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Riverview School District is Proud of its **Tenth Street Elementary School** 3rd Grade Number 1 Ranking

#1 Ranking! Tenth Street Elementary School

Congratulations to our Tenth Street Elementary School family for being Ranked #1 for 3rd grade PSSA scores (Pittsburgh Business times) out of over 300 elementary schools in the region! We are proud of our students and our Riverview team including parents, staff and the community. Your efforts and commitment to learning is truly making a difference.

For more information see links below:
<http://filecabinet.eschoolview.com/24302D08-224F-413A-891D-CBF8F03F-1C0A/third%20grade%20ranking.pdf>
<http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2015/04/15/riverviews-tenth-street-elementary-jumps-to-top-of.html>
<http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/feature/school-guide/2015/>

Verner Elementary Named "Opportunity School"

Student achievement data analyzed over the past two years resulted in Verner Elementary School being the ONLY public school in Allegheny County being awarded the title of "Opportunity School". PennCan designated Verner as an Opportunity School and boasts that the school community uses strategies and resources that close the achievement gap for ALL students. The report celebrates the teachers and school leaders who create "Opportunity Schools" and encourages others to learn from these schools by examining the foundational characteristics and practices they use to support student needs and achievement. These strategies and practices are embedded in the District Strategic Plan and we will continue to implement them.



Riverview High School Ranked #8 Locally and #30 in Pennsylvania

The Riverview School District proudly congratulates the Riverview Junior Senior High School for earning top rankings by U.S. News and World Report for its ability to prepare students for college. The report analyzes current student achievement data, socioeconomic ability and minority student achievement data, and college readiness data to rank high schools across the nation. See the attached article for more details pertaining to local, state, and national rankings. Congratulations! Now that is SERIOUS SUCCESS!

For more information, see link below:
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/pennsylvania/rankings?int=9acb08>



KEY CLUB YUDA BAND SERVICE PROJECT

Riverview High School Key Club completed a YUDA Band service project that helped to change the lives of youths in Guatemala. YUDA bands are all hand-made in Guatemala by students and each band has its own unique characteristics.

For every 175 bands sold, a student in Guatemala, who normally wouldn't have the opportunity to receive an education, is funded to receive an education complete with tuition, uniforms and books for a year. The efforts of Riverview High School Key Club, by selling YUDA bands, allowed three students to receive this opportunity. Keep up the great work Key Club!



Congratulations to the Class of 2015



NEW! Jr/Sr High School Steam Workshop

With the completion of the new Jr/Sr High Library, the district will have its first STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) workshop. Our students will have access to tools and materials such as iPads, a 3-D printer, K'Nex construction kits, Hummingbird robot kits, and Makey Makey invention kits, as well as the newly relocated TV studio. The high-tech workshop will enable teachers to challenge kids to find solutions to real issues working together as a team and allow students to explore STEAM topics that interest them and encourage them to create unique and highly individualized projects. Junior high students will meet two to four days a week to learn the basics and start to explore their interests in programming, engineering, and audio/video production in the new STEAM class. Upperclassman will hone their skills here and in our computer science, tech ed, art, music, and telecommunications electives.

PAECT Student Technology Showcase

In May, Mrs. Rachelle Poth, Foreign Language teacher assisted her Spanish I-IV students in Harrisburg as they participated in The Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology (PAECT) Student Showcase. The PAECT held their 24th Annual Student Technology Showcase at the East Rotunda of the Capitol Building. The purpose of the showcase is to provide legislators, the public and students with an opportunity to see firsthand how teachers are integrating technology into K-12 classrooms and how students are learning vital technology skills.

Following their recent participation in the PETE&C Technology Conference in Hershey, Mrs. Poth and her students were invited to attend this event. Students had the opportunity to show their creativity, technology skills and how their learning potential has increased through the use of technology in their Spanish classes. Two teams presented on the use of technology for creating informational brochures, infographics, gaming, learning tools and various ways for enhancing class discussion through wikis, blogging, website creation and building their digital presence through the creation of digital portfolios.

The students had the opportunity to be "on air" and describe their projects. Students participating in the showcase benefited by learning more about what other schools are doing, will interact with the legislators and have an opportunity to be interviewed and share with the community at large, what our students are capable of today in the classroom and the importance of resources for learning these skills. Following the showcase, the students toured the Capitol Building and Mrs. Poth also contacted Representative Frank Dermody, and the group met with him following the tour.

Students participating in the PAECT showcase event include:
 Team 1: Sean Abraham, Sybille Revel, Cassidy DeBacco, Michael McDonough, Ben Johnson, Ricky Smith
 Team 2: August Miguez, Grace Ison, Lena Ison, Celaine Hornsby, Alexa Orbin, Ellie Sebastian

21st Century Skills Thriving at Riverview

Riverview junior high students are taking 21st century life skills to the next level! These students have been learning what it takes to make the right decisions to lead them to a successful future. The framework was created by Dr. Gilbert J. Botvin, an internationally known expert on drug abuse prevention and youth development. The Botvin LifeSkills Training program is research based, comprehensive, effective, and proven to work. The Life Skills program provides training on such topics as coping with anger and anxiety, social skills, resisting peer pressure, causes and effects of drug and alcohol use and abuse, making decisions, media influences, assertiveness, resolving conflicts, and communication skills. Students have had the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the topics, role play, and complete action plans for improvement and future success. In addition, students have further enhanced their studies by acquiring organization and note taking skills, learning how to set goals, and realizing the importance of using a daily planner to achieve time management proficiencies.

Annual North Allegheny K'Nex Challenge

Five Riverview students competed in the annual KNex Challenge at North Allegheny. The team of Joey Flanick, Chris Collins, Forrest Steele, Celaine Hornsby, and Summer Giron completed engineering problems using KNex pieces in tasks that included building a catapult, supporting a Frisbee, and a structure that kept a ball rolling for the longest possible amount of time.



PRSEF Science Fair Award Winner

Senior Emily Walker participated in the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by the Carnegie Science Center and the Chevron Center for Stem Education and Career Development. Emily presented her project titled, "The Bioluminescence of Dinoflagellates." Emily received the Award for Geoscience Excellence that was sponsored by the Association for Women Geoscientists. Congratulations Emily!



VERNER WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

Mary Ann Plance began serving in her new role as Verner Principal/District Special Ed Coordinator on Tuesday, May 26th. Mrs. Plance holds Pennsylvania Department of Education certificates as a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction and as a Principal in grades Kindergarten through Twelve from the University of Pittsburgh where she completed several experiences in both elementary and secondary educational settings. She is also certified as a teacher of Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education (K-12) and has extensive experiences in Special Education as a result of serving as an Inclusion Specialist and Special Education teacher both at the elementary and secondary levels. Mrs. Plance also brings extensive experience to the District as a result of her support and supervision of paraprofessionals and teachers through observation, evaluation, and consultation. Verner and the Riverview School District look forward to a great new year with Mrs. Mary Ann Plance joining our administrative team.

Pole Vaulter Evan Lesnick Third in States

Evan Lesnick placed third at the PIAA Track and Field meet, in pole vault, with a jump of 14' at Shippensburg University. This meet concluded a spectacular track and field career at Riverview for Evan. Next year he will continue his track and field career at Westminster University.

Congratulations Hannah & Evan Riverview Tri-Athletes

Hannah was a four-sport letterman, and finished her career as the all-time softball batting average record holder (.560). Evan was a three-sport letterman, who won the WPIAL Pole Vault Championship and was the PIAA Pole Vault medalist. Congrats to two great RHS Seniors.



Verner Carnival

Verner held their annual end of the year carnival in May and it was a big hit in spite of the rainy weather. The students enjoyed seeing some of their teachers and parents run the games and activities. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this another great Verner activity! A fun time was had by all!

Tenth Street Talent Show

In May, Tenth Street Elementary had their first talent show. Students danced, sang and performed for their peers, parents, teachers and community to enjoy. Thank you to all who participated on stage and behind the scenes. You did a wonderful job. We hope this becomes an annual event!

Senior Honors Awards Ceremony

This year, the Senior Athletic and Honors Awards Ceremony was held in June at the Tenth Street Auditorium. Seniors were honored for their accomplishments in academia as well as athletics. The evening began with The Grace Notes, JSJS elite chorus, singing the Alma Mater and The Star Spangled Banner. We were honored to have award distinctions from The Challenge Program and the US Military. There were also over 20 community representatives awarding 48 scholarships totaling over 35,000 to the graduating class of 2015. Hours d'oeuvres were served and the evening was a great success. We would like to acknowledge and send a special thank you to the Lions Club for their continued support of Riverview School District and this event.



2016 National Merit Scholarship

Riverview is proud to announce that Juniors August Miguez and Daniel Fawcett have met the requirements to enter the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. These outstanding juniors were selected as two of the more than 50,000 high scorers nationwide from a pool of 1.5 million program entrants. Both of these students are high performers and have shown outstanding academic potential. We wish them continued success.

NEW! JUNIOR HIGH PORTION OF THE WEBSITE

The junior high students designed part of the district website to showcase what they learned and experienced this year as a junior high student. Their portion of the website was created by four different groups of junior high students.

First, Mrs. Kvorcic and her students brainstormed ideas and events that would become the building blocks of the website articles. Next, the ideas and events were sent off to Mrs. Rocchini and her students, the writing group. They took the events/ideas and decided what to write about. After, the writing group finished the articles, they sent them to Ms. DeLuca, and her students. They would type and format the articles on the website. Lastly, Mrs. Evan-heck and her students took the articles and added pictures that appropriately fit.

It was a fantastic learning opportunity for everyone! We are hopeful our junior high students will achieve serious success in their personal and professional lives, and we are proud of their accomplishments this year. Happy Reading! <http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/JuniorHigh1.aspx>.



State History Day Finals

In May, Riverview students competed at the State History Day Finals at Millersville University. Seven students presented their projects to teams of judges and competed against students from all corners of the Commonwealth. These students are the first Riverview students to compete at the state finals since 2013.

The Entries are as follows:
 Sarah Ormay and Mairiad Hill - Group Performance: "Is there Anything More Important than a Child?"
 Andrew Garda, Adam Walker, Jordan Zatawski - Group Website: Leonardo Da Vinci: Leader in Innovation; Legacy in Art

Carys Kenny-Howell and Eva Curlee - Group Documentary: The Leaders of Womens Education Rights Throughout the World and the Legacies they have Left Behind.

Dates to Remember
 Kennywood Picnic- July 8th
 First Student Day of 2015/16 School Year - August 24th

For more details, please visit our website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us