

District Mission Statement:

INSPIRE - UNIFY - ACHIEVE

Riverside Community Schools

Vision Statement:

To INSPIRE so that we motivate others to bring out the best in themselves

To UNIFY so that we bring others together for a common purpose or action

To ACHIEVE so that others may find ways to attain a successful result

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Board Summary

* Dr. Tim Mitchell, Superintendent

712-484-2212 Central Office

*Mr. Jamie Meek, Pre-K-5 Principal

712-484-2212 Carson Elementary School

712-482-6296 Oakland Elementary School

* Mr. Nicholas Kroon 6-12 Principal

712-482-6465 Middle School/ High School

*Mr. Nick Bates Transportation Supervisor

712-482-6215 Bus Garage

Regular School Board Meeting
3rd Monday of the Month

a 7 PM
Intermediate School
Media Center



Postal Patron

Riverside Newsletter

Riverside website is www.riversideschools.org

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NHS BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 3, 2020 8 AM TO 2 PM RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL
WINTER SPORT BANQUET MARCH 5, 2020 @ 5:30 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL
DANCE TEAM SHOW MARCH 7, 2020 @ 7 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL

FFA BANQUET MARCH 13, 2020 @ 6 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES MARCH 23, 2020 4-8 PM

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES MARCH 26, 2020 4-8 PM

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020



Keep our kids safe

DO NOT PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an



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DID YOU KNOW:

The Macedonia United Methodist Church houses a clothing pantry as well as a food pantry. Gently used clothing is available for adults and children. As the weather turns colder, there may be a need in the Riverside community for warmer clothing. If you or someone you know could benefit from some of the items, please call the church at 712-486-2266 and leave a message or contact Pastor Mike Stevens at 402-669-3536.

Non-Discrimination Statement Riverside Community School District

The Riverside Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, or disability in its educational programs and activities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or disability in its employment practices, or as otherwise prohibited by statute or regulation. For more information or concerns regarding educational programs or activities, employment practices or information regarding the grievance procedure, contact Dr. Tim Mitchell, Equity Coordinator, Riverside Community School District, 330 Pleasant Street, PO Box 218, Carson, IA 51525, 712-484-2212, or email at tmitchell@riverside.kl2.ia.us.

El Distrito Escolar de la Comunidad de Riverside no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, religión, credo, sexo, edad, origen nacional, orientación sexual, identidad de género, estado civil, nivel socioeconómico, o discapacidad en sus programas yactividades educativas y no lo hace discriminar por motivos de raza, color, religión, credo, sexo, edad, origen nacional, orientación sexual, identidad de género, estado civil o discapacidad en sus procedimientos de empleo, o como prohibido por laley o el reglamento. Para obtener más información o preocupaciones con respecto a programas educativos o actividades, prácticas de empleo o información sobre el procedimiento de queja, póngase en contacto con el Dr. Tim Mitchell, Coordinador de Equidad, el Distrito Escolar Riverside Community, 330 Pleasant Street, PO Box 218, Carson, IA 51525, 712-484 -2212, o al correo electrónico tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us.

Captain Jack's Care Closet

If you know of anyone who is in need of any of the following items, PLEASE contact the personnel listed below.

- **Toothbrushes**
- **Toothpaste**
- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Soap

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- **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

Riverside Class of 2024

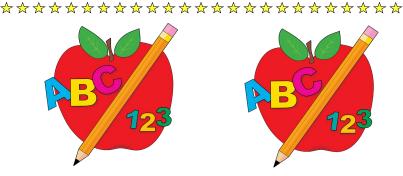
Riverside Allergy Awareness (Mr. Meek)

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.

- 1. 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 aller-🖈 gies, parents will be notified in writing.





Parents, did you know that Riverside Community School serves breakfast daily? Every day of the school week, except for weatherrelated late starts, can find our cooks in the kitchen busily preparing breakfast for the students. Breakfasts include: a cheese omelet with a hash brown potato, pancakes, French toast sticks, yogurt, a sausage/egg sandwich, breakfast pizza, and sausage gravy/ biscuit. Cereal and long johns are available daily. Every breakfast includes choice of chocolate, white, or strawberry milk and juice.

The best part about breakfast is the cost--\$1.50--which includes the breakfast entrée, milk and juice. If you qualify for reduced prices, breakfast is only \$.30. Kids receiving free lunch also qualify for free breakfast.

A good breakfast gives students the energy to start the day off right. They learn better, behave better, and perform better than kids who don't eat breakfast. At the elementary school, we average 60+ students eating breakfast every day. Breakfast is an important start to everyone's day. Give breakfast at school some food for thought. (Submitted by Lori Nisely)



Riverside Wellness Goals 2019-2020



Nutrition Education and Promotion:

Schools will educate, encourage and support healthy eating by all students of all ages

Physical Activity:

Schools will provide opportunities for students to maintain physical fitness Schools will adopt or exceed the state standard for Physical Education

Other School Based Activities:

Schools will create a total school environment that is conducive to being physically active

Standards and Nutrition Guidelines (Foods and Beverages Sold):

Food served or purchased by students during the school day is approved by the superintendent

Standards and Nutrition Guidelines (Foods and Beverages Not Sold):

Food provided during the school day outside the school lunch program should meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools Standards

Policies for Food and Beverage Marketing:

Develop a District policy in the area of food and beverage marketing in the district



SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium

ADMISSION:

ADULTS -STUDENTS



\$5 -- \$3

Come applaud our dancers from the morning Dance Camp as they perform their dances!



The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Riverside Blood Drive

High School Gym

March 3rd

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Contact the HS to sign-up: 712-482-6464



2nd ANNUAL RIVERSIDE FFA **AWARDS BANQUET**

OPEN TO PUBLIC!!

-RIVERSIDE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL -PANCAKE SUPPER @6:00 PM W/ PROGRAM TO FOLLOW SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ON SALE -TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$10/PERSON PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

RSVP: tjohannsen@riverside.k12.ia.us OR call the school 712-482-6464

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR

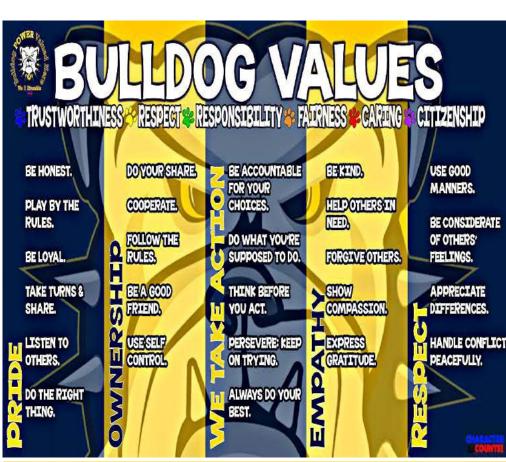
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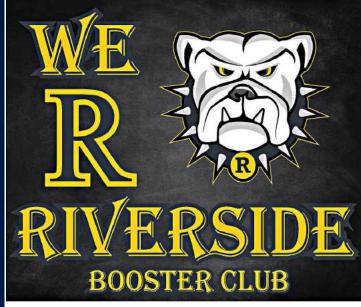
EARBOOK!

ONLINE SALES END MARCH 20

REGULAR SALES END MARCH 31

CONTACT A YEARBOOK MEMBER OR BUY ONLINE AT WWW.YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM





The Riverside Booster Club has had a busy winter season! We purchased State Wrestling Champion Banners for the Wrestling Room, donated money to Student Council, Wrestling Cheerleaders, and FFA. We are getting ready for the Spring season concession stand season- please sign up to work the concession stand for Soccer and Track. The profits from the concession stand fund all our donations. This spring the Booster Club is looking into purchasing Football Uniforms, a Grades 6-8 Field Trip, and any other requests that come our way! Please consider coming to our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and sign up to work the concession stand- we can't do this without the support of parents and community members! Thank You! (Callie Kallsen)



RIVERSIDE BOOSTER CLUB



Benefiting Riverside HS Baseball

Saturday, March 14th @1:00 PM

Oakland Community Center

\$40 entry fee, prizes for top teams

Open to all ages 21 & over

24 team limit

Food & Drink for Sale

Contact cchapin@riverside.k12.ia.us with questions



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The Counselor's Office sends out

Scholarship Information via email

To seniors as it is received.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Are available March 1, 2020.

STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR **SCHOOL EMAIL**





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2020 to 2021

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Symbol Rey	
R - Registration	0 - Open House
S - Staff Professional Development Early Dismissal	N - No School
FS - First Day of the Semester and/or Early Dismissal	D - Vacation Early Dismissal
SN - Staff Professional Development No School	QE/SE - End of Quarter/Semester-Regular Dismissal
PT - Parent-Teacher Conferences-No School	NT - New Teacher Professional Development

Riverside Community School District | 330 Pleasant Street Carson, IA 51525

Grade 6-12 Middle/High School Phone: 712-482-6464

Grade 3-5 Elementary School-Carson Grade PK-2 Elementary School-Oakland Phone: 712-484-2212

Fax: 712-482-3074 712-484-3957 Phone: 712-482-6296 712-482-6646

Early Dismissal Times: Grade PK-2 & Grade 3-5 Elementary Schools: 2:25 PM

Grade 6-12 Middle/High School: 2:20 PM

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- 10: Registration
- 17, 18: New Teacher Work Days
- 19, 20, 21: Professional Development Days
- 20: Open House
- 24: First day for students. Early dismissal
- 25,26: Early Dismissal Steff Development

September:

August:

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Early Dismissal-Staff Development
- 7: Labor Day, No School

October:

- 7,14, 21, 28: Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 9: End of 1st Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 23: Parent Teacher Conferences

November:

- 4, 11, 18: Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 25-27: No School Thanksgiving Break

December:

- 2, 9, 16; Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 22: End of 1st Semester-Regular Dismissal
- 23: No School-Teacher Work Day-Option #1
- 23-31: No School Christmas Break

January:

- 1: No School Christmas Break
- 4: No School: Teacher Work Day-Option #2
- 5: School Resumes
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 18: No School WIC Professional Development Day

February:

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 15: No School-President's Day

March:

- 3,10, 17, 24, 31: Early Dismissal Staff Development
- 13: End of 3rd Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 18-22: No School-Spring Break
- 26: Parent Teacher Conferences

April:

- 2-5: No School Easter Break
- 7,21, 28: Early Dismissal Staff Development
 - 12-16: Iowa Assessment Week

- 5, 12, 19; Early dismissal Staff Development
- 19: Last Day for Seniors
- 23: Graduation
- 27: Last Day of School Early dismissal
- 26: Teacher Work Day







Board Brief

Regular School Board Meeting Monday February 17, 2020

6:30 PM

Agenda

Open Forum

Public Hearing-6:30 PM-2020-29021 Riverside School Calendar

lowa school districts are required to hold a public hearing for the school calendar. This hearing may include start date and hours vs. days.

Start Date for 2020-2021 school calendar: Aug 24, 2020

Calendar will be based upon student hours: State minimum: 1080-Riverside Calendar will exceed the required minimum hours

175-Contact Days
2-P/T Conference Days
4-Professional Learning/Work Days
5-Individual Career Development Plan (ICDP) Days
3-Credit- Work Days-Early Release Days (3:30 PM-4:30 PM)

Total Work Days-190

1-Holiday

- I- Additional Professional Learning Day-Paid Stipend
- 2- Additional Days for New Teachers

Please see attached to agenda-DRAFT 2010-2021 School Calendar

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Minutes from the Prior Meetings, Bills, Claims, and Financial Reports were unavailable at the time of the meeting. The Board approved the following Personnel Actions:

This information can be found attached to the agenda.

- ✓ Accepted the Resignation and Approved Early Retirement Request for Todd Bergmann effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- Accepted the Resignation and Approved Early Retirement Request for Susan Dobernecker effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- Accepted the Resignation and Approved Early Retirement Request for Shelly Rhoten effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accepted the Resignation and Approved Early Retirement Request for Sandra Bierwirth
 effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Amended Contracts for Mitch Rice and Brock Johnson to Co-Coach Middle School Girls Basketball for the 2019-2020 school year

- Accepted Resignation Stephanie McIntire-Grade 9-12 Student Council Advisor at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Approved Jill Applegate -- Head Girls Soccer Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Shawn James -- Assistant Grade 9-12 Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Approved Amanda Prokupek -- Riverside Childcare Paraprofessional for the 2019-2020 school year
- √ Approved Kristy Rieken -- Grade 6-12 Volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year Presentations
 - <u>Student Representatives Reports-</u> Abi Petersen and Joel Henningsen presented a report to the Board.
 - <u>Building Administration Reports</u>-Nick Kroon, Grade 6-12 Principal and Jamie Meek,
 Grade PK-5 Principal were present to give reports.
 - Superintendent Report Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda
 - Institute for Innovation in Education (IEI) Fall Conference--More information is attached to the agenda
 - National Conference on Education Annual Conference (NCE-AASA) -More information is attached to the agenda
 - √ Student Achievement Presentation-Board Goal #I
 - 4th Grade team (Michelle Griffin, Shelly Rhoten, Pat Newberg & Steph Brandes) presented, utilizing the report protocol an update for the Board on Goal #1-Student Achievement-Topic- 4th Grade Teaching Model-More information is attached to the agenda
 - Iowa Performance Profile-More information is attached to the agenda
 - Fiscal Report-Board Goal #2- Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented updated the Board on Board Goal #2-Fiscal Responsibility. The topic was: Fiscal Oversight-Budget Hearing to be set in March-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
 - Facility Report-Board Goal #3 -Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented and updated the Board on Goal #3-Facilitities and the topics for this meeting included: Roof Project Updates, Sports Lighting Project Update, & Elementary Roof Discussion-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
 - ✓ <u>Legislative Update-More information is attached to the agenda.</u>
 - AEA Legislative Day

Discussion Items

- HYAC Project-Next Steps-Discussion on the proposed contracts up for approval later in the meeting
- Comprehensive Facility Study Next Steps- Discussion on the proposed contract up for approval later in the meeting
- Communication Protocol Update-Survey Results- More information is attached to the agenda.
- Fall 2019 District Needs Assessment Action Planning. The Action Plan will be developed with the help of the SIAC-Meeting to be held Monday February 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Middle/High School Commons
- ✓ IASB Regional Meeting-2-6-2020-More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Superintendent Evaluation Process- More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Communication Channels- More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ IFGHSAU/IHSAA Classification Survey Results- More information is attached to the agenda.

Action Items

- Approved proposal from Software Unlimited to upgrade software-More information is attached to the agenda.
- Approved Technology Services and Upgrade Contract (E-Rate Services-Category 2) for the 2020-2021 school year-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Out of State Travel Request-Middle School Wrestling-Tarkio, MO-Tuesday March 3, 2020
- Approved Out of State Travel Request-Middle/High School International Travel Proposal-Summer of 2021
- Approved proposal from Studio Melee to facilitate Staff/Community Input on District Master Plan-Comprehensive Facility Study

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✓ Approved Contract to Provide Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Oakland Elementary School HVAC Retrofit Project

Policy Review and Approval

- ✓ Introduction or Review
 - School Board Policies:105, 606.5, 705.1, 705.1.R1, 705.1R2, 711.1 &604.7 -Please see attached
- √ Second Reading-Board Hearing
 - School Board Polices:401.12, 401.16, 401.13, 401.13R1, 704.5, 707.5, 707.5R1 & 905.1-Please see attached
- √ Third-Final Reading-Approval
 - School Board Policies:709.1, 709.1R1, 505.9, 505.9R1, 204, 503.4, 504.3 & 504.3 R1-Please see attached.

Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- > Matt Bowen-4th Grade Teaching Model Presentation
- > Todd Pendgraft-Results from the Iowa Performance Profile
- Murray Fenn-Absent w/Notice
- Mark Jeppesen-Work to change Culture & Climate in the District
- > Jamie Kadel- Absent w/Notice
- > Charlene Dalby- Absent w/Notice
- > Tim Petersen- Speech, Fine Arts and MATHCOUNTS Achievements







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Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

- I. Iowa Performance Profile Results
- 2. Next Steps-Short-term and Long-term Facility contracts approved
- 3. SIAC Meeting-Monday February 24, 2020-6:00 PM-Middle/High School Commons

Update Quick Links

Superintendent Calendar	Activities Calendar
School Calendar	School Lunch Menu
School Board Meeting Agendas/Minutes	School Board Polices
District Contact Information	JMC
Policy Review Link	Inclement Weather Information

Upcoming Events and Community Updates

Feb 18-19-ISFLIC Winter Conference

Feb 19-Early Release

Grade PK-5 Carson & Oakland: 2:25 PM Grade 6-12: 2:20 PM

Feb 20-Pott Promise Steering Committee

Feb 20-Newsletter Submission

Feb 24-Admin Meeting

Feb 24-Optimist Club Meeting

Feb 25 District Leadership Team

Feb 25-SIAC

Feb 26-Early Release

Grade PK-5 Carson & Oakland: 2:25 PM Grade 6

Grade 6-12: 2:20 PM

Feb 27-Lion's Club

Upcoming Meetings

Adjournment

Regular Board of Education Meeting-Monday March 16, 2020
Location-330 Pleasant Street
Carson Grade 3-5 Elementary School
Media Center
6:30 PM

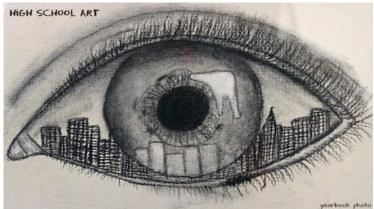
Adjournment







Caiden Goodman, Tate Williams, and Joel Henningsen were all awarded their Iowa FFA Degree last night. It is the highest state-level award that can be given to FFA members. These are the first from our chapter to receive this honor in over a decade! Congratulations, gentlemen!



Right: Julie Nelson of Minden was the winner of our FX3 Hoverboard at the Sectional Wrestling Tournament. Mrs. Nelson wants the Riverside Community to know that she plans to "Pay it Forward" by donating the hoverboard to a fundraiser for a 7-month-old little boy in Minden who was recently diagnosed with a serious heart condition. The Prom committee sends sincere thanks to all who purchased tickets for this drawing and supporting our 2020 Prom.



On February 8th, Riverside High School students competed at Large Group State Speech contest in Waukee, IA. An Improv group composed of Marcos Antunez, Caiden Goodman, Abi Petersen, and Denny Pilling earned an overall I rating (the highest rating you can earn)! As did the Radio Broadcasting group comprised of Jacob Erickson, Dustin Hering, and Lily LeKander. Way to go kids! (Ronda Long-Birdsall)



Good day Bulldog Nation! (Nick Kroon, Principal 6-12)

As I write this correspondence, our winter activity season is coming to an end. All winter sports were in postseason play this week with our 4 state wrestlers competing tonight in Des Moines. Most recently, we have had some other fine accomplishments as well with a great showing out of our JH MathCounts (Including 2 state qualifiers), great marks for our Jazz Choir and Jazz Band, and two teams qualifying for Large Group Speech in Improv and Radio Broadcasting.

So, before you start feeling blue about activities being over, they really are not. Spring activities start on 3/16 for Boys Soccer, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Track and on 2/23 girls soccer will commence. BRING ON SPRING!

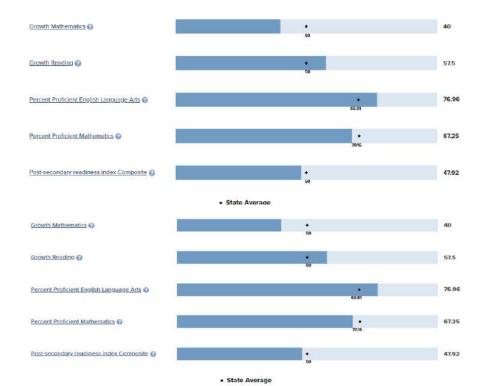
Also in the spring is an opportunity to showcase our skills and intellect in the classroom. Our lowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) will be conducted in the window from March 30-April 3. As a reminder, this assessment is one large piece of the rubric that helps classify our school on our state report card. Students in grades 6-11 are tested in Mathematics, Language & Writing, Science, and Reading during that window.

Due to this being a new assessment last Spring, our results from 2018-2019 were received by our district just this past December. Our high school staff decided to utilize these scores to create skill building sessions for students that scored below proficient. We originally called these "interventions" but wanted to get away from the negative connotation that portrayed. We are now coining these sessions as "Skill Building Sessions". I am not sure students are necessarily fond of these, but we really want our students to sharpen their skills to remain competitive with Iowa, the U.S., and the rest of the world.

Speaking of our state report card, we received an index score of 54.31 and is categorized as "Acceptable". We are so close to the 54.91 index score that moves us into the commendable status. Below is the table that explains the rating.

Rating Category	Score
Exceptional	66.31 and above
High Performing	60.61 - 66.30
Commendable	54.91 - 60.60
Acceptable	49.21 - 54.90
Needs Improvement	43.96 - 49.20
Priority/Comprehensive	43.95 and below

Below is a chart of where we scored in each category of the state report card. Notice that the little black diamond is the state average so you have something to compare the data to. Thanks for reading this and have a great day!



Students in Mrs. Houser's 6th grade math class do a card sort with their table groups to match diagrams and story problems to the division equations. Our thanks to Mrs. Houser for sharing.





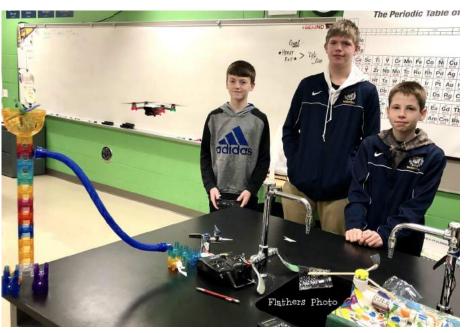
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This month, Physical Science students were challenged to design and create effective wind turbines that could be activated by a series of energy transfers (aka: a Rube Goldberg project). Students used a variety of items to engineer their process: springs, remote-controlled cars, drones, candles, dominoes, pulleys, hair dryers, and more! The turbine generating the most current (30 mA), was a wheel design by Miranda West, Lian Antunez, and Lily LeKander. The second place design (15 mA) was created by Tyler Reed, Aiden Bell, Ayden Salais, and Veronica Andrusyshyn. We have also included other photos of some Rube Goldberg designs. (Holly Garcia)





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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Are available March 1, 2020.

Riverside Middle School sent 10 students to the regional MathCounts competition in Council Bluffs on February 11. Four students competed as a team while the other 6 competed as individuals. The team Kyler, Anthony, Abe, and Paxtyn earned seventh out of 16 teams. Congratulations to Paxtyn Meek and Anthony Bernard for earning a trip to the State MathCounts Competition on March 10, 2020 in Des Moines. They were in the top 10 out of around 130 mathletes. (Bonnie Kramer)









Valentine Post Office

We had a Valentine Post Office in our classroom. The students each took turns being workers and mail carriers. They had to "sell" and "buy" stamps for their Valentines, address them correctly like they would a real letter and "mail" it. The postal workers would check the "letters" over carefully. If something was incorrect, they would stamp a return to sender stamp on the envelope and deliver back to the sender to be corrected. If it was correct, they stamped it and put it in the proper mailbox. The students even delivered "mail" out of our classroom around the school, as we had a lot of "out of town" Valentine mail to deliver. By counting out money to "buy" stamps for their Valentines, the students were more motivated to learn this important skill. They had a lot of fun!

The second graders also visited the Oakland Post Office and Great Western Bank. They learned a lot about what happens behind the scenes. They were comparing our classroom Valentine's Post Office to the actual Oakland Post Office. Our thanks to Lisa Hummel for sharing her photos and her classroom's activity.

















Left: Students in Mrs. Henry's celebrate the 100th day of school

RIVERSIDE PRESCHOOL SCREENING 2020

Friday, April 3rd @ Riverside Elementary

- Who can attend? Preschool aged children and their families; must turn 3 by September 15, 2020 to be considered
- Call the school office to set up an appointment (712) 482-6296
 Appointment times available from 8:45 to 2:45 on April 3rd
- Packets must be picked up and filled out prior to appointment. Hours for packet pick up at the school Monday through Friday: 7 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- See what the preschool classrooms look like, meet the staff, ask questions
- Check out our school website www.riversideschools.org

Riverside Elementary

708 Glass St Oakland, IA 51560 Phone (712) 482-6296

Turn at Casey's (Brown St) and go to the top of the hill



- What do you need to bring to your appointment?
- **Birth Certificate**
- Current Immunizations
- Proof of Household Income
- Completed Packet
- What areas will be assessed?
- · Vision Lion's Club
- Hearing Green Hills AEA
- Developmental FAMILY Inc.
- . Dental I Smile







Elementary News (Jamie Meek, PK- 5 Principal)

Parent Teacher conferences are coming up on Monday, March 23 and Thursday, March 26. Heading into the parent-teacher conference make a plan on what you are going to discuss with your child's teachers. Think about things that your child has come home talking to you about from school. Are there concerns that they have expressed to you? Are you not getting information from your children about school and need to set up a plan to have more communication with their teacher? What do you want to see your child complete and move forward with by the end of the year? If you make a plan ahead of time, you have a better chance of asking those things at the conference.

With the end of the year approaching quickly, Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is upon us. We are planning on giving the statewide assessment March 30 - April 3, with make-up tests April 6 - April 10, at the Carson and Oakland Elementary. During this week, we ask that you do your best to have normal routines at home, get to bed on time, get up on time, have good breakfasts before coming to school and encourage your children to do their best.

We are making a push toward the end of the school year and there are so many things left to do in many classrooms. We continue to work on helping students understand the basics of reading and math, while pushing those who excel at it to achieve even tougher standards. We are exposing them to exciting science concepts and exploring history to learn about our world. Take some time each day and ask your child not, "What did you do in school today?" but "What did you learn new today it math, reading, science, or social studies?" "Are you doing any fun projects in Art?" "What are you learning about in computer class?" "What are you learning about in PE or Health classes?" These questions, and others that you might think of or already use, will help get away from the same old answer of "nothing".

Very soon we will be in the middle of Parent-Teacher Conferences and there will be many great conversations happening between the classroom teachers and families. Please don't allow these conversations to be the only one that happen this year for your child (ren). For 4th-6th grade students, you can see grades as they are entered into our system via the JMC Parent Access portal at, https:// riversideschools.onlinejmc.com/, click on the Parent icon, enter your child's last name and password and you can see grades. If you are unsure about how to access this feature available to you, please contact Mr. Karros at the Carson Elementary School at 712-484-2291 or jkarros@riverside.k12.ia.us. The more staff and families that are on the same page, the more successful a student will be.

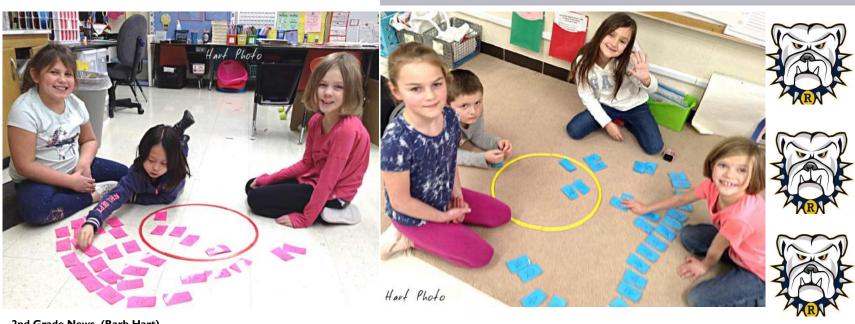


DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH RIVERSIDE PK-5 IS LEARNING AND PRACTICING HOW TO SHOW **BULLDOG POWER ON THE**



BUS

DISCUSS WITH YOUR STUDENT WAYS TO SHOW **BULLDOG POWER** ON THE BUS THIS MONTH





During math, second graders worked on sorting fictional characters, Yekttis, into different categories. Students were split into small groups where one person chose an attribute rule and had to show some Yekttis that fit the rule and some that didn't. Then other group members had to try to guess the rule for the category. Attributes of Yekttis included body shape (rhombus, square, hexagon, or triangle), eye color (white or black), and the number of antennae (one-four). Our thanks to Mrs. Hart for sharing her photos.





Recently, Mrs. Vorthmann's and Mrs. Bierwith's pre-school class did some buddy reading. We're cultivating friendships and a love of reading!! We thank Mrs. Vorthmann for sharing.











This semester staff at the Oakland and Carson Elementary buildings have been focusing on Individualized Daily Reading (IDR) and conferences about those books with our students. Students in Mrs. Hart's class were reading non-fiction books and then talking to a partner about things they wondered and facts they learned from the books they read. Our thanks to Mrs. Hart for sharing.



Dietitian Kristy Rieken was a guest speaker for the 4th and 5th grade health classes during the digestive system and nutrition units! Thank You Kristy! Our thanks to Mr. Johnson for sharing.



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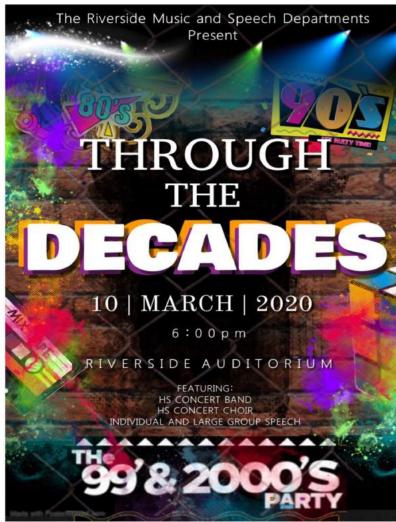
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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERNCES MARCH 26, 2020 4-8 PM

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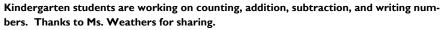
Recently, students in Mrs. Flathers' 8th grade class worked on preparing for debates. Thank you for sharing Mrs. Flathers.













As part of the TLC (Teacher Leadership Compensation), the Classroom Strategists have been hosting Learning Labs again this year. A Learning Lab is an opportunity for teachers to observe in other classrooms, discuss what they observed, and learn from each other. Learning Labs take place once a month, and all teachers are invited to participate.

The Learning Labs continue to be well-received and successful! These are some comments from teachers who have participated. A high school teacher said, "I've now attended two Learning Labs at the elementary school and taken away something I could use in my high school classroom from each one of them!" An elementary teacher observed a ir. high class and commented, "I learned so much from the observation, and I have taken several ideas back and used them in my classroom." Another teacher stated, "Learning Labs have allowed me to see what other teachers are doing in their classrooms and gain new insights into students. I'm able to talk with other professionals and learn from their process. I always walk away from a Learning Lab with something new that I want to try and a feeling of being reinvigorated." An intermediate teacher said, "Watching someone else teach has given me some new ideas. It helps to know other teachers struggle with some of the same things I do. Seeing others succeed in something I struggle with inspires me to keep trying. The students get to see that we are STILL learning from each other too. Learning is a journey that never ends." A Classroom Strategist who hosted a Learning Lab added, "Participating in a learning lab was a great experience. It was helpful to receive feedback from my peers when I hosted a lab, and it was beneficial to see lessons from other teachers when I observed." (Lisa Putnam article; Jen Perkins photos)

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Riverside Middle School Jazz Band "Outstanding Soloists"

Cassie Peterson (tenor sax), Olivia Lund (alto sax) Elizabeth West (alto sax), Lydia Erickson (piano), Kyler Rieken (piano), Abe Schechinger (bari sax)



Riverside High School Jazz Band "Outstanding Soloists" at the Dick Bauman District Jazz Festival

Back: Marcos Antunez (trumpet) and Hannah Lund (trumpet) Front: Jacob Erickson (piano) and Stormy Noble (alto sax) Congratulations

And

Thanks

To

Mrs. Brandon

For the photos.



Superintendent Tim Mitchell



2019-2020 School Calendar-March

March

- 4. 18: Early dismissal Staff Development
- 11: Early dismissal Staff Development/WIC Collaboration
- 13: End of 3rd Quarter
- 23: Early dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
- 26: Early dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27: No School Teacher Comp. Day
- 30,31-lowa State Assessment

- 1,2,3: lowa State Assessment Window
- 22: Early dismissal Staff Development/WIC Collaboration
- 29: Early dismissal
- 9,10,13, 14: No School *April 9 and April 14-Potential Snow Day Make-up

You will find the complete 2019-2020 School Calendar at: https://bit.ly/2NJfCtV



2020-2021 DRAFT School Calendar

The Board held a Public Hearing on Monday February 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM at 330 Pleasant Street Carson, IA on the DRAFT 2020-2021 School Calendar. The Board is set to approve the calendar at the Regular Meeting on Monday March 16, 2020. Final details for the 2020-2021 School Calendar are still under construction. We have a copy in this newsletter. If you have any additional input before final passage, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

2020-2021 DRAFT Budget

The Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM at 330 Pleasant Street Carson, IA on the DRAFT 2020-2021 Budget. More details will be published prior to the hearing.

Facility Update

Short-term-HVAC Retrofit-Next Step

The Board has approved a contract to complete the Architectural, Structural, Electrical and Mechanical work to retrofit the Oakland Elementary School HVAC System. This had been identified the priority and the project should be ready to bid this spring and work to start at the end of the school year. They also have a proposal prepared for the retrofit of the Elementary School in Carson, if needed based upon the results of the Long-term Facility Study. These projects will be funded by refinancing and an extension of our current SAYE Bonds with no tax increase.

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Long-term-Comprehensive Facility Plan-Next Steps

The Board also approved a contract to develop a Facility Master Plan for the entire district. Scope of Work

- . Meeting 1: Meeting with administration and staff to further discuss various options being discussed and further develop the pros and
- Meeting 2, 3 & 4: Community town-hall informational meetings to engage the district, allowing residents to voice concerns, ideas and thoughts regarding the potential projects.
- Further develop of a preliminary conceptual plan options based on input from administration, staff and community. They will develop a format for voting or ranking of the potential projects an establish a list of priorities.
- Meeting 5: Final community presentation and ranking.
- Finalized conceptual design including concept plans, scope description and phasing. Preliminary budget estimate.

Iowa School Performance Profile Results

The lowa Department of Education on Wednesday January 29, 2020 released new results and features in an online school accountability reporting system called the lowa School Performance Profiles. The lowa School Performance Profiles, launched in 2018, meets state and federal requirements to publish report cards reflecting the performance of all public schools.

Riverside Elementary which includes students educated at Carson and Oakland was ranked as "High Performing" with a total ranking of 62.84. This ranking is the top ranking of any elementary school in the Western Iowa Conference. The school was above the state average on all indicators.

Riverside Middle/Senior High was ranked "Acceptable" and the school was above the state average on six indicators with a total ranking of 54.31. The district overall was above the state average on nine indicators and below the state average on three indicators (Growth Math, Conditions for Learning Composite and Post-Secondary Readiness ACT/SAT).

Report cards provide an overall view of school performance as well as more detailed information, making it easier for stakeholders to understand how each school is serving its students.

Having access to clear and detailed information enables parents and other stakeholders to ask questions and better contribute to local conversations about school improvement. Educators, parents and other stakeholders can use information in the lowa School Performance Profiles to celebrate achievements, to pinpoint areas for improvement, and to ask questions.

For more information, visit iaschoolperformance.gov.

Preparing for the Iowa State Assessment

Each year the district is held accountable by taking the state assessment. This year will once again have our students take the online state assessment aligned with Iowa Core Standards.

That assessment will take place on March 30-April 3, 2020.

At this website: http://iowa.pearsonaccessnext.com/ you can find more information. They have a Test Preparation link that includes Tutorials and Practice Tests to allow parents, students and teachers to gain familiarity with the computer-based testing platform. The district will start planning classroom activities to help our students be successful by reducing student stress and integrating preparation into our daily instruction.

What can Parents Do:

- . Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before a test
- Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when testing will take place and plan your preparations
- The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make a student unfocused
- Set aside time each night prior to the test for several weeks to review concepts
- . Work with your child's teacher to find materials to work on at home in preparation for the test
- Make sure the student is on time on the day of testing
- If your child is sick please contact the school immediately so make-up testing can be schedule.

Inclement Weather Information

With the arrival of winter weather season, it is time to remind everyone about the procedures and guidelines regarding snow/weather closures or delays. The District is concerned about the safety of all students, staff and patrons. We encourage everyone to use caution traveling safely to and from our schools and buildings. Please know that parents can keep children home when weather is extreme. Schools understand and respect this decision and will work with families. Remember, no announcement means normal school operation. School closure or delayed start information will always be posted no later than 6:00 a.m. on the Riverside Community Schools website at www. riversideschools.org ,through social media and local news outlets. More information is included on our website.

Student, Parent, Employee and Activities Handbooks

We have a link on our website for easy access to our Handbooks. Handbooks are not distributed in hard copy unless they are requested. The following handbooks are available: Activities Handbook, Employee Handbook, Grade 6-12 Handbook, Grade PK-5 Handbook, Riverside Child Care Parent Handbook, and Riverside Credit Recovery Handbook.

Please feel free to follow me on social media at Tim Mitchell or Dr. 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.kl2.ia.us.

































(as of 02-17-20)

Regional Final

Туре	Time	Opponent	Location	
Monday, Mar	30, 2020			
Scrimmage	5:30PM	Away vs. Logan Magnolia	Logan-Mag School	nolia High
Friday, Apr 3	3, 2020			
Game	5:00PM	Clarinda Academy	Riverside I Charles L F Athletic Co	
Thursday, Ap	or 16, 2020			
Game	6:30PM	AHSTW	Riverside I Charles L F Athletic Co	
Friday, Apr 1	7, 2020			
Match	7:00PM	Away vs. Atlantic CSD	Atlantic Hig	gh School
Monday, Apr	20. 2020			
Game	6:30PM	Away vs. Logan Magnolia	Logan Mag School	nolia High
Tuesday, Ap	r 21, 2020			
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Creston Community	Creston Hi	gh School
Thursday, Ap	or 23, 2020			
Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln	Gale Wicke Athletic Co	
Friday, Apr 2	4, 2020			
Game	5:00PM	West Central Valley	Riverside I Charles L F Athletic Co	
Thursday, Ap	or 30, 2020			
Game	7:00PM	Tri-Center	Riverside I Charles L I Athletic Co	
Saturday, Ma	av 2 2020			
Tournament		Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Treynor High	gh School
Monday, May	4, 2020			
Game	6:30PM	Underwood	Riverside H Charles L F Athletic Co	
Thursday, Ma	ay 7, 2020			
Game	6:30PM	Away vs. Miss Valley	ouri	Missouri Valley High School
	1ay 9, 2020			
Tournamen	t 9:00PM	Away vs. Cres Community	ton	Creston High School
Tuesday, M	lay 12, 2020			
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Tri-C	enter	Tri-Center High School
Friday, May	, 15, 2020			
Game	7:00PM	Away vs. Trey	nor	Treynor High School
Tuesday, M Game	7:00PM	East Sac Coun	ty	Riverside High School Charles L Pigneri Athletic Complex
Tuesday, M	ay 26, 2020			
Regional Semifinal	ТВО	IHSAA		
Thursday, I	May 28, 2020	THEAA		

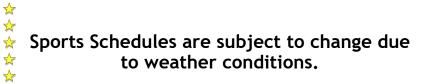
IHSAA



Soccer: Girls Varsity Spring 2020 Schedule

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Туре	Time	Opponent	Location
Thursday, A	pr 16, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	AHSTW	Riverside High School Charles L Pigneri Athletic Complex
Friday, Apr	17, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Harlan	Riverside High School
Monday, Api	20, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Logan Magnolia	Logan Magnolia High School
Tuesday, Ap	r 21, 2020		
Game	5:30PM	Away vs. Carroll Community	Carroll High School
Thursday, A	pr 30, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Tri-Center	Riverside High School Charles L Pigneri Athletic Complex
Friday, May	1, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Creston Community	Creston High School
Saturday, M	ay 2, 2020		
Tournament	9:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Denison High School
Monday, Ma	y 4, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Underwood	Riverside High School Charles L Pigneri Athletic Complex
Thursday, M	ay 7, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Missouri Valley	Missouri Valley High School
Friday, May	15, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Treynor	Treynor High School
Monday, Ma	y 18, 2020		
Game	5:00PM	Atlantic	Riverside High School
Tuesday, Ma	y 19, 2020		Riverside High School
Game	5:00PM	East Sac County	Charles L. Pigneri Athletic Compl
ursday, May	21, 2020		
me !	5:00PM	Denison	Riverside High School
ednesday, M	ay 27, 2020		
gional urnament	TBD	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	TBA



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Riverside Community Schools

March, 2020

		Harch, 2020				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 SWICDA Elementary/MS Honor Choir @Underwood- 4:30pm Wrestling-JH Tarkio	2:30pm Staff Professional Development Dismissal-	5:30pm Winter Sports Banquet-@ Riverside Community Schools		Bluffs Jazz Festival- @ Abraham Lincoln HS 8:00am Dance Camp & Show-
8	9	6:00pm HS Band/Choir/ Speech POPS Concert-	2:30pm Staff Professional Development Dismissal-	Reiver Jazz @IWCC- @ Iowa Western Community College	6:00pm FFA Banquet- @ Riverside Community Schools	14
15	6 3:00pm Track-G/Varsity Iowa State University	17 Coyote Jazz Festival @ USD- @ Vermillion South Dakota		19	JH Jazz Band, HS Jazz Band/Choir JAZZ Concert- 4:00pm Track- B/Varsity Concordia University 4:00pm Track-G/Varsity Concordia University	2: Underwood Ultimate Jazz-
22	23 WIC Jr/Sr High Honor Band- @ AHSTW Parent/Teacher Conferences-	Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships?-@ Des Moines, Valley High School 2:00pm Track-G/Varsity Northwest Missouri State University	25	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences-	27 WIC Weighting Lifting NO SCHOOL	28 Lenox MS Honor Band- @ Leno:
29	5:30pm Soccer-B/Varsity Logan Magnolia	31 4:30pm Track-B/ Varsity Audubon				







Riverside Community Schools

Sports Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions.

Track: MS Spring 2020 Schedule



(as of 02-17-20)

Туре	Time	Opponent	Location
Thursday, Meet	, Apr 16, 2020 4:00PM	Away vs. Griswold High School	Griswold High School
Section Control According	Apr 20, 2020 nal 4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Treynor High School
Thursday, Meet	, Apr 23, 2020 4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Audubon High School
Thursday, Meet	, Apr 30, 2020 4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Tri-Center High School
Thursday,	, May 7, 2020 et 4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Treynor High School
Monday, I Meet	May 11, 2020 TBD	Away vs. Missouri Valley	Missouri Valley High School
Tuesday, Meet	May 12, 2020 4:00PM	Away vs. Griswold Middle School	Griswold High School





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Track: Girls Varsity Spring 2020 Schedule

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Friday, May 22, 2020

Saturday, May 23, 2020

State Meet

State Meet



Away vs. IGHSAU

Away vs. IGHSAU

TBA

TBA





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Track: Boys Varsity Spring 2020 Schedule

(as of 02-17-20)

Туре	Time	Opponent	Location
Friday, Mar 20, 2	020		
Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Concordia University	Concordia University, Seward, NE
Tuesday, Mar 31,	2020		ML .
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Audubon	Audubon High School
Monday, Apr 6, 2	020		
Invitational	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Treynor High School
Thursday, Apr 9,	2020		
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	AHSTW
Tuesday, Apr 14,	2020		
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Tri-Center High School
Friday, Apr 17, 2	020		
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Underwood High School
Thursday, Apr 23	, 2020		
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Griswold High School
Monday, Apr 27,	2020		
Meet	5:00PM	Away vs. Woodbine	Woodbine High School
Tuesday, May 5,	2020		
WIC Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Audubon High School
Monday, May 11,	2020		
Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools,	Dunlap
Thursday, May 14	4, 2020		
Regional/District	4:00PM	ТВА	

Golf: Varsity Spring 2020 Schedule

(as of 02-19-20)

Activity	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, Apr 6, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Tri-Center	Oakland Country Club
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Tri-Center	Oakland Country Club
Thursday, Apr 16, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Logan Magnolia	Logan - Missouri Valley Country Club
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Logan Magnolia	Logan - Missouri Valley Country Club
Monday, Apr 20, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Treynor	Treynor Golf Course
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Treynor	Treynor Golf Course
Friday, Apr 24, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	AHSTW	Oakland Country Club
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	AHSTW	Oakland Country Club
Monday, Apr 27, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Missouri Valley	Oakland Country Club
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Missouri Valley	Oakland Country Club
Friday, May 1, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Audubon	Riverside High School
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Audubon	Riverside High School
Monday, May 4, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Underwood	Quail Run Golf Course
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Underwood	Quail Run Golf Course
Wednesday, May 6, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity WIC Tournament	9:00AM	Audubon	Atlantic Nishna Hills Golf Course Nishna Hills Golf Course
Golf: Girls Varsity WIC Tournament	9:00AM	Audubon	Atlantic Nishna Hills Golf Course Nishna Hills Golf Course
Friday, May 8, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. IKM- Manning	IKM High School
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. IKM- Manning	IKM High School
Friday, May 15, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity Sectional	TBD	IHSAA	
Monday, May 18, 2020			
Solf: Girls Varsity	TBD	Away vs. IGHSA	AU TBA
Regional/District Meet			
Friday, May 22, 2020			
Golf: Boys Varsity District Tournament	TBD	IHSAA	
Tuesday, May 26, 2020			
Golf: Girls Varsity Regional	TBD	Away vs. IGHSA	AU TBA
Final		, , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

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DANCE TEAM SHOW MARCH 7, 2020 @ 7 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL

FFA BANQUET MARCH 13, 2020 @ 6 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES MARCH 23, 2020 4-8 PM

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERNCES MARCH 26, 2020 4-8 PM

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

These are some pictures of Miss Jansen's 5th grade class utilizing some Makerspace items during their Library time. The Makerspace has Legos, Puzzles, Perler Beads, Arts & Crafts, K'Nex, LittleBits, and various other items for students to learn, create, and explore. These students are using the LittleBits sets (some of which we borrowed from the Green Hills AEA). LittleBits are kind of like Legos, but for circuits. They snap together allowing the students to create a variety of things- from an alarm to a fan to a car that runs. The students have had a fun time exploring the LittleBits sets. (Callie Kallsen article; Jen Perkins photos)









The Riverside High School Student Council sold "Crushes" during the week of February 10th to be delivered to that special person on Valentine's Day. The students do this as a fundraiser. We are sharing some yearbook photos of the students getting ready to make their deliveries.





MIDAS-Student Information Management System (SIS)

MIDAS-Early Warning System (EWS) Dashboard

What

A student information management system (also known as a student information system or SIS) helps a school manage data, communications, registration and scheduling. A school system generates and uses a large amount of data. This data must be communicated appropriately to students, faculty, and parents. These systems store and process large amounts of personal and critical data (e.g. payment information, medical records of current and former students and employees, etc.). The primary benefit of a SIS is their ability to provide a user with the information needed to do any task effectively and efficiently. An effective SIS can provide the appropriate data about each user's tasks in a format best suited to that user. Strategic systems are now being developed that are intended to allow a school district the access to data when needed to help students achieve at high levels.

Aims and Objectives of a 21st Century SIS

- To provide a rich, stimulating and caring environment in which the students feels happy, safe, secure and confident. (Inspire)
- To help all students to be happy, confident, enthusiastic, and collaborative learners. (Unify)
- To enable each student to reach their full potential by fostering self-esteem and a sense of achievement.
 (Achieve)

A SIS is one of the key systems for facilitating the management of student data. Its use for academic decision-making is crucial. An effective and efficient SIS can boost the productivity of the district and classroom. The reason for the increase in productivity is decreased time to maintain, track, and increased accuracy in organizing the data. Less time leads to keeping the district and classroom focused on the productivity of the student. The purpose of an information system is to turn raw data into useful information that can be used for decision making.

Why

For schools with an outdated student information system (JMC) here are eight reasons that the time might be right to invest in a new student information system (MIDAS).

I) Get More for Your Dollar

Choosing a modern, web-based SIS means freeing your school from outdated systems that do not meet all your current needs. The benefits of these modern systems usually include an improved return on investment (ROI) because of the expanded opportunities to boost enrollment. MIDAS costs less than JMC annually and we get additional support for data conversion from the GHAEA.

2) Without Sacrificing Functionality

Investing in a new SIS will provide a host of new functions available to our teachers, staff, and administrators. The ideal online SIS solution for most schools includes several useful features at a cost that won't break the bank, and a responsive, highly rated support system for users. MIDAS offers increased functionality.

3) Improved Security

Investing in a cloud-based SIS service means that your school will have a dedicated partner working to keep the system safe and your data secure.

Also, by moving to the cloud, your data is secured off-site. MIDAS is cloud based and stores data off-site and provides for multiple back-ups.

4) Improved Support

An online SIS lets tech support securely access your system off-site and see what you're seeing while walking you through the problem. MIDAS support system is in place and they have a new representative that lives in Iowa.

5) Online Access from Anywhere

Anyone with an SIS account – administrators, staff, teachers, parents, students – can login and access their information from any internet-equipped device. This also frees teachers up to collaborate on tasks and adapt future lessons for better student learning. MIDAS provides user accounts for all that can be accessed anywhere.

6) Keep Everyone in the Loop

Communicating with teachers, parents, students, staff and other community stakeholders is easy with a modern SIS that will integrate communication channels like email, text, and phone. Further, a system that also has an integrated app or online parent interface created by your SIS provider can keep families engaged and informed about everything from attendance and assignments to school events and fundraisers. MIDAS provides integration with our new website provider, Appetgy, offering the district new communication tools.

7) Move Registration and Scheduling Online

MIDAS can provide the opportunity to benefit our families, our staff, and even our bottom line. Simplifying registration and scheduling by moving the process online reduces the effort required for families to register, which is one of the quickest ways to boost enrollment. Also, online registration makes data available to school staff so they can use it to increase the number of applying students that enroll and improve retention over time. MIDAS will allow the district to move towards online registration and scheduling.

8) Simplified Payment Processing

MIDAS can assist our school financially in other ways besides boosting enrollment. With integrated payment processing it will process bank account debits and major credit cards with minimal overhead. Using an all-in-one system lets parents keep track and pay for incidentals in the same place they check their student's grades and attendance. MIDAS will help us improve our online payment systems.

How:

MIDAS-Early Warning System Dashboard-offered at no cost for the 2019-2020 school year by GHAEA

DLT held a two-day training on October 23, 2019

DLT created interactive Dashboards with the Spiting 2019 ISASP Data

We are currently in the process of confirming all user have accounts

Rollout/Training of Staff on February 19, 2020

MIDAS's data visualizations provide robust early warning system functionality by allowing educators to choose data points and set up early-warning indicators to notify key stakeholders in real time of concerns in student performance, behavior, or discipline.

CONSISTENT METRICS

> Standardized Dashboards By Role.

Customize saved dashboards across the district or team to ensure everyone is dialed in to the same key indicators.

> THRESHOLD MONITORING.

Your Data, Our Diligence. MIDAS allows you to customize your data thresholds and then select a method of notification, so you're alerted immediately.

> NOTIFICATIONS

Real-Time Alerts. You choose the data points. You choose the criteria. You choose the recipients. You choose the method.

MIDAS-School Information Management System-offered at no cost for the 2019-2020 school year by GHAEA

Administration Training-Jan 16

Front-End User Training-Jan 20

Issue Brief for Staff What-Why-How-distributed Feb 10

Run Report Cards-May 26-JMC

Start JMC Data Conversion-May 27

Clean up MIDAS Data-June 1-June 15

June 15-Move to MIDAS Only

June 15-June 30-Finish up use of JMC

Rollout/Training of Staff-Set up Training Schedule-Possible | ICDP Day-close to start of 2020-2021 school year

WHAT MAKES MIDAS DIFFERENT?

Rarely do teachers say they like their SIS. We know. We're teachers. And we've designed something better. No more logging into the SIS for grades and attendance, the LMS to post coursework for students, the assessment system to run performance analysis, the SPED system to check for IEP updates, and the Web site to post a message for parents. With MIDAS—MASSIVELY INTEGRATED DATA ANALYTICS SYSTEM—everything is finally in one place.

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CONTEXT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION
We believe educators should have information when, where, and how they need it in as few clicks as possible. Each MIDAS module includes all relevant information without having to go elsewhere. For instance, teachers can access a student's counselor, schedule, guardian contact information, and alerts without ever leaving the attendance module.

STEAMLINED WORKFLOWS

Tired of posting assignments multiple times? When teachers post an assignment in MIDAS, it appears in all relevant course sections on the syllabus, in the grade book, on the calendar, in Google Drive, and is distributed via email and/or text. MIDAS's "classroom" view is built on the understanding that teachers de and perform other tasks for multiple sections at once, and our tools support those workflows.

COMPLIANCE, AUTOMATED

Pushing papers keeps teachers from doing what they do best—helping students. MIDAS automates mundane tasks, like reporting, so teachers can get back to teaching.

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION

MIDAS integrates communication into everything a teacher does—from posting work to sending announcements, from logging conversations with guardians to automatically alerting selected individuals when grades, attendance, or behavior trigger specified thresholds.

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Pep Band Seniors



More Photos Recent Learning Labs. Our thanks to Jen Perkins for sharing.



On February 19, Kaiden Hendricks, Nolan Moore, Jace Rose, and Mick Schroder began their trip to state wresting with visits to Carson and Oakland Elementary. Later in the afternoon, they were honored with a spirited assembly at the high school. The boys ended their 2019-2020 season on the mats in Des Moines. Jace Rose took home a 4th place medal. Congrats, guys! The photos are provided by Cailee Manzer and Mary Stempel.



In January the Jazz choir placed 1st in the WIC conference competition which means that we beat not just the 1A schools, but the 2A schools as well!

On Feb. 10th the Jazz choir got a Division I rating at our State contest!

Our upcoming competitions are:

March 12th- Reiver Jazz @IWCC Performance at 8:30am

March 17th- USD Jazz Festival (Time TBD)

March 21st- Underwood Jazz (Time TBD)

March 24th- Jazz Championships (Time TBD)

Thank you, Mr. Stover







Just a Few More













March 2020

Riverside Elementary Schools

FRIDAY

SausageGravy/Biscuit

SausageGravy/Biscuit 20

Cheese Breadsticks W/ Marinara Sauce Corn & Fruit

NO

SCHOOL

SausageGravy/Biscuit

Pizza Crunchers

Cheese Omelet

Pastry Crisps Hash Browns

Fruit

6

27

MONDAY

2

23

Omelet Hash Browns

Nachos Corn Fruit & Cookie

Omelet

Mandarin Orange Chicken Seasoned Rice Broccoli

> 16 Omelet Hash Browns

Hot Dog/Bun Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Brownie

> Omelet Hash Browns

Breakfast Sandwich

30 Omelet

Sloppy Joes Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Fruit & Cookie

TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks of

Pizza Green Beans CE French Bread Pizza

French Toast Sticks of

Chicken Faiita Cheese & Salsa Corn Fruit CE Crispito w/ Cheese

French Toast Sticks

Fruit CE Nachos

French Toast Sticks o

Mini Corn Dogs CE Spicy ChickenPatty

French Toast Sticks or Pancakes

Pizza Burger Fruit CE Hot Dog/Bun

WEDNESDAY

4 Breakfast Sandwich

Chicken Nugget Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll & Fruit

Pig in Blanket Baked Beans

Fruit

Breakfast Sandwich

Chicken Fried Steak

18 Breakfast Pizza Breakfast Sandwich

Crispy Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll & Fruit

Ham/Cheese Melt

Breakfast Sandwich

Corn Fruit & Chips

THURSDAY

Breakfast Pizza

enderloin /Bun Cheese/Pickles Baked Beans Fruit & Cookie CE Mr. Ribb/Bun

> Œ Breakfast Pizza

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fruit & Dinner Roll CE HamburgerBun

19

Cheese /Pickles French Fries CE Chicken Patty/Bun

26 Breakfast Pizza

Chicken Patty Cheese & Pickles French Fries CE Meathall Sub

A La Carte

ailable every meal. Salad Bar le every day at lunch only.

All meals are subject to change.

Cold Cereal and Long Johns will be offered every day at breakfast

. 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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School News

NHS BLOOD DRIVE

MARCH 3, 2020 8 AM TO 2 PM RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL

WINTER SPORT BANQUET

MARCH 5, 2020 @ 5:30 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL

DANCE TEAM SHOW

MARCH 7, 2020 @ 7 PM @ RIVERSIDE MS/HS SCHOOL

FFA BANQUET

MARCH 13, 2020 @ 6 PM @

RIVERSIDE MS/HS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES MARCH 23, 2020 4-8 PM

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MARCH 26, 2020 4-8 PM

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

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March 2020

Riverside Grades 6-12

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19

26

MONDAY

Omelet 2

Nachos Corn Fruit & Cookie HSJS SpicyChickenWrap

> Omelet Hash Browns

Mandarin Orange Chicken HSJS NO CHOICE

> 16 Omelet Hash Browns

Hot Dog/Bun Chips Baked Beans HSIS Pizza Cruncher

> 23 Omelet Hash Brow

Breakfast Sandwich Hash Browns HSJS Sausage Gravy

30 Omelet Hash Browns

Sloppy Joes Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Fruit & Cookie HSJS Tenderloin/Bun

TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks or

Fruit HSJS French Bread

French Toast Sticks of

Chicken Fajita Cheese & Salsa Corn HSJS Crispito w/

French Toast Sticks or Pancakes

HSIS Nachos

French Toast Sticks of 24

Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans HSJS Spicy ChickenPatty

French Toast Sticks 31 or Pancakes

Pizza Burger HSJS Hot Dog/Bun

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Sandwich

Chicken Nugget Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll & Fruit HSJS Beef Nuggets

Breakfast Sandwich

Pig in Blanket **Baked Beans** Fruit HSJS Chicken Patty/Bun Cheese & Pickle

Breakfast Sandwich

Crispy Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll & Fruit HSJS BBQ Meatballs **Dinner Roll**

Breakfast Sandwich 25

Ham/Cheese Melt Corn Fruit & Chips Cookie HSJS Deli Sandwich

THURSDAY

Breakfast Pizza

Tenderloin /Bun Cheese/Pickles Baked Beans Fruit & Cookie

HSJS Mr. Ribb/Bun Breakfast Pizza

Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fruit & Dinner Roll HSJS HamburgerBun

Breakfast Pizza

Hamburger/Bun Cheese /Pickles French Fries HSIS Chicken Patty/Bun

Breakfast Pizza

Chicken Patty Cheese & Pickles French Fries Fruit HSIS Meatball Sub

FRIDAY

SausageGravy/Biscuit 6

Pizza Crunchers Green Beans Fruit Cookie Cookie HSJS Mac/Cheese

Dinner Roll

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