



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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P-K-12 Activities
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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

@ 6:30 PM

Intermediate School

Media Center



Postal Patron

Riverside Newsletter

Riverside website is www.riversideschools.org

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Oakland, IA 51560



Please know that we have tried to make any information in this publication as accurate as possible.

Information changes daily, if not, hourly. Please don't hesitate to check out the school's social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the school's website.

Schools are closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.



For Immediate Release
4-23-2020

Contact: Tim Mitchell, Superintendent for additional Information
712-484-2212 or tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us

Riverside Moves Forward to Address Facility Issues

Since the voters rejected two attempts to pass a Voter-Approved Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) to replace the HVAC systems at the Oakland Elementary and Carson Elementary schools, the Riverside School Board has been studying all potential facility options to address the ongoing issues. Through this process they have been trying to determine what is in the best interest of the students, staff, and community along with being economical long-term. They have reviewed proposals to have the HVAC systems retrofitted. This work would include furnishing the current system with updated parts and replace some equipment to make the system functional. The Board worked with various contractors to vet proposals to perform the needed work. They also contracted, required by Iowa law, an engineer and architect. The planning has been a balancing act as the Board does not want to spend unneeded resources on the project.

First Priority-Short-term-HVAC Retrofit at Oakland Elementary

- Monday April 20, 2020-School Board held a Public Hearing for Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project
- Monday April 20, 2020-School Board approved Plan to Retrofit HVAC System at Oakland Elementary School
- Tuesday April 21, 2020-Project was announced for Bid
- Monday April 27, 2020-School Board has set a Public Hearing for 6:30 PM to refinance \$6,000,000 SAVE (Sales Tax) Bonds
- Monday May 25, 2020-Project to be awarded to low bidder
- Tuesday September 1, 2020-Expected Completion

The \$6,000,000 is current Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Debt on the new building. This funding stream was formerly known as the statewide school infrastructure sales and services tax and known as the local option sales and services tax for school infrastructure. On the recommendation from the district Financial Advisor the district will refinance the current SAVE Debt. This takes advantage of lower interest rates in the municipal bond market. The savings will be used for purposes identified by our voter approved Revenue Purpose Statement-infrastructure development. The money is committed to making the immediate repairs to the Oakland School HVAC system. No longer a replacement just repairs/retrofit to keep the building functional. This will not increase taxes.

The Board has committed to doing the work to get various long-term plans presented and then one approved by the public. This will include taking the time to have everyone review all options and the Board being fully transparent with the community to address all the questions and issues. The Board is taking the lead and will determine a viable long-term facility option that a majority can support. The district has contracted Studio Melee Architects to complete the Comprehensive Facility Study and provide information on several potential long-term options to the public. We would emphasize that any plan moving forward should be designed to keep the needs of our students at the forefront and unify Riverside taking into consideration the "Three Communities United as One" mentality. The plan should allow for Macedonia, Carson and Oakland residents to continue to retain and attract students and families to Riverside.



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.k12.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 y actividades 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 ley 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.

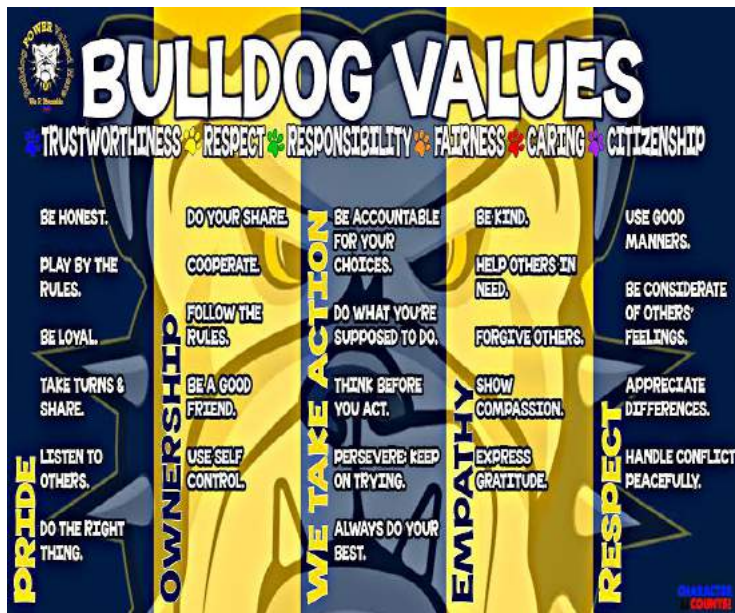


Second Priority-Long-term-Comprehensive Facility Study

- Week of April 27--Meeting 1: Meeting with administration and staff to further discuss various long-term facility options and further develop the pros and cons of each. Will move forward by setting up Zoom meetings with staff with input collected with a Survey.
- On Hold-Meeting 2, 3 & 4: Community town-hall informational meetings to engage the district patrons, allowing residents to voice concerns, ideas and thoughts regarding the potential long-term projects.
- On Hold-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.
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Each Long-term Facility Option will have:

- Estimated Project Cost
- Amount of square footage to be remodeled or new construction
- Estimated number students per building
- Estimated student per square footage instructional space
- Method of Financing
- Estimated General Fund Reductions
- Estimated Cost of Relocation, Demolition or Sale of Vacated Buildings



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**.

Riverside athletes: Your 2020 summer strength and conditioning schedule is here! This is for your planning purposes. Please know that this schedule is **TENTATIVE** and subject to change based on guidance we receive from school administration. See y'all June 1st! **#RivStrength**

Riverside Community School District Personal Belongings Pick-Up Schedule

Middle School/High School	STUDENTS WILL COLLECT YOUR OWN BELONGINGS
Monday, May 4, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will need to bring your own Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Siblings may pick up belongings
Monday, May 11, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be allowed to retrieve-parents must wait in front of school
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring your own bag

Oakland & Carson Elementary Buildings CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Monday, May 4, 2020	Tuesday, May 5, 2020	
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will have it packed up ready for curbside pick-up You can get all student belongings at one time If you cannot make the assigned date/time, we can make special arrangements for pick-up.
Preschool	1st Grade	Contact Jamie Meek at jmeek@riverside.k12.ia.us
Kindergarten	2nd Grade	
3rd Grade	5th Grade	
4th Grade		

School Library Book Returns

Look for me on boxes at school!

STARTING MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

Look for boxes at all three buildings. You may return your books to ANY Riverside school building.

We plan to have boxes in the following locations:

- In front of the library doors in the high school
- At meal distribution pick-ups
- In Personal Belongings Pick-Up Zones

All books are due May 22nd!

TENTATIVE

R STRENGTH

2020 RIVERSIDE SUMMER STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
****TENTATIVE START DATE: JUNE 1ST**

	HS Boys (9th-12th grade)	HS Girls (9th-12th grade)	Junior High (6th-8th grade)
Monday	Lift 7:30 am: 9th & 10th graders 8:30 am: 11th & 12th graders	Lift 9:30 am: ALL HS girls	Intro to Strength Training 7:00 am: Incoming 6th graders, beginner 7th & 8th graders
Tuesday	Speed & Agility 8:30 am: ALL HS boys	Speed & Agility 9:30 am: ALL HS Girls	Advanced Strength Training 7:00 am: Advanced 7th & 8th graders
Wednesday	Lift 7:30 am: 9th & 10th graders 8:30 am: 11th & 12th graders	Lift 9:30 am: ALL HS girls	OFF
Thursday	Lift 7:30 am: 9th & 10th graders 8:30 am: 11th & 12th graders	Lift 9:30 am: ALL HS girls	ALL JH Speed & Agility 7:00 am
Friday	OFF	OFF	OFF

****Dead Week (no lifting or camps/practices): July 26-August 2nd**

TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER

TAKE CARE BY STAYING HOME

- Staying at home can help save lives.
- When possible, avoid large gatherings.
- Remind each other to get some fresh air!

TAKE CARE BY STAYING SAFE

- Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid high-risk play that could lead to getting injury.
- Taking care of yourself means being able to care for others.

TAKE CARE BY BEING PRESENT

- Practice being a good listener for your family.
- Don't let distractions let you grow distant from each other.
- Remember to practice gratitude for all of the little things.



CLASS OF 2021
PRESENTS

Footloose

themed prom

June 27, 2020

More Details To Follow



At press time, the Riverside Prom is postponed until June 27, 2020, and the plans remain unchanged.

Grand March - 5:30 pm (doors open at 5:15.) - RHS Auditorium. Admission \$1.00/person

Professional Photos immediately after. Auditorium will be closed to the public during this time. Guests are welcome to stay in commons for family photos.

Dinner & Dance 7:00 - 10:15 Carson Community Center

After Prom: Amazing Pizza Machine in Omaha



RIVERSIDE PRESCHOOL SCREENING 2020



Pre School Screening was scheduled for Friday, April 3rd but due to COVID-19, we will have to do things a bit differently this year.

If you were not previously scheduled for screening please click on the link to help us get an accurate headcount for the 2020-2021 school year.

[Pre-School Student Information](#)

If you have a packet and it is completed, you may either send it back to the school by mail at:

Riverside Elementary
708 Glass St
Oakland, IA 51560
or

you may drop it off at one of the following places during the hours listed:

Riverside Middle-High School (W door A)
Mondays - 9-11am
Oakland Elementary (NE door F) -
Mondays - 9-11am
Carson Elementary (S side door A) -
Mondays - Friday - 9am-3pm
Macedonia - Post Office on Main St -
Mondays - 9-11am



- If you are not able to provide copies of the following documents, we will need to collect copies of them prior to school starting
- Birth Certificate
- Current Immunizations
- The areas that were to be assessed will now be assessed at a later date (to be determined):
- Vision - Lion's Club
- Hearing - Green Hills AEA
- Developmental - FAMILY Inc.
- Dental - I Smile



2020-2021 incoming pre-school students. Please see the attached file for information about pre-school registration paperwork.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2cGn00V3kPY1h691uOvEXK20HKvI7PWlqO-fBTfbR92JWNw/viewform>

Riverside School District

Playground Equipment is Closed

This was effective on March 17, 2020 with the closure of school property, but we wanted to specifically address playground equipment as being part of the school closure. We have noticed people using the equipment and would like people to stop. The playground equipment is extremely difficult to keep sanitized.

The closure is for public safety to help limit the spread of COVID-19

Thank you for your cooperation!!



Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The purpose of the Riverside Community School District Hall of Fame is to honor graduates, employees, teams, individuals and friends of the Riverside Community School District for their accomplishments at and/or to the service of the Riverside Community School District, and also to inspire our students to become the best that they can be.

It is not just for Riverside Community School District but any accomplishments during the days of Macedonia, Carson and Oakland should be considered for the Riverside Community School District Hall of Fame.

Categories:

- **Friend**-Persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Riverside Community School District. This could be through volunteer service or financial contributions. This individual does not have to be a Riverside Community School District graduate.
- **Employee**-Limited to those who served as a Riverside Community School District employee for a minimum of 10 years. The employee must be "retired" from their position before being considered. This individual does not have to be a Riverside Community School District graduate.
- **Teams/Groups**-A particular team or group while representing Riverside Community School District earning a distinguished honor or recognition in Athletics or Fine Arts activities. A 10-year waiting period would be imposed before consideration.
- **Individuals**-Outstanding individual achievement while representing Riverside Community School District. This would include an individual earning a distinguished honor or recognition in Athletics or Fine Arts activities.
- **Distinguished Graduates**-Persons who have brought honor and recognition to the school and/or community through their achievements following graduation. All Riverside Community School District graduates are eligible.

Name of Nominee _____
List full name including maiden name when applicable

Category _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone Information _____
Primary _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Present Occupation and Title _____

Class of _____ School _____

Please attach:
Summary of Nominee's community service
Supportive materials for consideration
Biographical sketch of nominee

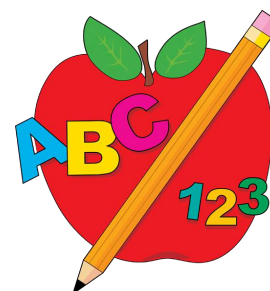
Name of Person submitting recommendation _____

Address _____

Contact Information Primary Phone # _____

Email _____

Return to:
Riverside Community School District
330 Pleasant Street
P. O. Box 218
Carson, IA 51525



On March 16, 2020, Riverside FFA members brought their tractors to school. The photos we share are courtesy of the Riverside FFA Facebook page.



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2020 to 2021

Riverside Community Schools
330 Pleasant Street PO Box 218
Carson, IA 51525

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Symbol Key

R - Registration	O - 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

Fax: 712-482-3074

Grade 3-5 Elementary School-Carson

Phone: 712-484-2212

712-484-3957

Grade PK-2 Elementary School-Oakland

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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August:

- 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 – Staff Development

September:

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

October:

- 7, 14, 21: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 16: End of 1st Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 26: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 28: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 30: No School – Teacher Comp Day

November:

- 4, 11, 18: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 25, 26, 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, 24, 31: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 17, 18, 19: No School-Spring Break

March:

- 3,10, 17, 31: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 12: End of 3rd Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 22: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 24: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 26: No School – Teacher Comp Day

April:

- 2-5: No School – Easter Break
- 7, 14, 21, 28: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 12-16: Iowa Assessment Week

May:

- 5, 12, 19: Early dismissal – Staff Development
- 19: Last Day for Seniors
- 23: Graduation
- 24: Last Day of School - Early dismissal
- 25: Teacher Work Day

175 Student Contact Days

2-Parent/Teacher Conferences Days

(October 20 & March 26)

4-Professional Learning/Workdays

(August 19 & 21, December 23 or January 4, May 25)

5-Individual Career Development Days (ICDP)

3-Early Release-Contract Days

1-Holiday

190-Contract Days

1-Professional Development Supplement -Per Diem

(August 20)

2-New Teacher Days

(August 17 &18)



Superintendent Tim Mitchell



Thank you!

The Riverside Community School District School Board and I are so grateful for our staff, students, parents and community members during this time. You have all been wonderful throughout this very unfortunate and difficult situation. Our priority will continue to focus time and energy on the health and safety of our families. I hope this experience will strengthen us and help our students become adaptable, flexible, and innovative.

School Closure for the 2019-2020 School Year

As you may already know, Governor Reynolds expanded the closure of schools in Iowa for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. Even with the closure, we are committed to continuing our efforts to provide continuous learning opportunities to our students.

When will the school year end?

Even though learning has looked different over the last four weeks, opportunities have still been provided for students. Because of this, the State of Iowa has approved or forgiven these days, and the days moving forward. We will plan on ending the school year on the regularly scheduled dismissal date of May 22, 2020.

Continuous Learning:

On Wednesday April 8, 2020, the Riverside Community School Board School Board approved the Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy Resolution and the Continuous Learning Plan that included implementation of Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities for all students.

Voluntary – All activities are optional, no grades may be given or changed, attendance is not taken.

This decision was made using feedback from staff. It was determined that many students have roadblocks that limit or prohibit learning during this time. The state has given the directive to choose the route that is the best for the district as a whole and negatively impacts the least number of students. Many of our students and parents/guardians do not have the structure, time, or resources that would allow them to meet the demands of required services.

Riverside COVID-19 Information Page

Links to all of these website with more information on COVID-19 can be found at www.riversideschools.org and then click on "Riverside Covid-19 Information Page"

- ✓ Riverside Voluntary educational Enrichment Resources-Posted weekly
- ✓ School Meal Distribution Information
- ✓ Events Cancellations and Postponements- 6-10-2020
- ✓ CDC COVID Mental Health Stress and Coping Website
- ✓ Counseling Resources-NAMI
- ✓ Healthy Homes Family Services-Thera-Link Information
- ✓ Pott County Emergency Management COVID-19 Information
- ✓ Center for Disease Control
- ✓ Iowa Department of Public Health
- ✓ School Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education
- ✓ GHAEA Resources
- ✓ Free Resource-audible from Amazon
- ✓ Resources to Support Learning-Iowa Department of Education

District Office—330 Pleasant Street—Carson—Hours of Operation During Closure

District Office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You can reach me at 712-484-2212. If you do not get someone, please call 605-431-9043.

Remote Technical Support

If you ever have computer issues and can't figure it out, but can still get to the internet... I can possibly provide support. [Remotedesktop.google.com](https://remotedesktop.google.com). Once you set up your computer you can select remote support. Generate a code. And then I can take it over when you send me the code. Please contact Chris Hamilton at chamilton@riverside.k12.ia.us or 402-960-8279.

Schools Meals Update

The meal program ("Grab N Go" on Mondays) will continue as long as the federal program will allow. Right now, that is through May 22, 2020. Unless this program is expanded, we will switch to not providing meals during the summer because we as a district do not qualify for the summer food program. These are the federal guidelines for this program. We will on April 27, 2020 start having parents sign permission slips if the food is delivered. This will be completed by email. Each person requesting delivery will need to supply us an email address so we can collect a permission form including the names of the students getting the meals.

The four distribution centers are:

- Oakland Elementary School-Door F-East Door on North Side of Building
- Riverside Middle/High School-Front Doors
- Carson Elementary School-Door C on West side of building
- Post Office in Macedonia on Main Street-School Vehicle will be park on Main Street

Distribution Dates Meals will be Mondays (May 4, May 11, May 18)

Apptegy-New Riverside Phone App

To Download the NEW App:

Apple: <https://apple.co/38lFlpU>

Android: <http://bit.ly/39jpj22>

You need to delete the Gold background Riverside App from your phone. The NEW App has a Blue background.

Facility Project Funding-Public meeting-Monday April 27, 2020

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Riverside Hall Of Fame-Class of 2020

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Bulldog POWER Lives ON!!

Just because we are not in school does not mean we can not promote and continue to build our culture. That might be just what our community needs right now!! These Bulldog POWER Simple Rules can still be utilized by you as you work from home:

- Go out of your way to make the first and last interaction with your students and/or family members each day positive
- Start each day writing down three things you are grateful for
- Greet students regular through digital communication
- Praise students each day-send at least one positive message each day-to students or parents-maybe other staff members who are isolated!!
- Actively work to develop a relationship with each student/parent (utilize online tools)
 - Tell then about non-school related topics
 - Teach about their interests
 - Engage in activities with them
 - Tell hilarious stories – share inspirational stories – Do crazy things
- Breathe-take two minutes each day to stop and breathe
- Get at least 20 minutes of cardio each day
- For two minutes each day-think/reflect on a positive experience from the last 24 hour
- Call/Email Parents

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.k12.ia.us.



TAKE CARE OF
THIS HOME

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KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN

- Spend time doing chores every day.
- Let some fresh air and light in.
- Wipe down counters, doorknobs, and other high-contact areas.

KEEP YOUR HOME STRUCTURED

- Build family routines.
- Do your best to follow a family schedule.
- Make sure everyone feels involved and appreciated!

KEEP YOUR HOME HAPPY

- As much as possible, remember to laugh!
- Get creative with safe, fun activities around the house.
- Listen to music, dance, sing... whatever it takes to make some happy memories!

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Back to the Capital city! Mr Oliver will again be leading an educational tour to Washington DC. Also, this year he will be taking students and community members to Philadelphia, PA. Some highlights of the trip will be the White House, war memorials, Arlington Cemetery, JFK Performing Arts Center, the Liberty Bell and many more. If you are interested, please contact Mr Oliver for more details and pricing. The tentative dates are March 1-5, 2021. The best way to contact him is via his school email- aoliver@riverside.k12.ia.us.





Regular School Board Meeting Monday April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Agenda

Open Forum

Public Hearing-6:30 PM: Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project-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 and Personnel Actions were approved.

This information can be found attached to the agenda.

- ✓ Approved-Shawn Bluml -- Varsity Softball Volunteer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year
- ✓ Approved -Mike Rehfeldt -- Varsity Softball Volunteer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year
- ✓ Approved-Amy Smith -- Voluntary Transfer Kindergarten to Preschool Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year
- ✓ Approved-Extracurricular Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year-see list attached to agenda
- ✓ Accepted Resignation Taylor Schueman -- Varsity Girls Basketball Coach effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Approve Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) Positions - for the 2020-2021 school year-see list attached to the agenda
- ✓ Accept Resignation Trevor Frain --Varsity Football Assistant Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accept Resignation Cole Chapin --Middle School Football Assistant Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accept Resignation Lauren Schueman --Middle School Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accept Resignation Joni Gordon --Middle School Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accept Resignation Darrell Frain--Middle School Boys Track Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Accept Resignation Tyler Johannsen--Middle School Assistant Boys Track Coach effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Presentations

- ✓ **Student Achievement Report-Board Goal #1**-Jennifer Perkins and Annie Vorthmann will present and will update the Board on Board Goal #1-Student Achievement. Topic for this meeting: Lexia Core5 Reading-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Fiscal Report-Board Goal #2**-Dr. Mitchell presented and will updated the Board on Board Goal #2-Fiscal Responsibility. Topic for this meeting: Seven General Fund Key Financial Indicators-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Facility Report-Board Goal #3**-Dr. Mitchell presented and updated the Board on Board Goal #3-Facility Management. Topics for this meeting: Update on current projects-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **COVID-19 Update**-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **IASB-Board Connect-Digital Meeting Tips**-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Superintendent Report** - Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Closing Memorandum-Cyber Attack**-Based on the investigations conducted by Riverside, CRA, and Baker, Riverside can reasonably conclude that it is not subject to any legal notification or reporting obligations to either individuals or regulators under applicable state or federal law. We are pleased that we were able to reach the determination that this incident did not trigger any notification obligations-More information can be found attached to the agenda.



Discussion Items

- ✓ **HVAC Project-1st priority-Short-term-HVAC Retrofit at Oakland Elementary**
 - TONIGHT-School Board held Public Hearing for Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project
 - School Board has set a Public Hearing for Monday April 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM to refinance SAVE Bonds
 - Project will be announced for Bid April 21, 2020
 - Project will be awarded May 25, 2020
 - Expected Completion September 1, 2020
- ✓ **Comprehensive Facility Study**
 - Meeting 1: Meeting with administration and staff to further discuss various options being discussed and further develop the pros and cons of each. Will move forward by setting up Zoom meetings with staff with input collected with a Goggle Form Survey-week of April 27
 - 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. On Hold
 - 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. On Hold
 - Meeting 5: Final community presentation and ranking.
 - Finalized conceptual design including concept plans, scope description and phasing. Preliminary budget estimate. On Hold
- ✓ **Facility Project Funding Update** -Public Meeting will be held on Monday April 27, 2020. The \$6,000,000 is current SAVE Debt on the new building. On the recommendation from your Financial Advisor you a are refinancing the current SAVE Debt. This takes advantage of lower interest rates in the municipal bond market. The savings (\$550,000) will be used for purposes identified by our voter approved Revenue Purpose Statement-infrastructure development. The money is committed to making the immediate repairs to the Oakland School HVAC system. No longer a replacement just repairs to keep the building functional. This will not change the terms of the repayment. This will not increase taxes.
- ✓ **CARES Act-Education**-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Riverside Hall of Fame Class of 2020**-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Appetgy App Roll out**-Appetgy-New Website and App-Marketing Materials will start being distributed this Week. You need to delete the Gold Background Riverside App from your phone. We will distribute instructions to download the new app. It has a Blue background. We will be transitioning to a new and improved website next year school year. It is ready but this is not a good time to implement a new communication platform. We are implementing the new Riverside App that has been completed. We are reviewing the marketing plan we have been given. This new App would allow any phone to access the COVID-19 Information and Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities. This means internet access would not be needed for a student or parent to access the resources you are posting. They can also use the Google Apps and Zoom Apps to participate in virtual activities on their phone. To Download the NEW App:

Apple: <https://apple.co/38FipU>

Android: <http://bit.ly/39jpj22>

Action Items

- ✓ Approved Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Final Payment - Scott Enterprises - Middle/High School Roof Insurance Project-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Operational Sharing Agreements for the 2020-2021 School Year-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Agreement with GHAEA for School Based Interventionist Program for the 2020-2021 school year-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Payment to HVP, Inc Insurance Claim-Cyber Attack-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Payment to Spiral Communications Insurance Claim-Cyber Attack-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Board Resolution to Waive Graduation Requirements Board Policy 505.6-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Green Hills Area Education Agency (GHAEA) & Riverside Community School District Agreement - MIDAS-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Tabled Replacement/Repair of Heat Pump-Middle/High School Activities Director Office-more information can be found attached to the agenda



Policy Review and Approval

- ✓ Introduction or Review
 - School Board Policies: 601.1, 601.2, 602.1-602.4 & 603.1-603.7-Please see attached
- ✓ Second Reading-Board Hearing
 - School Board Policies: 302.2, 303.3, 405.4, 405.8, 410.3 & 603.2-Please see attached
- ✓ Third-Final Reading-Approval
 - School Board Policies: 105, 604.7, 606.5, 705.1, 705.1RI, 705.2RI, & 711.1-Please see attached.

Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- Matt Bowen-Approval of Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Plan
- Todd Pendgraft-New Appetgy Phone App
- Murray Fenn-Student Achievement Update-Lexia Core5
- Mark Jeppesen-Agreement with GHAEA-MIDAS (SIS) for 2020-2021
- Jamie Kadel-COVID-19 Update
- Charlene Dalby-Student Achievement Update-Lexia Core5
- Tim Petersen-Waiver of Graduation Requirements for Class of 2020

Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

1. Approval of Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Plan
2. COVID-19 Update
3. New Appetgy Phone App

Closed/Exempt Session-Iowa Code 20.17 (3) – Negotiations

Closed/Exempt Session-Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i) Administrative Contracts

[Update Quick Links](#)

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

COVID-19 School Closure Information

[Riverside COVID-19 Information Page](#)

Pott County Emergency Management COVID-19 Information	Center for Disease Control
Iowa Department of Public Health	School Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Association of School Board-COVID-19 Information	Navigating Uncertain Times: How Schools Can Cope With Coronavirus
GHAEA Resources	Iowa DOE You Tube Playlist
COVID-19 in Iowa	

Upcoming Events and Community Updates

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Event Cancellations and Postponements 6-10-2020

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings

Special Board of Education Meeting-Monday April 27, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

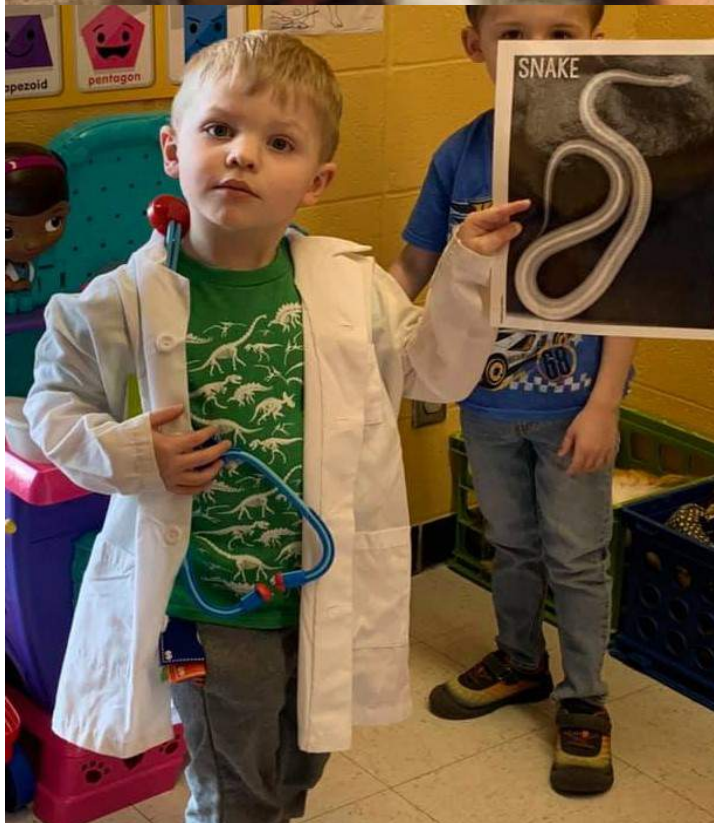
Regular Board of Education Meeting-Monday May 18, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

Special Board of Education Meeting-Monday May 25, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

Regular Board of Education Meeting-Monday June 15, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

(Please contact tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us or call at 712-484-2212 if you would like a link to attend virtually)

The preschoolers in Mrs. Henderson's class engaged in a class study of Pets/Vet during the months of February and March. They learned about different types of pets, how to take care of pets, what a veterinarian does, and much more. They enjoyed playing the part of a vet in our dramatic play area. As a final project, students were asked to create a pet and/or a pet home. With the early dismissal from school for the year, students had a great deal of time to work on their projects with family members and caregivers. They all greatly enjoyed showing and talking about their projects as you can see from the smiles on their faces. Thank you to Lindsey Henderson for sharing this article and the photos seen throughout the newsletter.





COVID-19 Update

May Newsletter

Governor's Recommendation on School Closure

Iowa schools will remain closed for the 2019-2020 year. The Spring Sports Season has been cancelled. The district will need to complete and submit a return to Learning Plan by July 1, 2020 to the Iowa Department of Education.

Riverside Guiding Principles During School Closure

As Riverside continues to navigate our current situation and work with the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, there are five guiding principles that remain at the forefront of every decision and action.

1. Health and safety is the first consideration.
2. Children with disabilities are entitled to an equal opportunity for participation in any service provided by a district, including modifications and supplementary aids and supports as necessary.
3. To the extent practicable, strive to maintain a sense of normalcy for children with disabilities during this public health emergency.
4. To the extent that health and safety come into tension with an administrative or procedural requirement, default in favor of health and safety and consider responding to the administrative or procedural requirements once this public health emergency has resolved.
5. Parents must be involved in any decision about an individual child's placement or services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Early ACCESS, or Section 504.

When will the school year end?

Even though learning has looked different over the last four weeks, opportunities have still been provided for students. Because of this, the State of Iowa has approved or forgiven these days, and the days moving forward. We will plan on ending the school year on the regularly scheduled dismissal date of May 22, 2020.

Continuous Learning

On Wednesday April 8, 2020, the Riverside Community School Board School Board approved the Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy Resolution and the Continuous Learning Plan that included implementation of Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities for all students.

Voluntary – All activities are optional, no grades may be given or changed, attendance is not taken.

This decision was made using feedback from staff. It was determined that many students have roadblocks that limit or prohibit learning during this time. The state has given the directive to choose the route that is the best for the district as a whole and negatively impacts the least number of students. Many of our students and parents/guardians do not have the structure, time, or resources that would allow them to meet the demands of required services.

Our planned learning activities, though voluntary, allow students to continue to move forward academically through the remainder of the school year. They can attend sessions with teachers via Zoom or other online tools, watch educational videos our teachers have created, and complete assignments and supplementary activities provided by our teachers. Even though we are not taking attendance and cannot provide grades or extra credit points, we can provide feedback and help students work through their learning to be better prepared for next year. Attendance isn't required, but we highly encourage all students to participate in whatever learning opportunities they are able, to help them be better prepared for next year.

Parents/Guardians, if you would like to require or encourage your students to complete learning activities, you are more than welcome to and we would be able to provide you with any participation data that we collect on your child. We want to work with you to provide a meaningful learning experience for all students. Those who participate will have an opportunity to be better prepared for next year.



How will we get students personal belongings back to them?

Administration and Program Directors have met and have outlined the basics of our plan. The Building Administration will finalize plans for each building. The state issued verbal guidance that we will follow, and they have also advised having school legal review our plan before implementation. The state will be announcing formal written guidance in the future. A formal plan with sign-up sheets with times to come to the building and pick up students belongs and then distribute to students and parents will be ready soon.

How will we get school equipment back from students?

We will be working with Callie Kallsen to set up library book drop-off stations during the Meal Service each Monday. Many schools and now we are considering allowing computers to stay home through the summer. This could help us provide summer enrichment activities prior to the start of next year. More on this later.

Will meals last throughout the summer?

The meal program ("Grab N Go" on Mondays) will continue if the federal program will allow. Right now, that is through May 22, 2020. Unless this program is expanded, we will switch to not providing meals during the summer because we as a district do not qualify for the summer food program. These are the federal guidelines for this program. We will on April 27, 2020 start having parents sign permission slips if the food is delivered. This will be completed by email. Each person requesting delivery will need to supply us an email address so we can collect a permission form including the names of the students getting the meals.

The four distribution centers are:

- Oakland Elementary School-Door F-East Door on North Side of Building
- Riverside Middle/High School-Front Doors
- Carson Elementary School-Door C on West side of building
- Post Office in Macedonia on Main Street-School Vehicle will be park on Main Street

Distribution Dates Meals will be Mondays (May 4, May 11, May 18)

What will my student's grade be for their classes this spring?

Students will receive credit for their 2nd semester classes at the letter grade they had when school first closed on March 16. The state does allow us to give credit for assignments/test/quizzes/projects that were assigned prior to that date but will not allow the school to post the grade until school ends. Students who are missing any assignments will be allowed to turn them in to teachers any time between now and May 22, and the grade will be entered on May 25, 2020. Students, please contact your teacher(s) to see if you have any missing assignments. We will continue to evaluate and discuss senior grades and credits towards graduation eligibility and communicate with students and families. The due date for Seniors to complete work is May 1, 2020 for Riverside classes. Students who are taking Concurrent Enrollment (college credit classes) must meet the requirements determined by the credit granting institution. The final determination of determining final credits and final grades will be based upon any additional guidance received from the Iowa Department of Education. We are told this guidance should be ready by next Tuesday (April 28, 2020)

Will my student move on to the next grade?

Students will move on to the next grade. Some conversations have already taken place this year regarding the retention of a student. Those conversations will still take place to determine that individual student's progression.

Will we have Prom, Spring Sports, Club Activities, or Summer Sports?

Due to the extended closure, the earliest we would start sports or other activities would be June 10, 2020. Spring sports have been cancelled by the Athletic Associations for this year. We will not schedule any summer sports, summer workouts/practices, activities until we have guidance that indicates we can resume these activities safely. Prom has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 27, 2020.

What about Graduation, Spring Sports Banquet, National Honor Society Induction and Scholarship Night?

We have met with Senior students and staff from the MS/HS and made preliminary plans for these events. We will be making sure these plans adhere with guidance from the CDC and the IDPH. We will be announcing these plans once legal counsel has approved them. We hope to go public soon.

When will Riverside Childcare reopen?

With the school closure we will continue to rely on guidance from the CDC and IDPH. Riverside Childcare will remain closed until June 1, 2020. We will review guidance on a regular basis and keep you update.

Riverside 5th grade students had the opportunity to complete a pay it forward project made possible by the Realtor Foundation of Iowa. Our students donated the \$500 grant to our local food pantries. The cash and food items were donated to the food pantries in Oakland and Macedonia. The students thought that helping those in our community was important, especially during these times.



What we are working on:

1. A Letter to Students, Parents and the Community getting them information on numerous items now that school will not be reopened this year
2. Return to School Plan-guidance to be released by Iowa DOE in the next week-Due July 1, 2020 (How will we transition? Will it include Summer School Opportunities?)
3. Determining Start Date and amendments to the 2020-2021 school calendar
4. Planning if an additional outbreak next Fall would cause an additional closure-Required Educational Service could be required and what planning and training would it take to be prepared
5. Finalizing Grading and Grade promotion for this year
6. Family and Student Engagement for the rest of the year-increasing participation numbers
7. Plans for-Graduation, Prom (June 27, 2020-Tentative), Senior Spotlights, Scholarship Announcements and Summer Sports

District Office--330 Pleasant Street--Carson-Hours of Operation During Closure

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Communication During the Closure

- I will continue to send written updates daily-email
- I will up-date social media and website daily
- I will update weekly Instructional Review Plan or Instructional Review Resources for your students and parents on Friday of each week
- I will start doing weekly audio/video messages posted for Community-starting March 30 utilizing Facebook Live
- Administration will meet each Monday at 10:00 am
- Building Principals will meet weekly with staff utilizing [Zoom](#)
- You have been asked to meet as an RCT at least once per week [Zoom](#), YouTube Live, Google Hangout, Facebook live or by sharing a Google Doc between members.
- You can (not required) meet with students and parents at least weekly or even daily. If you can set up a time to meet with students with audio, video, or both, that would be great, but it is not required. Try and set up at least one interactive video, [Zoom](#), [YouTube Live](#), [Google Hangout](#), [Facebook Live](#) with them, emails to the class. Make it at the same time each week or day.

Text-Based

District Tools-JMC Messaging, Email, Website, District and Superintendent Facebook Pages, Riverside Dawgs and Superintendent Twitter Accounts

Teacher Tools-Email, Remind, Class Dojo, Teacher Websites, Teacher [Google Classroom](#) Pages, and Teacher Facebook Pages

Audio/Video Sharing-Small or Large Groups-Note links have now been provided to offer professional learning on how to use these tools

[Zoom](#)
[You Tube Live](#)
[Facebook Live - How To](#)
[Google Hangout/Meet](#)

Online Learning Management Tool

[Google Classroom](#)-can monitor student activity, other resources and links can be shared; weekly instructional review plans can be shared.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY

- 🍏 Eat regular, healthy meals.
- 💧 Keep your body hydrated.
- 😴 Get a good night's sleep.
- 🏃 Move, play, & sweat daily.
- 🧼 Practice good hygiene.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR MIND

- 📖 Learn something new.
- 🧘 Practice relaxation skills.
- 💬 Name & share your feelings.
- 🧠 Find healthy distractions.
- 📅 Build a daily routine.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART

- ❤️ Spend quality family time.
- 📞 Stay in touch with friends.
- 🎮 Find new adventures.
- 🕺 Play, dance, be silly.
- 🌟 Be proud of yourself.

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Three Riverside seniors will continue their sports careers at the college level. Jadyn Achenbach will play volleyball for Iowa Central in Ft. Dodge while Gracie Bluml will play softball at Iowa Central. Ashlynn Amdor will play softball at Iowa Western in Council Bluffs. Congratulations, ladies We have provided pictures of their signing AND some action shots. Our thanks to Mrs. Flathers for submitting the signing pictures and Leslie Amdor for the picture of Ashlynn.



RIVERSIDE BAND INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

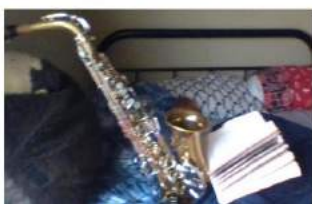


Thank you to band kiddos who submitted photos! It looks like your instruments enjoy soaking up the sun, reading a book, watching Netflix, sleeping, and playing outside! Practicing Instruments during a pandemic!

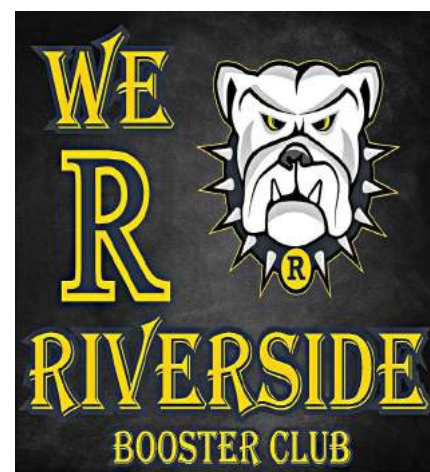
(Mrs. Brandon)



Above: Julianne Schutt



Even though activities have been cancelled for the Spring, the Booster Club has remained busy! We purchased windscreens that will cover foul pole to foul pole at the baseball and softball field, and from the 30 yard line to 30 yard line at the east side of the football field. Athletic Director Frain is looking to get reinforcements for the fences, as of right now our fences aren't sturdy enough to withstand high winds. Hopefully the fences and wind screens will be up soon. The Booster Club also donated \$5000 toward batting cages for Softball and Baseball. A special thank you to Jen Perkins who has been busy painting driveways for the Booster Club- if you are interested in a Bulldog for your driveway/sidewalk- please contact a Booster Club member! The Booster Club also purchased and delivered yard signs to every 2020 Riverside graduate- Congratulations to all RHS Seniors and good luck in all future endeavors! Our thanks to Callie Kallsen for the article and the photos!!



5210 FEATURE:

May is Bike Month



Here's how you can put 5-2-1-0 into action this month:

The 5-2-1-0 Feature is brought to you by:



Share your 5-2-1-0 fun on social media:

#HealthyChoicesCount



NATIONAL BIKE MONTH:

Celebrate National Bike Month during the month of May by reaping the physical and mental health benefits of cycling, including:

- increased cardiovascular fitness
- increased muscle strength and flexibility
- improved joint mobility
- decreased stress and anxiety levels
- improved posture and coordination

Riding a bike is a great way to work towards the 5-2-1-0 goal of 1 hour of physical activity every day!

BIKE SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS:

Bike safety is important!

- Always wear a helmet.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective materials.
- Ride on the sidewalk, path or trail, if able.
- Ride with a family member, if needed.

RESOURCE:
Iowa Safe Routes to School has launched a digital classroom with free bike safety courses. Click [HERE](#).



CYCLING + SOCIAL DISTANCING

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, practice social distancing when you bike:

- Maintain a 6-foot distance when you pass others on trails.
- Avoid biking during peak hours near popular parks or trails.
- Biking with friends is fun – but for now – only bike with people who live in your household.

FIND MORE 5-2-1-0 RESOURCES: www.iowahealthieststate.com/5210



Shellberg Photo



Preschool pets

Henderson Photo

OUR SCHOOL WILL JOIN THE FUN!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON IN YOUR STUDENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES



**MAY 8
2020**

LEARN MORE AT

WWW.OPENPHYSED.ORG/NATIONALFIELDDAY

Riverside has been distributing “grab ‘n go” meals since CoVid19 caused the closure of the schools. Meals are distributed each Monday. As one can tell from the photos, it takes a team to make this happen.

May distribution dates are May 4, May 11, and May 18. Our thanks to the kitchen staff and all the volunteers that make this happen.



Graves Photo



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Inspire – Unify -- Achieve

April 1, 2020

Riverside Staff

We are now in the middle of trying to handle an unprecedented event. As your School Board President, I wanted to take the time and reach out so you could hear directly from me on this issue. As we continue to support you by following the guidance of our Governor, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Education. I want to make sure you understand how deeply I care about you and all you are doing for the students, parents, and community.

This is not the experience we thought we were going to provide our students this spring. This is not what we all signed up for. No one wanted a spring semester with no daily interactions with students, no activities and concerts, the seniors all missing many of their last experiences as a Bulldog. I know this has created strong emotions and frustrations. I completely understand and share the same emotions as you.

On behalf of the Riverside School Board and administration, you need to know we are here for you. Please accept my appreciation for the excellent work you have done over the past few weeks. Thank you for your commitment to providing a high level of instructional support for our students. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to reach out to our students via Zoom, Facebook and the utilization of other online tools to support instruction as we mitigate this difficult time. The staff parade was a great event!!

Please know that we are all together and the administration is thriving to communicate and implement the support and services you need during the closure.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me.

Again, a heartfelt thank you to all. Remember to Social Distance and Stay Safe!!

"WeRRiverside"

Matt Bowen
Riverside School Board, President

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May Meal Distribution Dates

May 4, 2020

May 11, 2020

May 18, 2020

What about Scholarship Night?

We will be holding a joint Scholarship and National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 7 pm.

This will be a video/audio presentation on Zoom and/or Live Stream on Facebook. Presenters will be Chris Conover, Nick Kroon, and Michaela Schwartzkopf. We will have 4 students present to help with National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. This will be a total of 7 people socially distanced present at the event. For those present, Temperatures will be taken at the door and Personal Protective Equipment would be made available. Certificates and Awards will be mailed to students who will take a picture with them and then return a picture to the school. We will post on the website. A PowerPoint presentation on the recipients of scholarships and awards and National Honor Society inductees.

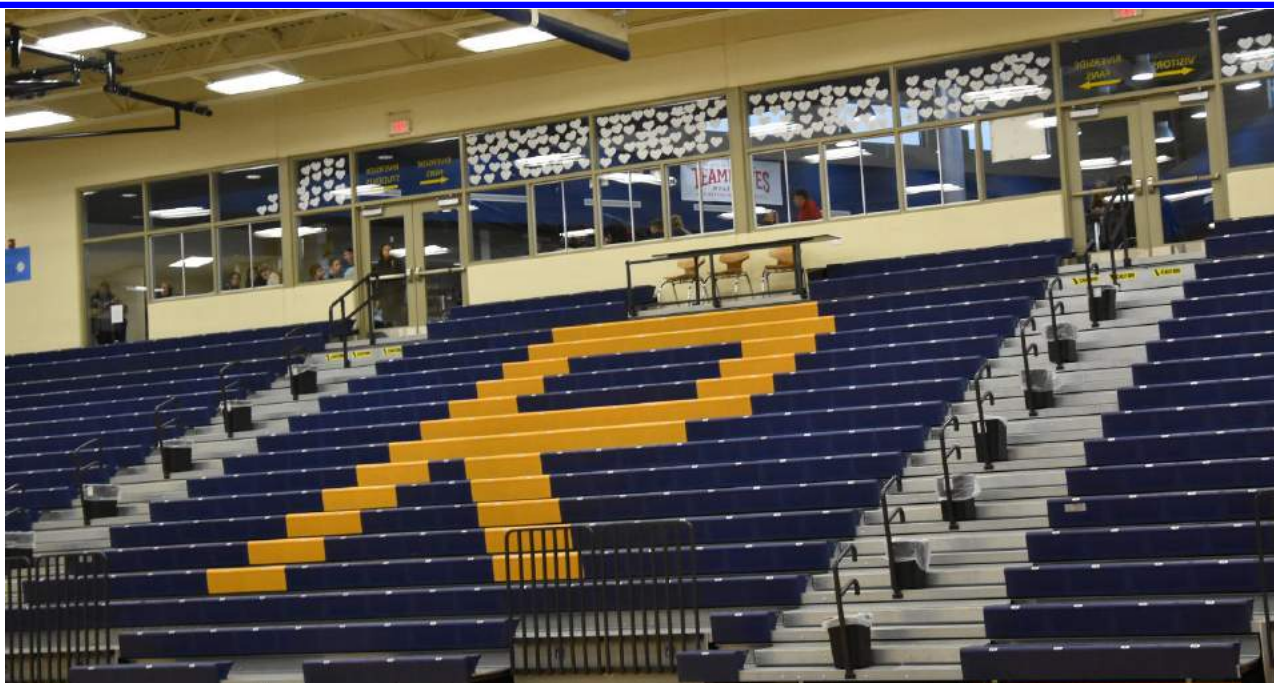
What about Graduation?

We would like to thank everyone for your participation in our Graduation Survey. We will now be postponing Riverside Class of 2020 Graduation until Sunday July 12, 2020 at 2:00 pm. We are hearing that the Iowa Department of Education will be giving guidance soon and it will direct schools to move into summer. We are hopeful that restrictions will be eased at that time, and we can gather together for our typical graduation ceremony. If restrictions haven't been lifted by that time, we will host a virtual or hybrid ceremony on that date. We are looking forward to celebrating with you all on Sunday July 12, 2020.

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Thank you!

Mr. Kroon



Several Riverside Agriculture students had the opportunity to tour the John Deere Tech school at Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska prior to the closing of schools. We also found recent Riverside graduate, Eli Petersen! Picture are from the FFA Facebook page.



Riverside Community School District Personal Belongings Pick-Up Schedule

Middle School/High School

Monday, May 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

STUDENTS WILL COLLECT YOUR OWN BELONGINGS

- Will need to bring your own Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Siblings may pick up belongings
- Students will be allowed to retrieve—parents must wait in front of school
- Bring your own bag



Oakland & Carson Elementary Buildings

CURBSIDE PICK-UP



Monday, May 4, 2020

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Preschool

Kindergarten

3rd Grade

4th Grade

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

1st Grade

2nd Grade

5th Grade

- Staff will have it packed up ready for curbside pick-up
- You can get all student belongings at one time
- If you cannot make the assigned date/time, we can make special arrangements for pick-up.

Contact Jamie Meek at jmeek@riverside.k12.ia.us

School Library Book Returns

Look for me on boxes at school!



All books
are due
May 22nd!

STARTING MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

Look for boxes at all three buildings. You may return your books to ANY Riverside school building.

We plan to have boxes in the following locations:

- In front of the library doors in the high school
- At meal distribution pick-ups
- In Personal Belongings Pick-Up Zones



COVID 19 STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Board Brief

Special School Board Meeting Monday April 27, 2020

6:30 PM

Agenda

Public Hearing-6:30 PM---Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$6,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds--- The \$6,000,000 is current Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Debt on the new building. This funding stream was formerly known as the statewide school infrastructure sales and services tax and known as the local option sales and services tax for school infrastructure. On the recommendation from the district Financial Advisor the district will refinance the current SAVE Debt. This takes advantage of lower interest rates in the municipal bond market. The savings will be used for purposes identified by our voter approved Revenue Purpose Statement-infrastructure development. The money is committed to making the immediate repairs to the Oakland School HVAC system. No longer a replacement just repairs/retrofit to keep the building functional. This will not increase taxes.

Iowa Code Section 423F.4(2) requires that the Board of Directors hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of sales tax and refunding bonds, and that the electors be given fourteen days following the hearing in which to file a petition with the Board Secretary requesting an election on the bond issuance. The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of those voting at the last preceding election of school officials under Iowa Code Section 277 .1, whichever is greater. If a valid petition is not filed within the fourteen-day period following the public hearing, no action may be brought questioning the legality of the bonds, the authority to issue the bonds, or any of the proceedings in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Action Items

- ✓ Approved Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$6,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds -more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Payment #2-Studio Melee-Comprehensive Facility Study -more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved HVP, Inc Contractual Services for October - March 2020-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved HVP, Inc-Firewall Installation-E-rate Funded Projects -more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Shared Teacher Agreement with East Mills-Art for 2020-2021 -more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved 2020-2021 Administrative Reorganization and Administrative Salaries -more information can be found attached to the agenda
 - Tim Mitchell: Superintendent and Federal Programs Director
 - Nick Kroon: Grade 6-12 Principal
 - Liz Graves: Grade 6-12 Asst Principal and Special Education Director
 - Jamie Meek: District Technology Director/Technology Engineer-Accepting a Voluntary Transfer from Grade PK- Grade 5 Principal
 - Jason Crum: Grade PK-5 Principal-Accepting a Voluntary Transfer from 3rd Grade
 - Chris Hamilton and his company HVP, Inc.-will no longer be contracted and will be utilized on a per project basis as needed.



Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- Matt Bowen-2020-2021 Administrative Reorganization
- Todd Pendgraft-2020-2021 Administrative Reorganization & Firewall E-rate Project
- Murray Fenn-Refinancing SAVE Bonds for Infrastructure development
- Mark Jeppesen-Absent with Notice
- Jamie Kadel-2020-2021 Administrative Reorganization
- Charlene Dalby-Meetings with Staff on Facility Concepts
- Tim Petersen- Absent with Notice

Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

1. 2020-2021 Administrative Reorganization
2. Refinancing SAVE Bonds for Infrastructure development
3. Meetings with Staff on Facility Concepts

Update Quick Links

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

COVID-19 School Closure Information

Riverside COVID-19 Information Page

Pott County Emergency Management COVID-19 Information	Center for Disease Control
Iowa Department of Public Health	School Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Association of School Board-COVID-19 Information	Navigating Uncertain Times: How Schools Can Cope With Coronavirus
GHAEA Resources	Iowa DOE You Tube Playlist
COVID-19 in Iowa	

Upcoming Events and Community Updates

District Office--330 Pleasant Street--Carson

District Office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You can reach me at 712-484-2212. If you do not get someone, please call 605-431-9043.

Event Cancellations and Postponements 6-10-2020

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board of Education Meeting-Monday May 18, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

Special Board of Education Meeting-Monday May 25, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

Regular Board of Education Meeting-Monday June 15, 2020
6:30 PM-Carson Elementary-300 Pleasant Drive
Carson, IA
Media Center

(Please contact tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us or call at 712-484-2212 if you would like a link to attend virtually)

Hello Kinder Bulldogs!!

We are so sad your Kindergarten year didn't end the way we thought it would. We missed out on so many fun memories; such as, field day, our bowling field trip, class celebrations, and so many other memories.

Even though we might have missed out on some of these experiences, we still had a great year together! A few of our favorite memories were the Homecoming parade, attending the symphony at IWCC, and all the great memories we made within our own classrooms each day with all of you! We even had a new adventure together -- virtual learning! It was as much of a learning experience for us as it was for you!

So, Kinders, it's okay to be sad that our year didn't end the way we thought because we are sad too!! We miss your smiles, hugs, stories, and helping you grow each day! BUT, it's okay to be happy too! We had so much fun together this year, and we can't wait for you to come visit us next year!

We are SO proud of each and every one of you! Keep working hard, having fun, and being kind to one another! And remember, we will always be here if you need us!

Love,

Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Weathers



Our Congratulations to

Terresa Grobe who is now Grandma to Austin

Barb Hart on her new daughter, Charlie Sue

Caiti Smith on her twins, Hudson & Willow








Grobe Photo



Hart Photo

Choosing a “Just-Right” Book



1. Look at the cover/pictures.

2. Read a few pages.

3. Count words you do not know.

4. Check to see if you understand.




Caiti Smith Photo



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Inspire – Unify -- Achieve

April 21, 2020

Dear Riverside Seniors,

If you're like me, your head has been swirling with emotion these past four weeks, and for good reason. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought your year to a screeching halt and has ushered us all into a new world. Special things, which you've been anticipating for four years now, have been postponed or canceled.

If there's ever been a group of people who can adapt to any circumstance, it's this group of seniors. Your impact at Riverside will be felt for a long time. Our boys' and girls' athletic teams have enjoyed some success of late, football looks ready to turn the corner and the volleyball run was amazing, and thanks in no small part to the Class of 2020. Our Speech seniors have consistently placed at or near the top of their events around SW Iowa, along with Band and Choir competitions. The list goes on and on.

Unfortunately, as the school year has ended so has the most exciting part of your senior year at Riverside. Prom has been postponed to June 27th, spring sports have been canceled and summer sports are in limbo, and graduation will be different this year too.

The class of 2020 impact won't be forgotten anytime soon, I want to wish you all a safe summer and a bright future, Good luck to you all, whether end up in four year college, community college, the military or in the work force, know that the Riverside community is proud of you all!!

Sincerely,

Matthew Bowen
Chairperson
Riverside Community School District School Board

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Class of 2020



Class Motto:

"It's all about the times you'll never remember with friends you'll never forget." (Thanks to Toby Keith)

Class Flower: Purple-tinted Carnation

Class Song:

"Good Riddance" Green Day



Please Note:

These are the only senior pictures available at press time.

**2020
VISION**



May 1 - Golf Audubon - Cancelled
May 1 - Boys Track @ Red Oak - Cancelled
May 1 - Girls Soccer @ Creston - Cancelled
May 2 - JH Band Large Group Contest @ Denison - Cancelled
May 2 - Boys Soccer @ Treynor - Cancelled
May 2 - Girls Soccer @ Denison - Cancelled
May 4 - Golf @ Underwood - Cancelled
May 4 - Boys & Girls Soccer Underwood - Cancelled
May 5 - WIC Boys & Girls Track @ Audubon - Cancelled
May 6 - WIC Boys & Girls Golf @ Atlantic - Cancelled
May 7 - WIC Boys & Girls JH Track @ Treynor - Cancelled
May 7 - Boys & Girls Soccer @ Missouri Valley - Cancelled
May 8 - HS Band/Vocal Large Group Festival - Cancelled
May 8 - Golf @ IKM - Cancelled
May 9 - Boys Soccer @ Creston - Cancelled
May 11 - JH Track @ Missouri Valley - Cancelled
May 11 - Boys Track @ Boyer Valley - Cancelled
May 12 - Boys Soccer @ Tri Center - Cancelled
May 12 - JH Track @ Griswold - Cancelled
May 13 - Senior Class Night/NHS Induction Virtual Program see details elsewhere
May 14 - Boys & Girls Track @ Griswold - Cancelled
May 15 - Boys & Girls Soccer @ Treynor - Cancelled
May 17 - Graduation POSTPONED until July 12, 2020
May 18 - Grades 5-8 Band Spring Concert Cancelled
May 18 - Girls Soccer Atlantic Cancelled
May 19 - Boys & Girls Soccer East Sac County Cancelled
May 21 - Girls Soccer Denison Cancelled
May 21 - WIC Boys & Girls Track @ Audubon - Cancelled
May 26 - Regional Golf - Cancelled
May 28 - Regional Track - Cancelled
May 28 - Baseball & Softball @ Missouri Valley - Cancelled
May 29 - District Golf - Cancelled
May 29 - Baseball & Softball @ Audubon - Cancelled
May 30 - Softball @ Red Oak - Cancelled
June 1 - Regional Golf - Cancelled
June 1 - Baseball & Softball AHSTW - Cancelled
June 2 - Baseball & Softball @ Tri Center - Cancelled
June 3 - Baseball & Softball Treynor - Cancelled
June 4 - State Track - Cancelled
June 4 - Girls Regional Soccer - Cancelled
June 4 - Baseball & Softball IKM - Cancelled
June 5 - State Track - Cancelled
June 5 - Sectional Golf - Cancelled
June 5 - Softball @ North Fayette Valley - Cancelled
June 6 - Softball @ North Fayette Valley - Cancelled
June 6 - State Track - Cancelled
June 8 - Regional Soccer - Cancelled
June 10 - Regional Soccer - Cancelled

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