



THE INSIDE VIEW

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GLOWING UP AT KOCH ELEMENTARY

Tammika Thomas of Koch Elementary School held a Glow Party for her class to celebrate the fifth day of school. The Glow Party was designed to strengthen their confidence in their academic abilities and motivate them to keep making smart choices.

According to Thomas, the party consisted of high-engagement activities, selected to provide scholars with an opportunity to have fun as they reviewed concepts and skills learned in previous grade levels.

"I wanted all of our students to have a chance to experience the fun of a true celebration early in our school year, in hopes that it will motivate them to continue making the right choices throughout the year," Thomas stated.

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RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/5 LABOR DAY
DISTRICT CLOSED
- 9/6 PAC MEETING | 6PM
- 9/13 SAB MEETING | 7PM
- 9/23 PRO. DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO SCHOOL
- 9/24 BEAUTIFY RGSD DAY (PART 2)
7:30 AM - 1 PM
- 9/27 SAB MEETING | 7PM
- 10/1 HOMECOMING @ RGHS
PARADE 10AM | GAME 11AM

Thomas wasn't the only teacher to dim the lights to help scholars learn. Fourth-grade teacher Manda Malherek held her first Flashlight Friday of the 2022-2023 school year.

For Flashlight Fridays, Malherek's class spends part of its reading session using flashlights to read for pleasure. Students choose a favorite book, get a flashlight, and choose a spot to be comfortable around the room.

"I put on soft music and we all get lost in an adventure on the pages of a book," Malherek stated. "I do this to try to foster a love of reading, as well as provide a reward for working hard all week long!"



RIVERVIEW GARDENS EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATES TO RGSD

The Riverview Gardens Education Foundation donated \$500 to the Riverview Gardens School District to help support the Back to School Bash.

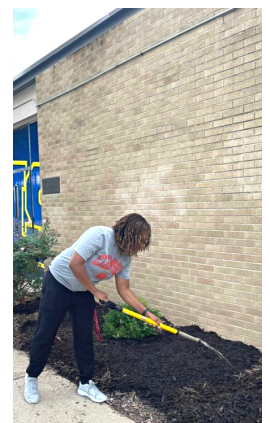
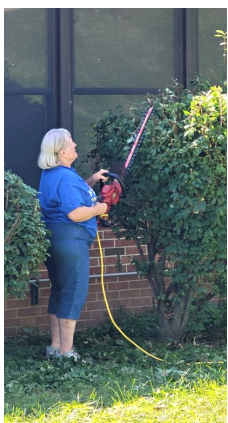
RGEF President Deidre Brown (center) and Treasurer Eric Madkins (right) delivered the check to RGSD Chief Financial Officer Dr. Lavon Singleton.

"The RGEF is proud to support the scholars of Riverview Gardens and the Back to School Bash." Brown stated. "We look forward to continuing to support the District and helping to shape the new view on the horizon."

COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP BEAUTIFY RGSD SEPT. 24

RGSD will continue to engage and partner with alumni and community groups with its second Beautify RGSD Day on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

This event will continue the beautification process by planting perennials and conducting additional work to beautify the campuses. The District will provide supplies and resources for this event. All alumni, local municipalities, parents, scholars, teachers and stakeholders are invited to donate the invaluable sweat equity to help instill scholar and community pride. Thanks to all who participated in the first event on Aug. 20.



BULLETIN BOARD

RAMS FOOTBALL 2022 VARSITY SCHEDULE

27 AUG	U-CITY UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL 1:00PM	2 SEPT	GATEWAY STEM GATEWAY STEM HIGH SCHOOL 6:00PM
10 SEPT	LAFAYETTE RIVERVIEW GARDENS H.S. 11:00AM	15 SEPT	JENNINGS JENNINGS HIGH SCHOOL 5:00PM
24 SEPT	AFFTON RIVERVIEW GARDENS H.S. 11:00AM	1 OCT	NORMANDY RIVERVIEW GARDENS H.S. 11:00AM
8 OCT	CLAYTON CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL 12:00PM	14 OCT	LADUE LADUE BOBSON WALKER H.S. 7:00PM
22 OCT	HAZELWOOD EAST HAZELWOOD EAST H.S. 7:00PM		

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Beautify RGSD

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Saturday, Sept. 24
7:30am - 1:00pm

Calling all volunteers, alumni, scholars, parents, community members, staff!

PART TWO of Beautify RGSD will be to pick up litter, plant flowers, bushes and plants on the school campuses.

RGSD will provide plants, soil, mulch, supplies and water.

B.Y.O.Y.T (Bring Your Own Yard Tools!)

PAPER

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RGHS Homecoming Parade

SATURDAY, OCT. 1
10AM
RGSD BUS DEPOT
807 CHAMBERS ROAD

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iSCORE PRESENTS:

KIDS SATURDAY STEM CAMP

For 1st-4th Grade

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

- September 10th and 24th
- October 8th and 22nd
- November 05th and 19th
- December 3rd

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RIVERVIEW EXCELLENCE: LAURA MARGOLF HONORED BY Y98'S BRET & JULIE

Laura Margolf, an instructor at Michelle Obama Early Childhood Academic Center was recognized by Y98's Wake-Up with Bret & Julie show as a winner in its Adopt A Teacher Campaign.

According to Y98, the campaign honors active teachers who "deserve recognition because they inspire growth in their students, confidence in school and out and have an impact on their students."

Margolf was nominated by Vandeeshia Lee, the parent of one of her former scholars at Gibson Elementary School. Lee's son suffered a serious medical emergency one day at school. Margolf not only called 9-1-1, but she rode with the ill scholar in the ambulance to the hospital to ensure that he was with someone he knew. Margolf then stayed with the scholar and his family at the hospital until he was discharged later that night.

[Ms. Margolf] is very helpful, caring, loving, respectful...she just loves to help anybody out that's in trouble," stated Lee. "I love Ms. Margolf for that. She's a wonderful teacher."

For going above and beyond the call of duty, Margolf received a \$500 gift card from Y98 and Vantage Credit Union.

True to her selfless nature, Margolf will donate the funds to Gibson Elementary School to help purchase new playground equipment.

"Your thoughtfulness and putting your students first is the epitome of what being an educator is about," Superintendent Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams told Margolf. "Thanks for all you do."

"We're our own little school family," Margolf stated.

24/7 TUTORING SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARS

We have some incredible news to share! We are thrilled to announce that Riverview Gardens School District has partnered with Paper to provide ALL K-12 students with free, 1-on-1 tutoring and writing support.

You can explore this incredible resource with your students right now! Have them go to app.paper.co, search for their school, and login to start a tutoring session.

When students login and start a session, they are instantly connected with subject-matter experts that guide your students through problems step-by-step, without giving away the answers. This way, students can walk away from sessions feeling confident that they understand the material and have the tools to succeed on their future assignments and exams.

Here are a few ways Paper can support you and your students this school year:

- Unlimited 24/7/365 tutoring support – sessions can run for as long as students need!
- Revisions for any typed writing assignments in 24 hours or less!
- Tutoring and writing support in 4 different languages – English, Spanish, French and Mandarin.

Interested in speaking to a member of the Paper team? You can reach them at parents@paper.co.



A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent of Schools



It has been a joy to see the smiling faces and joyous laughter of our returning scholars. The start of the 2022-2023 school year has been a positive one. The enthusiasm from the Back to School Bash and Convocation events has carried over into the start of the school year. We look forward to continue engaging and collaborating with parents, community and staff. While challenges still exist, I am confident that Riverview Gardens School District will continue to see improvements in climate and culture, community engagement and academic performance.

Safety continues to be a primary focus of the Riverview Gardens School District. Active shooter training is currently underway for all faculty and staff. RGSD continues to work with our District security personnel and our local law enforcement partners to review and adapt our security protocols to ensure that RGSD continues to provide a safe learning environment.

The District will require photo ID badges for all scholars and staff for the current school year. The ID badges are expected to be completed and in the hands of scholars by October 1. Badges will be provided free of charge and must be displayed around the scholar's neck or attached to their backpack at all times during the school day. IDs will also be required on school buses. However, if a scholar forgets or loses their ID, they may still go to school, but must immediately report to the office for a temporary or replacement ID.

Additionally, RGSD will begin sending text message alerts to parents who wish to be notified of important information and emergency updates. Text message alerts are optional, and will only be sent to parents who opt-in to the notification system. We encourage all parents to sign up for text message notification so that you may receive timely updates regarding school closings, utility outages, emergency situations or important District- or school-related news. [Click here](#) to register for RGSD text messages.

RGSD is committed to reviewing and revising the District's bullying policies, procedures and practices to ensure that every school can feel safe and comfortable in school. However, it will take a collaborative effort by the school district, parents and scholars to combat bullying.

Bullying behavior occurs on social media, at home, in the community and in schools. We encourage parents to monitor their children's social media activity to ensure that your children are not victims or perpetrators of bullying behavior.

If you believe your child is a victim of bullying, please speak with your child's teacher, counselor, principal or other school/district personnel to make a report.

Once the District receives a report of bullying, an investigation will begin within two days and a report will be completed within 10 days. RGSD has several supports and resources in place to help scholars and their families address bullying.

Lastly, I hope to see the entire RGSD community come out on Oct. 1 for the Homecoming festivities. We are proud to support the Riverview Gardens High School Rams as they face off against the Normandy Vikings on Oct. 1. We will celebrate our Rams pride with a parade through the area, beginning at the RGSD transportation depot, located at 807 Chambers Road at 10AM. The parade will end at Riverview Gardens High School, where we will root our mighty Rams to victory!

