



THE INSIDE VIEW

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



JANUARY 17

*Celebrate
Remember*

KOURTNEY STEWART AWARDED DRUM MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP AT CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL'S MLK CELEBRATION

Kourtney Stewart, a Riverview Gardens High School scholar, is the recipient of the Drum Major Scholarship from Christian Hospital.

The scholarship award was presented at Christian Hospital's virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Friday, Jan. 14, hosted by KSDK's Rene Knott.

The award is presented to scholars from Riverview Gardens School District, Jennings, Normandy, Ritenour, Hazelwood, Pattonville, Ferguson-Florissant and Incarnate Word Academy.

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RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL
- 1/21 DISTRICT SPELLING BEE
@ MOLINE ELEMENTARY - **10AM**
- 1/22 REPORT CARDS EMAILED
- 1/25 SAB MEETING - **6PM**
- 1/26 PARENT UNIVERSITY: SHOW ME
2/2 THE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
- 2/11 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL



KOURTNEY STEWART
Riverview Gardens School District

Stewart's career goal is to become a world-renowned cardio thoracic surgeon. After attending college and medical school, she intends to return to her community to open a healthcare clinic.

"Desiring to become a physician in the medical field, specifically a surgeon, gives me the opportunity to use my innovative ideas to help new people every day," Stewart said. "I want to focus on the patients as a whole, and treat the whole body and not just the disease."

"Kourtney is well-deserving of this scholarship award," stated Traci Nave, principal at Riverview Gardens High School. "She is an intelligent and talented scholar who truly embodies Riverview Excellence."

A promotional poster for a spelling bee. It features a blue background with a yellow circle containing an 'A+' in the top left. In the center, there are illustrations of two bees, a stack of three books, and a red apple. The text 'SPELLING BEE' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below that, in white text on a dark blue background, it says 'JAN 21 @ MOLINE ELEMENTARY' and '10 AM - 12:30 PM'. At the bottom, in yellow text on a blue background, it says 'CLICK HERE TO VIEW LIVE VIA YOUTUBE'.



RGSD INCREASES PAY RATE FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Riverview Gardens School District raised its pay rate for long-term substitutes to from \$150.01 to \$200 per day.

The increase was made in order to keep RGSD competitive with surrounding school districts as COVID-19 continues to put a strain on the teacher and substitute workforce.

The rate increase was approved by the Special Administrative Board at its Jan. 11 meeting.

ESS is in charge of managing the District's staffing for substitute teachers. The rate increase went into effect immediately.

To apply to serve as a substitute teacher in the Riverview Gardens School District, please visit ESS.com.

An advertisement for school substitutes. It features a young Black woman with glasses, wearing a green shirt and a backpack, sitting at a desk with a laptop. The text reads 'NOW HIRING SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES' in large white and yellow letters. Below that, it says 'Earn up to \$200/day' in a white script font. At the bottom, it says 'APPLY AT ESS.COM' in white. There are two circular logos: one with a ram's head and another with the letters 'ESS' and 'riverview gardens school district'.

DR. SCHJOLBERG NAMED MISSOURI DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL

Dr. Sheri Schjolberg, principal of Danforth Elementary School was named the Missouri Distinguished Principal of the St. Louis Suburban Region by the Missouri Association of Elementary and Secondary Principals (MAESP).

Schjolberg was surprised with an announcement of the honor at Danforth Elementary on Jan. 4.

"I am humbled and honored by this recognition," Schjolberg stated. "This award represents the hard work of my staff, scholars, families and community members."



Schjolberg is an active member of the St. Louis Suburban Elementary Principals Association (SLSEPA) and currently serves as the Public Relations chair. She also serves as a member of MAESP and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

"[Dr. Schjolberg is] incredible and beyond deserving of this recognition," stated Lorinda Krey, president of the St. Louis Suburban Region chapter of MAESP. "We are so happy for Sheri and the entire Riverview Gardens School District."

Krey's sentiments were echoed by Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Acting Superintendent.

"Congratulations to Dr. Schjolberg for this outstanding recognition," Pruitt-Adams said. "We are grateful for her dedication to the scholars at Danforth Elementary."

Schjolberg will be formally presented with the award at the MAESP Leadership Conference, March 5-8. She will have the opportunity to interview with a panel of prior MO Distinguished Principals and has the potential to be named Missouri's National Distinguished Principal.

"I would like to thank MAESP for the opportunity to be a part of such an extraordinary network of leaders," Schjolberg added. "I would also like to thank my loving family, my wonderful husband of 23 years, and my amazing children for their inspiration and support throughout my journey."

"SHOW ME THE MONEY"
for **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Participants will learn about financial support for post-secondary education and training. Scholarship resources will be provided.

January 26, 2022 at 6PM - Session 1 of 2
February 2, 2022 at 6PM - Session 2 of 2

Join us via zoom
Meeting ID: 966 5247 4780

Riverview Gardens School District

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RGSD IS HIRING

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Starting January 3rd

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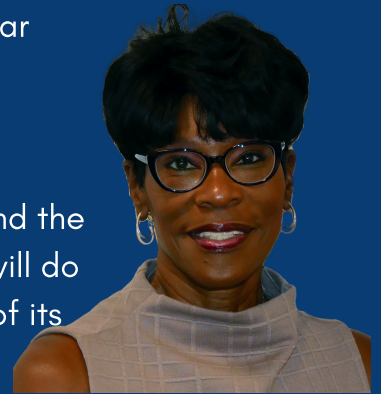
DELLWOOD RECREATION CENTER

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Acting Superintendent

Happy New Year! It's the month of January. We have reached the time of year when temperatures drop and we must make sure that we are prepared for inclement weather and the impact it may have on in-person learning.

The District's top priority is always the health and 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.



In the event that we must consider canceling in-person learning due to inclement weather or adverse conditions, RGSD will make every effort to notify parents as early as possible via the following sources of information:

- Local television and radio stations: FOX 2, KMOV 4, KSDK 5 and KMOX radio (1120 AM)
- District SISK Phone Calls and/or Text Alerts
- District Website: [rgsd.k12.mo.us](https://www.rgsd.k12.mo.us)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverviewGardensSchoolDistrict>
- Twitter: @RGSDNews
- Instagram: @RGSDSchools

What Can Parents Do?

- Monitor information sites indicated above
- Make sure to update all emergency contact information provided to the school – including phone numbers, address and names of contacts
- Keep phone lines open; please avoid contacting schools
- Develop a back-up plan for child care and transportation in case of early dismissal or closure
- If schools are open, dress your child warmly and cover head and hands; dress in layers
- Ensure your child has on boots or leather shoes to keep feet dry
- If possible transport your walker to school

RGSD TO PARTNER WITH NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE AND MSBA FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING

Riverview Gardens School District will partner with the Normandy Schools Collaborative to host a School Board Candidates Training event. This training will be facilitated by representatives from the Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA). The training event will take place on Thursday, January 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Barack Obama Elementary School, located at 3883 Jennings Station Rd. St. Louis, MO 63121. This free training is available for all certified school board candidates.

SAB President Ms. Veronica Morrow-Reel and Dr. Pruitt-Adams welcome this opportunity to collaborate with the Normandy Schools Collaborative. We believe this training session will offer Board candidates useful information as you pursue your candidacy for the April 5th election.