Striving to Provide the Highest Quality Education for the

Communities of

Carson, Macedonia, and Oakland.

Riverside Community School Mission

Statement

The mission of the Riverside Community School District is to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future as responsible citizens in a global society.

Inside this issue:

School/Community

Homecoming

Movies

P-K-12 Activities

Administrators' reports

Board Summary

* Dr. Tim Mitchell, Superintendent

712-484-2212 Central Office

*Mr. Jamie Meek, Pre-K-6 Principal

712-484-2212 Intermediate School

712-482-6296 Elementary School

* Mr. David Gute Jr.-Sr. HS Principal

712-482-6465 Jr.-Sr. High School

*Mr. Nick Bates Transportation Director

712-482-6215 Bus Garage

Regular School Board Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month

@ 7 PM

Intermediate School

Media Center

Postal Patron

Riverside Newsletter

Riverside website is www.riversideschools.org

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WE Riverside "Small Towns, BIG Dreams



Friday, October 6, 2017 Cardboard Challenge Chautauqua Park (rain location Jr.-Sr. High School Commons)

Friday, October 20, 2017 End of the First Quarter

Tuesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 26th early dismissal @ 2:30 PM Parent- Teacher Conferences 4 PM to 8 PM NO SCHOOL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th

Riverside Allergy Awareness (Mr. Meek and Mrs. Palmer)

There have been some discussions about the expectations of food allergies at Riverside Schools. Here is what we consider when it comes to peanut/tree nut allergies.

- I. All Riverside kitchens are peanut/tree nut free.
- 2. Any snacks sent to classrooms for birthdays, celebrations, or other classroom parties should be peanut/tree nut free. Any purchased or homemade snack should include the ingredient list. A recipe is OK to send if made at home.
- 3. We do allow peanut butter to be brought in a lunch. We ask that students not share/trade lunch items.

★ If there are any changes to a specific classroom regarding food allergies, parents will be notified in writing.



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****** ANNUAL/CONTINUOUS NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

Agricultural, food, and natural resources

Arts, communication, and information services

Applied sciences, technology, engineering, and manufacturing, including transportation, distribution, logistics, architecture, and construction

Business, finance, marketing and management

The Board and the District will not discriminate in educational programs on the basis of: race, creed color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, socioeconomic status or marital status. The Board and District will not discriminate in employment on the basis of age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability or genetic information. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination.

Any person having inquiries concerning the District's compliance with federal and/or state non-discrimination law is directed to:

Superintendent Dr. Timothy Mitchell Riverside Community School District 330 Pleasant Street, Carson, IA 712-484-2212 tmitchell@riverside.kl2.ia.us

This individual has been designated by the District to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with federal and/or state non-discrimination laws.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Effective April 1, Riverside is pleased to offer PayForlt to our parents to pay fees, fines and lunch balances reminders.



PayForIt (PFI) is a Secure Online Payment system which simplifies payment, collection and balancing of funds for School Districts. It enables parents to pay fees, fines and fund accounts quickly and easily online. PayForthallows parents to opt into and manage email reminders about their student's accounts.

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- Using PFI, secretaries spend less time taking cash at the serving lines, so students have more time to eat. Additionally, there is not a chance of lost lunch money from home to the serving lines or building offices.
- Payments can be made by credit card or electronic check 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the parents' convenience.

 Parents can review what their students are actually
- purchasing along with account balance information. PELsupports increased communication between the

- Parents can opt to receive an email when a family
- Parents can opt to a cartain threshold (set by the parent). Parents can opt to use an automatic payment feature which replenishes their family account(s) when a balance dips to a specific level (specified by the
- School messages are automatically emailed to
- A continuous online survey is provided to monitor parent feedback and ideas.
- Student information is automatically transferred from year-to-year and from school-to-school.
- Parents can manage more than one student account. PFI is PCI, or Payment Card Industry, compliant and maintains industry standard SSL certificates. This

Select the "Sign Up" option from the menu. The screens will guide you through the process to establish your

- The internet convenience fee will be charged at 4,00% per credit card charges and \$1.75 per electronic
- You will be prompted to enter your contact data.
- password, payment information, etc.;
 You will need to indicate which student(s) to attach to your account. Student names must be entered exactly the same as they appear in JMC (Riverside's student information system). Students are already loaded in the PFI system from JMC so the names must match exactly. PFI utilizes the same student ID number already used throughout Riverside's student information system. If you are unsure of your student's ID number, you can check it in your IMC online access account, or contact your child's building.
- Once you have an account, you can choose to pay lunch balances, fees and fines at school using a credit

Once all information is entered, PFI will email a validation code for you to confirm the registration. Once confirmed you can begin using PFI as often as you'd like.

How Do I ... Each major function used in PFI, has online help available under the menu option of "How Do I ...". The "How oprovides step by step instructions as well as screen examples.

FAQ: When starting to use PR, it is a good idea to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) available within the Help

Support Videos: There are videos you can view about the different features of PayFort.net. http://vimeopro.com/user15751241/payforit-tutorials

Contact Us: You are also able to send an email to the PFI Help Support Staff. This function is also within the Help menu option

Aviso anual continuo de no-discriminación

el distrito ofrece programas técnicos en las siguientes áreas de estudio y carrera:

agricola, alimentos, recursos naturales

artes, comunicación y Ciencias aplicadas de la servicios

de información, tecnología, ingeniería y fabricación, incluyendo transporte, distribución, logística, arquitectura y construcción

de negocios, financian, marketing y administración de la Junta y

el distrito no discriminará en programas educativos sobre la base de : raza, color de credo, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género, origen nacional, religión, discapacidad, nivel socioeconómico o estado civil. La Junta Directiva y distrito no discriminará en el empleo sobre

la base de edad, raza, credo, color, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género, origen nacional, religión, discapacidad o información genética. Existe un procedimiento de queja para el procesamiento de quejas de discriminación.

Cualquier persona que tenga preguntas sobre el cumplimiento del distrito federal o estatal ley de no discriminación está dirigido a:

Superintendente Dr. Timothy Mitchell

Riverside comunidad escolar

330 agradable calle, Carson, IA

712-484-2212

tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us

este individuo ha sido designada por el distrito para coordinar los esfuerzos del distrito para cumplir con las leyes de no discriminación federales o estatales.

Captain Jack's Care Closet

The Class of 2024 received a grant to help students in need so if you or someone you know needs any of the following:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Products

Tell a teacher or contact either of the schools at:

712-482-6464 HS (Mrs. Hensley) 712-484-2291 IS (Mrs. Hensley or Ms. Houser) 712-482-6296 ES









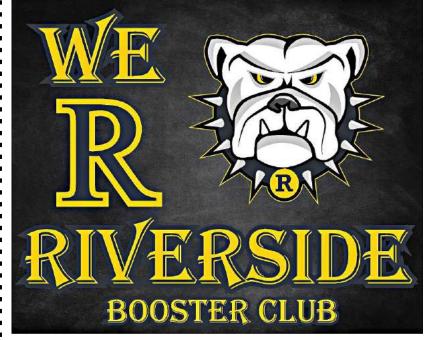
Backpack Program (Jana Hensley)



Riverside Elementary and Intermediate School students have the opportunity to participate in the backpack program again this school year. The backpack program is designed to provide food for hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as during weekends and school vacations.

Food Bank for the Heartland supplies packs filled with nutritious food for children to take home on Friday afternoons. Each pack provides two breakfast meals and two lunch or dinner meals. If you would like your child/children to participate, please call Jana Hensley at 484-2291 or email me at jhensley@riverside.k12.ia.us. Thank you!





IT'S TIME!

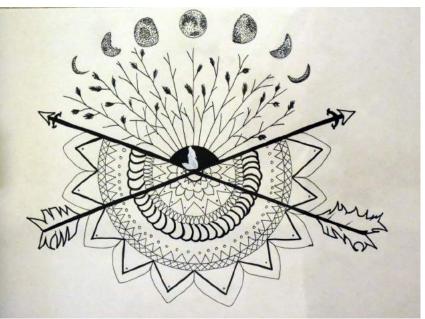
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THE RIVERSIDE CLUB

GET THIS MAGNET WHILE SUPPLY LASTS!

\$15 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

\$25 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP



Reminder:

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 23 AND OCTOBER 26

4 PM TO 8 PM EACH EVENING

Football Game Expectations

Persons in attendance will only be allowed to leave the complex to the parking lot and to return to the game with administration's permission

All people in attendance will be expected to stay in the stands or standing along the fence near the concession stand, or traveling to the concession stand, restrooms, or to leave the complex

Persons in attendance are not allowed under or behind the bleachers or on the track or field, unless you are directed by the administration

Persons in attendance are not allowed on the baseball, softball, or track and field event areas

Only members of the coaching staff, opposing team's coaching staff, media, administration, and scoreboard operators are allowed in the press box and on the walking paths around the press box

There will be no tailgating and grills allowed in the parking area or anywhere in the complex

Alcohol, smoking, smokeless tobacco, and look-a-likes are not permitted anywhere on school grounds including the parking lots

No animals other than service animals

Riverside's Dr. Charles L. Pigneri Sports Complex Form for Donor Display

Gold plates will be mounted to bricks retrieved from the Macedonia School Building at the time it was being torn down. They will then be used on a display erected at the Charles L. Pigneri Sports Complex. These plates may be engraved with the donor's name or a name of someone the donor wishes to honor. A donation of \$400.00 will buy 3 lines of text. Any donation amount is welcome, those less than \$400.00 will be engraved on a plaque for display. Donations can be made anonymously. If this is your desire, please indicate on the form and your name will not be published.

Please PRINT CLEARLY AND EXACTLY what is to appear on the plate.

Donor's Name			
Address	54		
City		State	Zip
Phone (day)	(evening)		
E-mail			

Engraving on each brick has a maximum of 20 characters per line. - this includes blank spaces and punctuation. Please PRINT CLEARLY AND EXACTLY what is to appear on the brick.

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Please make your checks payable to Riverside Booster Club and mail to: Riverside High School Booster Club

18997 Highway 59 Oakland, IA 51560

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(Please note tha	at we are unable to make changes to the order once it has been submitted to our v	endor.)

Charles Pigneri Sports Complex Dedicated

Riverside's new sports was dedicated on Friday, September 8th. The evening kicked off with a soup supper in the commons of the jr.-sr. high school. Dr. and Mrs. Pigneri cut the ribbon to officially open the sports complex. During half-time of the football game, Dr. Pigneri was presented a plaque commemorating the event. The Riverside communities thank the Pigneri family for their continual support of the schools in the district. Below left: Ribbon cutting; below right: Dr. Pigneri Family





Mark Your Calendars:

The FFA Fruit Sales Are BACK! Sale Dates:

October 2-November 6

Est. Delivery Date: December 4

Fruit, Meat, Cheese, Candy

View Complete Brochures @ www.4sns.com







Who: PreK-12 Students
What:Students will design an arcade game out of cardboard. E

When: During school Friday, October 6th

Where: Chautauqua Park (Oakland) (Rain location→ HS Gym and Commons)

Why: To find, foster, and fund creativity in entrepreneurship in children around the world. To raise a new generation of innovators and problem solvers who have the tools they need to build the world they imagine. To make global connections.

What can you do to help? DONATE!!

- ★ Cardboard of all shapes and sizes.
- ★ Rolls of Tape-masking or duct
- ★ Markers
- ★ S Hooks
- ★ Yarn
- Sept. 25- Oct 2

Tape Drive

- ★ Other building supplies
- ★ Tempera Paint, brushes, paper plates, paper towels, other painting supplies
- ★ Tennis balls, ping pong balls, marbles, etc.

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"Small Towns, Big Dreams"

How can you participate?

- → Contact Mrs. Schwartzkopf if you would like to volunteer to help.
- → Come to the park on October 6th from 1:45-2:45 to play the games the kids created. \$1 for 10 tickets.

Important dates:

- Send <u>supply</u> donations to the elementary school by Monday, October 2nd.
- Drop your cardboard off at Chautauqua Park from 6-8 pm on Thursday, October 5th.

Contact Information:

Alison Henry-- <u>ahenry@riverside.k12.ia.us</u>
Ashley Houser-- <u>ahouser@riverside.k12.ia.us</u>
Michaela Schwartzkopf-- <u>mschwartzkopf@riverside.k12.ia.us</u>
Kara Plagman-- <u>kplagman@riverside.k12.ia.us</u>

Global Cardboard Challenge Website -- http://cardboardchallenge.com/

GLOBAL CARDBOARD CHALLENGE CHALLENGE Tape Drive



FFA Homecoming Float



*The class (by teacher) in each building that gets the most tape points wins popsicles!

·Classes that get at least 25 tape points get a prize:

Masking Tape- 1 point Packing Tape- 1 point Duct Tape- 2 points

BRING TAPE TO YOUR TEACHER FOR COLLECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 25TH -OCTOBER 2ND.



Riverside Community School District

Three communities united as one.



"To prepare students to meet the challenges of the future as responsible citizens in a global society"

Board Brief

School Board Meeting Monday August 21, 2017

Agenda can be found at: http://bit.ly/2itVEns

Information Items

- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference June 25-28, 2017 San Antonio, TX-Bonnie Kramer Bonnie Kramer reported to the Board about the sessions she attended at the conference. She brought back some great information to help the district implement the new Chromebooks.
- <u>Building Administration Reports J</u>amie Meek and David Gute provided reports to the Board <u>Superintendent Report</u> Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- Draft Superintendent Goals 2017-2018 Dr. Mitchell presented his draft goals for the 2017-2018 school year. He will finalize and bring to the Board for approval at the next meeting-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- Pottawattamie Promise Annual Report 2016-2017 More information can be found attached to
- <u>Facility Update</u> Dr. Mitchell updated the Board on a number of facility related issues. More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- Start of School Update -More information can be found attached to the agenda
- Aid and Levy Worksheet -More information can be found attached to the agenda
- Branding and Marketing Update- Dr. Mitchell provided an update on several items as to the expanded marketing campaign for the school district for the 2017-2018 school year. Liz Graves also presented the project the Riverside Pride Committee is working on at the Sports Complex.
- Extracurricular Task Force Update-Dr. Mitchell met with athletes, parents and coaches of fall sports and distributed the athlete pledge, coach pledge, parent pledge, and a new coach expectation list. He will be meeting with Junior High fall athletes, parents and coaches to do the ame on Tuesday August 22, 2017.
- School Board Election Update—Dr. Mitchell updated the Board and more information can be found attached to the agenda

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Minutes from the Prior Meetings, Bills, Claims, and Financial Reports. The Board accepted and approved the following personnel actions:

Approved Nick Bates – Transportation Coordinator – 2017-2018 School Year

Approved – Cheryl Simmons – Elementary Para Professional – 2017-2018 School Year Approved- Mike Killinger – Volunteer Varsity Football Coach - 2017-2018 School Year

Approved – Aaron Kremkoski – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach – 2017-2018 School Year Approved – Mandie Reynolds – Volunteer Varsity Volleyball Coach – 2017-2018 school year

Approved- Susan Berndt - Lane Change BA to BA + 15

Approved - Shelly Rhoten - Lane Change BA + 15 to BA + 30

This information can be found attached to the agenda.

Action Items

The Board approved the following Action Items:

- Approved Reques st for Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Riverside 2016-2017 Special

- Approved Junior/Senior High School Tree Proposal-Wax Lawn N Scapes
 Reviewed and Settled Books for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year
 Approved Out of State Travel Request-FFA National Convention in Indiana October 23-27,
 2017
- ved District Membership for the National Center for Education Research and Technology
- a Sharing Agreement with Tri-Center School District Curriculum Director for
- Approved Furniture Order for the Junior/Senior High School-Safe Room Approved Procedure for Student Board Members Code 200.1E

Adjourned the Retiring Board

Called Organizational Meeting to Order

Administered Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members-Lindsey Bentley, Murray Fenn and

Recognition of Retiring Board Member - Phil Reed

Action Items

- Elected Board President Matt Bowen for the 2017-2018 school year

- Elected Board Vice President Matt Bowen for the 2017-2018 school year

 Elected Board Vice President Lindsey Bentley for the 2017-2018 school year

 Appointed Terresa Grobe as Board Secretary for the 2017-2018 school year

 Appointed Dan Rold as Board Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year

 Determined Dates, Times and Place for Regular Meetings of the Board to be the Third Monday, 7:00 PM

 at the Intermediate School

 Named the Official Publication as the The Herald

 Designated the District Legal Counsel -- William Hughes-Stuart Tinley Law Offices and Ahlers and
- Cooney Law Offices
 Approved Policies and Regulations 211.7, 211.7R1 to determine Rules of Order for the 2017-2018 school
- year Authorized Interim Payment of Bills under Policy 705.5 Reviewed the Local Vendor Report as well as set the goal for Local Vendor use for the 2017-2018 school
- year

 Made the following appointments:

 Level I Investigator and alternate as Tim Mitchell and Vicki Palmer
 Tile I Coordinator as Jamie Meek
 Equity Coordinator as Tim Mitchell
 Homeless Coordinator as Vicki Palmer
 Renewed Contract for Snow Removal Services-Hotze Tree Service
- Advertised Bids for
- Approved Maintaining Deposit Threshold at Selected Banks Approved the 2017-2018 Staffing Model

Discussion Items

- Reviewed the Riverside Community School District Mission, Beliefs, Graduate Outcomes and Goals-More information can be found attached to the agenda Reviewed the Riverside Community School District Administrative Organization for 2017-2018-More information can be found attached to the agenda Presented the 2017-2018 IASB School Board member Handbook
- Discussed Superintendent Goals for 2017-2018-More information can be found attached to the
- eviewed the evaluation process for the superintendent for the 2017-2018 school year-More
- information can be found attached to the agenda

 Board Learning Start with Why-More information can be found attached to the agenda

The Board held an Exempt/Closed Session--lowa Code 21.5(c) to confer with legal counsel. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The Next Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday October 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Students Plant Trees (Mandie Reynolds)

On Wednesday, September 20th, the Riverside Jr./Sr. High students planted trees around the campus. It was a huge project, and the students did a great job helping out! We had many community volunteers who helped to organize, manage, and carry out the project. A big thank you to Brad Wax who organized a big part of the day! Thanks also to local businesses and community members who donated the use of skid loaders, operated them, and also came to help throughout the day. We greatly appreciates everyone's effort. The trees look great. Pictures are featured on pages 6 and 7.







College Reps Coming:

Monday, October 2nd Thursday, October 5th Tuesday, October 24th Wednesday, November 8th

Northwest Missouri State Univ. University of South Dakota Iowa Western Comm. College University of Iowa

7th period 1:00 3rd period 9:52 1st period 8:20 5th period 10:30





Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early** School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

- . Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- . Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- · Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- · Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit. in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school

When Do Absences Become a Problem?

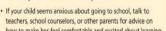


10 to 17 days



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.





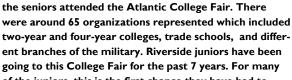
For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

PLEASE NOTE:

Parent-Teacher Conferences October 23 and October 26

4 PM to 8 PM

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th.



Riverside Students Attend College Fair (Haley Faga)

On September 19th, the junior class along with some of

of the juniors, this is the first chance they have had to meet with college representatives and get a feel for what they might want to do after high school graduation.

(Photos submitted through yearbook staff)



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Guest Speaker at Riverside Jr./Sr. High (Mandie Reynolds)

On Thursday, September 14th, the 7th – 12th grade students heard a message from guest speaker Bobby Petrocelli. Bobby's message of "You Matter" was very well received by students and staff. Sharing his story, Bobby encouraged students to embrace opportunities, treat others with kindness and understanding at all times, and also to remember how important and unique each and every person is.

Bobby's life story includes teaching, coaching, losing his wife in a tragic accident, and described how to overcome difficulties in life in order to find happiness in the future. He told students that you can live life in one of two lanes – "success" or "failure", which are also paths of "the past" or the "future". Students really enjoyed his message and many have even quoted some of his presentation. For example, "You have to play to win, not to not lose" has become a common phrase in our students this past week.

Thanks to Mr. Petrocelli for sharing his story with Riverside!

Saturday, Oct. 14

Kindergarten Has Special Visitor (Rachel Pickle)

Kindergartners got a visit from Chris Clover earlier this month. He told us about a wonderful book program that he is starting called East Pottawattamie Plants & Pillars. Kindergartners are challenged to read for 60 minutes a week at home. Chris Clover also presented each student with a book to kick start their adventure in reading! Thank you Chris Clover and the lowa State Extension office!

HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

FALL CALENDAR

Friday, Oct.6 Football vs Martensdale-St. Mary's 6:15 PM
Saturday, Oct. 7 Loess Hills Fieldfest @ Glenwood All Day

State Marching Band Contest @ Glenwood





Jana Hensley photo

Morning

October Newsletter



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2017-2018 School Calendar October -- November

- 4, 11, 18: 2:30 dismissal Staff Development
- 4, 11, 18: 2:30 dismissal Staff Development 20: End of 1" Quarter 23, 26: 2:30 dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences 27: No School Teacher Comp. Day

- 1, 8, 15, 29: 2:30 dismissal Staff Development 21: 2:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving Break 22-24: No School Thanksgiving Break

You will find the complete 2017-2018 School Calendar at: http://bit.ly/2t8XsXU



Everyone has a "Why". Why do you get up in the morning? Why does your organization exist? Your "Why" is the purpose, cause, or belief that inspires you to do what you do. When you think, act and communicate starting with "Why", you can inspire others. Knowing your "Wh gives you a filter to make choices, at work and at home, that will help you find greater fulfillment in all that you do.

Why are some organizations more innovative, more influential and more profitable than others? Why do some command greater loyalty from customers and employees? We know "What we do, we know How we do it, now we need to know Why we do what we do". A "Why" is a blueprint; set of values and beliefs through which to make decisions that last. It is only for those organizations committed to positive change and long-term success. When an organization starts with "Why", they stand for something bigger than any product, result or metric. Their brand has real meaning and true value in the world. They are better able to attract and unite employees, customers and partners. Their people love comings to work.

Let us start our journey to "Why"!! Let us a start a journey to define "We R Riverside"!!

Student, Parent, Employee and Activities Handbooks
We have added a link to our website: http://bit.ly/2wSynoY. Hard copies have been distributed to parents.

d Definition According to Iowa Code section 280.28, defines harassment and bullying as: "Any electronic, written, verbal, or physical act or conduct toward a student which is based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the student and which creates an objectively hostile school environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

1. Places the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property.

2. Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student's person or property.

3. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's academic performance.

4. Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school."

"Trait or characteristic of the student" includes but is not limited to age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status



Tips:

- · A formal written complaint is not needed to investigate a potential harassment or bullying situation. As soon as a school hears about a bullying and harassment incident it should be investigated. Schools should follow their bullying and harassment board policy when investigating.
- · Never have the bully and the individual being bullied sit down together to discuss the issue.
- · Review the district bullying and harassment definition, policy and procedures with students, staff and parents each year.

RCSD Anti Bullying/Harassment Policy and Forms can be found at:

Fee Reminders

Every school year we get questions regarding fees. Please be aware that the district does not have a registration fee but does charge a curriculum fee. Iowa Code does state that a Board of Education is authorized to rent curriculum (textbooks) at a reasonable fee set by the board. Under Iowa Code fees are expressly authorized and can be charged for: textbooks, school supplies, summer school programs, driver education programs, transportation, eye protective devices, ear protective devices, school meals and nonresident student tuition. A full waiver of all fees shall be granted if the student or student's family are eligible for Free Lunch, transportation assistance or the student is in foster care. A partial fee waiver is granted for a student or student's family that qualify for Reduced Lunch.

2017-2018 Superintendent Goals

Goal #1-The superintendent will provide leadership designed to improve student performance and promote academic improvement of the schools within the district.

Goal #2-The superintendent will provide the leadership for the district to better communicate with the general public those positive activities. programs, accomplishments and district improvements to increase community awareness and understanding.

Goal #3-The superintendent will provide the leadership designed to provide a sustainable, productive and positive school climate and culture.

Building Progress-Sports Complex

The Board has approved a work agreement with B & D Diamond Pro to complete the infields and warning tracks of the baseball and softball fields. This work is now underway. The corrective action on the outfields will also be started this month to make sure the fields will be ready to go for the upcoming seasons.

Building Progress-Safe Room Addition

Anderson Construction has reported that the project should be completed in three weeks and we will have no issues with moving the 6th Grade for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Riverside Community School App

The Riverside Community School District web site is available as an app for both iPhones and Android Phones. Go the Google Play or the Apple App Store and search for Riverside CSD to find the app. Or you can go to the following links:

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.socs.riversideschools

iOS: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/riverside-csd/id1231151717

Please feel free to follow me on social media at Tim Mitchell on Facebook, @tmitchell212 on Twitter or tmitchell6885 on Instagram. I would also love to come and talk to any group about things happening in our district. If you need to contact me about school issues please call at 712-484-2212 or e-mail at tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us.

September Top Dawgs

Each month the staff of Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School chooses 3 students for their positive contributions to Riverside by being respectful and responsible leaders. The September Top Dawgs are Jill Blakely, Mick Clevenger, and Alex Weis.

Jill is known as a dedicated student who works very hard. She is a positive young lady who willingly helps others with a big smile. Mick is a great leader who is friendly, positive young man who works well with others and, he, too, always has a smile. Alex is a good student who is very caring. He is friendly and also musically talented. Each student receives preferred parking all month, first in the lunch line,

2% extra credit in a class, and a \$1 a la carte ticket. Congratulations!



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Welcome Nick Bates as our new Transportation **Director**

Nick Bates is a 1998 graduate of the Riverside Community School. Nick has a daughter, Jayden, which is in the 5th grade. Nick enjoys taking his daughter to all activities, and when he is not busy with that, he farms with his

Nick Bates is Vice President of the Pott. Co Fair Board which requires tremendous amount of time, energy and patience.

Not only does Nick have our buses and vehicles to work on, but he also shares his time with AHSTW transportation. (Michelle Faxon)

Riverside Grad Receives Award

Donell Kvaal was recently inducted into the Central College Athletics Hall of Honor for her outstanding performance in softball. While attending Central College in Pella, Iowa, Donell earned the 2000 NFCA Division III player of the year. She was also named the Honda Award as the Division III top player. During her career at Central, she posted a batting average of .367 and ranks 7th in this category. Donell continues to hold several records at Central including 3rd in career hits and 3rd in career at-bats. Donell is pictured at the right with her husband Jake and her children Casey and Courtney. Congratulations, Donell. (photo by Vicki Kvaal)

Information for this article came from the Central College Athletics web page.



2017 Great Western Teacher of the Year

Tiffany Schutt was voted the 2017 Great Western Teacher of the year by her peers. She received an award from Great Western bank as well as a nice array of other gifts. As a side note, Lynelle Jeppesen (above left) is Tiffany's high school classmate.

Tiffany grew up in Oakland and graduated from Riverside in 1998. She continued her education at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska where in 2002 she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in English.

Council Bluffs and Riverside districts. Tiffany has taught everything from high school Spanish to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Currently, she is a member of the Riverside Elementary Leadership Team.

Tiffany lives in Avoca with her son, Lane, Riverside 4th grader, and her daughter Julienne, a Riverside 3rd grader. She is engaged to Derrick Byers. They plan to marry in September, 2018.

In her free time, Tiffany enjoys taking her kids to practices and attending their school and sports events. She enjoys spending time with her family and is looking forward to planning her wedding.

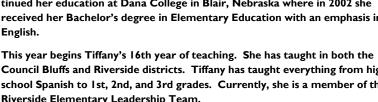
Congratulations, Tiffany!!







Homecoming Court introduced at the football game: (left to right) Ethan Henderson, Sara Conway, Andy Casson, Sydney Murphy, Bailey Vanatta, Jacey Kallsen, Collin







All About Your Success

Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway

The Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway opened to parents and guardians of Iowa students in grades 6–12 on Sept. 5.

The Details

- Awards: Fifty \$1,000 deposits into College Savings Iowa accounts.
- Open to: Parents and guardians of lowa students in grades 6–12.
- Requirements: Visit the new Parent Handbook guide for important college financing information and enter contact information to register.
- Start at: www.lowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow

Note: If you experienced a technical error while attempting to register after Sept. 7, that error has been corrected and registration processes restored. Please visit www.lowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow to register.

Other Opportunities

lowa students and families can participate in two additional free programs offered by lowa Student Loan® during the 2017–2018 school year. Each program promotes essential concepts in saving for and financing college for all participants.

Oct. 23-Feb. 16: Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship

- Open to: Iowa high school seniors who will attend college in fall 2018
- attend college in fall 2018.

 Awards: Thirty \$2,000 college scholarships plus \$500 to each recipient's high school.
- Requirements: Register online and then follow emailed instructions to complete two online components and a related assessment. Essays may be required as a tiebreaker.
- Start at: www.lowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship

March 5-May 11: College Funding Forecaster Giveaway

- Open to: lowa high school students and their parents or guardians.
- Awards: Weekly drawings for educational expense awards plus two college scholarships for high school seniors attending college in fall 2018.
- Requirements: Complete the College Funding Forecaster tool to estimate total college costs over four years and enter contact information to register.
- Start at: www.lowaStudentLoan.org/Giveaway

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Let's Go To The Movies

 Oct. 6,7,8
 It
 Rated: R
 2 hrs. 15 mins.

 Oct. 13, 14, 15
 Lego Ninjago Movie
 Rated: PG
 1 hr. 41 mins.

 Oct. 20, 21, 22
 Flatliners
 Rated: PG-13
 1 hr. 48 mins.

Oct. 27, 28, 29 The Mountain Between Us Rated: PG-13 1 hr. 51 mins.















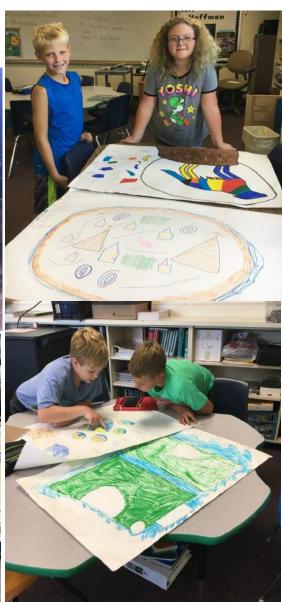




5th graders make their own island during social studies class. (Tami Skank photos)







Elementary and Intermediate News (Jamie Meek, Pk-6 principal)

Well, we are officially 6 weeks into school! It is hard to believe that it has gone by so fast. The end of the first quarter is right around the corner and Parent-Teacher Conferences are soon. If you are having questions or concerns about what is going on in your child's classroom don't wait until October 23 or October 26, conference nights, to have conversations with your child's teacher.

At both the elementary and intermediate schools we are in full swing of the state-mandated reading assessments. As a grade level finishes their assessment, the teachers meet to look at that data and help decide which students need a little extra help in reading until the next screening period in January. Both schools have been working hard and teachers went to some trainings over the summer and will get some more training during this school year to provide more targeted reading instruction for struggling readers. Teachers have put in extra work to make sure that a struggling reader gets what he or she needs to be successful. We are also working hard this year to implement our new math curriculum, Investigations Math, in grades K-5th grade.

The intermediate school in Carson has had a strong start with our new Chromebooks. Students are using them a great deal during the day for a variety of reasons. As I walk around, I am seeing some great things being created, researched, and read about by using this great technology. Take some time and ask your child how they use their Chromebook. Most of them use the computers for many things during the day.

I cannot stress enough that having open and honest communication is vital to the success of your child in school. Teachers, paraeducators, and I want both you and your child's experience to be a positive and successful one. It is important to talk with any member of our school when an issue comes up. Be open with problems that your child is having at school, even if your child asks you not to talk to the school. Send emails or make phone calls so that everyone who is in contact with your child is on the same page. We want everyone in the community including families, students, and staff to have the best Riverside experience that they can!



5thGrade Field Trip (photos submitted by Tami Skank)

On Friday, September 8th, the fifth grade class went to Carstens Farm for a field trip! Students learned how kids would have lived in our area over 100 years ago.

Activities included making butter and rope, playing games, and many other hands-on activities!

GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS! GO DAWGS!











Above: Both these photos show some 2nd graders playing math money games that accompanies the new math series. (photos by Julie Ravlin)

Above: Preschoolers at play (photo by Lindsey Henderson)





Above and right: Puppy Pep Squad performs at half-time of the homecoming football game. (photos by Jen Perkins)

ELEMENTARY HOMECOMING

Left: Riverside Elementary Staff shows off their favorite college gear during homecoming week (photo submitted by Lindsey Henderson)



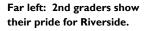












Left: 3rd graders represent Bulldogs, Inc. . They are going to scare their way to a victory!





Far left and left:

Riverside Cheerleaders, Bruiser and Football players at the Elementary Pep Rally.



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THE PUFFIN FUNDRAISER WILL BE NOVEMBER 1 THRU NOVEMBER 16 LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

Bulldog Enterprises Back to Work (Angie Thomas)

Bulldog Enterprises is hard at it again this year! One task we work on is recycling. There is a blue recycling bin in the parking lot of the jr.-sr. High school. Cardboard-flattened, plastic-no sacks please, and paper are acceptable. This bin is available to the public and we encourage the Riverside Community to help us fill it up! If you come to use the bin and it happens to be full, we apologize. Give us a call at 712-482-6464 and we will arrange for it to be emptied. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make the best use of our resources



The Gute News (David Gute, 7-12 principal)

It has been an extremely fast start to the school year. We have had several guest speakers in this fall to support our new Bulldog Pride initiative. They have been visiting with students about respect, anti-bullying, and the importance of making good choices. The students and staff both have really enjoyed the shared messages.

The Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School will continue to support our students' development of good character with our Bulldog Pride initiative. We had two assemblies in September supporting our students in making good choices both in and outside of school. Many different topics have been covered, but ultimately it is up to the individual student to make the right choice. We will have another assembly on Tuesday, October 24th.

Parent-Teacher conferences are quickly approaching. I would like to encourage all parents in every building to come in and visit with your student's teachers. I know we struggle to get parent participation at the high school level. I feel it is very important to understand what is the curriculum that children are learning and how your individual child is progressing toward what the teacher is trying to get them to learn. There are many other great conversations that can also take place during this time. I think it is extremely important to hear the school's perspective on issues in addition to the student's perspective. This is an opportunity for you to get the school's side of the story. Please attend Parent Teacher Conferences if you are able on Monday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 26th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. Schools will be dismissed at 2:30 PM on these days. Reminder that there is no school on Friday, October 27th.

Every year we are required to do Professional Development (PD) as required by the State of Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. This is done during our Wednesday's early release time from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. We have many different initiatives we work on during this time. Some of those include: the implementation of standards-driven curriculum (Iowa Core Curriculum), Inquiry-Based Instruction, Technology training, Bulldog Pride (Anti-Bullying), A.L.I.C.E. (active shooter training), etc. These are important dates to the school district to improve instruction and professional practices of the school district. We appreciate your understanding of our PD dates.

Fall sports are about halfway through their seasons, and we've seen some great wins this fall! Our marching band is gearing up for competitions, and the vocal music department is planning a fall musical. Our student sections at games are extremely supportive, and school pride has been outstanding. We're happy that so many students are active, involved, and positive in our district!



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Tales of Terror from NIGHTMARE HIGH

THE RIVERSIDE VOCAL DEPARTMENT

"TALES OF TERROR FROM NIGHTMARE HIGH SCHOOL"

NOVEMBER 3RD AND 4TH

7 PM EACH EVENING

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM





The 2018 Yearbook Staff will be selling advertisements from October 9 through October 20.

The Riverside communities have been very supportive of yearbook staffs in the past. We hope to continue this partnership continues. Look for these girls who are pictured at the left to be visiting you soon.

Thank you in advance for your support.





















Above: Mattie Haines receives a certificate from Bruiser for being the winner of the coloring contest. Her entry was the cover of the football program for the Homecoming game.

Once Upon a Homecoming 2017 (Callie Kallsen)

Riverside Homecoming was held the week of September 17th-23rd. We started the week with a 7-12 Powder Puff Volleyball Tournament on Sunday the 17th. Our dress up days started off with Monsters University Monday with staff and students sporting college gear. Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum Tuesday found staff and students twinning or dressed as Disney groups- the students really showed creativity with their outfits. Yee-Haw!! Cowgirls and Cowboys could be found in the halls of RHS on Woody's Round-Up Wednesday. On Wednesday night, the 2017 Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Congratulations to Queen Elayna Eggers and King Mick Clevenger! Following coronation the football team held their annual jersey auction in the gym. Aloha- Ohana means Thursday; students were decked out in Hawaiian wear. On Thursday the Cross Country team traveled to Audubon and the Lady Dawgs played at home. Bulldog Spirit Friday was jam-packed with pep rallies, the parade, and football against Southeast Warren. Saturday night our Riverside High School students danced the night away at the Oakland Community Building. A special thank you to Pastor Mark MacWhorter of the Oakland Christian Church for donating the balloon arch for the Homecoming Dance, the convertible drivers and local businesses at the Homecoming Parade, and Riverside Staff, Students, and Community who helped to make the 2017 Riverside Homecoming a success.





2017 Homecoming Court Row I: Lyndsie Gann, Queen Elayna Eggers, King Mick Clevenger, Kasper Rieken Row 2: Sydney Murphy, Devyn Moore, Jacey Kallsen, Sara Conway, Ethan Henderson, Collin Price, Bailey Vanatta, Andy Casson





Riverside High School - October 2017

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15	16 6:00PM B JV FB Missouri Valley High School	17	18 Staff Professional Development 2:30 Dismissal	4:00 PM C V XC @ State Qualifying Meet	²⁰ End of 1st Quarter 7:00 PM B V FB @ Southwest Valley	21 All-State Auditions
22	23 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM 2:30 Dismissal	24	25	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM 2:30 Dismissal	27 No School	28 10:00 AM C V XC @ State Cross Country
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Junior
High
Football
In
Action!















Junior Cross Country competes at Avoca.





Above and left: Junior High Volleyball Girls





MORE HOMECOMING

Far Right: "Up" with the Sophomores!

Right: Juniors ride the wave on their float.







PARTING SHOTS We thank everyone who contributed to this issue. A special thanks to the yearbook staff and Callie Kallsen for getting us pictures AND anyone else we forgot.



OCTOBER 2017

Riverside Jr.-Senior High School

MONDAY

Cheese Omelet Hash Browns

Hamburger/Bun Cheese/Pickles Frech Fries Fruit HS Spicy Chicken Patty

Cheese Omelet Hash Browns

Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Fruit Dinner Roll HS Tater Tot Casserole

Cheese Omelet Hash Browns

Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Bread& Butter Sandwich HS Mini Corn Dogs

Cheese Omelet

Crispitos Lettuce/Salsa Fruit Green Beans HS Walking Taco

Cheese Omelet Hash Browns

Creamed Turkey/Biscuit Broccoli

TUESDAY

French Toast Stick

Chicken Fried Steak HS Chicken Nuggets

French Toast Stick

Pizza Crunchers w/ Marianra Sauce Corn & Fruit S Cheese Bread Sticks

French Toast Stick

Spaghetti/Meatballs Fruit HS Parmesan Chicken

French Toast Stick

Cheese Bread Sticks with Marinara Corn and Fruit
HS French Bread
Pizza

French Toast Stick 3
Pancakes

Sloppy Joes Pickles Green Beans Chips & Fruit HS McRibb

TUESDAY

French Toast Stick

Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Dinner Roll

IS Chicken Nuggets

French Toast Stick Pancakes

Pizza Crunchers w/

Marianra Sauce Corn & Fruit

IS Cheese Bread Sticks

10

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Sandwich

Soft Shell Taco Cheese/Lettuce Corn and Fruit Snickerdoodle Cookie **HS** Cooks Choice

Breakfast Sandwich

Chili with Crackers innamon Roll Relish Tray Fruit White Chicken Chili

Breakfast Sandwich

Nachos Lettuce/Salsa Corn & Fruit Graham Cracker HS Spicy Chicken Wrap

Breakfast Sandwich

Chicken Tenders Ranch Fries Strawberry Jello Bread & Butter Sandwich HS Beef Nuggets

THURSDAY

Long John Hash Browns

Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Green Beans Fruit & Cookie HS Hot Dog

Long John Hash Browns

Breakfast Sandwich **Hash Browns** Fruit HS Sausage Gravy

Long John Hash Browns

Chicken Patty/Bun Cheese/Pickles Baked Beans Fruit HS Hamburger

> 26 Long John

Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Chips Fruit & Cookie Ham & Cheese Melt

FRIDAY

Biscuit with Sausage Gravy

ALL DISTRICT LUNCH AT PARK FOR CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

Biscuit with 13 Sausage Gravy

Tenderloin/Bun Cheese/Pickles Baked Beans Mandarin Orange Jello HS McRibb on Bun

> Biscuit with Sausage Gravy

Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Fruit HS Egg Salad Sandwich

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY

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Tenderloin/Bun

Cheese/Pickles Baked Beans Mandarin Orange Jello

Biscuit with Sausage Gravy

Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Fruit

13

20

A La Carte For Breakfast:

Cereal/Fruit and or Juice will be offered

You can access your current lunch account balance by accessing JMC. Please contact your school secretary if you have any problems.

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Milk is served daily.

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23

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Cheese Omelet

Hash Browns

Creamed Turkey/Biscuit

Broccoli

Fruit

French Toast Stick

Spaghetti/Meatballs Lettuce Salad
Garlic Breadstick
Fruit
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French Toast Stick

Cheese Bread Sticks with Marinara

Corn and Fruit IS French Bread Pizza

French Toast Stick Pancakes

Sloppy Joes Pickles Green Beans Chips & Fruit IS McRibb

WEDNESDAY

Soft Shell Taco Cheese/Lettuce Corn and Fruit

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Chili with Crackers innamon Roll Relish Tray Fruit

Breakfast Sandwich

Nachos

Breakfast Sandwich

Chicken Tenders Ranch Fries Strawberry Jello Bread & Butter

THURSDAY

Long John Hash Browns

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Long John

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Baked Beans IS Hamburger

Long John Hash Browns

Hot Dog on Bun

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Hash Browns
Fruit
IS Sausage Gravy

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NO

SCHOOL

A La Carte

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