



Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope that you are warm, safe, and enjoying the snowy day. Below are two items for your consideration prior to next week:

1. **January 23rd District Event - Shape the Sky** – We just wanted to pitch this event one more time, as it occurs on the evening of the day we return to school. We have an awesome program occurring at the **10th Street Auditorium, on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm**. Shape the Sky's training is led by licensed counselor and founder of Shape the Sky, Ryan Klingensmith. The goal of this presentation is to help adults educate children about creating a responsible image in the digital world. This training will cover important topics such as social media, mental health, cyberbullying, sexualized online content, social media applications (and their potential harm), online access for children, and a host of other important topics for parents. This program is for our parents, and we are hoping for great attendance. We ask that you take time to attend, and we promise it will be worthwhile! Here is the link to the flyer for additional information, so please mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday evening! See the information in the flyer below:

A Digital World: Youth, Social Media, Sexualized Content, & Mental Health

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Adults have the wisdom and experience to be responsible online, but they may not be aware of the latest social media trends and the negative effects of social media. We'll provide you with the most up-to-date information regarding the current digital climate, so you know what to look for and how to ensure children are using smartphones and devices Responsibly



Topics Include:

- * TikTok, Snapchat & Instagram
- * Mental health concerns on popular social media apps
- * Using a Technology Contract
- * Cyberbullying resources
- * Prevention steps
- * Sexualized content online
- * How to set expectations
- * Common mistakes made by youth
- * Monitoring services
- * Drug content on popular apps
- * Access to online resources

WHEN	TIME	LOCATION
January 23, 2024	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Tenth St. Elementary Auditorium

About Shape The Sky:

Shape the Sky's Founder, Ryan Klingensmith, is a parent and licensed counselor who works regularly with K-12 kids. Through his work, he gains first-hand experience of how social media can impact kids' and teenagers' mental health. His expertise and experience allow Shape the Sky to provide relevant, reliable information.

"Kids have the knowledge to use the technology, but sometimes lack the wisdom to use it. Adults have the wisdom to use the technology, but sometimes lack the knowledge to use it. My goal is to connect knowledge with wisdom."

-Founder Ryan Klingensmith



2. **Inclement Weather Reminder** - As some of you may recall, a couple of years ago there was a contingency of interested parents that wanted our students to experience a "traditional" snow day. We surveyed the community and staff, and it came back 50/50 for and against. Therefore, we built in one snow day to be "traditional," and all other days to be virtual. The traditional day is built into the schedule and is to be made up on the Thursday of spring break. Today is our "traditional" snow day and all remaining days (which will hopefully not be necessary) will be virtual. The same caveat exists in the proposed 2024-2025 schedule as well. Weather-related decisions are extremely stressful, as everyone has an opinion as to how they should be handled. Please know that we are up most of the night trying to make a decision that focuses on safety first, but balances our obligation to educate our students in the most effective manner, given the circumstances. We ask that you try to trust in the process and make peace with whatever the final decision may be. We promise that decisions are made collaboratively and with great care for our students and families and we thank you for your continued flexibility and patience.

It has been a wild week, so please enjoy the long weekend, **try to carve out space for this event on Tuesday evening** (it will be excellent), and continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe!

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration