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Press Release



Riverview Welcomes University of Pittsburgh International Students

As part of a collaborative learning experience, Riverview students across the school district welcomed a group of 15 Chinese and Russian international students to their classrooms on Tuesday, December 1st. The day included time for University of Pittsburgh and Riverview students to share experiences with each other and engage in discussions about everything from culture to education.

A warm welcome was provided to our guests by Riverview elementary students who created signs in their guests' native tongues. Several Riverview students also had the opportunity to use their bi-lingual and tri-lingual skills as they conversed in Chinese, Italian, and French with the college students, Marzi DiCicco, college professor and Mr. Lee Hedderman, RSD foreign language teacher.

The University of Pittsburgh students were also treated to an informal luncheon hosted by the Junior Senior High School. Pictures and selfies were also taken during interactive discussions as memories were made and learning was generated for students represented both home and abroad. Several University students indicated that they were in awe of the experiences that the district provides to students as they watched students in a band class, visited a consumer science class, and enjoyed elementary students performing a song for the visitors on xylophones. At the same time, many RSD students were fascinated by the differences in educational format and delivery in the visitors' countries.

Special thanks to foreign language teacher, Lee Hedderman, Riverview School Board Director, Maureen McClure, University of Pittsburgh professor, Marzi Cozzolino DiCicco, and the many school district employees and students who assisted with creating and providing this enriching global learning opportunity.