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Press Release

Foreign Language Elementary Outreach Program

The Riverview School District is proud to begin its Foreign Language Elementary Outreach Program. This program is designed to extend the study of French and Spanish to the Tenth Street and Verner Elementary Schools. High School upper level French and Spanish students prepare and deliver beginning level lessons to the sixth grade classes under the supervision of Mr. Lee Hedderman and Mrs. Rachelle Poth. This program is so exciting because not only is it beneficial to students of all language levels, it provides a sense of community and a partnership district wide. Upper level language students can put their skills to use while building an excitement for foreign language learning; a key component of marketable 21st century skills.

On Monday, February 25, 2014, the Riverview Foreign Language Outreach Program was thrilled to have a French-Canadian foreign exchange student, Tristan Brazeau, visit Riverview. Tristan spoke to students firsthand about French-speaking Canada. Particular topics of interest included the similarities and differences between schools in Quebec and the United States, learning a new language and using it, and what it's like to be a foreign exchange student in a different country. Tristan also pointed out how French in Canada is different from the French spoken in France and other countries. Students had the opportunity to have a question and answer session.