



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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\* 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

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712-482-6215 Bus Garage

Regular School Board Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month

@ 7 PM

Intermediate School

Media Center



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# Riverside Newsletter

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2019 Homecoming Court



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**HOMECOMING September 30-October 5, 2019**

**Picture Make-Ups October 7, 2019**

**First Quarter Ends October 18, 2019**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences October 28 and October 30 4-8 PM each day**

**Early Dismissal Both Days @ 2:30 PM**

**No School, Friday, November 1, 2019**



## Board Commitments

1. Will collect and review all options-to determine what is most economical long-term for the district before making any decisions about moving forward
2. Key decision for the HVAC Systems: Retrofit or Replace-Will collect advantages and disadvantages to determine what makes most sense for the district before making any decisions about moving forward
3. Will do the work to get a plan approved that is in the best interest of the students and staff as well as most economical long term for the district
4. Community has not reached consensus on what it wants to do long-term-the Board will take the lead, collect information, listen to input, and provide a viable option that the majority of district patrons can support that is in the best interest of the students and staff as well as most economical long term for the district

## Next Steps

Board will determine estimated costs, estimated savings, advantages and disadvantages of all options. Under consideration and review at this time:

- Move all the Grade PK-5 students to one site-the current building in Carson
- Move all the Grade PK-5 students to one site-the current building in Oakland
- Move 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Middle/High School Building and PK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Oakland
- Move 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Middle/High School Building and PK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Carson
- Build a New Building attached or on the site with the Middle/High School Building
- Retrofitting versus replacement of HVAC systems at Oakland and Carson
- What minimal cost options are available to ensure heating and cooling in Oakland and Carson for short-term
  - Portable Heating (Temporary Boiler) in Oakland for 2019-2020 school year
  - Temporary use of individual units in each room at Oakland and Carson as needed
  - Boiler Tune-up at Oakland & Carson
  - Boiler Burner Replacement at Oakland & Carson
  - Install new control system with minor limited repairs HVAC System in Oakland

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

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

**Thank you!**

**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 allergies, parents will be notified in writing.**

**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](mailto:tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us).**

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## 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
- 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

## Pottawattamie County Recycle Center Trailers



### ACCEPTED

#### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

All clear and colored plastic containers. Examples: Milk jugs, soft drink & juice bottles, water bottles, yogurt & butter containers, detergent & bleach bottles.

#### NEWSPAPERS, OFFICE PAPER MAGAZINES, CATALOGS

Newspapers (including inserts), phone books, junk mail, magazines, brown grocery bags, catalogs, office & shredded paper.

#### CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard boxes, remove all contents AND flatten boxes.  
Cereal boxes, gift boxes, shoe boxes, beer and pop boxes.

### NOT ACCEPTED

PLASTIC BAGS  
OF ANY KIND

Diapers

Tin Cans

Glass

Hard cover books

Milk/juice cartons

Packing Peanuts

Plastic food wraps

Plastic Toys

Plastic Tupperware

Styrofoam

Waxed Cardboard

Flower pots

Furnace Filters

Plastic Tarps

Coat Hangers

Laundry Baskets

Paper products with  
food residue

Garden Hoses

Electronics

(batteries/phones/etc.)

Clothes

Vinyl Siding

### 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.



Far left: JH Volleyball vs. Audubon

Left: Ashlynn Amdor serves as ref for one of the JH games.







# BULLDOG VALUES

TRUSTWORTHINESS
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
FAIRNESS
CARING
CITIZENSHIP

**PRIDE**

- BE HONEST.
- PLAY BY THE RULES.
- BE LOYAL.
- TAKE TURNS & SHARE.
- LISTEN TO OTHERS.
- DO THE RIGHT THING.

**OWNERSHIP**

- DO YOUR SHARE.
- COOPERATE.
- FOLLOW THE RULES.
- BE A GOOD FRIEND.
- USE SELF CONTROL.

**WE TAKE ACTION**

- BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR CHOICES.
- DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.
- THINK BEFORE YOU ACT.
- PERSEVERE: KEEP ON TRYING.
- ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST.

**EMPATHY**

- BE KIND.
- HELP OTHERS IN NEED.
- FORGIVE OTHERS.
- SHOW COMPASSION.
- EXPRESS GRATITUDE.

**RESPECT**

- USE GOOD MANNERS.
- BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS' FEELINGS.
- APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES.
- HANDLE CONFLICT PEACEFULLY.

**CHARACTER COUNTS!**

September was a record-break month for Riverside Volleyball. Gracie Bluml broke the Career Records which was 626 and now is 654. Kenna Ford broke the Career Assists record at the Griswold Tournament.. The previous record was 510, and she now holds the Riverside record at 559. We are proud of Gracie and Kenna for attaining these milestones.







Nicholas Kroon, 6-12 principal

Good day Bulldog Nation!

I hope this correspondence finds you well and you are enjoying the start of the school year and the changing of the season! Our year has started out very well in large part due to our staff and our leadership at the junior and senior level. Our staff continues to find ways to transfer their knowledge to the students and connect with them individually. In my short time here, I have been very impressed by their commitment to go out of the way for any and all students. Also, our leadership from the upperclassmen has set a very positive tone for our school year. Our school pride has been evident at contests, pep rallies, and in the hallways and classrooms. So a big hats off goes to our staff and students!

This first month has been filled with activities, new classes, assemblies, and so many other events that are very exciting. We finally had a home volleyball game, and I loved seeing the support for the girls. This was also apparent at our first football game as well. Our student athletes appreciate this very much. Also, I don't want to forget our presentation by Eric Timm. Our students and staff really enjoyed this assembly. A special thanks goes out to TS Bank for sponsoring Eric to attend our school. Just as you do or I would professionally grow at conferences, etc., too, do the students when they get a top-notch presentation.

I spoke to students recently at our Monday Morning Meeting about "Struggle leading to true discovery"! It is very important that our kids are resilient and show Grit when faced with adversity. Some things come easier or quicker to some students than other students. This is okay. I am 37 years old, and as I pass through classes, I occasionally have an "aha" moment where I now realize what my high school teachers were trying to teach me! Learning is continuous...forever. So, to our students, do not become disgruntled when things don't come easily at first or when a grade is not where you want it to be. Keep working, keep trying to understand, and keep progressing to being a life-long learner.

We will be looking to start a Parent Advisory Council for our MS/HS building. We will run two meetings this year concurrent with Parent-Teacher Conferences. These meetings will serve as a chance to answer your questions, provide information on assessment, curriculum, discipline, etc., and cultivate a partnership that makes our school as awesome as it can be. If you are interested in being on the Council, please email me at [nkroon@riverside.k12.ia.us](mailto:nkroon@riverside.k12.ia.us). Thanks for your interest.

Once again, thanks to everyone and have a beautiful day!

#weRiverside



September has been a busy month for the Booster Club! Our annual Football Kick-Off Supper Fundraiser was held on Friday, September 6th and we raised over \$800! Thank you to the RHS Volleyball team for serving and to everyone who came and supported the event and the RHS Bulldogs! The Booster Club also voted to purchase a set of classroom ukuleles for Mr. Stover to use with his 5th grade classes. Mrs. Piro

and several art students have been busy putting the Riverside cups in the fence- be sure to check out their progress next time you drive by the school. The Booster Club would like to thank Cen-Pro for creating the business banners at the football field and hanging them up. Another thank you to Jen Perkins for taking the senior athletes pictures for the athlete banners that are hanging up at the football field and in the gym. If you have not signed up to work in the concession stand please go to our Facebook page or get signed up through the Crew app. (Callie Kallsen)





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#### Riverside Community School District Hall of Fame-Class of 2019

Riverside, in celebration of 25 years as a school district in the Fall of 2018 instituted a Hall of Fame to honor graduates, employees, teams, individuals and friends of the district for their accomplishments at and/or to the service of the district.

The Class of 2018 included: Marion Coons, Clark Christensen, Wm (Rich) Livengood, Dr. Trevor Richardson, Dr. Corey Vorthmann, 1996 Riverside Wrestling Team, 2001 Riverside Football Team, John McCowen and Carmella Pigneri.

The Class of 2019 induction ceremony will be held on Thursday October 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM in The Riverside Middle/High School Gym at 18997 Hwy 59 Oakland, IA and our 2019 inductees will also be featured in our Homecoming Parade on Friday October 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Oakland. The final recognition will take place prior to our Homecoming Football Game on Friday October 4, 2019 at the Charles E Pigneri Athletic Complex at 6:45 PM. The Selection Committee would like to announce the following members of the Class of 2019:

#### Nicole Allen Osborn-Distinguished Graduate-Riverside Class of 1994

Nicole founded Meridian Clinical Research in 1999 in Omaha, NE. Under her guidance, Meridian grew from a single dedicated research center in Omaha, NE, to a network that includes more than 20 research sites and 60 principal investigators across North America. Under Osborn's direction, research at Meridian is frequently published and presented at major scientific and academic events worldwide.

#### Donell Hotze Kvaal-Distinguished Graduate-Riverside Class of 1996

Donell has distinguished herself in the Riverside community as a community leader volunteering her time for numerous community organizations. She helped her softball teams to the state tournament in her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year (Carson-Macedonia) and again her senior year (Riverside). She went on to play at Central College where she was the 2000 NFCA Division II Softball Player of the Year. She already has been inducted into the Central College Hall of Honor and the Iowa High School Softball Hall of Fame.

#### John W Hamilton-Friend of Riverside

John was a Civil War Veteran who served with Company A 134<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. He settled near Macedonia and was a farmer and raised livestock. As a noted philanthropist, he donated the money for a new Church and Parsonage in Macedonia (Macedonia United Methodist Church) in 1929. He also donated land to the Macedonia School for the Hamilton Athletic Field and to build the Softball Field Grandstand. The historic grandstand is said to be one of two remaining in the state of Iowa. He dedicated the field to the children of Macedonia in memory of John G Hamilton, his son who died at the age of 22.

#### Marilyn Mickey-Distinguished Graduate-Carson-Macedonia Class of 1964, Friend of Riverside, Riverside Board Member and Riverside Employee

Marilyn has distinguished herself in many ways and has shown a tremendous commitment to the community and the school district in her lifetime. Marilyn is a member of the Riverside Optimists Club, Riverside Links, PEO, Carson Park Board, Macedonia United Methodist Church, and the Riverside Booster Club, to name just a few. She volunteers time for Quilts of Valor, Honor Flight, Dreamland Theatre, 4-H Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Metro Area Youth Foundation, and is a Promise Scholarship Mentor. She served on the Riverside School Board, was employed as the Board Secretary and has already been inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

#### 1973-1974 Carson-Macedonia Football Team-Team/Group-Coaches Larry Wax and Terry Statton

This team has the distinction of being only one of 15 teams in Iowa High School Football history and the most recent to be undefeated, untied, and unscored upon, and the only team to accomplish it in the playoff era. They were 7-0 and Western Iowa Conference Co-Champions with Avoca who they did not play that year. They were 8-0 overall with a strong defense that had 33 takeaways (20 interceptions, 13 fumbles and blocked 2 punts). Several opponents threatened to score, but none succeeded, stopped by turnovers, strong defensive stands, timely tackles, and missed field goal attempts. Led by Coaches Larry Wax and Terry Statton with Duane Laughlin being named a National Football All-American by Who's Who in National High School Football.



## 2019 HOMECOMING INFO



Homecoming Court

Queen Candidates: Ashlynn Amdor, Jady Achenbach, Abi Petersen, Gracie Bluml, Maggie Boruff

King Candidate: Joel Henningsen, Dustin Hering, Taten Williams, Caiden Goodman, Denny Pilling

**We R Riverside** **HOMECOMING WEEK**

Sept. 30-Oct. 4 "We Got The Beat"

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>COUNTRY ROADS</b>		<b>I'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE</b>	
WEAR MISMATCHED CLOTHES	WEAR COUNTRY CLOTHES	WEAR WORKOUT CLOTHES	WEAR TOURISM CLOTHES	WEAR BULLDOG GEAR

Riverside 2019 Homecoming will be 'We Got the Beat!'

September 30th - October 5th

Sunday, September 30th

- the Riverside Cross Country team is hosting a Milk Run

Tuesday, October 1st

- the Riverside Volleyball team will be competing at home against Missouri Valley.

Wednesday, October 2nd

- Coronation will be held in the High School Auditorium at 7:00pm
- Riverside After-Prom will be having a free-will donation meal prior to Coronation from 5:30-7:00pm in the commons.
- Following Coronation the RHS Football team will hold their annual jersey auction in the high school gym

Thursday, October 3rd

- Cross Country will travel to Shenandoah
- Volleyball will be at Tri-Center

Friday, October 4th

- Homecoming Parade at 1:30pm
- Football Game will be at 7:00pm against Nodaway Valley.

Saturday, October 5th

- RHS Student Council will be hosting the 9-12 Homecoming Dance

**Great Western Bank will host their annual Homecoming Tailgate Friday, October 4 from 4-6:30. All are welcome to enjoy a catered supper, games, and prizes. At 4:00, Great Western Bank will present one teacher (chosen by Riverside staff) with the Great Teacher Award. Please come celebrate Homecoming and this year's recipient!**

**First Annual Milk Mile. Everyone is welcome, to compete in the one mile race. Runners are required to drink one carton of milk before every 400m (lap) on the track. This will take place on September 29th, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. Come out and support the cross country team! (Cailee Manzer)**





Get ready to walk, Riverside Elementary (K-5)!

Physical activity is one of the most important things all Iowa kids can do to improve their health – and walking is a great way to get moving.

Since 2011, hundreds of thousands of Iowans have taken part in the Healthiest State Annual Walk, presented by Delta Dental of Iowa. This October, Iowans will again participate in this event with the goal of having at least one organized walk in all 99 counties with a total of at least 900 walks to celebrate the event's ninth year. I'm pleased to announce that this statewide effort will include Riverside!

The event's slogan "Walk More. Connect More." encourages participants to walk with others, like your classmates and teachers. That's why Riverside will host a 30-minute school-wide walk on **October 2nd at 8:30 A.M (Oakland-Elementary) & 1:45 P.M (Carson-Elementary)** starting at the south side of the buildings.

The Annual Walk is a great way to promote wellness and support Iowa's goal of becoming the healthiest state in the nation. Our participation shows that Riverside is invested in the well-being of our students, faculty and staff. I invite you to join us as we take steps together towards the goal of becoming a healthier community and state!

The event also serves as a kick-off to Healthiest State Month, happening throughout October, encouraging Iowans to "Live 5-2-1-0" and reminding them that "Healthy Choices Count!" To learn more about 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count, visit [www.iowahealthieststate.com/5210](http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/5210).

The Healthiest State is encouraging Iowans to participate on social media with the hashtags #GetYourWalkOn2019 during the Annual Walk and #WalkMoreConnectMore year-round.

I hope you'll join us in walking for 30 minutes at 8:30 A.M (Oakland) & 1:45 P.M (Carson) on October 2nd. Visit [www.iowahealthieststate.com](http://www.iowahealthieststate.com) to learn more about the Healthiest State Initiative, and stay tuned for more information on our walk. Together we can do something great for our students!

Mr. Johnson  
Physical Education Teacher




 DELTA DENTAL

Presented by Delta Dental of Iowa

#GetYourWalkOn2019  
#WalkMoreConnectMore






# RIVERSIDE



## BULLDOG VALUES

# POWER

PRIDE
OWNERSHIP
WE TAKE ACTION
EMPATHY
RESPECT

## DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER RIVERSIDE PK-5 IS LEARNING AND PRACTICING HOW TO SHOW BULLDOG POWER IN THE RESTROOM

DISCUSS WITH YOUR STUDENT WAYS TO SHOW  
BULLDOG POWER IN THE RESTROOM THIS MONTH

# We are walking!

Walk more.  
Connect more.



## Healthiest State Annual Walk October 2, 2019

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M = (K-2 Oakland) / 1:45 P.M = (3-5 Carson)

**START POINT:** South Side of Elementary Buildings

**DETAILS:**  
[iowahealthieststate.com/events/walk-details/2692](http://iowahealthieststate.com/events/walk-details/2692)



Healthiest State  
INITIATIVE

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@HealthiestIowa

#GetYourWalkOn2019



## 🎵 Elementary Music Notes 🎵

Preschool through second-grade students have been enjoying a variety of musical activities to begin the year. Classes begin with pitch exploration to help find their singing voices, which should be high and light, then move on to echo songs where they sing the same pitches, words, and volume as the teacher. We follow this with simple songs they may already know, work on the school song, and songs with actions. Some of the favorites so far are “All Around the Kitchen,” “Kye Kye Kule”(pronounced ‘chay chay cool-aye’), “John Kanaka, and “A Ram Sam Sam.”



Kramer Photo

Ariosoland is new to the classes this year. In Ariosoland, everything is sung instead of spoken, so the teacher will sing a question such as “What is your favorite food?” and the students take turns singing their answers. One day we used funny pens with faces and hair for two students to have a sung conversation. Laughter ensued, as the pen names were BaBa and Wa-Wa, so that was all they could sing for their questions and answers.

The students are also glad that Freddie the Frog and his friend Eli the Elephant have returned from Treble Clef Island to help them on their journey to learn more about the written language of music. We just finished reading Freddie the Frog and the Thump in the Night by Sharon Burch, about how Freddie first met Eli. The map of Treble Clef Island is the music staff. Freddie lives on the top line and Eli lives on the bottom line, giving students an introduction to note names on the staff. A game to support learning the notes on the staff can be found at [www.freddiethefrog.com](http://www.freddiethefrog.com).

One final note: The elementary winter program will be December 9 in the Middle School/ High School gym. PK-2 will begin at 6:30, followed by 3-5 at 7:15. Mark your calendars for a fun night to kick off your holiday season! (Bonnie Kramer)



Kramer photo



AMY SMITH PHOTO



Henderson Photo



Weathers photo



Weathers Photo

Far left and left are students in Mrs. Weathers' Kindergarten class doing Math Workshop.











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#### Carson Elementary Playground Project Update

The Riverside Community School District is excited to get the playground equipment installed and have a great play space for our students at Carson Elementary. Madeline Gordon, a Girl Scout in our community, has been working on her Gold Award Project over the last two years to make this playground a reality. She has been working to help raise money and to get the project completed.

All the playground pieces have now finally been delivered to Carson and Madeline is moving onto her next steps. She has organized a group of people to come in and complete the install on Saturday, September 28, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 8:00 AM on both days. With the supervision of Scott, the building coordinator, from Cunningham Recreation, she has volunteers ready to go. She and Jamie Meek, Grade PK-5 Principal, have also been working on getting together everything that is needed for the installation.

We know many of you would like to volunteer to help assemble the playground with us. Right now, we have enough volunteers for the install, but please feel free to show up and be ready in case we need more help. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the playground install.

If you have questions or would like to donate something for those days, please contact us at 712-484-2212 or [jmeek@riverside.k12.ia.us](mailto:jmeek@riverside.k12.ia.us).

We are very excited to get this next phase done for the Carson Elementary. If everything works out, on September 30, 2019 we will have a new playground to play on and then we can move to installing a basketball court.

#### Elementary News (Jamie Meek, PreK-5 Principal)

Well, we are officially 6 weeks into school! It is hard to believe that it has gone by so fast. The end of the first quarter is right around the corner and Parent Teacher Conferences are soon. If you have questions or concerns about what is going on in your child's classroom don't wait until Monday, October 28 or Wednesday, October 30, this year's conference nights, to have conversations with your child's teacher. Please note that the conference nights are a little different than in the past due to Halloween being on a Thursday this year.

At both elementary schools, we are in full swing of the state-mandated reading assessments. As a grade level finishes its assessment, they meet to look at that data and help decide which students need a little extra help in reading until the next screening period in January. Both schools have been working hard and went to some trainings over the summer and will take some during this school year to provide more targeted reading instruction for struggling readers. Teachers have put in extra work to make sure that a struggling reader gets what they need to be successful. We are also working hard this year in our third year of our new math curriculum, Investigations Math, in grades K-5th grade. We will be trial-testing the state suggested math screener this fall to see what kind of information it can give us on our students.

Second through fifth grade have jumped into using their Chromebooks. Students are using them a lot during the day for a variety of reasons. As I walk around I am seeing some great things being created, researched, and read about using this great technology. Take some time and ask your child how they use their Chromebook, most of them, on a daily basis.

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



Student in Mr. Chapin's 7th grade science classes recently studied the phases of the moon using Oreos!!







FYI:

The Riverside  
Yearbook Staff

Will Be Selling Ads for the  
2020 Yearbook

During the week of  
OCTOBER 7-11.

We thank you for your  
support and generosity!  
Look for the kids on the  
right.



Row 1: Kia Meek, Gracie Bluml, Jadyn Achenbach, Maggie Boruff, Mario Houser

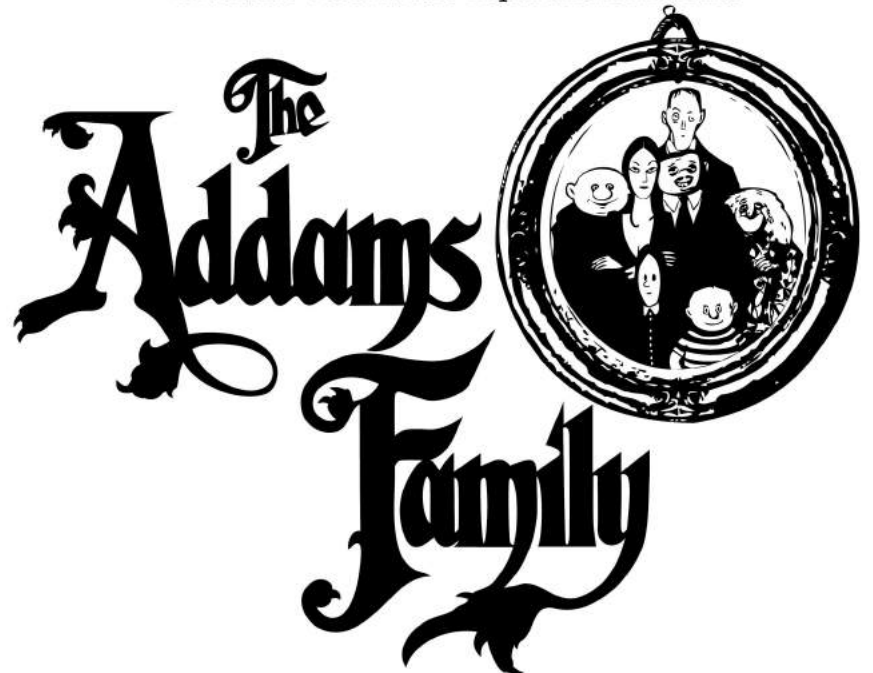
Row 2: Ashlynn Amdor, Cailee Manzer, Kya Hackett, Delaney Murphy, Mackenzie Brittain

#### Blood Drive (Michaela Schwartzkopf)



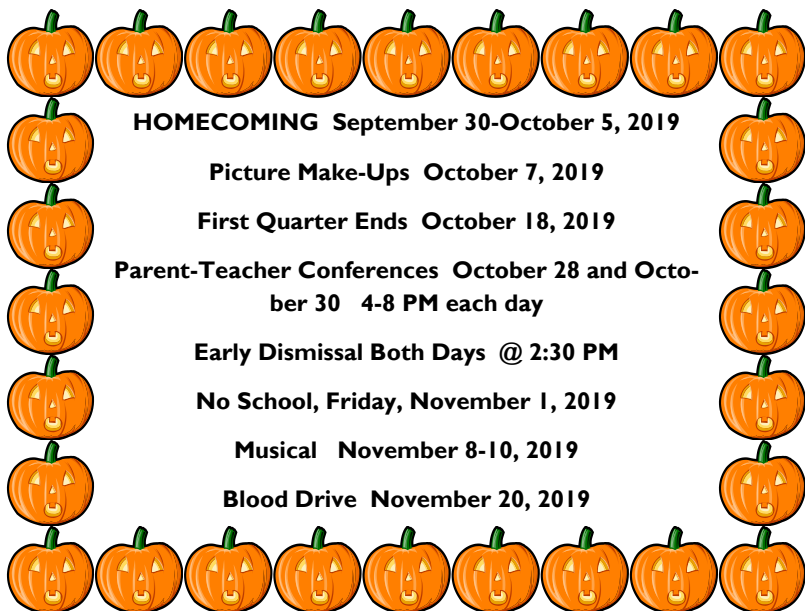
Riverside National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive Wednesday, November 20th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please consider donating blood. Every donation goes towards saving a person's life. Your donations also help fund a scholarship that the Red Cross gives to two senior NHS members. If you would like to donate, please contact the school to schedule a time or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter RiversideHS and select a time. We thank you in advance for your donations! We will keep you posted.

Riverside Vocal Music Department Presents



#### MUSICAL DATES

7:00pm Friday, November 8  
7:00pm Saturday, November 9  
2:00pm Sunday, November 10



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Musical November 8-10, 2019

Blood Drive November 20, 2019



## Workplace Communication Class Welcomes Tracy Van Zee

By the students of Workplace Communications

Workplace Communication is a senior level English class dedicated to improving the communications skills of students who are bound for the workforce after graduation. Last week, we welcomed the first of our community guest speakers, Tracy Van Zee, a counselor from Healthy Homes. Healthy Homes Family Services provides outpatient therapy sessions to students at Riverside and other area schools throughout the school year. Mrs. Van Zee came to share with us what communication looks like in her workplace.

One of the things we learned from her was the importance of making clients feel safe so that they can share information, knowing that it is confidential. Van Zee also stressed that emails between coworkers have to be appropriate and professional. Some conversations are better face to face. These things fit into what we have been learning about communicating in the workplace. It's important because communications can help or ruin a company's reputation.

We here at Riverside want to say thank you to Mrs. Van Zee for taking time to speak with us. We learned a lot about how important her work is at Healthy Homes. To learn more about Healthy Homes Family Services, go to <http://healthyhomesfs.com/>.

If you are a community member who uses communication in your workplace, please feel free to contact [rhardy@riverside.k12.ia.us](mailto:rhardy@riverside.k12.ia.us) to talk about a possible visit to share with us.



Recently, Jeff Karros, Carson Elementary secretary spoke to Mrs. Dobernecker's 7th Grade Reading Success class. They had been reading stories about 9-11 and capturing Bin Laden. Jeff was in the Navy at this time and shared his experiences with us. The students had some awesome questions for him. We thank Mrs. Dobernecker for sharing the photo.

## Nurse Nikki's Notes

October 2019 Topic: Influenza

The annual Riverside flu vaccine clinic will be on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will start administering them at 9am at the Oakland Elementary; once we are done we will go to the JH/HS, followed by Carson Elementary.

We will need a consent form filled out and signed. Also, new this year is that we will need a copy of the insurance card of any person receiving the vaccine.

The consent form for the flu shot clinic will be sent home with the Carson and Oakland elementary students and that the MS/HS students need to pick up the consent from the office.

**Influenza Facts:** Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus. It can range in severity from mild to severe, even death. Symptoms usually come on abruptly and can include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle and body aches, headache, and fatigue.

People with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins. You can actually infect others 1 day BEFORE symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick.

Once you are exposed and infected with the flu virus, symptoms usually begin about 2 days later (average 1-4 days).

Influenza is spread by tiny droplets from coughing, sneezing, and even talking. You can also get the flu by touching a surface that has the flu virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose, or eyes.

Prevention and hand washing are a few of the most important steps in preventing the flu. The flu vaccine reduces flu related illness and possible complications from the flu.

Reference: CDC.gov



Recently, Eric Timm (shown above) motivational speaker and artist spoke several schools in southwest Iowa. Students at Riverside were included in his tour. Mr. Timm spoke about mental health. The students responded well to this presentation. Mr. Timm's appearance was sponsored by TS Bank. Thank you to TS Bank.







## Board Brief

Regular School Board Meeting Monday September 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Agenda can be found:  
<https://bit.ly/2IN5CIY>

### Open Forum

#### Public Hearing-Continuation of the Instructional Support Levy

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#### Consent Agenda

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

- Accepted the Resignation-Tamara Tibbles-Pre-School Paraprofessional effective October 11, 2019
- Approved Eric Ruppelt-First Technic Sponsor for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Jared Bernard-First Technics Volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Mary Stempel Grade 6-12 Volunteer- for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Joey Keener-High School Football Cheerleader Volunteer Driver for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Jill Blakely-Football Cheerleader Volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Steven Yates-Van Driver for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Michaela Vlcek- Contract Amendment-Level III Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2019-2020 school year
- Approved Cheryl Simmons- Contract Amendment-Level III Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2019-2020 school year

This information can be found attached to the agenda.

### Presentations

- ✓ **Student Representatives Reports-** Abi Petersen (Absent with notice) and Joel Henningsen (Absent with notice) will be the 2019-2020 Student School Board Representatives and will present reports to the Board at future meetings.
- ✓ **Eagle Scout Project-Impact Hill-Marcos Antunez-**His project topic is crisis planning for schools. He is requesting the school to cooperate in efforts to have safety drills. The administration and Crisis Team will be moving forward with planning safety drills for the district.
- ✓ **Building Administration Reports-**Nick Kroon, Grade 6-12 Principal and Jamie Meek, Grade PK-5 Principal were present to provided reports to the Board.
- ✓ **Superintendent Report –** Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Student Achievement Presentation-Board Goal #1-** Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented an update for the Board on Goal #1-Student Achievement-Topics- District-Wide Professional Learning September 11, 2019, Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Submission Fall 2019, MIDAS Update-District Leadership Team-October 22 & 23, 2019 and the Release of Spring 2019 State Assessment Results-More information is attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Fiscal Report-Board Goal #2-** Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented and updated the Board on Board Goal #2-Fiscal Responsibility. The topics were: Preliminary 2018-2019 Certified Annual Report (CAR) and the Instructional Support Levy Process - 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-Facilities and the topics for this meeting included: Hail Claim Update-Middle/High School Roof & Rhoten Building Roof Projects, and Sports Lighting Update-Supplemental Claim: \$328,141.79 -More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Enrollment Update-Preliminary-More** information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **IASB Convention Presentation 11-21-2019-**The Riverside Community School District has been selected to make a presentation at the annual conference in November-More information can be found attached to the agenda.

### Discussion Items

- ✓ **Transition Update 2019-2020-Playground Update—**Mr. Meek and Madeline Gordon, a Girl Scout in our community, have been working on her Gold Award Project over the last two years to make this playground a reality. She has been working to help raise money and to get the project completed. All the playground pieces have now finally been delivered to Carson and Madeline is moving onto her next steps. She has organized a group of people to come in and complete the install on Saturday, September 28, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 8:00 AM on both days. With the supervision of Scott, the building coordinator, from Cunningham Recreation, she has volunteers ready to go. She and Mr. Meek have also been working on getting together everything that is needed for the installation.
- ✓ **Riverside Hall of Fame-Class of 2019 Announcement-**Dr Mitchell shared with the Board the committee selections for 2019-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Annual Board Self-Assessment-**each Board member will complete a self-assessment instrument on their work as a Board. This information will also be used as part of a Capacity Building Exercise by the IASB Facilitators during a Board Work Session in October.
- ✓ **Updated Transportation Plan-**More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Renewal, Bidding or Hiring Staff for Mowing & Turf Care Services-**The board discussed how to handle the services for the 2020-2021 school year. The administration was directed to bring a cost analysis of hiring a Grounds Position or continuing to contract out the services
- ✓ **Next Steps-Facility Options and Infrastructure Committee-**Dr. Mitchell described the next steps for the district as the board reviews various options. They are currently waiting for Studio Melee Architects to provide information so they can study more information. The scope has now been expanded from just fixing the HVAC systems to a determining of a long-term approach to all the facility issues in the district. This process is likely to take, an extended period and the district will not be pursuing any issue at the November election. Dr. Mitchell emphasized that any plan moving forward should be designed to unify Riverside taking into consideration the "Three Communities United as One" mentality. The plan should allow for Macedonia, Carson and Oakland to continue to retain and attract students and families to Riverside.



## Action Items

- ✓ Approved Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program. If no petition is received in the next 28 days, the Levy will be certified in the FY 21 Budget on April 15, 2020-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Special Student Project: Riverside Parents of Music Performers (POMP) & High School Music Department Haunted House Fundraiser at Impact Hill.
- ✓ Approved Request for Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Riverside 2018-2019 Special Education Deficit. The amount: \$411,478.11-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Request School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for English Language Learner (ELL) Excess Costs. The amount: \$7,995.24-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Payment #7 (\$5,343.00) to Studio Melee for Architectural Services-Hail Claim-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Payment #4 (\$14,387.92) to Engie Services-Construction Management-Hail Claim Roof projects-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Payment #4 (\$118,248.13) to Scott Enterprises-Hail Claim-Middle/High School Roof-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Payment #1 (\$41,617.60)-Modern Building-Hail Claim Rhoten Building Roof Project-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ Approved Renewal of Snow Renewal Services Contract to Hotze Tree Service for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ✓ Approved Charlene Dalby as Delegate to IASB Convention-11-20-2019.
- ✓ Approved Healthy Homes Memorandum of Understanding for the 2019-2020 school year-More Information can be found attached to the agenda.

## Policy Review and Approval

- ✓ Introduction or Review
  - School Board Policies: 414.1-414.10 & 203, 206.2, 307, 501.5, 505.5 & 603.1 -See attached
- ✓ Second Reading-Board Hearing
  - School Board Policies: 411.1-411.8, 412.1-412.4 & 413.1-413.5 -See attached
- ✓ Third-Final Reading-Approval
  - School Board Policies: 409.1-409.10 & 410.1-410.5 -See attached

## Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- Matt Bowen-Fiscal Report-Unspent Authority up to 14.7%
- Todd Pendgraft-POMP Haunted House Fundraiser-Impact Hill
- Murray Fenn-Absent w/Notice
- Jeff Buckingham-Playground Update-Install September 28 & 28, 2019
- Rodney Pendgraft-Preliminary enrollment Report
- Charlene Dalby-Release of the Spring 2019 State Assessment Results-New Benchmarks
- Tim Petersen-No November election issue-will seek public input on different options for facilities

## Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

1. Fiscal Report-Positive outcome from FY 19-Unspent Authority to 14.7%
2. POMP Haunted House Fundraiser-Impact Hill
3. No November election issue-will seek public input on different options for facilities-News Release to public about next steps

## Upcoming Events and Community Updates

September 18 Early Dismissal--Grade PK-5 Carson & Oakland: 2:25 PM      Grade 6-12: 2:20 PM  
September 19-Pott Promise Steering Committee  
September 19-20-SAI Executive Leaders  
September 20-Pay Day  
September 20-Focus on Equity Audit  
September 20-District-Wide Coordinators  
September 23-27-Take Your Parent to PE Week  
September 23-Admin Meeting  
September 23-Optimist Club  
September 24-District Leadership Team  
September 25-Early Childhood Meeting  
September 25- Early Dismissal--Grade PK-5 Carson & Oakland: 2:25 PM      Grade 6-12: 2:20 PM  
September 26-BIG Advisory Meeting  
September 26-CTE Region 13 RPP Meeting  
September 26-First Home Volleyball Match  
September 26-Lions Club  
September 27-Home-FB  
September 28-Puppy Pep Squad Clinic  
September 29-Homecoming Flag Football

## Adjournment

The Next Work Session of the Board will be held on Monday October 14, 2019

Topic: IASB Board Development  
Location-330 Pleasant Street  
Grade 3-5 Elementary School  
Media Center  
7:30 PM

The Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday October 21, 2019

Location-330 Pleasant Street  
Grade 3-5 Elementary School  
Media Center  
7:00 PM

**Iowa Department of Transportation**  
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800 Lincoln Way • Ames, Iowa 50010

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This information was found at the site listed below:

<https://iowadot.gov/schoolbus/School%20Bus%20Safety%20Brochure.pdf?ver=2016-03-03-083309-953>





# Riverside Community Schools

October, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:15pm Football-MS Missouri Valley Middle 4:15pm Volleyball-G/MS Missouri Valley 7:35pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Missouri Valley	2 Homecoming Coronation- @ Riverside Community Schools 2:30pm Staff Professional Development Dismissal-	3 4:00pm Cross Country-Varsity Shenandoah 4:15pm Volleyball-G/MS Tri-Center 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Tri-Center	4 Homecoming- 7:00pm Football-Varsity Nodaway Valley	5 (HS Band) SW Iowa Band Jamboree @Clarinda (All Day)- @ Clarinda High School Homecoming Dance-
6	7 6:00pm Football-JV Tri-Center	8 4:15pm Volleyball-G/MS Underwood 4:15pm Football-MS Tri-Center Middle 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Underwood	9 2:30pm Staff Professional Development Dismissal-	10 4:15pm Volleyball-G/MS IKM-Manning 4:30pm Cross Country-Varsity Atlantic CSD vs. Multiple Schools 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity IKM-Manning	11 7:00pm Football-Varsity St. Albert Catholic Junior	12 (HS Band) Loess Hills Fieldfest @Glenwood (All Day)- 9:00am Volleyball-G/Varsity CAM vs. Multiple Schools
13	14 TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 4:00pm Cross Country-Varsity AHSTW 6:00pm Football-JV Underwood	15 TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Missouri Valley vs. TBA 4:00pm Football-MS Underwood	16 2:30pm Staff Professional Development Dismissal-	17 TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Missouri Valley vs. TBA	18 7:00pm Football-Varsity Earlham	19 (HS Band) IHSMA State Marching Band @TBD- 10:00am Cross Country-Varsity Missouri Valley
20	21 6:00pm Football-JV IKM-Manning	22 4:15pm Football-MS IKM-Manning	23	24 4:00pm Cross Country-Varsity TBA	25 7:00pm Football-Varsity Southwest Valley	26 All-State Auditions @Atlantic (All Day)- @ Atlantic High School
27	28 Parent/Teacher Conferences	29	30 Parent/Teacher Conferences-	31		



Maggie Boruff



Ben Schroeder

Dennis Piffing

HOLIVER PHOTO



Mason Wichman racing at Avoca



Both the varsity and junior high cross country team members have brought home some hardware from recent meets. The boys team placed 5 at the Treynor meet. The junior high team has done well with stellar performances from Mason McCready and Becca Cody.



Far left: Dalton Smith, Becca Cody

Left: Mason McCready







Choir Sings at Volleyball Game



RIVERSIDE  
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**MARCHING  
BAND**  
presents

# 2019 I WANNA ROCK!

**Performances**

Saturday, October 5th  
@Clarinda  
SW IOWA BAND JAMBOREE

Saturday, October 12th  
@Glenwood  
LOESS HILLS FIELDFEST

Saturday, October 19th  
@Glenwood  
IHSMA MARCHING CONTEST



These 6 students traveled with Mr. Stover, Riverside Vocal Instructor, to Atlantic on September 13, to participate in the 1st Annual "All Men Sing!" Festival at Atlantic High School. There the group rehearsed 3 songs under the direction of the choir director from Iowa Western.





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**Common Sense Parenting (CSP)® for Parents of School-agers** is a six-week class that offers training for parents who want to build on their existing skills or learn new ways of dealing with their children's behaviors. Professional parent trainers teach the course.

**Dates:** October 7<sup>th</sup>-November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
(Every Monday evening for 6 weeks)

**Times:** Free Meal provided at 5:30pm,  
Class 6:00 to 8:00pm

**Cost:** Classes, Childcare and Meal are  
all **FREE**

**Where:** Impact Hill  
501 Oakland Ave., Oakland IA 51560

**Who Should Attend:** Parents and Professionals  
**Must call #712-302-7999 to pre-register**

**Topics Covered:** Parents as Teachers  
Effective Praise  
Preventive Teaching  
Corrective Teaching  
Teaching Self-Control  
Putting It All Together

# THRILL ON THE HILL

Riverside Community Haunted Attraction

Picture this: Thrill seekers will enter Impact Hill and peruse through 6+ classrooms of scary, haunted decorated and LIVE action rooms! Each classroom will be sponsored by a community organization, business or individual. With your sponsorship and/or participation, you are providing a memorable haunted experience for our community.

**What? Haunted House**

**Where? Impact Hill**

**501 Oakland Ave**

**Dates: October 25, 26, 31**

**Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm**

**1ST ANNUAL**

# THRILL ON THE HILL

**OCT 25 - FRIDAY**  
**6-10 PM 26 - SATURDAY**  
**31 - THURSDAY**

**ADDRESS:**  
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Oakland, IA 51560

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For those afraid to enter the Haunted House:  
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8th grade students in Mrs. Flathers' English class worked in groups recently to develop a topic idea and draw out a plot arc poster to plan for their group story writing.



The volleyball team went 5-0 recently at the Missouri Valley Tournament. The team did not lose a single set, and their record moved to 9-3. We also had four all-tournament team members selected from our team: Ashlynn Amdor, Jadyn Achenbach, Izzy Bluml, and Abi Petersen.



"We were able to work together as a team to get through the corn maze and not get lost."



"My favorite part was making the rope from yarn and twine."



"It was a good experience to see life on a farm from the 1800's. And I was so tired by the end of the day!"



"It was fun to dig the potatoes out of the ground that were used to make the really good potato chips we ate!"



"I got to hold a chicken for the first time!"







Rowen Photo

Recently, students in Ms. Rowen's Fashions Class visited an alpaca farm near Winterset, Iowa. While there they learned about the wool and the process by which it is harvested and sold. The students also learned about the different qualities the wool may have. We thank Ms. Rowen for sharing these photos.



Gracie



Kenna Assists



Jadyn



This year, the Riverside Football Team would like to share our appreciation for the entire faculty and support staff at Riverside. As a coaching staff, we have asked each player to select someone in our district that has had an impact on their life as a student at Riverside. Each player asked a teacher or a staff member to wear his jersey on first Friday home game and during the school day. It was a great success. The pictures we share came from many, many people. We thank them very much. We also thank the coaching staff. (Coach Frain)





Superintendent Tim Mitchell



#### 2019-2020 School Calendar-September

October:

- 2, 16: Early dismissal – Staff Development
- 9, 23: Early dismissal – Staff Development/WIC Collaboration
- 18: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 28: 2:30 dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 30: Early dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences

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



#### Facility Update

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#### Riverside Homecoming Information 2019

For more information: <http://socs.net/YB>

#### Riverside Hall of Fame-Class of 2019 Announced

For more information: <http://socs.net/YH>

#### What do Teachers do when we release on Wednesday?

*2019-2020 Early Dismissal Schedule—2:45 PM-4:30 PM*

- **Learning Component-2:45 PM-3:15 PM** -specific presentations or activities to build capacity and nourish growth of an individual teacher or grade or subject-level team through a focused approach on building or district goals that is job-embedded and learner-centered. Will require active participation. (Be A Learner)
- **Collaboration-3:15 PM-4:30 PM**-process in which staff work together, interdependently, to improve individual and collective results. The work is based on the four essential questions of PLCs. (Work Together)
- **Once Each Month-1 Hour Flex-3:15 PM-4:30 PM** -Work on any project you choose, however way you want, with whom ever you like. (Autonomy)

#### Educational Game Plan-Focus on Early Learning

**What:** The weight of a sizable body of evidence indicates that high quality child care and preschool programs make a substantial difference in preparing children for school. So child care and preschool programs can generate meaningful impacts, early learning experiences need to be rich and engaging. Implementing a high-quality child care and preschool program well requires a program day that provides adequate, productive learning time and activities; and child assessments used to individualize learning. The need for high-quality early childhood education has never been greater. Increasingly, children are growing up in families where all available parents are working—out of necessity as well as choice. Furthermore, research continues to affirm the short- and long-term benefits for children who participate in high-quality early learning programs.

**Why:** Child Care and Preschool programs are often held up as savvy investments, in large part due to economic analyses signaling large returns on investment. Estimates of returns on investment in preschool range from the modest—\$2 for every \$1 invested when examined just a few years after preschool—to the substantial—\$17 for every \$1 invested when tracked through adulthood. The largest returns have been observed among high-intensity programs that have documented long-term benefits such as lower rates of incarceration and higher earnings well into adulthood. More modest returns from contemporary programs, on the other hand, are usually based on short-term benefits such as reductions in special education placements and grade retention in elementary and middle school. These can be expected to predict longer term benefits as children grow into adulthood and are more likely to graduate and gain productive employment. Importantly, however, no cost-benefit analysis of a high-quality child care or preschool program has ever found zero return, and any return that exceeds \$1 for every \$1 spent means the program more than pays for itself.

#### How Do We Live Our Mission?

**Be Present and Engaged**—Although building the culture we want involves enacting many changes in our practices, the first and most important change transforms staff from being disengaged to a staff who are visible, present, and engaged in every aspect of the school community. Transformational staff members understand the impact they have on school culture, and therefore they strive to build a culture that has positive influence on the school's trajectory

#### Student, Parent, Employee and Activities Handbooks

We have added a link to our website: <http://bit.ly/2wSvnoV>. Handbooks will not be 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](mailto:tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us).



Know the Facts

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#### The board must follow these steps:

- ✓ Put the proposal to implement the instructional support program including the funding method in the form of a board resolution.
- ✓ Publish the notice of the time and place for a public hearing on the resolution not less than ten days nor more than twenty days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.
- ✓ Act at the public hearing or later, but no later than thirty days after the date of the hearing
  - To adopt a resolution to participate in the instructional support program for a period not exceeding five years or
  - Direct the county commissioner of elections to submit the question of participation in the program for a period not exceeding ten years to the registered voters of the district at an election on a date specified in Iowa Code 39.2(4)(c).
- ✓ If the question is submitted to the voters and a majority favor participation in the program, the board shall adopt a resolution to participate and shall certify the results of the election to the Department of Management.
- ✓ If the question was not submitted to the voters, but the resolution was adopted by the board, the board shall participate in the program unless within 28 days after the board takes action on the resolution a petition is submitted to the board secretary with the required number of signatures requesting that the question be submitted to the voters. At the expiration of the 28-day period, if no petition is received, the board shall certify its action to the Department of Management.

#### Instructional Support Levy-Riverside

- The Instructional Support Program was approved by the Board and included in the FY16, FY17, FY 18, FY 19 & FY 20 Budgets
- This proposal is for the continuation for another five years starting in FY21 and is not a tax increase for the Riverside Community School District. It will be continued to be funded by a combination on property tax and Income Surtax.
- Monday August 19, 2019-The Board passed a resolution to "Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and to Schedule a Board Hearing". Setting the Public Hearing for Monday September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- A Public Hearing Notice entitled "Notice of Consideration of Proposal to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program" was posted in The Herald per Iowa Code.
- A Public Hearing was held on Monday September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM as posted and no public comments were received.
- September 16, 2019- The Board passed a resolution to "Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program".
- If no petition is filed within 28 days, the district will certify its intent to participate in the Instructional Support Program with the Department of Management for the next five years.

For FY20 the Property Tax Rate is 0.3207 raising \$121,316.00 in revenue and the Income Surtax percentage is 9% raising \$276,006.00 for a total of \$397,322.00 for the General Fund.





# October 2019

## Elementary Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Did You Know?</b> Columbus Day is celebrated the second Monday every October.	<b>1</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Chicken Patty/Bun Baked Beans Strawberry Jello CE BBQ Beef Sandwich	<b>2</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Chicken & Noodles Broccoli Fruit & Dinner Roll	<b>3</b> Breakfast Pizza  Cheese Omelet Hash Browns Cinnamon Roll Fruit CE Breakfast Burrito	<b>4</b> SausageGravy/Biscuit  Ham & Cheese Melt Chips Green Beans Fruit & Cookie
<b>7</b> Omelet Hash Browns  Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fruit Dinner Roll	<b>8</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Sloppy Joes Green Beans Chips & Fruit Elf Grahams CE Pizza Burger	<b>9</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Nachos Corn Fruit	<b>10</b> Breakfast Pizza  Orange Chicken Seasoned Rice Broccoli Fruit CE Beef Nuggets	<b>11</b> SausageGravy/Biscuit  Pig in Blanket Chips Baked Beans Fruit
<b>14</b> Omelet Hash Browns  Tenderloin/Bun Cheese/Pickle French Fries Fruit	<b>15</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Chili w/Crackers Cinnamon Roll Fruit NO CHOICE	<b>16</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Mr. Ribb/Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce Fruit & Cookie	<b>17</b> Breakfast Pizza  Breakfast Sandwich Hash Browns Fruit CE Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuits	<b>18</b> SausageGravy/Biscuit  Cheesesticks Corn Mandrin Orange Jello
<b>21</b> Omelet Hash Browns  Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit	<b>22</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Meatball Sub Corn Fruit & Cookie CE Spicy Chicken Patty	<b>23</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit	<b>24</b> Breakfast Pizza  Hamburger/Bun Cheese/Pickles French Fries Fruit CE Chicken Patty	<b>25</b> SausageGravy/Biscuit  French Bread Pizza Green Beans Fruit
<b>28</b> Omelet Hash Browns  Mac & Cheese Green Beans B & B Fruit Elf Grahams	<b>29</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Tacos Cheese & Salsa Corn Fruit CE Crispito & Tortilla Chips	<b>30</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Pizza Green Beans Fruit	<b>31</b> Breakfast Pizza  Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Chips Cookie Fruit CE Sloppy Joes	

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<b>28</b> Omelet Hash Browns  Mac & Cheese Green Beans B & B Fruit HS Breakfast Pizza	<b>29</b> French Toast Sticks or Pancakes  Tacos Cheese & Salsa Corn Fruit HS Crispito & Tortilla Chips	<b>30</b> Breakfast Sandwich  Pizza Green Beans Fruit HS (will offer 2 choices of pizza)	<b>31</b> Breakfast Pizza  Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Chips Cookie Fruit HS Sloppy Joes	

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