



THE INSIDE VIEW

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RIVERVIEW GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SAFETY SUMMIT

RGSD partnered with the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Moline Acres, St. Louis County PD and other community partners to host the Innovative Public Safety & Crime Prevention Summit on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The event was created to help curtail crime in the Cities of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Moline Acrea and Spanish Lake.

The Summit consist of 38 local and state organizations in fields of; healthcare, home improvement, law-enforcement, emergency services, social justice, physical and mental health, employment unions and senior services. Each entity provided FREE resources and practical information to help citizens equip their homes and property to prevent crime and to promote safety.

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RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/17 CAREER & HIRING FAIR | 4-7PM
- 11/21-22 RGSD WELLNESS DAYS
DISTRICT CLOSED
- 11/23-25 THANKSGIVING BREAK
DISTRICT CLOSED
- 11/29 SAB MEETING | 7PM
- 12/6 PAC MEETING
CENTRAL SERVICES | 7PM
- 12/6 MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY
CENTRAL SERVICES | 7:30A - 2P
- 12/6-8 HEALTHY KIDS EXPRESS
IMMUNIZATIONS
- 12/13 TOWN HALL MEETING
WESTVIEW MIDDLE | 6:30PM



"School, community and faith-based organizations joined together to play a significant role in the success of the Innovative Public Safety & Crime Prevention Summit," stated organizer Alderwoman Dinah Tatman (Bellefontaine Neighbors). "Each city has experienced decreases in motor vehicle thefts and burglaries since the summit's inception."

This year's summit had 351 attendees. Attendees received carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, Ring doorbells, home burglar alarm systems, porch lights and floodlights. Bikes and safety gear were also raffled off to attendees.

The safety summit is held each year on the second Saturday in October.

SAB APPROVES WELLNESS DAYS, DISTRICT CLOSED THANKSGIVING WEEK

The RGSD Special Administrative Board approved a change to designate Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 as Wellness Days at the Oct. 25 SAB Meeting.

"District staff are working selflessly and putting others before themselves, and oftentimes their own families, to serve our Riverview Gardens School District students and families," stated Monica Williams, assistant superintendent of Human Resources.

As a result, the District will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving, to allow the RGSD community time to rest, recharge, practice self-care and reset.



CAREER & HIRING FAIR

- Teaching
- Administration
- Support Staff
- Professional

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON
THURSDAYS, NOV. 17 & DEC. 8 | 4-7PM
1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR.
rgsdmo.org/jobs

In the case of inclement weather, the top priority is always the safety of students, staff and the public. If schools can safely be opened, Riverview Gardens School District will do its best to deliver education programs and services by opening all or some of its schools and providing bus services. If not, we may choose to implement a snow day or AMI Virtual Learning Day.

Sources of Information

- Local television and radio stations - FOX 2, KMOV 4, KSDK 5 and KMOX Radio
- District SISK Calls (Parents, please ensure your [contact information](#) is up-to-date)
- Text Alerts (Click [HERE](#) to receive RGSD text alerts)
- District Webpage - rgsdmo.org
- Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, NextDoor, etc.



Healthy Kids Express Immunization Dates

**Mandatory School Immunizations
Must Be Medicaid Eligible Or Have No Insurance**

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Immunization Clinic Locations

Dec. 6 - Gibson Elementary, 9926 Fonda Dr.
 Dec. 7 - Moline Elementary, 9865 Winkler Dr.
 Dec. 8 - Glasgow Elementary, 10560 Renfrew Dr.

Immunization By Appointment Only
Registration Deadline: 12/02/2022

**Schedule
Using QR
Code**

Program Coordinators
 314-393-0499
 314-503-4551
 314-686-3575

3D Mammography

St. Luke's HOSPITAL
Our specialty is you.

Mammography makes a difference

St. Luke's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at

**Riverview Gardens
Central Services
1370 Northumberland Dr.
Tuesday, December 6th
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Schedule your appointment by calling **314-205-6267**.

This service provides screening mammograms for women 40 years of age and over. The fee will be billed to you or your insurance. We submit claims for you to participating insurance companies and Medicare. Women with no insurance may be eligible for free mammograms. No physician order required.

**PARENT ADVISORY
COUNCIL BOARD**
Riverview Gardens School District

Meeting Dates

- September 6th- Virtual
- October- 17th- Virtual
- November 7th- Virtual
- December 5th-In Person
- January 2nd- Virtual
- February 6th-In Person
- March 6th-Virtual
- April 3rd- In Person
- May 1st- Virtual

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact us:

- teara.armanergsd.k12.mo.us
- (314) 867-0410 ext. 36174
- www.rgsd.k12.mo.us

Who Can Become A Member?

All parents, grandparents, guardians of students and community members are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

Purpose

To provide advice and assistance to school administrators and educators relating to the Academic Achievement Plan, programs, activities, resources and services in order to help the school attain its goals of providing each child with the best education possible.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS ADOPTS COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Special Administrative Board approved the Riverview Gardens School District's 2022-23 Comprehensive Communications Plan at the Nov. 8 SAB meeting.

The plan contains goals, strategies and action steps to guide and improve District communications.

"The Communications Plan is the result of the hard work and dedication of the RGSD Communications Committee," stated Executive Director of Communications Ishmael Sistrunk. "I'm grateful to the committee and community members and look forward to continuing to improve and enhance communication to all District stakeholders."

RGSD COMPENSATION STUDY UNDERWAY

To better understand our compensation structure, the District is conducting a compensation study. The results of the study will help to address any issues, including salaries, job duties, step placement, etc. Although employee participation is optional, staff input is crucial to achieving these goals.

We are asking current RGSD employees job analysis questionnaire. Once the form is complete, staff members should print it and provide a hard copy to their direct supervisor. The questionnaire is due by Wednesday, November 20.

The purpose of the job analysis questionnaire is to obtain current information on your job based on a review of job duties and responsibilities.

For more details on completing the job analysis questionnaire, [click here](#).

RGSD is looking for feedback from students, parents and staff regarding the social studies textbook adoption. We are currently reviewing textbooks from Savvas Learning and McGraw-Hill. Please [click here](#) to view the videos & share feedback.



Riverview Gardens
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COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

2022-2023

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

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RAMILY MATTERS

Podcast



Riverview Gardens
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RGSD PARENT UNIVERSITY

Paper Tutoring Workshop



- Tuesday November 29th
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Live with Tina Adams-Turnipseed
- Zoom: Meeting ID: 980 3122 2328
Password: 737757

FREE ONLINE

RGSD.K12.MO.US Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT

FEEDBACK NEEDED

SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION



SAVVAS LEARNING
MCGRAW-HILL



VISIT [RGSD.K12.MO.US/SOCIALSTUDIES](https://rgsd.k12.mo.us/socialstudies)

#RIVERVIEWEXCELLENCE

RGSD EDUCATORS EARN APPLE FOR THE TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Valerie Morris (CMS), Tammika Thomas (Koch) and LaChrista Wilson (WMS) for being named Apple for the Teacher awardees by the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. The amazing educators will be honored on Nov. 19 at the sorority's Apple for the Teacher Luncheon.



SAB'S MORROW-REEL AND HARSLEY HONORED AS SERVANT LEADERS

RGSD SAB President Veronica Morrow-Reel and Member Tommie Harsley III will be honored at the eLation Honors Gala on Saturday, November 19. Morrow-Reel and Harsley are receiving recognition for being Servant Leaders in the community.



Veronica Morrow-Reel
SAB President

eLATION Radio and United Community Services honors Servant Leaders for their character, professionalism and impact in communities across the country. The Gala weekend includes a Friday night Meet and Greet Reception, a community engagement segment, concert, impactful workshops and the celebratory Gala.



Tommie Harsley III
SAB Member

RGSD AWARDED PROJECT AWARE GRANT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced that Riverview Gardens School District is a recipient of the Missouri Project AWARE Grant. The grant will fund approximately \$350K per year towards mental health services, initiatives, personnel and resources from 2022-2026.

The grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It will help place social workers and counselors in schools to provide behavioral health services and programs. The funds will also be used to provide access to mental health and provide resources for students, staff and parents.

"We are excited to receive the Missouri Project AWARE grant," said Dr. Tanya Patton, assistant superintendent of Student, School & Community Support. "The funding will help Riverview Gardens provide critical mental health support, services and resources to the RGSD community."

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent



As we approach this holiday season, Central Services (formerly known as Central Office) would like to take a moment to say thank you to our scholars, staff and parents. We are so thankful for each of you who are with us, providing support and/or services every single day.

We recognize that concerns exist including student behavior, discipline, salaries, mental fatigue, safety, the pandemic, bullying and many other areas. We are aware of these concerns and working hard to address every issue in a collaborative and impactful manner.

We look forward to working with District stakeholders to produce effective solutions, rather than simply discussing the problems. Thank you for your patience, understanding and partnership as we take this journey together.

On Tuesday, December 13, RGSD will host a Town Hall meeting focused on school safety. We encourage scholars, parents and staff to be in attendance to ensure that your voice is heard and that your experiences are acknowledged. This meeting will take place in the lecture hall at Westview Middle School at 6:30 PM.

We are reaching out to our law enforcement partners, mental health specialists, community leaders and partners to help develop meaningful and effective ways to address the challenges facing school districts across the nation. These experts will share statistics, strategies and critical information on how to best deal with these challenges.

However, without the input and commitment of our scholars, staff and parents, we cannot succeed – and when it comes to the safety of our scholars and staff, failure is not an option!



Chewbacca

As we go into our Wellness Days (Nov. 21-22) and Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 23-25), I hope that each of you will reflect on things for which you are thankful. My list includes my loving family, friends, colleagues, the RGSD community and of course my fur baby Chewbacca!

I sincerely hope that over the next week, you will take the time to get plenty of rest. Use the time off to recharge and rejuvenate yourself. Do something that you love and be sure to practice self-care over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy
THANKSGIVING

The Riverview Gardens School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, including employment and admissions, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). All forms of sex-based discrimination are prohibited in the district, but this policy focuses exclusively on sexual harassment as defined in Title IX that occurs within the education programs and activities of the district. However, the district will respond promptly to investigate and address any report or complaint of sexual harassment.
