



THE INSIDE VIEW

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SPELLBOUND

Riverview Gardens School District scholars participated in the 2023 Districtwide Elementary Spelling Bee on Friday, January 20 at Gibson Elementary School. The Spelling Bee featured spellers from all nine elementary schools in the District.

The Districtwide Elementary Spelling Bee is a valuable educational activity for all scholars. It helps scholars improve their spelling, vocabulary and overall language skills.

After an intense battle, Hasani Holt from Moline Elementary emerged victorious. Zay'Den Ellis of Danforth Elementary earned a second-place finish. Terrell Beaver from Glasgow Elementary rounded out the Top 3.

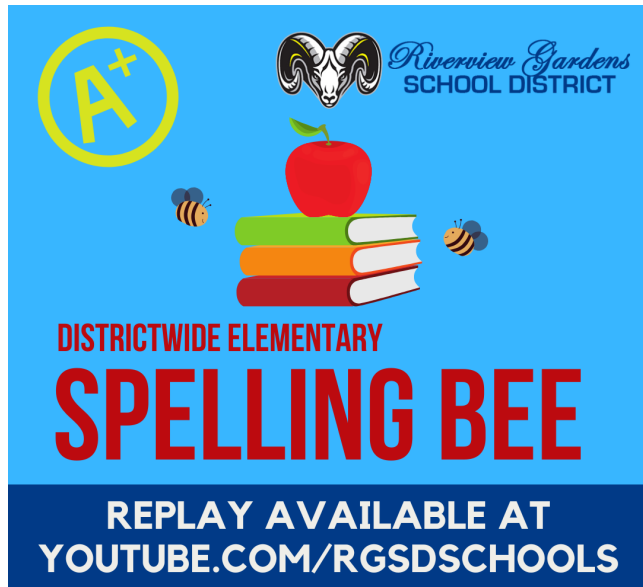
As the victor, Holt will represent RGSD in the St. Louis Regional Spelling Bee at Saint Louis University. See Page 2 for Spelling Bee Photo Gallery

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

1/12	CAREER FAIR 4-7PM
1/16	MLK HOLIDAY DISTRICT CLOSED
1/18	PAC RESOURCE FAIR 6PM
1/20	ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE
1/20	CAREER FAIR 4-7PM
1/24	STATE OF THE DISTRICT DANFORTH 7PM
1/26	CAREER FAIR 4-7PM
2/9	DESE PUBLIC HEARING MOLINE 6:30PM



The Riverview Gardens School District Board of Education is committed to maintaining a workplace and educational environment that is free from illegal discrimination, harassment and retaliation in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, services, activities and facilities. In accordance with law, the district strictly prohibits discrimination and harassment against employees, students or others on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by law. The Riverview Gardens School District is an equal opportunity employer.

WIN-ING AT MOLINE ELEMENTARY

Moline Elementary School staff earned awards for 70+ percent of the WIN team's intervention students making above-average progress in STAR Reading/Early Literacy assessments! WIN stands for What I Need. It is the schoolwide literacy intervention block at Moline Elementary.



BULLETIN BOARD



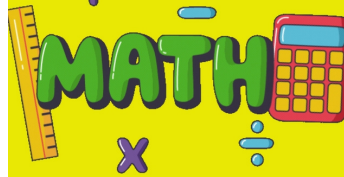
"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16, 2023

- District Closed -

FRECKLE FACE-OFF CHALLENGE

Central Middle School
Westview Middle School
Riverview Gardens High School



STUDENT-CENTERED
CHALLENGE

Jan. 9th – Mar. 10th

Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT

PAC RESOURCE FAIR

POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25th
WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
1950 Northumberland Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Free Event

Participate in workshops and learn about programs & services offered by the district and community partners.

Register Today!

ISCORE and SLU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PRESENT:

SATURDAY STEM CAMP

Time: 9:00 and to 3:30 pm

DATES:

- February 18th
- March 4th and 18th
- April 1st, 15th, and 29th
- May 13th

Fitzgerald Hall 3500 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, Mo 63108

Grades 6th - 8th

For more information, please contact
ISCORE@slu.edu

\$250
REGISTRATION FEE

ISCORE PRESENTS:

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

- February 18th
- March 4th and 18th
- April 1st, 15th, and 29th
- May 13th

KIDS SATURDAY STEM CAMP

For K-5th Grade

\$250
REGISTRATION FEE

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Fitzgerald Hall 3500 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, Mo 63108

For more information, please contact
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Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAREER & HIRING FAIR

- Teachers
- Facilities Supervisor
- Guidance Counselor
- Social Worker
- Plumber
- Painter
- Electrician
- Elementary Librarian
- Support Staff & More

JANUARY 12 & 26

4:00 - 7:00 PM

1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR
ST. LOUIS, MO 63137

A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

Riverview Gardens SCHOOL DISTRICT

PAC RESOURCE FAIR

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
8800 Patricia Barkalow
St. Louis, MO 63137

6:00PM - 7:30PM

Workshops, vendors, snacks & more

Participate in workshops and learn about programs & services offered by the district and community partners.

Register Today!

PAC RESOURCES FLOW TO MICHELLE OBAMA ECAC FAMILIES

The PAC Resource Fair at Michelle Obama Early Childhood on Wednesday, Jan. 18 was a tremendous success. Parents and scholars were provided with resources by RGSD, community partners, vendors and more.

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Attendees reported that they learned a great deal of valuable information and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The PAC Resource Fair will also visit Westview Middle School, Central Middle School and Riverview Gardens High School in the coming weeks.

DR. TIFFANY PATTON NAMED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Riverview Gardens School District announced the appointment of Tiffany Patton, Ed.D. as the new professional development coordinator.

Patton will oversee the District's initiatives to develop and revise the curriculum to align with state standards and district goals for student achievement. She will also provide teaching, assessment and professional development support for teachers.

"Tiffany Patton is a talented and experienced educational leader," said Stacey Nichols, Ed.D., assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. "We are excited to welcome her back to the RGSD Ramily!"

One of the District's key initiatives under Patton's guidance will be to provide educational leadership to create and maintain a school atmosphere that supports and encourages the personal and educational growth of students.

Prior to her appointment, Patton served as a principal in the Hazelwood District and school leader at KIPP St. Louis.

"I am excited to return to the district that gave me the opportunity to start this journey as an educator 16 years ago when I was hired as a third- grade teacher at Danforth," Patton stated.

"One of the most exciting parts of my role is leading the acknowledgment and celebration of teachers across the district. It is important that educators feel valued, seen, and appreciated," she added.

Patton earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. She later earned a master's degree in Educational Administration and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Saint Louis University.



A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent of Schools

Greetings RGSD Faculty, Students and Families,

Riverview Gardens School District is committed to successful educational outcomes for scholars. A key to achieving that success is working in partnership with all District stakeholders. As we strive to regain full accreditation, RGSD is committed to working in partnership with scholars, staff, parents, community members, community leadership, local businesses and organizations.



RGSD is working hard to re-engage with the community through the Student Support Services and Communications departments, as well as at the local building level.

Potential volunteers can contact either of those departments, or our Human Resources department and can be guided through the process of becoming a volunteer.

We are also encouraging the RGSD community to come out to our Special Administrative Board meetings. SAB meetings are open to the public and it is the best avenue for District stakeholders to be informed about the decisions, policies, procedures, programs that guide the Riverview Gardens School District. If you are unable to visit an SAB meeting in person, each meeting is live streamed and recorded. The video can be accessed through the District's YouTube channel.

On January 24th, I will present the State of the District address as a part of our regular SAB meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Michelle Obama Early Childhood Academic Center.

During the address, I will share where we are in relation to regaining full accreditation. I will discuss the District's current reality and provide the latest data on student achievement. I will also lay out some of the programs, practices and changes the District is undertaking as we progress forward.

On February 9, RGSD will host the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for a public hearing at Moline Elementary. The public hearing is a part of the requirements in Missouri for school districts that are either unaccredited or provisionally accredited. During the public hearing, the State will be here to listen to our community about those things that are going well and some of the challenges that exist in the District.

It's my sincere hope that all District stakeholders who are able, will attend (or live stream) at least of these upcoming meetings. We truly wish to re-engage with our community as we start to rewrite our District Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is a five-year document that maps our the District's journey over the next five years. While the document continuously evolves, it is critical that we not only listen to District's internal voice. We also must seek the voices of scholars, parents and community members as we rewrite the mission and the visions and the direction for this District.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Hasani Holt, of Moline Elementary, the District's 2023 Spelling Bee Champion! Hasani, and all of the elementary spellers did a fantastic job during the Districtwide Elementary Spelling Bee. I'm proud of every single scholar who participated in the captivating and exciting display of educational excellence.

Next up, RGSD will host a Districtwide Science Fair on March 10, 2023 at Westview Middle School. I look forward to seeing what amazing and innovating science experiments and exhibits that our scholars bring to the Science Fair.