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**Riverview Students Team Up With Art Sparks to Create First Western PA Turnpike Plaza Artist Mural**

In partnership with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, The PA Council for the Arts (PCA) has created "Art Sparks". The program's goal is to make use of high school student created murals as Turnpike Service Plazas exhibits throughout Pennsylvania over the next 5 years. Along with Art Sparks, PCA utilizes a nationally recognized Arts in Education program pairing experienced teaching artists with educators and students. The Arts in Education (AIE) program will work with Art Sparks to create these student murals throughout the state. In addition, Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts is partnering with PCA's AIE to serve Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, and Washington Counties.

Riverview School District has been selected to create the first Western PA student artist mural at the Oakmont Plum Service Plaza on the Pennsylvania Turnpike! Students will be creating a ceramic mosaic with Teaching Artist Laura Jean McLaughlin from the Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Ms. McLaughlin, who will work with Riverview students for 20 afternoons sessions, will assist students with experiences related to conceptual thinking, visual and creative skills, and team work. Students will research and choose the subject matter of the final piece, which will highlight subjects specific to the Western Pennsylvania region.

Through the project, participating students will also have the opportunity to visit exhibits and create their own studios at the Center for the Arts.

Community members are invited to a special community involvement night on October 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Riverview JSHS Cafeteria where refreshments will be served, student musicians will entertain, and a chance for all attendees will be provided to assist with the creation of the 9' by 17.5' Riverview student created mosaic artwork.

**The unveiling/reception of the mosaic is scheduled to take place at the Oakmont Plum Turnpike Service Plaza on November 9, 2017.**



**Informal Discussions Superintendent/Parent Workshop**

November 6th from 5:30-6:30pm at Verner Elementary School

Parents are invited and encouraged to join Superintendent, Dr. DiNunno, to learn more about District activities and programs through informal discussions. Reservations can be made by emailing Linda Tamburro at [LTamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:LTamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us)



**RHS Homecoming**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

This year's Homecoming parade will line up on Saturday morning, October 14th at 10:10 am and step off from in front of the Verona Police Station at 10:30 am. The Homecoming football game against Avella will begin at noon and the 2017 Riverview Homecoming Queen will be crowned during the halftime show.

This year's Homecoming Court is from top left to right, Maggie Conte, Bridget Trabbold, Alaina Mazur, Mckenzie Smail, Delaney Lyons, Ellie Sebastian, and Taylor Knapp.

The Homecoming Dance will take place that evening in the high school cafeteria from 7:00-10:00 pm. The theme for this year is "Let's Sail Away."

**RHS SADD HOSTS SAFETY BUG SIMULATION**

Life's lessons are best learned through experience. Unfortunately, when the target audience is teens and the topic is drinking and driving, experience is not the teacher of choice.

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) hosted THE SAFETY BUG simulation for students in grades 10-12. Teens gained real-life exposure to the perils of impaired driving – without being put at risk. The Safety Bug is part of an innovative program developed by Pennsylvania Driving Under The Influence Association.

The PA DUI Safety Bug has been custom engineered to demonstrate the loss of control one would experience if operating a motor vehicle while in an impaired state. The key difference is that it's the car – not the driver – who is "drunk." A trained mentor in the front passenger seat controls settings which cause the vehicle's steering to lose its finesse and prompt the braking mechanisms to become unpredictable. The result is an unsettling episode for the teen in the driver seat who gains a firsthand glimpse of what it feels like to drive under the influence. While licensed teenage drivers are able to experience The Safety Bug from a vantage point behind the wheel, an equally valuable lesson is afforded backseat passengers. The youth who are "along for the ride" soon realize the helpless position they would be put in as passengers in the car of an impaired driver.

As you can imagine, lessons learned from a teen's experience with The Safety Bug are likely to have a positive impact upon the participant's future decisions – and help prevent risky behaviors, hopefully saving lives. Only students with a valid driver's license were able to drive the Safety Bug.



**RSD Receives Wellness Grant**

Riverview School District has embarked on a mission to promote student and employee wellness. Last school year Riverview School District employees completed their Wellness Profiles as part of the ACSHC (Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium) and Highmark Wellness Rewards Program. For their efforts the district received \$3000 to be used towards employee wellness. During the 2017-2018 school year every other Friday will be "Fitness Friday." Wellness Baskets full of healthy goodies, novelty items, and literature will be in each buildings breakroom for employees. Items may include magazines, stress balls, ice packs, pedometers, and assorted healthy snacks.

Human Capital is an asset that accounts for over 90% of the district's budget. Encouraging staff to take care of themselves by eating healthy, reducing stress, and engaging in physical activity reduces absenteeism and health risks. It also provides a healthy happy work environment that in return acts as a great role model to our students and community.

**Rachelle Poth, RHS Teacher, Selected as Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert**

Rachelle Dene Poth was announced as a Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert joining the more than 6,700 educators in the MIE Expert program worldwide. Each year, Microsoft selects innovative educators to share ideas, try new approaches and learn from each other as a global community dedicated to improving student outcomes through technology.

As an MIE Expert, educators build their capacity for using technology in both the classroom and curriculum to improve student learning, advise Microsoft and educational institutions on how to integrate technology in pedagogically sound ways and be an advocate at conferences, events and trainings for how Microsoft technology can improve learning.

"Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts are inspiring examples of educators applying new ways of teaching and learning in their classrooms that motivate students and empower them to achieve more," said Anthony Salcito, Vice President, Worldwide Education, Microsoft. "We celebrate and support the work they do every day!" Congratulations Ms. Poth!

For more details, please visit our website at [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)

**Dates to Remember**

- REF Meeting - October 3 - 6:30pm
- No School Columbus Day - October 9
- Guidance Parent Ed Night - October 12 HSL - 7:00pm
- Homecoming Game, Parade & Dance - October 14
- Elementary Open House - October 26 - 6:00pm
- No School Clerical Day - October 27
- Report Cards Issued - October 31
- Elementary Halloween Parties - October 31
- Senior Class Costume Contest - October 31
- No School Parent Teacher Conferences - November 6

- No School Professional Development Day - November 7
- REF Meeting - November 14 - 6:30pm
- No School Thanksgiving Break - November 22-27
- NHS Induction Ceremony - November 29 - 7:00pm
- REF Meeting - December 5 - 6:30pm
- Elem. Band Orchestra Concert - December 12 - 7:00pm
- Jazz Band Concert - December 14 - 7:30pm
- Elem. /HS Chorus Concert - December 20 - 7:00pm
- No School Holiday Break - December 25- January 1