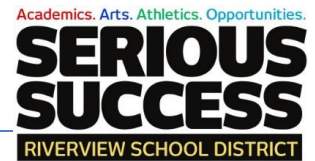


# Superintendent's Family Bulletin

## "SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS"

September 28, 2017



**TO: ALL RSD PARENTS**  
**FROM: PEGGY DININNO**  
**SUBJ: Updates**

### **Superintendent's Bulletin**

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide families with updates and other important information.

### **A New School Year**

Thank you for a great start to a new school year! I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all of our families who worked in any way to assist our students with their transition to a new school year of learning. Your effort truly makes a difference!

### **2017-2018 Goals**

Each year, our staff focuses on important goals to assist our students with learning. This year, our employees will be focusing on the following priority goals:

1. Supporting and improving academic achievement in grades 5-8, utilizing a team oriented problem solving approach.
2. Supporting and improving the social and academic transition needs of students as they move from elementary to secondary school utilizing a team oriented approach.

3. Implementing a District Wellness Plan utilizing shared responsibilities.

### **PA Common Core**

The Dept. of Education has established specific standards and expectations of learning for students at each grade level. Parents can access the PA Dept. of Education's web page to review a list of these standards. Our staff continues to work on aligning our curriculum to the PA Common Core across grade levels. Your child's teacher can assist you with learning about your child's particular grade level standards.

### **Student Friendly Learning Objectives**

Our teachers write and refer to student friendly learning goals at the beginning and end of every lesson. Research supports this practice. Take some time to ask your children about these learning goals. Goals are also aligned with relevant PA Common Core anchors and student needs.

### **ART SPARKS – Please join us!**

We cordially invite you and your families to attend our Art Sparks Community Involvement Night. Students, parents, and members of the Oakmont and Verona communities are

welcome to help with the creation of our Mosaic tile artwork for the Oakmont/Plum PA Turnpike Service Plaza as part of the Art Sparks Art in Education Projects. Riverview will be the first Western PA School District to participate in planned artworks and installations that will take place in the service plazas across the state. The official unveiling of the project is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Unplanned or Weather Delays and Closings**

When it becomes necessary to close school due to inclement weather, TV stations are notified, our web page is updated, and a phone message system is activated. The safety of our students and staff is important to us. Parents always have the option of keeping their children at home in the event of unsafe conditions. Staff should consider conditions before starting out in the morning.

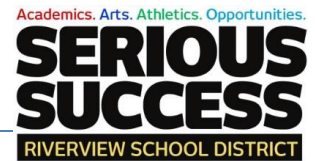
### **Superintendent/Parent Workshops**

Parents are invited and encouraged to join Dr. DiNinno to learn more about District activities and programs through informal discussions. If you have a topic that you would like me (Dr. DiNinno) to discuss, kindly email me and I will

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gladly consider it as part of our agenda/discussions. Thank you to those of you who attended our September workshop. Additional workshops are scheduled on Nov. 6th, March 7th, and April 23rd.

### **DISTRICT WEB PAGE**

Our School District website serves as a valuable tool for sharing and communicating important information to staff and families. Please visit the site regularly and review the information. [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **Mark your calendars and plan to attend:**

- Soccer/Football Under the Lights – Sept. 28 & 29
- Guidance Dept. Parent College Application Night – Oct. 12
- Homecoming Weekend – Oct. 14

### **New Student Information System**

Our new student information system continues to be implemented with additional upgrades and revisions each week. The parent portal is up and running for all secondary student parents. Elementary parents should have access within the next few weeks. The District webpage contains valuable

information to assist parents with this process. Questions or concerns regarding the portal can be answered by emailing [hachelp@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:hachelp@rsd.k12.pa.us) Please be sure that all student emergency and contact information is current so that we are able to contact you if needed. Thank you for your patience and assistance.

### **As our educational team works to support our students for the upcoming school year, several steps are being taken to reach these goals including:**

- Conducting a formal Root Cause Analysis of student academic needs
- Developing a comprehensive vertical alignment of our curriculum across grade levels to align with the PA Common Core
- Create a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade JHSH Customized Period
- Additional Reading Specialist
- Teacher attendance at Columbia University Workshop
- Use of data analysis tools and sessions
- Student learning objects aligned to student needs

- Text Dependent Analysis Training
- K-12 Writing Framework refinement
- STEAM Integration at Elementary Schools
- RCEP enhancements
- Yearlong PD Plan
- Pen Pal Program
- Teacher Switch Days
- Teacher School Visits
- Pep Assemblies at all buildings
- Review of our Transitional Programs
- Wellness Committee meetings
- Wellness Initiatives
- Health Symposium
- Investigate being an Allegheny Well District
- Implementing Elementary Wellness Initiatives
- Monitoring our new Wellness Policy

### **Parent Involvement**

When parents are involved in their child's education, children feel important and are more likely to learn in school. Thank you for your continued support! We encourage all parents to contact their child's teacher with any question or concern and to seek ways to support the learning process.