

# THE INSIDE VIEW ISSUE 10 · OCTOBER 2021



### **RGHS STUDENTS EXPLORE 'WHAT'S NEXT'**

Students at Riverview Gardens High School participated in the What's Next Fair, sponsored by the Little Bit Foundation.

The WNF brought 53 vendors, including colleges and universities, armed services, architecture firms, unionized labor companies, video game designers and more to the Riverview Gardens High School campus.

Approximately 400 students attended the fair and gained access to valuable post-secondary educational resources, networking and career opportunities.

"We had a group of youth very interested and eager to learn about the industry," one vendor commented. "They were very engaged and interested in learning."

The What's Next Fair was held on October 8.

### RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

#### - IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/22 END OF THE FIRST QUARTER
- 10/26 SAB MEETING 7PM
- **10/27 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- **10/28 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- 10/28 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT @ VARIOUS SCHOOLS
- 10/29 NO SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN
- 11/01 PRO. DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL
- 11/02 TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL

### RGEF DONATES BOOKS TO LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY

On October 1, 2019 the Riverview Gardens Education Foundation helped bring Black children's literature to Glasgow Elementary School by opening the Believe Lab. Since that day, it has been the mission of the RGEF has to continue to bring Black children's literature to all of the elementary schools in the Riverview Gardens School District in some form.



Exactly two years later, the RGEF brought Black children's literature to another RGSD school. On October 1, 2021, the RGEF presented each kindergarten through third-grade classroom at Lewis & Clark Elementary School a set of Black children's literature books. The books are now a permanent part of each of the personal classroom libraries at the school and are available for scholars to enjoy during quiet time.

Literacy is such an important part of education. It is the Foundation's mission to foster the love of reading. Children are more likely to read books that contain characters they can relate to, whether that be race, ethnicity, different abilities, hobbies, or animals, it is the Foundation's quest to provide such literature.



The RGEF hopes to provide all kindergarten through third-grade classrooms in Riverview Gardens School District a set of Black children's literature books.

The Riverview Gardens Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Riverview Gardens School District, its teachers and scholars.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit http://www.theRGEF.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, EARLY CHILDHOOD & CLERICAL STAFF for Riverview Gardens School District Long-term positions up to \$150.00/day





Upload photos of you & your scholars wearing pink to support breast cancer awareness. Earn a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

Riverview Garden SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### GIBSON ELEMENTARY RECEIVES \$25K FOOD SERVICE GRANT

Gibson Elementary School was awarded \$25,000 via the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant. The award will fund a new walk-in combination cooler/freezer to be installed at Gibson Elementary.

Shannon Ebron, Director of Child Nutrition Services, placed the successful application for the grant award.



The purpose of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants is to distribute funding allocations provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 to state agencies to competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible schools participating in the NSLP.

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#### KORAN BOLDEN 'BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION' AT WESTVIEW MIDDLE









### PAMELA FOUNTAIN & STACEY MILLER TO RECEIVE APPLE FOR THE TEACHER AWARD

Pamela Fountain of Riverview Gardens High School and Stacey Miller of Central Middle School have been selected by the Alpha Zeta Chapter of lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. to receive the Apple for the Teacher Award.

Fountain and Miller will be honored at an awards luncheon on Saturday, November 20 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel.

lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is a business and professional women's organization founded in 1929 which promotes increased interest in business education among high school and college women through planned programs and schoarships.



Pamela Fountain



Stacey Miller

## THE SUPER'S REVIEW

#### By Dr. Scott Spurgeon, Superintendent of Schools

For Riverview Gardens School District, social media has become an invaluable tool. It allows us to instantaneously connect and communicate with students, parents and the community.

Social media provides the ability to share reminders about important upcoming events and meetings. We are able to quickly reach our followers with critical alerts, service outages or news that may impact the RGSD Ramily. We can also share photos and videos of events and activities to provide the community with a peek into the amazing educational activities that occur in Riverview Gardens.

However, as with any tool, it is important to practice safe usage of social media and monitor how our children choose to utilize it. School districts around the area, and nation, have been impacted by hazardous usage of social media.

Some students are using social media to share and promote "challenges" that encourage youth to participate in dangerous and disruptive behavior such as vandalism, violence and mischief. Students are also using the platforms to amplify quarrels that occur on social media and causing them to spill over into the school setting.

The health and safety of our students and staff is the top priority of the District. We are confident in the ability of our amazing team of teachers, staff, administrators and security personnel to maintain a safe learning environment. However, we are asking parents and families to pay attention to your students' social media presence (TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

We are proud of the partnerships that we have forged with parents and the community. Most of our students come to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. Let's continue to work together to ensure that social media is used as an amazing tool and not a distraction.

Thank You and It's Always a Great Day to Be a Ram!

