

Riverview School District **ENEWS**

SERIOUS Commitment to the SUCCESS of Every Student



RIVERVIEW HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES!

The communities of Oakmont and Verona, as well as staff and students from Verner and Tenth Street Elementary Schools, along with Riverview Junior-Senior High School, celebrated an amazing week of school spirit and community pride for this year's homecoming celebration! This was definitely Riverview's most successful homecoming event in recent years.

Riverview High School's Student Council planned and organized the events, which included a Spirit Week that encompassed all three schools and both communities. The club's sponsor, Michelle Walsh, said, "This year's homecoming events were the most well attended and best examples of school spirit that I have seen during my tenure as the Student Council Sponsor. Both students and community members have told me what an amazing homecoming event the Student Council officers and members organized this year."

The district, under the guidance of Patsy Kvortek and Michelle Walsh, planned a combined elementary school pep assembly unifying the communities of Oakmont and Verona. The assembly was emceed by junior high school teacher Ryan O'Malley and included high school cheerleaders, band members, fall sport captains, and the homecoming court and escorts. The student leaders emphasized the importance of school pride and student involvement in our neighbor schools. Each elementary student received a complimentary Raider Pride shirt at the end of the assembly. Students were invited to attend the boys' and girls' soccer games on Thursday night and the high school varsity football game on Friday night "Under the Lights" at the Riverside Park. Elementary students who wore their Raider Pride shirt were given free admission to all of the homecoming games. There was a sea of Riverview Black and Gold!

Kudos to the Verona and Oakmont Police and Fire Departments for their support and help with the homecoming parade that took place Friday evening. The Riverview Community, with the support of the Boroughs of Verona and Oakmont, and the Riverview School Board rallied together by lining the streets of Verona and Oakmont as the homecoming court, band, cheerleaders, and various community groups marched down the main streets. After the crowning of this year's queen, Kerrigan Sebastian, the Riverview Football Team ended the game with a mighty Raider win!

This year's homecoming festivities ended on a high note with a trip back in time to a "Fabulous Fifties" themed Homecoming dance on Saturday night at the high school.

Raider Band Members Show Their Appreciation to Pittsburgh-Area Veterans

On Tuesday, September 6, members of the Riverview Raider Band showed their appreciation to Pittsburgh-area veterans at the annual Sharing & Caring boat outing. Each September, Sharing & Caring Inc. takes hospitalized veterans for a day-long outing on a Gateway Clipper boat. A contingent of the Riverview Raider Band played songs from the halftime show and a medley of patriotic tunes as the veterans boarded the Empress. To finish the performance, the band played the Star-Spangled Banner for the assembled veterans, volunteers, and officials. The Raider Band students were grateful that they could use their musical talents to thank veterans who have given so much for the United States of America.



Congratulations!
Frank Principe
for being awarded 2nd place in the Drawing category, Age 13-17 division of the Art; The Universal Language art contest. The Universal Language art contest was a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, The Arc of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association, PA Statewide Independent Living Council, and the PA Council on the Arts.



Verner 3rd Graders Visit Kerr Museum



On Friday, October 7, 2016, Verner third graders got to experience life in the 1900s! The Kerr Museum, in Oakmont, hosted our students and gave them a tour of the Kerr house which was commissioned by Dr. Thomas R. Kerr in 1897. Verner students used skills from class, comparing/contrasting life when Virginia Kerr was a little girl in the early 20th century, to modern-day life. Some of our favorite rooms in the house were the kitchen, with the wood-burning stove and talking tube, the sitting room with the steamboat replica, and the coal room in the basement with the last delivery of coal still there! This was definitely a fun, memorable learning experience for our students!

Tenth St. Welcomes Skateboard Science Assembly

Tenth Street Students learned how science is being used in skateboarding. Professional skateboarders used Science to show off their best stuff and explain the magic and science behind the art of skateboarding. They taught the students about distribution of Force (safety/how helmets and padding work), Center of Gravity (balance), Momentum/Inertia (board and skater motion) and Center of Mass (spins/ollies). The students enjoyed watching all of the skateboarding routines.



Informal Discussions Superintendent/Parent Workshop

November 7th from 6:00-7:00pm at Tenth Street Conference Room
Parents are invited and encouraged to join Superintendent, Dr. DiNinno, to learn more about District activities and programs through informal discussions. Reservations can be made by emailing Linda Tamburro at LTamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us



RIVERVIEW JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL Wins Ford Driving Skills For Life Grant

Congratulations to Riverview School District who was named this year's winner of a Westfield Insurance Grant. The District won a 2015/16 grant for "Taking the Lead: Ford Driving Skills for Life." Taking the Lead helps to promote the importance of teen driver safety and supports programs that educate and inform teens, their parents and their teachers.

In September, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Mr. Eric Hewitt attended the live airing of the Pittsburgh Today show on KDKA-TV. During the show, the Riverview School District was presented with a check by Westfield Insurance. The District plans to use the monies to offset the costs of a gate in the high school parking lot that will assist with keeping traffic from cutting through during school hours in an effort to enhance safety.

A representative from Westfield stated "Thank you for taking the time to submit such a detailed proposal of how the grant money would be used for your parking lot gate. This is a perfect use of the prize money and we know that Riverview will be better off within the parking lot because of this use." Now this is **SERIOUS SUCCESS!**

Mr. Nathan Hart, PA Dance Teacher of the Year

The PA State Association for Health, Physical Education, and Dance has recognized Riverview Teacher, Mr. Nathan Hart, PA's 2016, K-12 Dance Teacher of the Year. Mr. Hart will be recognized at an awards banquet on Friday, December 2nd at Seven Springs Resort. Congratulations to Mr. Nathan Hart!

MRS. PATSY KVORTEK RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

The CFA Society Pittsburgh has recognized Riverview Junior Senior High School teacher, Mrs. Patsy Kvortek, for excellence in financial literacy education. Patsy received this recognition, along with a Certificate of Recognition and a monetary prize of \$250 in recognition of her outstanding effort in the field of financial literacy education. 2016 is the inaugural year of this recognition and Mrs. Kvortek was further commended on being among the society's first award recipients. Congratulations to Mrs. Patsy Kvortek!!!

Riverview Student Athletes

The Riverview Student Athletes have posted a successful fall sports season in 2016. Four teams qualified for playoffs with one team still on the bubble. The Boys' Soccer team posted a winning record in the toughest 1A section and missed the playoffs by one game. Sean Abraham and Andrew Garda both earned All-Section honors. The Girls' Soccer team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs losing in their first game to Vincennes Academy. Senior Erin Joyce earned the WPIAL's Finest 15 award. It is her 3rd consecutive year earning All-Section Honors. Erin is also a part of a strong cross country team that has qualified for the WPIAL playoffs, earning a 10th place medal at the WPIAL championships along with Isabella Komaniak, who placed 12th in the entire WPIAL. The Riverview Girls' Volleyball team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs but unfortunately lost in the first round to a strong OLSH team. The Girls' Volleyball team will be returning four starters for next season and look poised to compete for a section title. And finally, the Football team is still in contention for post-season play. Their playoff hopes will depend on two other games being played in the last week of the season. This would be the first playoff birth for the football team in nine years. Congratulations to all of our fall student athletes for their hard work, dedication, and successful seasons!

Fifth Grade - Annual Field Trip to Lutheryn

Fifth graders from both elementary schools had the opportunity to leave the classroom and spend some time at Lutheryn...Students spent a few days focusing on exploring nature and team building.



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

Dates to Remember

Tenth Street "Got Talent" Show - November 18, 6:30pm
VPTO Float Decorating Party - November 11 & 18, 6:30pm
Oakmont/Verona Light Up Night - November 19
Princeton T-Shirt - November 17-20
Senior Class Model UN - November 22
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Thanksgiving Break No School - November 23-28

Keystone Testing - December 5-16
National Honor Society Installation - December 2, 6:00pm
Elementary/HS Chorus Concert - December 6, 7:00pm
Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert - December 13, 7:00 pm
HS Jazz Band Concert - December 15, 7:30pm
Winter Break - December 23 - January 1