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SCHOLARS HONORED AT BOEING GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT GRANT CELEBRATION

On September 28, Riverview Gardens School District hosted a celebration in honor of the Boeing Global Engagement grants. Boeing has provided over \$950,000 in grants in support of Riverview Gardens School District scholars for the 2023-2024 school year.

RGSD invited representatives from Boeing and 13 community partners to the Riverview Gardens High School library. Each partner provides programs that help enhance STEM learning.

Boeing executives Chris Bray (left), senior manager, and Monique Bynum, community investor/education relations, pose with scholars from Glasgow Elementary. The scholars were awarded with special medals for completing science-related summer programs.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

0/20	END OF FIRST QUARTER
0/24	SAB MEETING 7PM 1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR.
0/25	PARENT CONFERENCES
0/26	PARENT CONFERENCES
0/27	NO SCHOOL - DISTRICT OPE
0/30	FALL BREAK - DISTRICT CLOSED
1/1	KOCH MARKET RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

TANYA PATTON NAMED RGSD INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



Riverview Gardens School District announces the appointment of Tanya Patton, Ed.D. as interim superintendent, effective July 1, 2024. Patton will lead the District following the retirement of Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D. at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.

"I'm honored to have been selected to serve as interim superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year," Patton stated. "I look forward to working collectively with scholars, staff, parents and community members to support the scholars of Riverview Gardens."

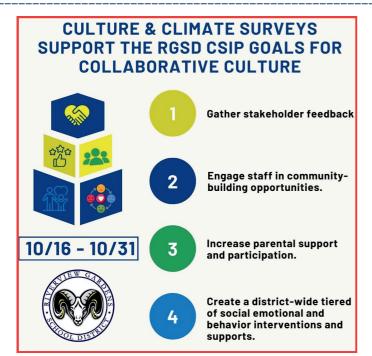
Patton has served as the assistant superintendent of Student, School & Community Support since 2020. She was recently named an Apple for the Teacher awardee (2023) by the lota Phi Lambda Sorority. She also received the Women in Leadership Award from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (2022).

Prior to joining RGSD, Patton served as principal at Nelson Elementary School and Cassens Elementary School in the Edwardsville School District. She also served as an assistant principal and a middle school teacher in Edwardsville.



"Dr. Patton is a talented, well-respected and effective leader," stated Veronica Morrow-Reel, Special Administrative Board president.

"As an assistant superintendent, she has developed meaningful and successful partnerships and relationships to improve learning and help foster success for scholars and staff..." <u>FULL STORY</u>



SHARE YOUR VOICE! FILL OUT THE RGSD FALL CLIMATE & CULTURE SURVEY!

<u>Climate and culture surveys</u> are critical components of the 2023-24 Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The survey aims to gather stakeholder feedback, engage staff in community-building opportunities, increase parental support and participation and create a district-wide tiered system of social emotional and behavioral interventions and supports.

Results from the surveys are reviewed by the District Leadership Team, presented to the SAB and used to improve the learning environment in the Riverview Gardens School District. Student, parent, staff, and community voice is needed! Survey deadline is 10/31.

Commit to Creating a New View on the Horizon



JOIN AN RGSD COMMITTEE

Riverview Gardens School District seeks collaboration and commitment with all stakeholders. Parents, scholars, staff, community members and partners are invited to join an RGSD committee to ensure student, staff, and community voice on decisions that impact the Ramily.

Please help us create a new view on the horizon, where learning is required. <u>SIGN-UP</u>

RGHS ADDRESSES FIGHTING INCIDENTS WITH PARENTS, SCHOLARS & STAFF

Riverview Gardens High School and District officials met with a select group of parents following several incidents of fighting on September 12. Principal Traci Nave, the restorative team, school resource officers and others addressed parents in two separate meetings that took place at Glasgow Elementary and Lewis & Clark Elementary. Parents and staff discussed solutions, resources and expectations. Attendees also participated in a restorative circle designed to build community and increase accountability.



Following three days of virtual learning at the High School, scholars were welcomed back with an all-school assembly where the school leadership addressed the incidents and the expectations to maintain a safe, learning environment.

RGSD Mission

RGSD Vision

Riverview Gardens School District will be a district where:

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

- 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.

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

School District has Riverview Gardens partnered with St. Louis Area Foodbank. All families are welcome to receive free fresh

produce, canned goods, dry goods & and other items, while supplies last.

On the first Thursday of the month, the items will be distributed at Central Middle School located at 9800 Patricia Barkalow Dr.

On the third Thursday of the month, the items will be distributed at Westview Middle School located at 1950 Nemnich Rd.

December 21 - No Distribution RGSD Winter Break.





COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



FRESH PRODUCE, CANNED GOODS, DRY GOODS & OTHER ITEMS

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOLOCTOBER 5 NOVEMBER 2DECEMBER 7 JANUARY 4	WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	9:00 AM -
SEPTEMBER 21 NOVEMBER 16 OCTOBER 19 JANUARY 18	11:00 AM
Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT	Food ank.



VECTOR TRAINING, K-12 EDITION ONLINE TRAINING

The safety of staff and scholars in RGSD is of the highest importance.

The District offers Vector Training, K-12 Edition, to all RGSD employees. The mandatory courses are beneficial for maintaining a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Be sure that you complete all of the required Vector trainings for the 2023-24 school year.



VECTOR TRAINING

MANDATORY ONLINE TRAINING

Website: https://rgsd-mo.safeschools.com/login





SPIRIT WEEK AT WESTVIEW



October 9-13

VOTE TO NAME THE RGHS YEARBOOK

RGHS yearbook staff conducted a review of the 2023-24 yearbook. The goal is to revamp the yearbook and expand its size and scope. The yearbook staff needs the <u>community's</u> <u>input</u> to name the yearbook. The choices are:

- Echoes, which has been the name in past decades.
- PanoRama, which reflects the 360-scope of the yearbook.
- **Ramily Album**, which references the idea of us as a Ramily.

Yearbooks are on sale now through Oct. 31 at a starting price of \$38. The price goes up from there.

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, the yearbook will be priced at \$45. Starting Jan. 1, 2024, the yearbook price will rise to \$50 as a base price. <u>CLICK HERE TO ORDER</u>

VOTE

For more information contact Elizabeth Holzer at <u>eholzerergsd.k12.mo.us</u> at RGHS.

LATE START WEDNESDAYS

Late Start Wednesdays began on Wednesday, August 23. RGSD schools observe the Late Start Schedule during the academic school year. **MO-ECAC does not observe Late Start Wednesdays.**

On Late Start Wednesdays, staff engage in a

Professional Learning Community (PLC) PD. Building leaders and educators work collaboratively and review student data. PLCs allow teachers to brainstorm and share best practices to achieve academic excellence for all RGSD scholars.



PAMELA FOUNTAIN RECEIVES CARL PERKINS **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Pamela Fountain was named the winner of the Carl Perkins Community Service Award by the Missouri Marketing and Cooperative Education Association. Fountain is a Marketing instructor at Riverview Gardens High School. She also serves as the coordinator of the Marketing and Career Employment Program.

The award recognizes individuals who have used Career & Technical Education (CTE) to make a significant community impact and demonstrate leadership that promotes student involvement in community service.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS ATTEND **ST. LOUIS CITY 2 SC SOCCER MATCH**





Scholars, staff and parents from Central and Westview Middle Schools attended a St. Louis City 2 SC soccer game on September 17.

The Little Bit Foundation and Centene Foundation sponsored game tickets, transportation and food for the scholars.

Photos provided by Juanita Shaw

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates

November 6 - Virtual December 4 - In Person March 4 - In Person January 9 – Virtual

February 5 - Virtual April 1 – Virtual

CALLING ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS & GRANDPARENTS

The RGSD Parent Advisory Committee needs you! The PAC meets monthly to provide advice and school administrators assistance to and educators relating to the Academic Achievement Plan, programs, activities, resources and services in order to help schools attain their goals of providing each child with the best education possible.

The PAC is open to parents, guardians, grandparents, scholars and community members.

Interested? Contact our Community Engagement Specialist Te'Ara Arman at (314) 869-2505 x 31147 or via email at teara.arman@rgsd.k12.mo.us.

On October 2, the PAC welcomed Cynthia Bennett from JADASA to present on domestic violence.





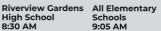
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every minute counts towards a scholar's success. Every absence, tardy and early check-out adds up. In a school year, if a scholar misses two days per month, they will miss 20 days for the year. When a student is ten minutes late on a daily basis, the scholar is missing approximately seven days of school and missing out on 41 lessons. To achieve academic success, it is imperative for all scholars to attend school daily.





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High School 8:30 AM

Central & Westview Middle 9:45 AM

SCHOOL

Michelle Obama ECAC-No Late Start 8:15 AM

Center

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent of Schools

Greetings RGSD Stakeholders,

On Tuesday, August 8, the RGSD Special Administrative Board approved an all-new Comprehensive School Improvement Plan to guide the District through the 2023-2026 school years.

The CSIP represents the District's accountability plan aligned to the standards of the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP 6) and outlines the District's strategies toward improved student outcomes.

The new CSIP plan is critical to the success of Riverview Gardens School District as we strive to regain full accreditation. The plan was developed with input from staff, parents, scholars and the community. It identifies specific goals, strategies and actions to enhance teaching and learning.

Every member of the RGSD faculty and staff received a laminated copy of the CSIP Overview. All staff members should display the document in a prominent place in their classroom or office.

Soon, all households within the District will receive a postcard featuring the CSIP Overview. Please keep this document handy. The overview serves as a blueprint for RGSD to gain full accreditation. It also serves as a means of accountability for all RGSD stakeholders.

The importance of student voice is critical to the success of Riveview Gardens. That is why we are taking applications from middle school and high school scholars for the RGSD Student Advisory Board. The purpose of the Student Advisory Board is to enhance the overall experience for scholars. Scholars will have the opportunity to advocate for student interests, suggest improvements, foster communication between scholars and administration and provide valuable insight into how RGSD can better serve its scholars.

We are currently accepting applications for the Student Advisory Board. If you are, or know, an interested scholar, please visit rgsd.kl2.mo.us/studentadvisory to fill out your application.

Another way that we are seeking stakeholder voice is through the Climate & Culture Surveys. Each year, RGSD will survey stakeholders to identify areas of improvement and to ensure that we are addressing the needs and concerns of the Ramily.

In last year's surveys, we learned that there was great dissatisfaction regarding the food service program. Therefore, this year we partnered with SFE for the District's breakfast and lunch program. So far, the reviews have been fantastic. Scholars are enjoying the new, fresh food options. This is just one example of how YOUR voice helps to impact decisions and improve Riverview Gardens.



It has been my great pleasure to serve as superintendent of Riverview Gardens School District. However, before the school year began, I shared my intention to retire following the 2023-24 school year. I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Tanya Patton, who was recently named interim superintendent for the 2024-25 school year by the SAB.

Dr. Patton and I have worked very closely to address all aspects of the school district; scholar performance, leadership training, hiring practices, financial stability and support from outside agencies. She is a tremendous leader, and I believe, the right person to move Riverview Gardens forward. Congratulations Dr. Patton!

