



THE INSIDE VIEW

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RGHS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT ON 2024 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

On National Signing Day (Feb. 7), two Riverview Gardens High School scholar-athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate football.

Dennis Abel, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound defensive back, signed to attend Missouri Southern State University, where he plans to major in Animal Science.

James Hollins, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound quarterback, signed to attend Missouri S&T University, where he plans to major in Aerospace Engineering.

Abel and Collins celebrated with family, faculty & staff and the RGHS football team. Congratulations to Abel and Hollins for their academic and athletic achievements. [PHOTO GALLERY](#).

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/12 SAB MEETING | 7PM | **MEADOWS**
- 3/14 DISTRICT STEAM NIGHT | 5PM | **WMS**
- 3/14 314 DAY CELEBRATIONS
- 3/15 PROP S INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS
3:30 PM | **CENTRAL SERVICES**
- 3/19 SCIENCE NIGHT | 5PM | **LEMASTERS**
- 3/20 RGSD CAREER & HIRING FAIR | 4PM
CENTRAL SERVICES
- 3/20-3/21 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 3/22 NO SCHOOL | DISTRICT OPEN
- 3/25-3/29 SPRING BREAK | DISTRICT CLOSED

2023-24 BUILDING AND DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Riverview Gardens School District honored the 2023-2024 Building and District Teachers of the Year at the Special Administrative Board (SAB) meeting, on Tuesday, February 27 at RGSD Central Services building.

Each school selected a Teacher of the Year. Winners were selected by their peers for their outstanding exemplary commitment to educating RGSD scholars, as well as their exceptional educational talent, effective instructional practices and academic results.

Robin Steele-Starks, guidance counselor at Lewis and Clark Elementary School was announced as the 2023-24 District Teacher of the Year. Steele-Starks will represent RGSD in the Missouri State Teacher of the Year competition.

Congratulations, to all the phenomenal and deserving teachers and thank you for your educational contributions to the Family. [WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)



PROP S INFORMATIONAL CANVASSING CREW HITS THE RGSD STREETS

On Saturday, February 24, RGSD stakeholders began door-to-door canvassing to inform the community about Prop S, a no-tax-rate-increase bond issue. Prop S seeks to raise \$25 million to enhance safety and security for RGSD schools and offices, make important structural enhancements and upgrade technology across the district.

All RGSD employees, scholars, community members and partners are invited to volunteer, canvass and/or help to inform the community about Prop S. [LEARN MORE ABOUT PROP S.](#)



ELECTRIC BUSES COMING TO RGSD COURTESY OF EPA GRANT

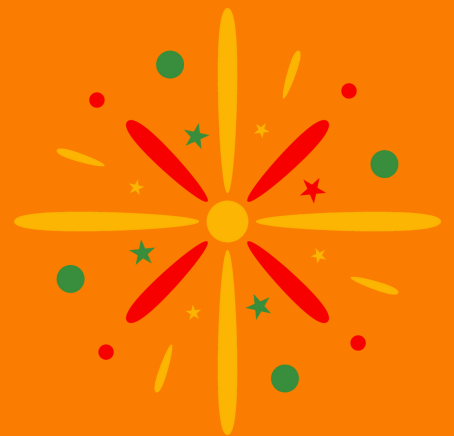
Riverview Gardens School District has been awarded six electric school buses in Round 2 of EPA's Clean School Bus (CSB) program. With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CSB provides \$5 billion over five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. At the start of the 2025-26 School, RGSD's new electric vehicles are slated to arrive in the district.

RGSD has submitted additional requests for 15 electric buses in Round 3 of the EPA funding.

SCENES FROM BLACK HISTORY

RGSD SCHOLARS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

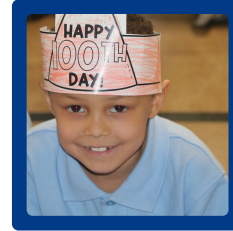
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KOCH ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES SCHOLARS AT HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY

Koch Elementary School recognized and celebrated scholars' academic and attendance achievements on the 100th school day with an Honors Assembly. KDG-5th grade scholars were presented with award certificates by their classroom teachers. The categories for the awards were the Principal's Award (As), Honor Roll (As & Bs), Merritt Award (As, Bs and Cs) and Student of the Month.

Way to go, Koch Elementary School scholars!



RGSD Mission

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

RGSD Vision

Riverview Gardens School District will be a district where:

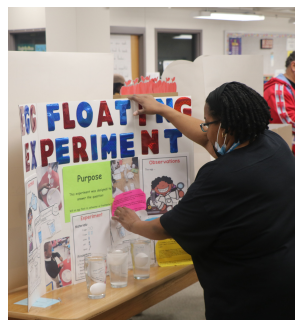
- There are high expectations for all.
- There will be healthy, loving, empathetic and kind relationships.
- Where students are at the center of our decisions.
- Supports are provided so students become grade-level ready.
- There is transparency, accountability, timely, clear communication, and high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

DISTRICTWIDE SCIENCE FAIRS

In February, RGSD scholars showcased their science projects at districtwide science fairs. The RGSD scholars displayed their projects for District leaders, parents, faculty, staff, and scholars who toured the science fair.

It was a great opportunity for the scholars to experience the practice of science and showcase their dynamic work.

[PHOTO GALLERY.](#)



HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAGIC HOUSE STEAM NIGHT

On Sunday, February 25, Highland Elementary School families were invited to the Magic House Family STEAM Night. Families participated in hands-on STEAM exhibits and interactive learning experiences. Ms. Caitlyn Ney, librarian at Highland Elementary School coordinated the event.

The Magic House has had a long commitment to provide Access for All, an initiative to offer free admission and learning experiences to families and schools from under-resourced areas.

[PHOTO GALLERY.](#)



GIBSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTS HEART-TO-HEART DANCE

Gibson Elementary School held a Valentine's Day Heart-to-Heart fundraising dance on Thursday, February 15. Scholars and parents dressed up, took photos, snacked, and danced to a live DJ. The proceeds from the dance will benefit the school's annual field day costs.

Under the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP), Collaborative Climate & Culture strand, districts and schools seek to increase parental support and participation.

Thank you to everyone who attended. [VIEW GALLERY](#)



R&B MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT AT LEMASTERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The RGSD's Family Engagement Office hosted an R&B Music Trivia Night at Lemasters Elementary School on Tuesday, February 20. District leaders and faculty & staff were in attendance and joined the fun. The attendees tested their R&B music trivia knowledge and enjoyed snacks, games, and raffles. Mental health resources were also provided.

Guest presenters, Alpha Psi Kappa Fraternity and Phi Nu Kappa Sorority presented information on mental health.



FATHERS SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT AT GLASGOW'S DONUTS WITH DAD

Glasgow Elementary School held a "Donuts With Dad" event on Friday, February 23. The event had a record attendance.

At the event faculty & staff welcomed dads and scholars. The families cheerfully signed in to receive donuts. Next, dads and scholars traveled to the cafeteria and were greeted by Kasia Landa, principal of Glasgow Elementary School.

Dads and scholars bonded over donuts, toured the building, took photos, and learned more about Glasgow Elementary School.

Thank you to everyone for making the Donuts With Dad a huge success! [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

WHAT IS MCKINNEY-VENTO?

McKinney-Vento is a federal law that helps students who are **unhoused or do not have a stable place to live**. It ensures that these students have an opportunity to go to school and receive an education, just like any other child.

Under McKinney Vento, schools, are required to provide certain support and services to students in transition whose families have **LOST** their housing. This does not include students whose families have voluntarily moved away from the area.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT STUDENTS IN TRANSITION AND FOSTER CARE.](#)

TRACI NAVE NAMED ASST. SUPERINTENDENT OF LEADERSHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY

Riverview Gardens School District announces the appointment of Traci Nave as the Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Accountability, effective July 1, 2024.



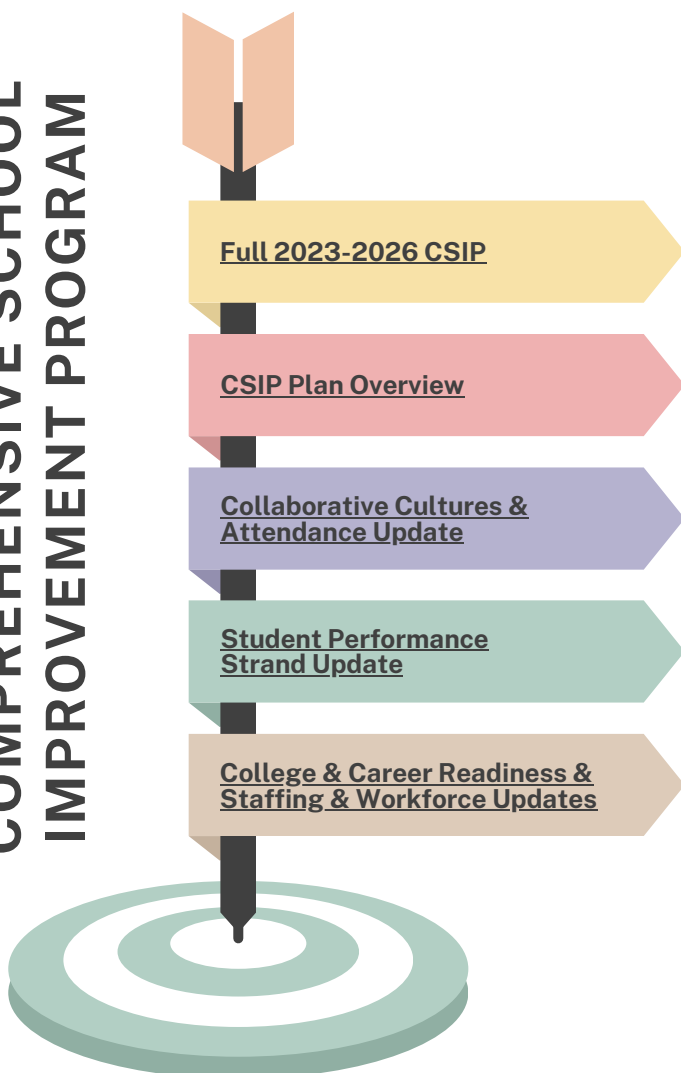
In the role, Nave will supervise the district's principals and establish systems to ensure effective and efficient operations in support of schools. She will also develop and implement strategies for achieving academic excellence by improving effective school leadership.

Nave has served as the principal at Riverview Gardens High School since 2019. As principal, Nave has helped scholars secure annual scholarship awards ranging from \$3 million (in 2019) to \$11 million (and counting) in 2024. She is a skilled leader, who has demonstrated the ability to build trust among scholars, staff, and parents. She has also helped elevate the RGHS graduation and college and career readiness rates.

She boasts experience managing budgets, scheduling, providing professional development, evaluating staff, and providing true servant leadership.

Nave has served in the Riverview Gardens School District since 2002. Her previous roles include; associate principal, college/counseling and career coordinator, assistant principal, transitional programs coordinator, instructional guide, cheer coach, teacher and academy coordinator. [FULL STORY](#)

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



DEIRDRE LIDDELL NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Riverview Gardens School District announced the appointment of Deirdre Liddell as the District's executive director of Student and Community Support Services, effective March 4, 2024.



Liddell will oversee the District's Student and Community Support Services department, which includes health services, MTSS, counselors, social workers, family engagement, students in transition, nurses, partnerships and more.

"I am honored to have been selected as the executive director of Student and Community Support Services," Liddell said. "I am grateful for the confidence from the Special Administrative Board and District leadership. I look forward to continuing to support scholars and we continue to champion health, wellness and restorative support." [FULL STORY](#)

BULLETIN BOARD

PROPS



SAFE & SECURE SCHOOLS

APRIL 2, 2024

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2024 Build Our Future Diversity Scholarship Applications!



DUE APRIL 5

Commit to Creating a New View on the Horizon



Join a committee!



Special Administrative Board Meeting

March 12 | 7:00 p.m.

**MEADOWS ELEMENTARY
9801 EDGEFIELD DRIVE**

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Episode 20

Podcast



Ariane Diño
Teacher, Lemasters Elementary

Choosing to Love Riverview Gardens

President Veronica Morrow-Reel	Vice President Dr. Niketia Coleman	Treasurer Wanda Lane
Director Tommie Harsley III		Director Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliott
Director Jacqueline Jackson	Director Sharon Tittsworth	Secretary Sha Fields

HAPPY SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH!

CAREER & HIRING FAIR

March 20
4-6 PM

NOW HIRING

- CERTIFIED TEACHERS PRE-K - 12
- INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS
- SCHOOL NURSE
- HVAC TECHNICIANS
- PLUMBERS



RGSD ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR.

rgsdmo.org/jobs



A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent of Schools



Greetings RGSD Stakeholders,

While the cold temperatures have refused to completely disappear, spring is finally upon us. In addition to warmer weather, we will soon welcome a shift in the clocks, Spring Break, an upcoming election and MAP testing.

The district will observe Spring Break March 25-29. I hope that scholars and staff will use the week off to rest, relax and recharge for the upcoming end of the school year stretch. We've all worked extremely hard during the 2023-2024 school year. Please ensure that you take some time for yourself over the break to do something that you love. There is enough time to check off some of those things that you need to check off your to-do list. However, your well-being matters. I urge you to embrace this break as an opportunity to replenish your energy so that we can all end the year on a positive note.

We must ensure that all scholars are ready to tackle the MAP and End of Course exams. In order to regain full accreditation, scholars, teachers and support staff all have to perform at the highest level. Instructors, custodians, cooks, district security officers, clerical staff and administrators all play a role in setting a school environment that promotes learning.

The window for MAP testing opens on April 1 and runs through May 24. Please contact your school office for the specific testing dates at each location.

The April 2 election is also fast approaching. There is less than one month until voters will go to the polls to decide Prop S. Prop S is a no-tax-rate-increase bond issue that seeks to raise \$25 million to support safe and secure schools. The RGSD Prop S Canvassing Crew has been putting feet to pavement in recent weeks, going door-to-door to share information regarding Prop S with the local community.

It has been a joy to see so many scholars and staff members taking the time to become educated about Prop S and then turn around and share that information with the community. We often ask parents and residents to come into our schools, join our committees and share these voices as we make decisions. Voting in the April 2 election is another way that the RGSD community can have a voice in the future of the District. If you would like to learn more about Prop S, please visit rgsdmo.org/props.

I'm also proud to witness the continued progress and transformation of the District's new Comprehensive School Improvement Program. On Tuesday, March 12, we will receive updates from the College and Career Readiness subcommittee and the Staffing and Workforce subcommittee. Once completed, all of the CSIP subcommittees will have reported updates regarding the strategies, action steps and evidence that have gone into the current three-year plan.

We must continue to embrace this plan as a living, breathing document. The CSIP is not only for staff, it is a roadmap for the entire RGSD community. For it to be completely effective, we need participation and buy-in from all District stakeholders. If you are not currently a part of the CSIP Steering Committee or a CSIP subcommittee, consider joining today. If you would like to learn more, or view any of the previous presentations, please visit rgsdmo.org/csip.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the parents who showed up to support the various Black History Month programs. Each event was packed with excited parents and the talent of scholars was on full display. The programs were a testament to what our children can do. I have no doubt that they can perform just as well in the classroom as they can on stage. Let's give them the same love and support in academics.