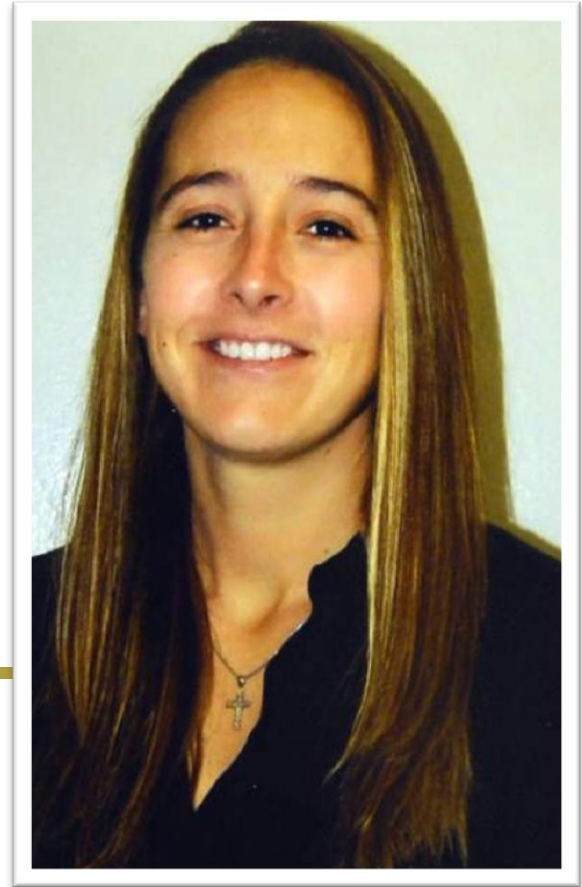
# RSD Appoints New Jr/Sr High School Principal and Assistant Principal



The Riverview School Board officially approved Ms. Tiffany Nix and Mr. Eric Hewitt as the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Riverview Junior Senior High School. Both have served as interim administrators since January and have been a part of the Riverview School community for the past few years. They will take over in their new roles on July 1, 2014.

# Alle-Kiski Sports Hall of Famer

Ms. Morda, Jr/Sr High Phys Ed teacher, is going to be inducted into the Alle-Kiski Sports Hall of Fame on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Morda is the second all-time leading scorer in the A-K Valley (2,028 points) and at St. Vincent (1,776).



# Personalized Learning



# Tenth Street First Graders learn about the Rainforest



Mrs. Cooper's first grade recreates their classroom into a rainforest. By using their imagination, artwork, and knowledge they create the animals, insects and atmosphere of a rainforest. They also put on a rainforest play.

# 2nd Grade's Annual Vocabulary Parade



Tenth Street's second graders parade around the school showing off their vocabulary words represented through costume. Their Inspiration..the book *Miss Alaineus A Vocabulary Disaster*. Afterwards they put on a show in the auditorium.

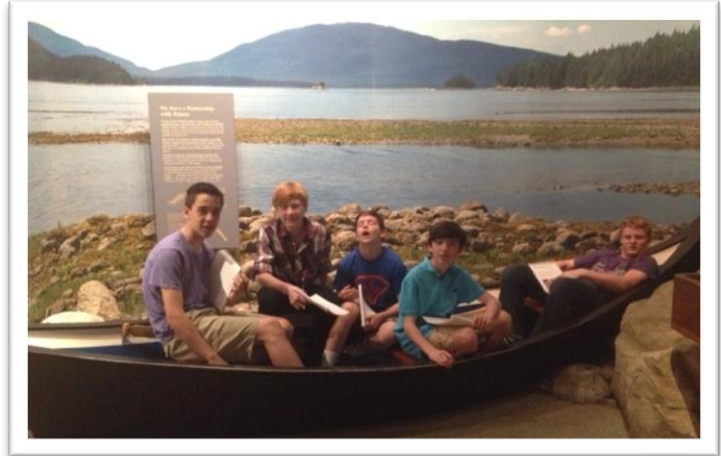


# Congressional Art Show



We had 6 participants in this years Congressional Art Show. We won two honorable mentions- Julie Taomina, in picture and Nastasya Baxter( not pictured)

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Explores the Museum



The students participated in the Carnegie Museum of Natural History new Quest program which asked them to explore the museum in order to learn new things about a variety of diverse cultures throughout history. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about history and the natural world.



# Variety of Expanded Learning Opportunities





# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Orientation and Activities Fair

Parents and students had the opportunity to become acquainted with the Principals, Guidance Counselors and Teachers going into a new school. The students were able to speak with coaches, instructors and club sponsors to learn about the additional opportunities available next year.



The following athletes qualified for the WPIAL Track and Field Championship to be held at Baldwin High School on Thursday, May 15th.

- Alexa Patsey - High Jump
- Molly Kennedy - 1600 m
- Nikki Polens - Triple Jump
- Niomi Phillips - Javelin
- Lauren Ault - Shot Put
- Leah Sero - Shot Put
- Eric Joyce - 800 m
- Billy Futules - Javelin
- Nasan Tibbens - Long Jump
- Marc Hazur - 400 m
- Danny Milberger - Pole Vault
- Evan Lesnick - Pole Vault
- Zach Lesnick - 300 m Hurdles
- Molly Kennedy / Erin Joyce / Tessa Favo / Nicole Anderson - 3200 m Relay



# AIU Student Art Show



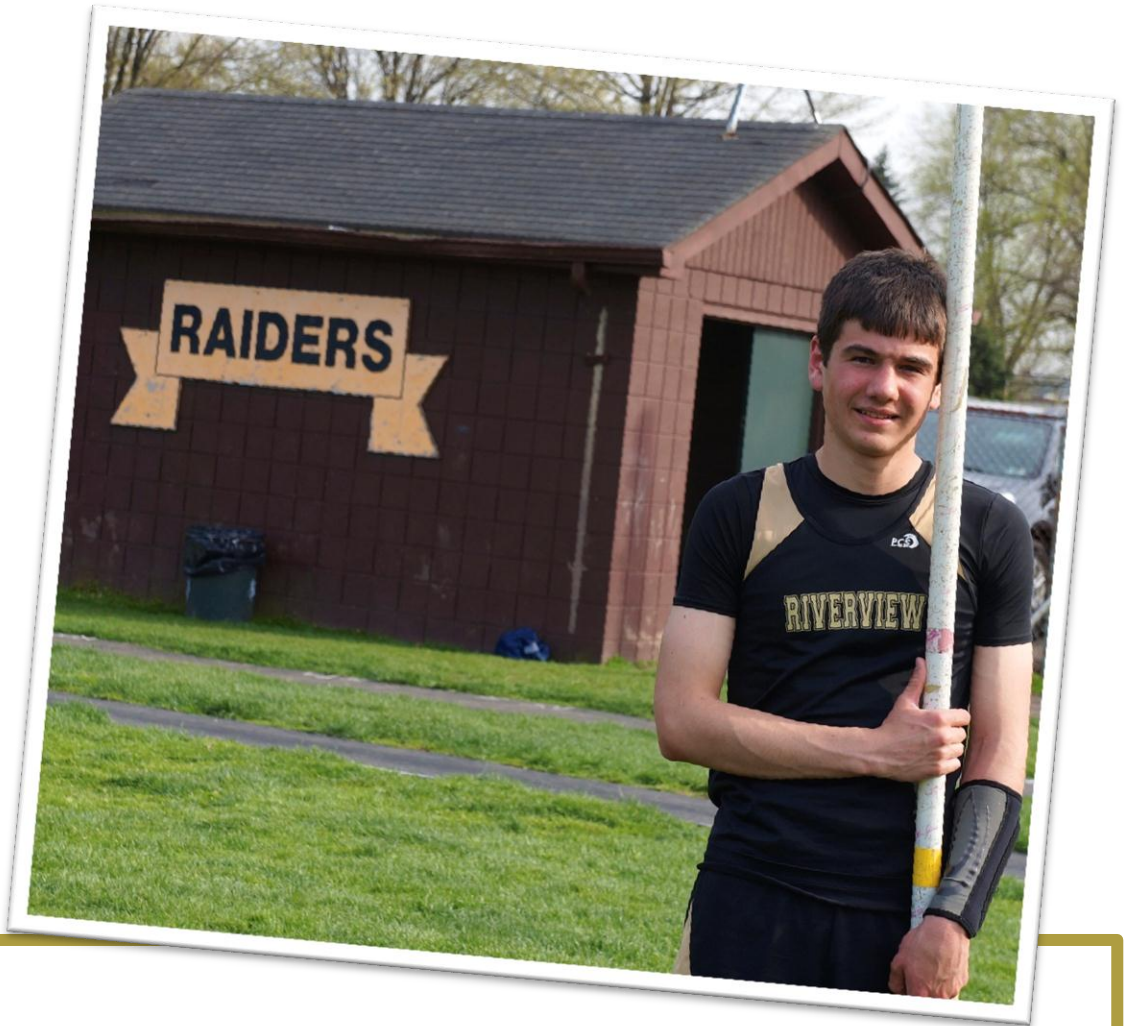
Congratulations to Brittany Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Verner, Cooper Bashforth, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tenth Street, and Will Medved, 10<sup>th</sup> grade High School. Their artwork was chosen for the AIU Student Art Show.



# Animal Friends Annual Poster Contest

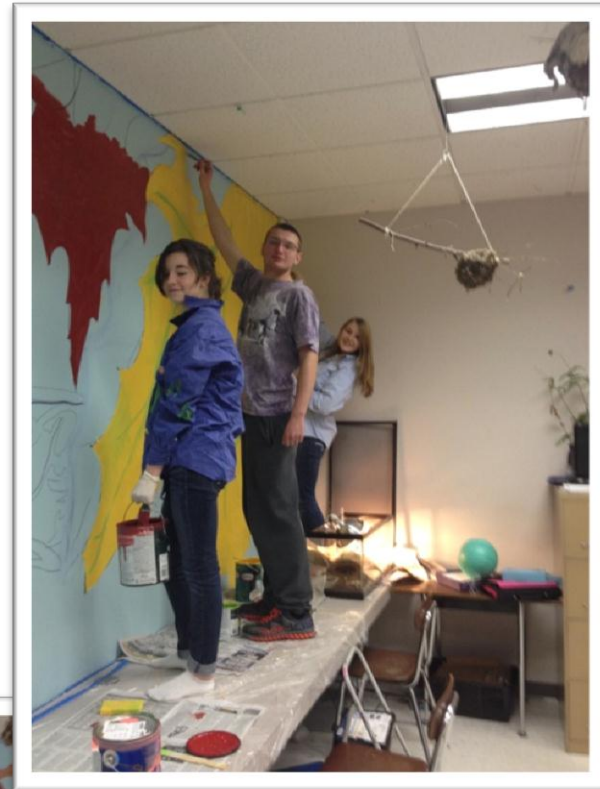
Ben Barnes won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level for Western Pennsylvania.

# Junior Ties Pole Vault Record



Congrats to Evan Lesnick for tying the school record for pole vault. Evan jumped 13'9" at the Pine Richland Invitational.

# Birth of a Mural



High School Students in the Art Club get creative by painting a mural in the classroom.

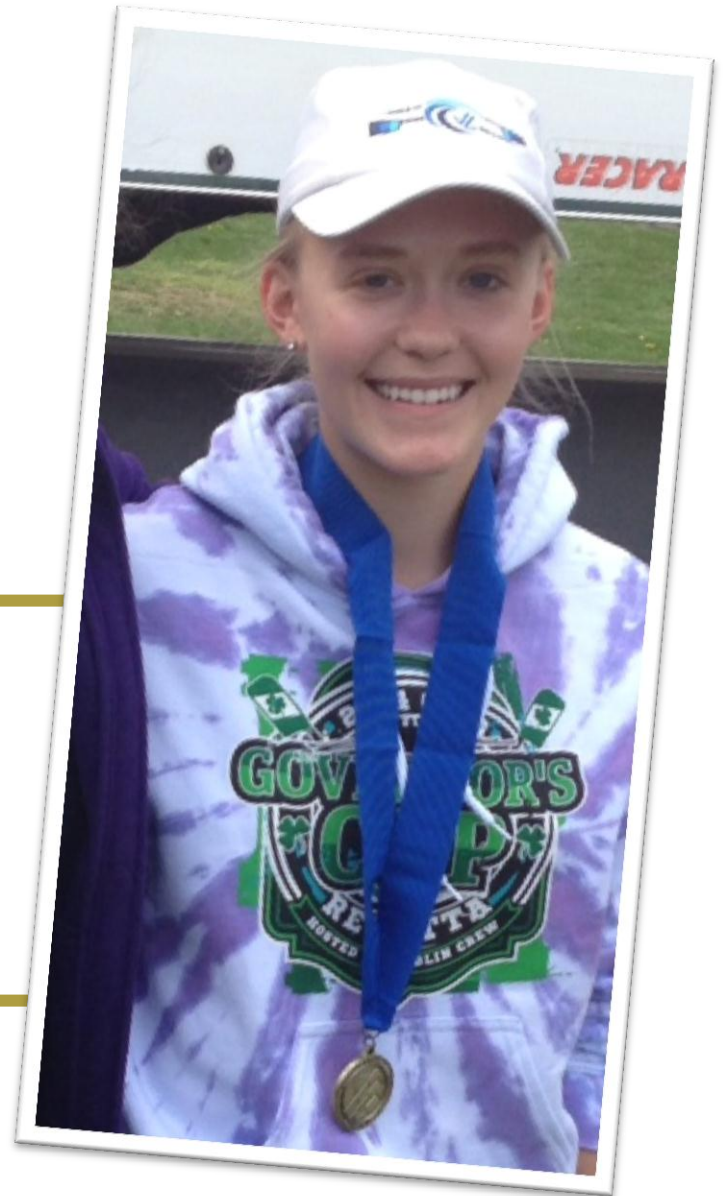


# Junior High Jump Start Days

Sixth grade students from both Elementary Schools attended the Junior High School Jump Start Days. The program is designed to help ease the transition to 7th grade by giving kids an opportunity to spend some time in a “real life” experience of the Junior High School. They attend classes, meet students and teachers, and have lunch with their peers.

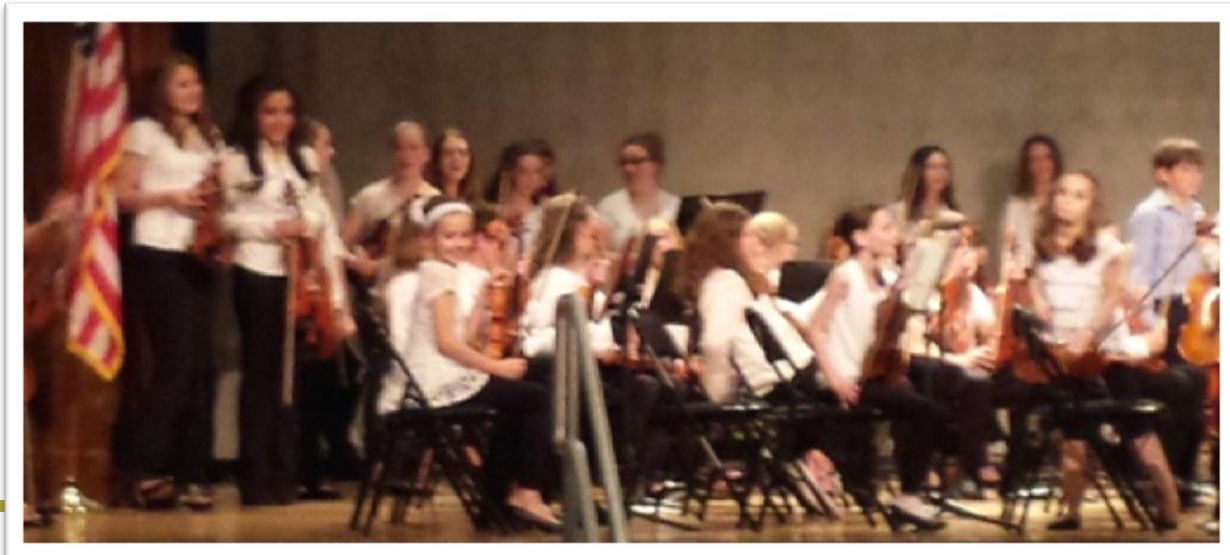
# Riverview Student wins Gold Medal

Natalie Sebastian wins a Gold Medal in a Women's Double at the Governor's Cup Crew race in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, April 26.



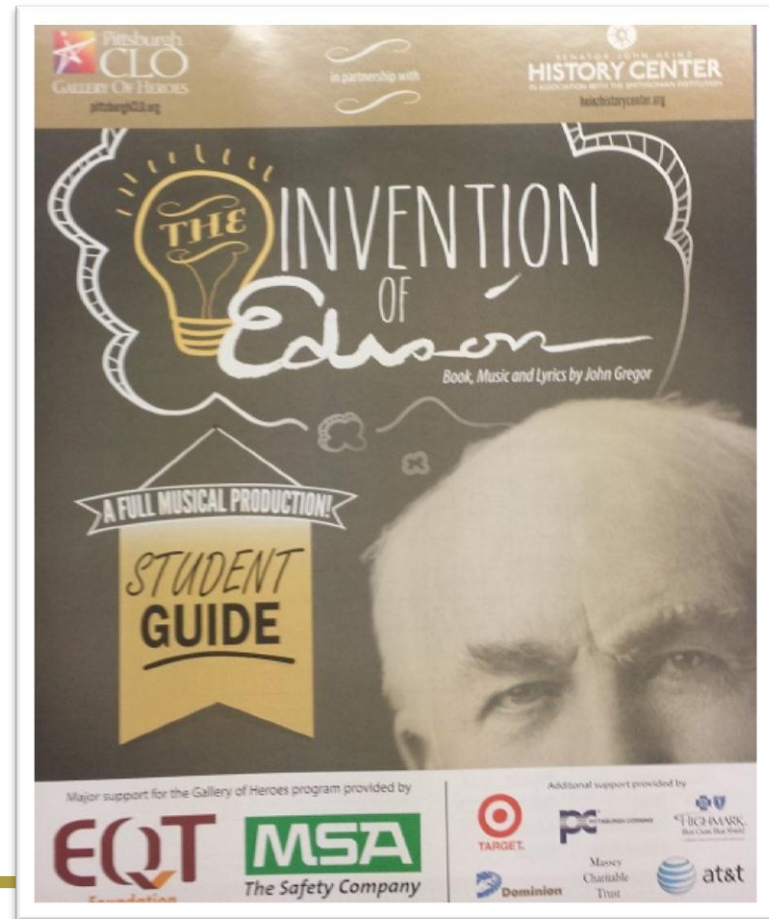


# Side By Side Orchestra Teams the Elementary with the High School



Riverview School District held their annual Side By Side Orchestra Concert. Students ranging from grades 3 through 12 performed pieces on the stage in front of a packed auditorium. The concert included a solo by Sophie Belch, three time All State Orchestra Violinist. She was accompanied by Lena Ison, gifted Piano, Saxophone, and TRYPO Violinist.

# Pittsburgh CLO's Gallery of Heroes Visits the Elementary School



Students from both elementary schools had the opportunity to learn about such great figures as George Washington, Roberto Clemente, and Harriet Tubman through dramatic sketches and musical vignettes. Gallery of Heroes offered the students an entertaining alternative to traditional lectures and books.

# The incoming Kindergarteners get some Quality Reading Time.



While their parents are in the auditorium, the incoming Kindergarteners get to team up with KPMG volunteers to do a little reading. This event was put together by The United Way of Allegheny County.



# Kindergarten Orientation



Parents get a chance to ask questions and speak with the principals during Kindergarten Orientations.

# Third Graders learn all about Pierogie Making from a Pro

Tenth street third grade students get a hands-on course in Pierogie making. They each get to take home their pierogies to cook and eat.



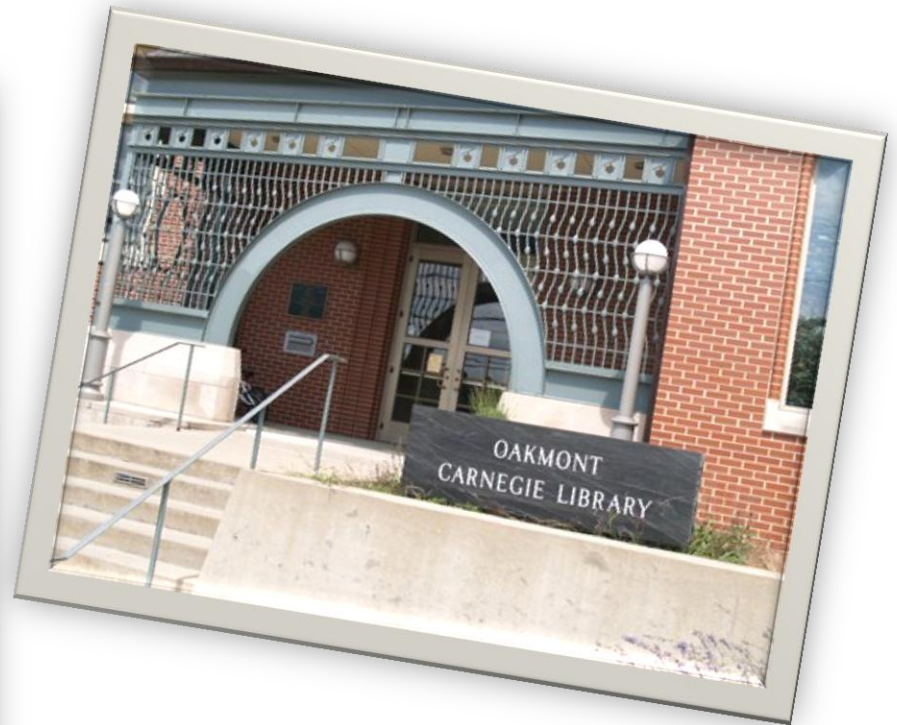
# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade creates the annual Cool Cat Cafe



5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Tenth Street Elementary get together for a fun afternoon of poetry reading. Refreshments included.



# Small "Sidewalk" Neighborhood Community



# Riverview High School Art Show



The Riverview Jr./Sr. High School art exhibit is a viewing of the student's two dimensional artwork at the Oakmont Carnegie Library. The show runs two weeks in the lower level. The selection includes works in pencil, color pencil, charcoal pencil, watercolor, tempera and acrylic paint. The student work exhibited includes grades 8 through 12. The show is free and open to the public.