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Riverview School District

The Riverview School District serves the communities of Oakmont and Verona through its mission to promote the achievement of all students.

Academically Competitive

Safe Learning Environment

Personalized Learning

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Small Neighborhood Community

Strategic Planning Process



A group of valued stakeholders has been meeting throughout the school year to analyze our curriculum, set goals, and chart our course for a comprehensive district plan that will guide our district.

Our priorities for RSD can be summarized in 5 emergent themes:
Academically Competitive - Safe Learning Environment - Personalized Learning - Variety of Expanded Learning Opportunities for Students - Small, "Sidewalk" Neighborhood Community; Unique Geographic Location

Academically Competitive





Riverview Visits Google Pittsburgh

Students in the Riverview High School Calculus II, Computer Science I, and AP Computer Science II classes traveled to Google Pittsburgh to tour the facility and hear from a panel of employees about working at Google. The overall impression from the students was that hard work and self-motivation pay off.

Riverview Jr/Sr High School



- In 2013 (class of 2013) 34% of our seniors received college/university scholarships.
- In 2012 42% received college/university scholarships.
- Our local community supports Riverview graduates, awarding an annual average of \$230,000 in scholarships

8th Grade Student receives Luminari Award



Congratulations to Sydney Reyes on her selection as a Luminari Award Scholar. She was chosen along with four other students from the Pittsburgh area. A Luminari Award Scholar must demonstrate motivation, open-mindedness, and the willingness to learn and be inspired by "out-of-the-box" activities.

Riverview Student Recognized as a 2014 Carson Scholar



We proudly recognize Sierra Weir for being chosen a 2014 Carson Scholar. Her academic achievements and service to her community allows her to stand out as a future leader and a positive role model to other students in tenth grade. Sierra was one of over 6,200 gifted students from across the country to receive this award.

Safe Learning Environment



2014-2015 Safety Alert

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It's All About Safety

In 2014-2015, the Riverview School District will focus its safety efforts on reviewing, modifying, and adding to its Emergency Management Plan. The committee of District Administrators oversees this process. Over the past year, they have also been writing a supplement - an After Hours Plan - for emergencies that will occur after the official day has ended. This plan will cover athletic and extra-curricular events, community use of the building, and evening meetings and activities. This plan will also outline procedures to put in place to prevent emergency situations. The group looks to submit a draft of the plan to the school board the spring.

In addition, the Emergency Management Committee continues to work through a checklist of items to improve or install in the various buildings. This list was comprised of the building audits completed by outside organizations. The

suggestions were organized into an implementation plan that spans several school years.

New for 2014-2015 is the Visitor Identification System. This system, implemented in all three building offices through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's "Safe Schools" Division, checks a visitor's identification against a database of offenders. An alert is sent to administrators for anyone who is flagged through the system. Procedures have been put in place for responses to these alerts.

A district-wide key swipe system is in place which provides an additional safety check of those entering the building.

The Emergency Management Plan continues to be updated, the support of parents and the community remains vitally important.

Our Plan

The Emergency Management Plan is part of a systematic effort on the part of the Riverview School District to provide for the care and well-being of its students and staff. The plan is continuously updated with information found through meet-

ings, outside presentations, and evaluations of crisis events.

This year, updates to the plan will include completing an addition that will outline after-school procedures. In addition, the District hopes to

Inside:

- Working with the Community
- Drills
- Parents Play A Part
- Communication
- Resources For Parents

Special POINTS OF INTEREST

- Plans are in the hands of all first responders
- All schools have personnel trained in CPR, AED, First Aid, and other safety measures.
- Memorandums of Understanding are signed with all municipalities.
- Drills are conducted on a regular basis.
- Staff training continues throughout the school year.
- Staff is trained in NIMS protocol.
- Emergency information is available to parents and the community on the District's web site www.rsd.k12.pa.us



Riverview Partnerships with Local Law Enforcement



Riverview believes that partnerships must be a major priority for the Emergency Plan. Administrators continue to meet on a regular basis with local law enforcement, emergency management services, fire departments, and other organizations. These groups work hand-in-hand with the District to carry out and evaluate its plan. Meetings focus on protocols, changes/updates to emergency procedures, and how to further strengthen partnerships among the community responders and the District.

Personalized Learning



Personal Finance: Graduation Requirement Starting Next School Year



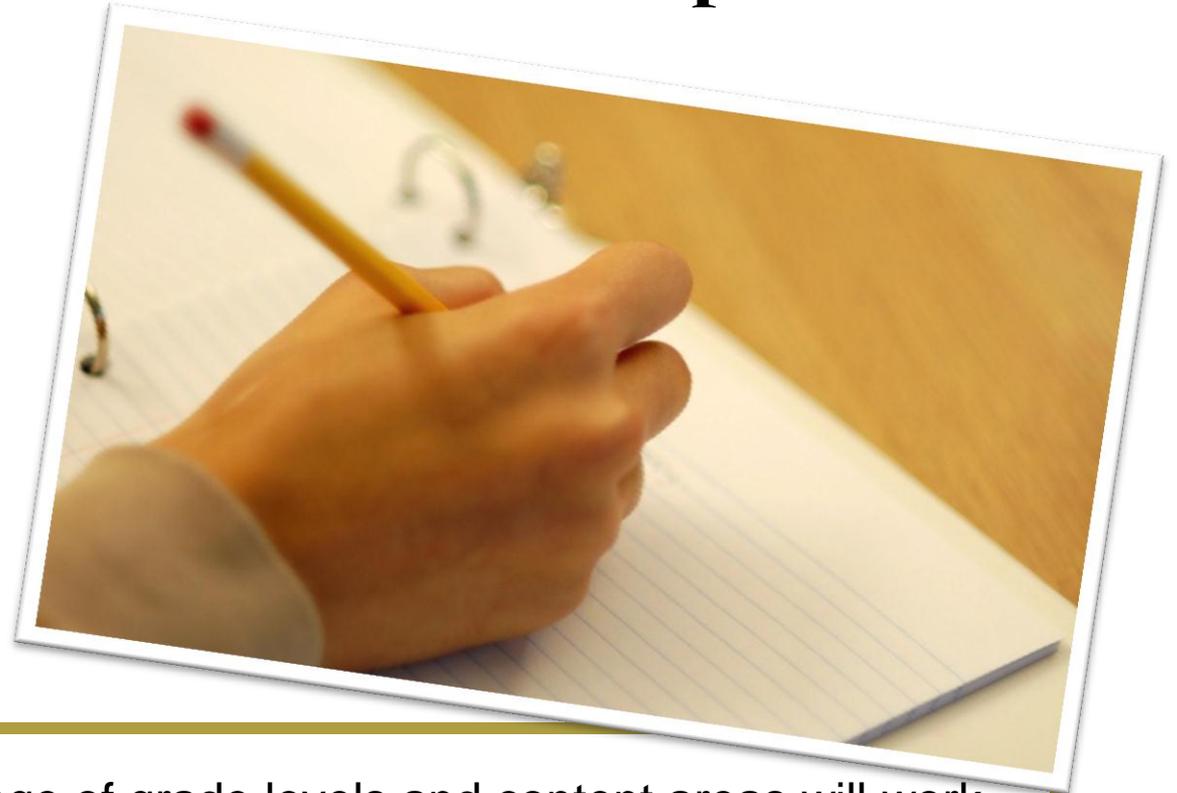
This one credit course will be open to students in Grades 9-12. The students will gain experience with a wide variety of topics, software and guest speakers.

New AP Statistics Course at Riverview High School



After much research, the Math Department decided to offer an AP Statistics course next year. The purpose of the AP course in Statistics is to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing and drawing conclusions from data. This course will replace the current Probability/Statistics II course.

K-12 Writing Framework Development



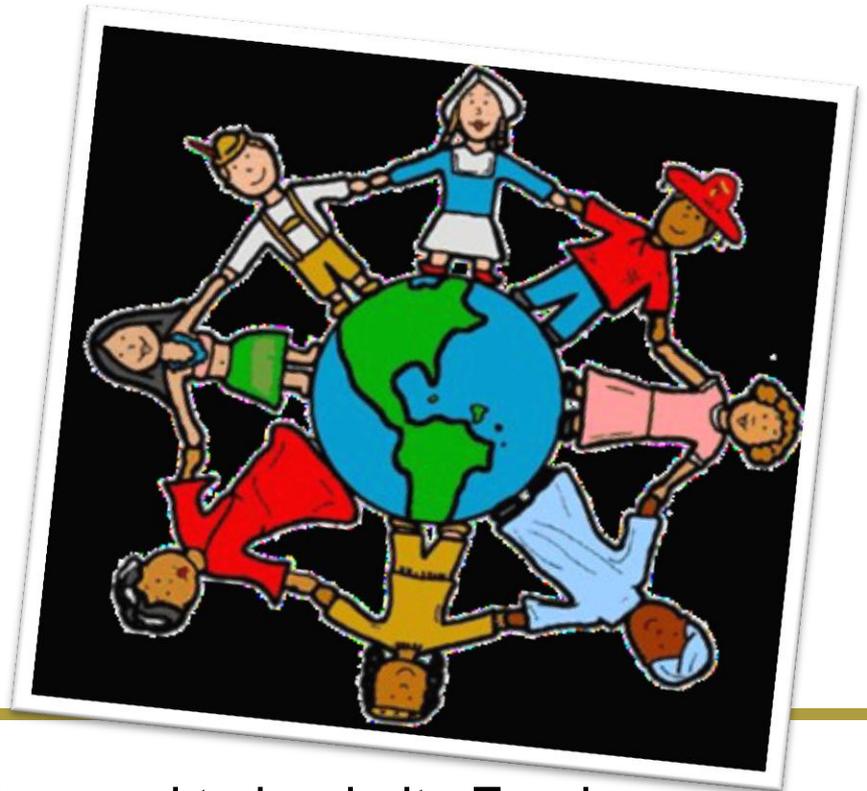
Teachers from a range of grade levels and content areas will work together over the next year to begin developing a comprehensive K-12 Writing Framework that will guide students' learning of written communication across the disciplines. Students will learn locally-developed, universal writing strategies for writing a lab report, a persuasive essay, or a narrative artist statement.

21st Century Learning and Mentoring

As we begin the final phase of the 21st Century Learning and Mentoring Class, we will be integrating the English curriculum to help the 7th grade students immerse themselves in the learning of Greek mythology.



Foreign Languages: 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 the teachers.

Variety of Expanded Learning Opportunities



Foreign Language

Teacher selected to attend Conference



Congratulations to Rachelle Poth on being selected as a Keystone Innovator of Technology for Pennsylvania. She will attend an all expense summer conference/workshop in Kutztown for Technology

Spanish III and IV Students attend classes at the Center for Latin American Studies



The students participated in 2 workshops dealing with Mexican and Costa Rican cultures. They were able to experience the food and customs of these regions. Following the trip, the students took part in a scavenger hunt in the strip district.

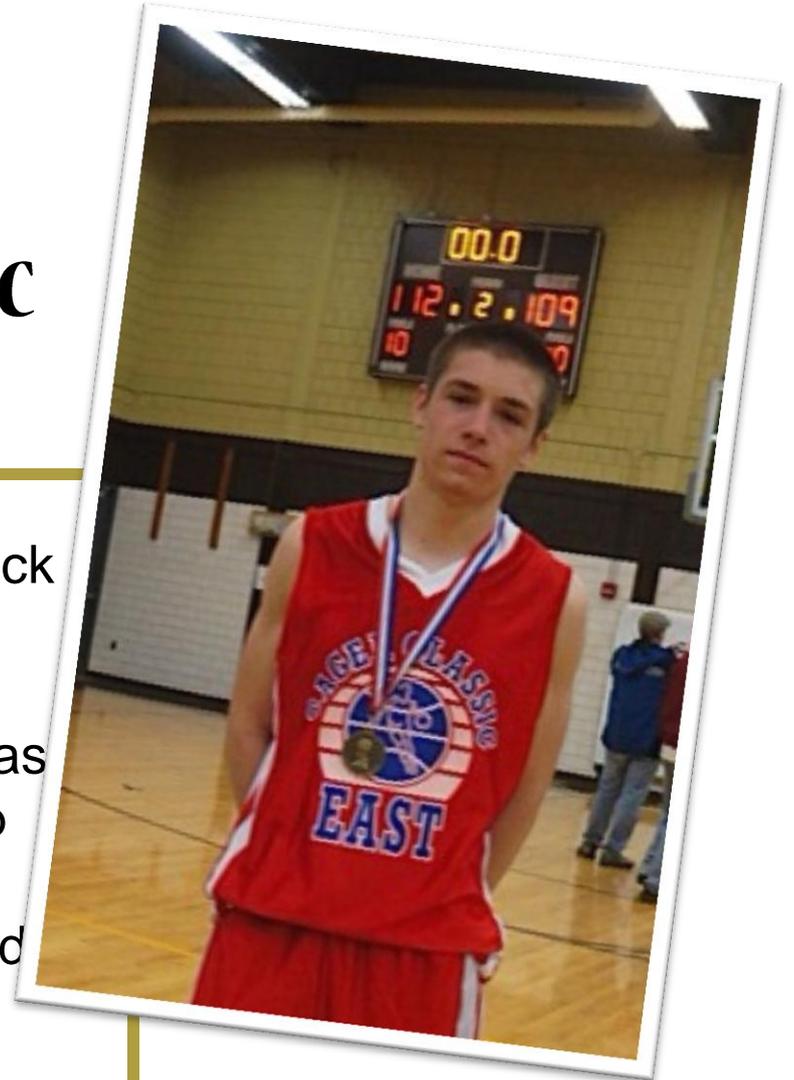
Verner's 12th Annual Hoops for the Heart



Verner third through sixth grade students raised over \$1500 for the American Heart Association while participating in a "Hot Shots" contest in Phys Ed where points earned donations.

18th Annual A-K Valley Cager Classic

Senior basketball player Zach Lesnick was selected to play in the 18th annual A-K Valley Cager Classic. In addition to scoring 7 points, Zach was awarded a \$500 college scholarship as the winner of the Guyaux Scholastic Essay Contest associated with the game.



Tenth Street Elementary welcomes Reptile Discovery



Some of the students got to get up close and personal with turtles, a baby alligator, a baby crocodile, and snakes. They also had the opportunity to learn many facts about these reptiles and ask questions.

Small "Sidewalk" Neighborhood Community



Riverview Jr/Sr High School performs Fiddler on the Roof



The Jr/Sr High School students performed their annual musical production this month with Fiddler on the Roof. The performance ran for two consecutive weekends and was a huge success.

Verner Art-Tastic Spring Fling



This month Verner held their annual Art Show, Book Fair, and Ice Cream Social. The students displayed their art work for all to see. This event also included Face Painting and Raffle Baskets.