

Superintendent's Bulletin

"SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS"

December 11, 2015

TO: ALL RSD Families
FROM: PEGGY DININNO
SUBJ: Notice to Parents

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide families with updates regarding our vision, district goals, curriculum, and strategic planning. As always, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal for additional assistance.

Monitoring Student Learning

December is a great month for teachers to assess student progress and compare it to benchmark data taken at the beginning of the year. Recognizing skills students have mastered and where additional remediation is needed assists with creating a plan to assist students with learning and meeting academic goals during the second half of the school year. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's needs.

Unplanned or Weather Delays and Closings

When it becomes necessary to close school due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the following television stations and sources will be contacted:

KDKA, WPXI, WTAE
Web: www.rsd.k12.pa.us
and a School District messenger phone call.

The delay of school is primarily intended to accommodate students walking to school and other transportation needs. Staff members are asked to report at the regular time, but are urged to use caution in driving over snow and ice covered roads. The safety of our students and staff is important to us. I ask that you consider this upon sending your children to school in the morning, entering your automobile, or heading out on a snowy winter morning. I prefer that you take your time and arrive safely. Parents always have the option of keeping their children at home in the event of unsafe conditions.

Any early dismissal decisions relate mostly to our youngest students. We prefer not to risk sending primary students home to a potentially empty house. As a result, early dismissals are typically avoided. However, parents always have the option to pick their child up at school.

Decision Making Gauge

To assist our team with implementing our new Strategic Plan, we ask our

staff to make decisions using the following question/s- How will the results of the decision I make impact:

1. Academics/Learning
2. A Safe Learning Environment
3. Customized Learning Practices
4. Opportunities for our Kids
5. Marketing our District

LEARNING GOALS

Our teachers write a student friendly learning goal and refer to that goal at the beginning and end of every lesson. Research supports this practice. It is wonderful to walk into a classroom where children can tell you exactly what they are learning and what they hope to accomplish by the end of the period. Take some time to ask your child about the classroom learning goals their teacher shares with him or her each day.

RCEPs

Riverview Customized Education Plans are meant to assist our educational team with providing an individualized and sincere plan for addressing student needs. Kindly contact your child's teacher or principal for more information about a personalized plan for your child.

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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

SCHOOL VISITORS

Visitors to our schools are reminded that they will be required to buzz in at the office, sign in at the office, and to wear an RSD I.D. badge at all times. Employees may ask visitors to show their Visitor Pass after signing in at the main office in each building. If a visitor is in the building and does not have a pass, or an employee does not recognize an individual or feels the visitor should not be in the building, the office and/or police may be contacted.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We continue to encourage you to share the great things our students and staff do by providing building principals and/or Elissa Miller with summaries of any important events or accomplishments. This information helps us to share good news that is happening at RSD with the community and local media. Thank you in advance for your support of this important task.

New Clearances Regulations

Please check the District's web page for details. All volunteers must maintain updated clearances. Clearances must be on file in the school office where the volunteer work is being performed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emergency Planning

Please take some time to review the School Emergency Guide provided to parents at the beginning of the year, and that is also located on our web page. The brochure provides important information to assist parents with aiding children in the unfortunate event of an emergency.

District Holiday Card Winner!

Congratulations to this year's Holiday Card winning artist, Siera Presutti (Gr. 11). Her artwork will be used on the school district's card this year to wish our friends and local businesses a blessed holiday season.

Education Foundation

Members of the Education Foundation meet during the evening on the first Tuesday of every month. The group's mission is "Helping innovation happen!" This committed group is in the process of planning for many fundraising events to assist

with supporting and ensuring that Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) are addressed in the smartest, most up-to-date and creative ways possible. Please take some time to thank this very enthusiastic group of parents and citizens for supporting learning needs.

Welcome New RSD School Board Directors

We would like to welcome new school board directors Alex DiClaudio, Jon Nehlsen, and Kelly Jane Walker. They will join newly appointed President Dr. Maureen McClure, Vice President David DiPietro and current directors Lisa Ashbaugh, John Hackworth, Arlene Loeffler, and Dori Tompa. We would also like to thank Heidi Dolan, Ernie Tillman and Lois Vitti for their service to the District.

Best Wishes to all of our Riverview Families for a wonderful Holiday Season and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

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