

Superintendent's Bulletin

"SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS"

December 8, 2017

TO: ALL RSD Staff
FROM: PEGGY DININNO
SUBJ: Update to Staff

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide staff with updates regarding our vision, district goals, curriculum, and strategic planning.

Sincere Appreciation....

Over the past few months we have worked hard to engage our staff in finding meaningful and creative ways to meet the needs of our students. Through professional development and collaborative efforts, many of you have participated in activities that have provided us with valuable information and feedback that we are certain will have a positive impact on student learning. A special thank you to all of you who have participated in the following, and any other activities supporting this goal:

- Curriculum Alignment & Rubicon
- Blended Learning Meetings
- Root Cause Analysis Efforts
- Middle School Programming
- STEAM Integration
- Standardizing programming

- between the Elem. Schools
- Pen Pal program
- Teacher Switch Days
- Math lesson observations
- Writing Framework
- RCEP development
- Wellness Committees
- "17,000 Classroom Visits" Book Club
- Pre-School Outreach
- 5-8 Teacher Collaboration days
- Math/Science partnerships
- Reading Specialist Meetings
- Across Grade & Department Collaboration
- Pedagogy training
- Any other teacher driven efforts you have created to support our students.

Your efforts are making a difference!

Monitoring Student Learning

December is a great month for teachers to assess student progress and compare it to benchmark data you collected at the beginning of the school 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.

LEARNING GOALS

Teachers are reminded to 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. Goals should focus on concepts associated with the PA Common Core at your grade level or in your subject area.

RCEPs

Riverview Customized Education Plans are meant to assist our educational team with providing an individualized and sincere plan for addressing student needs. Teachers are encouraged to make use of personalized plans to meet the needs of our students.

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

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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 entering your automobile, or heading out on a snowy winter morning. I prefer that you take your time and arrive safely.

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

Sharing Good News!

We 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.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Visitors to our schools are required to buzz in at the office, sign in at the office, provide proper ID, and to wear an RSD badge at all times. If a visitor is in the building without proper ID, please contact the office and/or police immediately.

Emergency Planning

This is a good time of year to review emergency plans in your building. It is important to revisit the plan and familiarize yourself with it from time to time.

District Holiday Card Winner!

Congratulations to this year's Holiday Card winning artist, Riley Salany (Gr. 4). Riley's artwork will be used on the school district's card this year to wish our friends and local businesses a blessed holiday season.

Educational Foundation

The Riverview Educational Foundation is holding a Basket of Apples raffle, filled with the latest Apple® products. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 20, 2017. Proceeds benefit STEAM initiatives in the Riverview School District.

To purchase a ticket, send money to REF, PO Box 186, Oakmont, PA 15139. Include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the number of tickets requested. Checks made payable to Riverview Educational Foundation.

RSD School Board Directors

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Freda Aughenbaugh to the Riverview Board of School Directors. Mrs. Lisa Ashbaugh, Dr. Arlene Loeffler, and Mrs. Jeanine Hurt-Robinson were also reappointed to new terms. Mr. Jon Nehlsen and Mr. Alex DiClaudio will continue to serve in their current roles. Dr. Maureen McClure will continue to serve as Board President, and Mr. David DiPietro will continue to serve as Board Vice President. A new board member is scheduled to be appointed to fill the current open board seat during the December 18th meeting.

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

***Peggy DiNinno
Superintendent***

