

SERIOUS Commitment to the SUCCESS of Every Student



RIVERVIEW HOSTS NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR, NICOLA YOON

On January 22, The Riverview Junior Senior High School Library hosted *New York Times* bestselling author Nicola Yoon. This visit was made possible by teacher Lynn Madden and the Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures through the Words and Pictures Series whose education outreach includes bringing visiting authors to area schools while they are in town. The event included a video conference with students from Norwin, Shadyside Academy, and Woodland Hills School Districts.

Ms. Yoon is the author of *Everything Everything*, which was a popular movie this past summer. More recently she wrote *The Sun is Also a Star*. After the book talk, students also participated in a book signing and picture taking. Students also received a free copy of *The Sun is Also a Star*, courtesy of a grant from Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures.



3rd Annual STEAM Showcase

On Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 Riverview School District students had the opportunity to show off their STEAM talents in our third annual STEAM Showcase in the Jr-Sr High School Library and STEAM Lab. Projects included student produced movies, Hummingbird robot powered displays, a Makey-Makey driven piano keyboard, exciting PJAS science projects, power K'Nex engineering structures, computer animations, Speckle air-quality projects, and for the first time, Hummingbird robot projects from our elementary students! Parents, teachers, board members, administrators, and community members were wowed as students explained their projects and demonstrated the real world skills they learned in the many STEAM related classes at Riverview. A big thanks and congratulations to the students for another job well done and a big thank you to the Riverview Education Foundation for funding STEAM activities district wide!



Riverview Award Winning Model UN

The Riverview Award Winning Model United Nations team competes and has been recognized at local, travel, and international conferences. The students also host an annual training conference. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/ModelUN.aspx>.

VERNER ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADE STUDENTS USE

Math Skills to Create Gingerbread Houses

Throughout December, Third Grade Students at Verner honed their math skills as they practiced measuring to the nearest half inch and half centimeter to assist them with creating their very own gingerbread houses. The fun and educational project helped to reinforce the importance of precise measurement and the concepts of area and perimeter surface. This lesson allowed students to be creative while practicing an important life skill.

During the engineering based assignment, students were asked to measure graham crackers and then use the dimensions in both inches and centimeters. After precise measurements were completed, cuts were made and the design and construction of the gingerbread houses was implemented. While the lesson helped students to perfect their understanding of the properties of rectangles, squares, triangles, quarter fractions, halves, and eighths, it also instilled the importance of patience, attention to detail, and precision. An informational writing activity throughout the process also allowed students to share and reflect on their experience. To celebrate their creative engineering, a gingerbread display was shared with the entire school!



Kindergarten Registration

Riverview School District will open Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 school year beginning Monday, January 29, 2018. All Children who will be five years old before September 1, 2018 are to be enrolled in one of our Kindergarten Programs. Kindergarten Registration Packets will be available in the main school office of Verner Elementary School and Tenth Street Elementary School. Please complete and return the Kindergarten Registration Packet and all required documents to the school office no later than February 23rd. Upon completion of the Kindergarten Registration Packet, you will sign your child up for a screening appointment.

For more information please contact:

Verner Elementary School – Mrs. Johnson 412-828-1800 x3010
Tenth Street Elementary School – Mrs. Allsopp 412-828-1800 x2010



Riverview High School

Key Club Elves Deliver Letters from Santa!

Each year, many Riverview elementary school aged students take some time to write a letter to Santa. This year, members of the Riverview High School Key Club helped Santa out a bit and delivered his responses to the kids' letters. Known to many of the students as "one of their favorite days of the year", the Riverview High School Key Club members embraced every opportunity to mentor and celebrate with our elementary students while delivering the letters. Time was spent reading the letters from Santa, answering questions, singing songs and reading books as the teenagers and young children enjoyed the spirit of the holiday season together.



STUDENTS PRESENT AT PAECT - "TECH THE HALLS" EVENT

In December, the Southwest PAECT (PA Association for Educational Communications and Technology) held their first Mini-Keys Event, "Tech the Halls" at Baldwin School District. Sean Abraham and Ben Johnson represented Riverview, sharing their first PAECT presentation as they demonstrated the tools they use in the classroom and explained the different ways these tools can be used to engage students. The students discussed Project Based Learning and shared how their class connected globally with students in Spain, Mexico and Argentina. Many teachers from outside districts who were in attendance at the event shared how impressed they were with Riverview students' knowledge, poise, and enthusiasm for learning. Other sessions at the event included: A Mission Aboard a Dream Flight Simulator, Coding, Mindfulness in Education, and Robots in the Classroom.



JSHS Orchestra and Jazz Band Perform for the Elementary Students

On Monday, December 18th, the Riverview Junior Senior High School Orchestra and Jazz Bands took their Holiday Show on the road. They began the day with a fabulous performance at the Riverview Children's Center, followed by another great performance at Verner Elementary. Then it was time for a quick packed lunch and off to entertain the students at Tenth Street Elementary. The day concluded with an evening performance at the Presbyterian Senior Care Home. The Orchestra consists of 58 members who were all decked out in their Riverview Orchestra T-shirts and the 22 member Jazz Band who were dressed in their ugly holiday sweaters. An amazing performance was enjoyed by all!



FRESH APPLE CUCUMBER LEMONADE!

On Wednesday, December 6th, Monteverde's Produce visited Tenth Elementary during lunch. The crew at Monteverde's used a variety of local apples and cucumbers to demonstrate "juicing" by offering fresh made samples of Apple Cucumber Lemonade. The students were given tasty samples while having the opportunity to watch and learn about the process of making the lemonade.



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Snow Make-Up Day: As a result of school being closed on Friday, January 5, school will now be in session on Monday, April 2.

Dates to Remember

- Verner & Tenth St. Teacher Switch Day- January 24
- Duquesne Model UN - January 26
- Carnegie Mellon Model UN - January 27-28
- HS Orchestra and Band Concert - January 30
- PJAS Regional Competition - February 3
- REF Meeting - February 6

- 6th Grade Ramp It Up - February 9
- Johns Hopkins Model UN - February 8-11
- HS Transition 8th Grade Parents - February 15
- No School President's Day - February 19
- No School Professional Development Day - February 20
- Tenth St. Literacy Night - March 1