



THE INSIDE VIEW

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THE SWEET SPELL OF V-I-C-T-O-R-Y FOR LEMASTERS

Lemasters Elementary School's Kaiden S. has proven to be the school's and the district's, champion speller. Kaiden spelled his way to victory by winning first place at the 2024 Districtwide Elementary Spelling Bee held on Jan. 11 at Moline Elementary School.

Kaiden will represent RGSD in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on Feb. 24. Chloe' M. of Lemasters Elementary School took second place to solidify Lemasters as a spelling dynasty with the top two finishes. Alana S. of Lewis & Clark Elementary School captured third place.

Lemasters scholars returned to school with a team trophy, bragging rights and a surprise celebration with the entire school and community. Congratulations to the mighty Lemasters Lions!



RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/31 SCIENCE FAIR | 4:30 - 6:00 PM
MEADOWS ELEMENTARY
- 1/31 PAC RESOURCE FAIR | 6:00 PM
WESTVIEW MIDDLE
- 2/7 PAC RESOURCE FAIR | 6:00 PM
RGHS
- 2/13 SCIENCE FAIR | 9:15 AM
GLASGOW ELEMENTARY
- 2/13 SAB MEETING | 7:00 PM
- 2/16 NO SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 2/19 PRESIDENTS' DAY
DISTRICT CLOSED
- 2/27 SAB MEETING 7:00 PM
- 2/29 SCIENCE FAIR | 5:00 PM
MOLINE ELEMENTARY

RGSD CELEBRATES SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER WITH PARTNERS AT RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

Riverview Gardens High School hosted the R.A.M.S. School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, January 9.

At the ceremony, Tanya Patton, Ed.D., assistant superintendent of Students, Schools and Community Support, welcomed stakeholders and community partners.

Patton also introduced the following key contributors, who also made remarks: Angela Clabon, president and CEO of CareSTL Health, Rick Stevens, president of BJC HealthCare; and Charles Henson, senior diversity manager of Christian Hospital Foundation.

RGSD Superintendent Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D., expressed her gratitude and the impact the SBHC will have on the community. Meanwhile, SAB President, Veronica Morrow-Reel presented a special presentation to partners.

A reception and a tour of the SBHC followed after the ceremony. [VIEW SLIDESHOW](#)



MOLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTS BREAKFAST WITH A BUDDY



Moline Elementary School hosted Breakfast With Buddies on Wednesday, January 10. Scholars, families, district leaders, staff participated in the event, which allowed scholars to bring a buddy to school with them to experience a morning at Moline.

Families lined up early as they took advantage of the golden opportunity to join their scholars at school. The entire staff was thrilled to see the families as they entered the building. Scholars and their loved ones were welcomed with smiles and hugs.

All guests enjoyed a light breakfast. Following the morning meal, families took photos, toured the building, met teachers and got a glimpse of a morning meeting. Teachers modeled the morning routine for their classrooms.

Scholars' attendance, along with family engagement, plays a crucial role in achieving academic success. Thank you to all the parents, guardians and loved ones who participated in this event!

RGSD FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE HOST PAC RESOURCE FAIRS

The RGSD Family Engagement Office hosts many free resource fairs for families and the community throughout the school year.

RGSD's Office of Family Engagement kicked off the PAC Resource Fair Resource Fair series with a Jan. 17 event at Michelle Obama Early Childhood Academic Center and a Jan. 24 event at Central Middle School.

Families engaged in two 25-minute workshops, visited vendor tables and received on-the-spot resources and light snacks. Raffles and attendance prizes were also given to attendees. The events also feature free childcare.

If you missed the first two events, please mark your calendars and register for the two remaining events. On Wednesday, January 31, the resource fair will be held at Westview Middle School, 1950 Nemnich Rd. The February 7 resource fair will be held at Riverview Gardens High School, located at 1218 Shepley Dr. Each event begins at 6 PM.

Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.A.C. RESOURCE FAIR

FREE EVENT & CHILDCARE

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 31, 2024
WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
1950 Nemnich Drive
St. Louis, MO 63137

- Workshops, vendors, snacks, raffles & more
- The first 20 families to arrive by 6:15pm will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card (5 winners)

Participate in workshops and learn about programs & services offered by the district and community partners.

6:00PM - 7:30PM
Register Today!

COOPERATION
PASSIONATE
MOTIVATION
PERFORMANCE
ACHIEVEMENT
TEAMING
SYNERGY
COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION FEEDING FAMILIES

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



FRESH PRODUCE, CANNED GOODS, DRY GOODS & OTHER ITEMS

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEB. 1 MARCH 7 APRIL 4
MAY 2 JUNE 6

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @
WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAN. 18 MARCH 21 APRIL 18
MAY 16 JUNE 20

**WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST**

**9:00 AM -
11:00 AM**

RGSD Community Food Distribution has partnered with the St. Louis Foodbank to feed families across the entire community.

Fresh produce, canned goods, dry goods & and other items are free while supplies last. The distribution is from 9-11 AM. The food distribution events are first come, first served.

On the first Thursday of the month, the food distribution is located at Central Middle School, 9800 Patricia Barkalow Dr. On the third Thursday of the month, the food distribution is located at Westview Middle School, 1950 Nemnich Rd.

For families who cannot attend the Community Food Distribution events, RGSD also can provide food assistance through the Highland and Koch Family Markets. If your family needs food assistance, please contact your child's school.

RGSD COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR JAN. 23 TOWN HALL MEETING

RGSD parents, staff, scholars and community members came together for the SAB & Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Westview Middle School.

District leaders presented the State of the District, presented awards and recognitions, took questions from the community and held a community engagement event.



The Westview Middle School Eaglettes (a majorette, dance & step team) opened the Town Hall up with a dazzling performance. Watch the replay of the live stream on [YouTube](#).

RGSD Mission

Collaboratively educate and empower our scholars to thrive in challenging environments.

RGSD Vision

Riverview Gardens School District will be a district where:

- There are high expectations for all.
- There will be healthy, loving, empathetic and kind relationships.
- Where students are at the center of our decisions.
- Supports are provided so students become grade-level ready.
- There is transparency, accountability, timely, clear communication, and high levels of customer service.
- All stakeholders have a voice.
- There is a focus on college and career readiness.

RGSD'S TOP 80 STUDENTS CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE AT GAMERS ISLAND

Riverview Gardens School District's top 80 scholars in academics, attendance and behavior will receive a free pizza gaming party.

Gamers Island, located in downtown Ferguson, MO will be sponsoring and hosting scholars throughout the month of January. Westview Middle School, Glasgow Elementary School, Central Middle School, and Lemasters Elementary School earned the reward.

The first celebration was held on January 18 for WMS. Scholars listened to their favorite music, played video and virtual reality (VR) games with classmates and WMS staff, and watched movies. Scholars ended the day by taking photos and signing the Gamers wall.

RGSD's Family Engagement Specialist, Te'Ara Arman played a vital role in the coordination and execution of the event.



Photo Credit | Gamers Island

Westview Middle School
Attendance Prize Winners

JAY OSLER-BROWN JOINS CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Jay Osler-Brown has joined the Riverview Gardens School District's Curriculum & Instruction Department as an administrative assistant.

Brown will maintain and coordinate meetings and schedules. She will provide executive-level administrative duties for the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

Brown is a graduate of North Technical High School. She is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in general transfer studies from St. Louis Community College.

Before her appointment, Brown served as an administrative assistant at Cadence Academy Preschool in Chesterfield, Missouri. [LEARN MORE](#)

Welcome



SAINT LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



The Saint Louis Science Center announced upcoming events in the St. Louis Metropolitan area for families in the region. Now through November 2024, numerous engaging opportunities are available.

Various community partners offer academic activities, events, recruitment and job opportunities for teens, and family resources. Families, keep your scholar engaged throughout the school year.

RGSD CELEBRATES STAFF WITH FAMILY BOWLING NIGHTS

Riverview Gardens School District held two staff appreciation events for the RGSD faculty & staff leading into Winter Break.

In December, all RGSD staff members were invited to attend a bowling night event. The District held two nights of bowling to show gratitude for the staff's dedication to RGSD scholars at Kingpin Lanes & Brickhouse Pizza in Bridgeton, MO.

Bowling, shoe rental, food & soft drinks were free to attendees.

Special thanks to Shay Roofing and Advanced Security Systems for sponsoring the event.



The event ties in the the District's CSIP Collaborative Cultures goal to improve the District's climate and culture through interactive activities with personnel. [VIEW SLIDESHOW](#)

BULLETIN BOARD

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

RGSD is proud to sponsor events celebrating Black History Month across the District!

- 2/22 - Lemasters Elementary 5:00 - 7:00pm
- 2/23 - Meadows Elementary 5:00 - 6:30pm
- 2/29 - Glasgow Elementary 1:00 - 2:30pm
- 3/1 - Highland Elementary 1:30 - 2:30pm



For information on more Black History Month events, visit the calendar at rgsdmo.org



RAMILY MATTERS

Podcast



Commit to Creating a New View on the Horizon



Join a committee!



Special Administrative Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

FEB. 13 | FEB. 27

1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR.

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.



RAMILY FAMILY SAFETY FIRST

Safety is a crucial aspect of our daily lives. It is important to take precautions to ensure our well-being and the safety of those around us. Here are some safety tips that can help keep you and your loved ones safe.

USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING

- Always wear your seatbelt while driving and obey traffic rules.
- Avoid distracted driving by not using your phone or other devices while driving.



STRANGER DANGER

- Be cautious with strangers: Never share personal information with strangers or accept rides from them.
- Teach children about stranger danger and how to stay safe.





STAY ALERT!

Always be aware of your surroundings, especially when you are in public places. Be mindful of potential hazards such as slippery floors, uneven sidewalks, and traffic.



KEEP YOUR HOME SECURE

Make sure your doors and windows are locked when you leave the house. Install good quality locks and security systems to deter burglars from targeting your home.



PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

Install smoke detectors in your home and check them regularly to ensure they are working properly. Have a fire escape plan in place and practice it with your family.

REMEMBER

Safety should always be a top priority. These tips can help you stay safe in a variety of situations and prevent accidents from happening.

PROPS


School Safety & Security

April 2, 2024



SAFETY SUPPORT STRUCTURES

A NO TAX RATE INCREASE BOND ISSUE
RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT



FRECKLE CHALLENGE

Prizes for Top Students

SET A GOAL AND GROW!

DECEMBER 4, 2023 - MARCH 4, 2024

Strengthen math skills while winning prizes!
Students set a goal and work on adaptive math!

Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top School in the District
- Top 10 Scholars at Each School

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent of Schools



Greetings RGSD Stakeholders,

Thank you to all the parents, scholars, staff and community members who joined us at the January 23 SAB Meeting and Town Hall at Westview Middle School. Riverview Gardens School District continues to solicit feedback and engagement from the entire RGSD community.

At the Town Hall, the District continued to display complete transparency when it comes to the RGSD's Annual Performance Review (APR), the Comprehensive School Improvement Program (CSIP), attendance, climate and culture, accreditation status, finance and more. We are grateful for everyone who put aside a few hours on a Tuesday night to stay engaged with the amazing scholars and educators in Riverview Gardens. We appreciate your feedback via the open comments and the group activity. Thank you for sharing your questions, concerns and celebrations. Your input will be used to continue to improve learning in Riverview Gardens.

If you were unable to attend the event, you can watch the replay of the live stream on the RGSD YouTube page. We hope that you will consider attending a future Town Hall, SAB Meeting, PAC Meeting or other activity in the future. To address the needs of all stakeholders, we must maintain constant two-way communication. Let's continue to grow together, improve together and make Riverview Gardens School District the best school district in Missouri!

At the Town Hall Meeting, we introduced Proposition S to the community. Prop S is a no-tax-rate-increase bond issue that will appear on the April 2 ballot. Prop S seeks to raise funding to improve safety and security, as well as school structures and other capital improvements.

RGSD's last ballot measure was Prop E, an operating tax levy increase that overwhelmingly passed in 2021. Prop E promises included:

- **Expand Early Childhood Education** - Early childhood services have been extended to Lewis & Clark Elementary School, increasing capacity.
- **Expand Transportation** - Riverview Gardens School District provides bus transportation to scholars who live within a mile radius when requested.
- **Expand Health Services for Families** - RGSD recently opened the R.A.M.S. Clinic at Riverview Gardens High School. The School-Based Health Center is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and provides health services to RGSD scholars. Services will be expanded to family members and community members in the future.
- **Enhance the Salary Schedule** - Since Prop E passed, all RGSD staff members have received significant wage increases to help make pay across the District competitive with other school districts in the area. Teacher salary steps were increased, the District's minimum wage was increased to \$15 per hour and a compensation study was done to help bring wages of all employees up to fair and competitive levels.

While Prop E was a tax rate increase, Prop S will not increase your taxes. Voter approval would allow RGSD to borrow funds to address pressing security and facility needs at all RGSD schools. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the near future regarding Prop S.

State of the District

January 23, 2024

Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

A New View on the Horizon Where Learning is Required

[View the Presentation](#)