

Welcome to the first issue of the Riverview School District eNewsletter. This eNewsletter will be published at various times throughout the year to keep families and community members informed and to provide a forum for sharing some of the talents and experiences that our students have at Riverview. If you know someone who would like to be added to our contact list, kindly ask them to email Elissa Miller at [emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us).  
**Happy Reading!**



### Our Commitment to the **SERIOUS SUCCESS** of our Students

The **SERIOUS SUCCESS** tagline is meant to remind all of us of our commitment to ensuring that each and every one of our students is provided with the personal attention and care needed to discover his or her talents, become intrigued by the enjoyment of learning, and to reach his or her fullest potential as we prepare each of them for a successful collegiate experience and/or employment in a global economy. We are **SERIOUS** about our commitment to our kids and we want to make sure that we genuinely address their needs. At Riverview, we are committed to ensuring that students are provided with a competitive academic curriculum, a safe learning environment, a customized or personalized support system, and opportunities to develop leadership skills and other talents.

### Riverview's New Junior High Focus

The administration and staff have been working very hard to create a Middle School concept within the high school. With the assistance of many helping hands, we accomplished our mission: Riverview Junior High School, Where Everything is Awesome! Teachers collaborated to form a Junior High Team approach that focuses on the individual needs of the "tweener" student. A special Thank You to our custodians for making sure that all of the classroom move changes were made, cleaned and polished. Also, thank you to Riverside Church for volunteering their time and efforts to paint our walls with colorful educational themes. This is a true testament to "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!"



### Key Club Stuffs Stockings to Honor Our Military

On Thursday, November 6th, The Riverview High School Key Club met with the local Kiwanis Club to stuff 50 Holiday Stockings for Military Connections.

Along with Student Council, The Key Club plans to stuff and send 50 more stockings to honor our military for the holidays. Donations were accepted through Tuesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day). The list of items included: granola bars, small canned goods with pop lid tops, powerbars, candy canes, mints and gum, pop-tarts, lollipops, skittles, starburst, power bars, Kool-Aid singles, single serve powered Gatorade, slim jims, individual bags of snacks, crackers and chocolate candy. We sincerely honor all men and women fighting for our country.

### Model United Nations Conferences

For more details,

please visit our

website at

[www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)

**University of Pittsburgh Model UN** - On Monday, November 10th, 30 Riverview students participated in the 18th annual University of Pittsburgh Model United Nations Conference. The Riverview team consisted of three total delegations representing the nations of Colombia, France, and Guinea and were involved in many discussions, some dealing with the Crisis in Ukraine to the Rights to the Resources found in the Arctic Circle. I am pleased to announce that the Riverview team had an unprecedented performance at the conference, bringing home a total of 10 awards for the day. Congratulations to the entire Pitt Model United Nations team.

**Princeton Model UN** - On November 20-23, eight students from the Riverview Model United Nations team participated in the annual Princeton Model United Nations Conference (PMUNC). The conference gathered 1100 students from 85 schools and 5 different countries including students from China, Turkey, Italy and the Dominican Republic. Our students spent their 20 hours committee debating and negotiating issues such as the world in 2050, the crisis between Israel and Palestine, creating Mao's China, discussing crisis in Liberian, and re-enacting the Paris Peace Conference. The Riverview team earned 6 total awards at PMUNC 2014 bringing the team's total for the first two conferences in this 2014-15 season to 16. The Riverview team was also one of only four schools recognized for team excellence at the Princeton conference.



### History Class Takes a Field Trip to the War Memorial



Each year on Veteran's Day the members of Recent American History class take a field trip to the war memorial in Oakmont to observe Veteran's Day. We go during our history classes, talk about the memorial and the symbolism of the memorial, and about the meaning of Veteran's Day. It has become an important tradition for us to make this visit to the memorial.

### The Pantomime Man Dan Kamin



In November, Tenth Street had the pleasure of enjoying the comedy, magic, and pantomime of Dan Kamin. Dan was a boy magician from Pittsburgh who went on to become a renowned physical comedian. He created Johnny Depp's comedy routines in Benny and Joon, and trained Robert Downey, Jr. for his Oscar-nominated performance in Chaplin. He also taught Johnny Depp the coin roll that he does in Pirates of the Caribbean. Kamin played the wooden Indian that came to life in Creepshow 2. Dan Kamin performs worldwide for theatres, colleges, corporations, and symphony orchestras.

### STEM

Science

Technology

Engineering

Math

### FARADAY CHEMISTRY LECTURES

A group of 7th and 8th graders travelled to Soldiers and Sailors to learn about chemistry and chemical reactions during the always entertaining Faraday Chemistry Lectures. This year's lecture introduced students to concepts involving combustion reactions, the sublimation and effects of carbon dioxide, spectrometry, and other topics.

### Hometown High Q

Once again, the Riverview High Q team delivered a strong performance in the opening round of this year's Hometown High Q competition. The team of pulled out a last minute, come from behind victory, winning on the very last question of the episode. The show will be aired on February 21, and the team will compete in the second round of Hometown High Q on a date to be determined.



### Arts and Bots

A group of our young roboticists attended an innovative workshop and competition at Springdale which involved the creative use of programming and robotics to deliver a presentation.



### THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Students at RSD were recently introduced to The Challenge Program, Inc. during a kick-off assembly. Student volunteers participated in a mock interview challenge to demonstrate how developing the right work habits and behaviors will set them apart from other jobseekers. Each interview question was linked with one of The Challenge Program, Inc.'s five award categories—Attendance, STEM, Community Service, Academic Improvement, and Academic Excellence. Students will be eligible to compete for financial incentives in these categories throughout the school year. Jendoco Construction Corporation is the sponsor of the program at the school.

Be sure to check out the new **STEM** Section of our **WEBSITE**

<http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/STEM.aspx>

### Dates to Remember

Parent Education Night Financial Planning for Elementary Child January 14th, 7:00pm TSA  
Tenth Street Principal's Coffee - January 15th, 2-3pm Tenth St Library  
Verner Family Fun Nights - January 16th and February 20th, 6:00pm Verner Gym  
No School - Professional Development -January 19th and Clerical Day - January 26th  
End of the Second Nine Weeks - January 22nd  
RHS Band & Orchestra Concert - January 29th, 7:30pm Tenth St. Auditorium  
6th Grade Ramp It Up - February 6th, 6:00-9:00pm HS Cafeteria  
High School Evening Night for 8th Graders and Parents - February 11th, 7:00pm  
No School - Professional Development - February 17th