

December 8, 2017

TO: ALL RSD Families
FROM: PEGGY DININNO
SUBJ: Update to Families
SUPERINTENDENT'S
BULLETIN

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide families with updates regarding our vision, district goals, curriculum, and strategic planning.

Student Achievement

Through various collaborative efforts over the past several months, the RSD educational team has participated in activities that have provided us with valuable information and feedback pertaining to our students' needs. Some of the special efforts we have made to support and customize student learning include:

- PA Common Core Curricular Alignment
- Blended Learning exploration
- Root Cause Analysis of math needs
- Middle School Programming
- STEAM Integration
- Standardizing programming between the elem. schools
- Pen Pal program
- Teacher Switch Days
- Math lesson observations
- Writing Framework
- RCEP development

- Wellness Committees
- "17,000 Classroom Visits" Book Club
- Pre-School Outreach
- 5-8 Teacher Collaboration days
- Math/Science partnerships
- Reading Specialist Meetings
- Across Grade & Department Collaboration
- Pedagogy training

We are excited about the impact these programs will have on our children.

Monitoring Student Learning

December is a great month for teachers to assess student progress and compare it to benchmark data collected at the beginning of the school year. Recognizing skills students have mastered and where additional remediation is needed assists with creating a plan to support student learning and meet academic goals during the second half of the school year. If you feel that your child has a particular need, please be sure to contact your child's teacher. A strong partnership between parents and teachers is important to student success.

LEARNING GOALS

Our teachers write a student friendly learning goal and refer to that goal at the beginning and end of every lesson. Research supports this practice. It is wonderful to walk into a classroom where children can tell you exactly what they are learning and what they hope to accomplish by the end of the period. Goals focus on concepts associated with the PA Common Core. We encourage parents to take some time to ask your child about what they learn in school and why they are learning it.

RCEPs

Riverview Customized Education Plans are meant to assist our educational team with providing an individualized and sincere plan for addressing student needs. Teachers are encouraged to make use of personalized plans to meet the needs of our students. If you feel your child is in need of a more personalized learning plan, please contact his or her teacher.

Unplanned or Weather Delays and Closings

When it becomes necessary to close school due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the following television stations and sources will be contacted:

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KDKA, WPXI, WTAE

Web: www.rsd.k12.pa.us

A school district messenger phone call will also be made.

The delay of school is primarily intended to accommodate students walking to school and other transportation needs. The safety of our students and staff is important to us. I ask that you consider this, on any given day, before permitting your child to head out in the morning. As a parent, you have the right to keep your child at home until it is safe for him or her to travel to school.

DISTRICT WEB PAGE

Our School District website serves as a valuable tool for sharing and communicating important information to families. Please visit the site regularly and review the information.

www.rsd.k12.pa.us. Last year, a Facebook page was also established to assist with keeping families informed about the latest happenings at RSD.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Visitors to our schools are required to buzz in at the office, sign in at the office, provide proper ID, and to wear an RSD badge at all times. Following these procedures takes a bit of

time, but it helps us to keep our students and staff safe.

Emergency Planning

This is a good time of year for parents to spend a few minutes reviewing the "*School Emergency Guide for Parents*" that was distributed to students at the beginning of the year. If you need another copy of this important pamphlet, you can find one under the **School Safety** section under the **Departments** link on our webpage.

District Holiday Card Winner!

Congratulations to this year's Holiday Card winning artist, Riley Salany (Gr. 4). Riley's artwork will be used on the school district's card this year to wish our friends and local businesses a blessed holiday season.

Educational Foundation

The Riverview Educational Foundation is holding a Basket of Apples raffle, filled with the latest Apple® products.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

The winning ticket will be drawn on December 20, 2017. Proceeds benefit STEAM initiatives in the Riverview School District.

To purchase a ticket, send money to REF, PO Box 186, Oakmont, PA 15139. Include

your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the number of tickets requested. Checks made payable to Riverview Educational Foundation.

RSD School Board Directors

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Freda Aughenbaugh to the Riverview Board of School Directors. Mrs. Lisa Ashbaugh, Dr. Arlene Loeffler, and Mrs. Jeanine Hurt-Robinson were also reappointed to new terms. Mr. Jon Nehlsen and Mr. Alex DiClaudio will continue to serve in their current roles. Dr. Maureen McClure will continue to serve as Board President, and Mr. David DiPietro will continue to serve as Board Vice President. A new board member is scheduled to be appointed to fill the current open board seat during the December 18th meeting.

Best Wishes to all of our Riverview Families for a wonderful Holiday Season and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

***Peggy DiNinno
Superintendent***

