Join us in thanking our Board of Education

January 2020 is School Board Recognition Month and our school district would like to thank each of our board of education members for their incredible service to our community and our public schools.

School board members in Riverside USD 114 develop policies and make important decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are entrusted by this community with the responsibility of an annual budget of $6.6 million, 605 students, 94 employees and 4 buildings.

This January, please join us as we thank our school board members for volunteering their time, for fulfilling this very important civic responsibility, and for advocating on behalf of every child in our community.

The men and women serving Riverside USD 114 and their years of service are:

- **Sue Bartley**, BOE President, 10 1/2 years
- **Barbara Derrick**, BOE Vice-President, 9 1/2 years
- **Jennifer Davis**, BOE Member, 2 years
- **Christopher Hewins**, BOE Member, 2 years
- **Jeff Hartman**, Newly Elected BOE Member
- **Jessica Herbster**, Newly elected BOE Member
- **Erin Shackelford**, Newly Elected BOE Member

~Robert W. Blair

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From the Primary Building

Our Riverside Primary participated in our annual Pennies for Pajamas Service Project. Preschool-second grade students collected pennies and other change, and with the help from our family and friends, collected $400 and were able to purchase over 70 pair of pajamas. These items will be given to a local organization to be gifted to children in times of need. Primary students also collected select food items for Eleanor’s Food Pantry to be put in the holiday giving baskets. Thank you to Riverside Primary students and parents for being kind, caring citizens.
Thursday, December 19th, Riverside High School teamed up with the local Ministerial Alliance to provide the Christmas Program at Riverside High School.

Jazlyn Ewing signed with Highland Community College to be on their Cheer squad.
Kaitlyn Geeting recently received the Kansas Regional Safe Student of the month award.

Riverside High School recently hosted a Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon. During the event, the RHS Cyclone Choir performed.

The wrestlers recently traveled to Sabetha and brought home 4 first place finishers. Beau Horn, Luke Horn, Kaedin Juhl, and Conner Hayes all won their weight classes in the tournament.

~Marlin Roach
Riverside Junior High goes undefeated for the season

Riverside Junior High girls’ basketball team played their last game on Monday, December 9th against Nemaha Central. Riverside won with a final score of 35-20. Taylor Weishaar with 14 points, and Halle Studer and Sophie Juhl each had 9 points.

The season started the first week of October and ended December 9th. Through the season the girls averaged 12.1 points more than their competition. They averaged 7.7 points more the second time playing each opponent. Throughout the season the girls hustled and worked as hard as they could in practice and during the games.

~Kimber Wedel
From the Instrumental Music (5–12) Department

On December 7th, three Riverside students performed at the Northeast Kansas Music Educator Association Honor Bands Concert. More than twenty schools submitted students for the chance to be selected for these honor bands. Riverside had three students given this privilege; Charity Piveral was selected as one of only four Tenor Saxophones for the Ninth Grade 1-6A Honor Band while Aleah Ross and Katrina Boudreau were two of fourteen trumpets selected for the 7-8th Grade 1-6A Honor Band. These students devoted hours of extra time outside of class to learn music specifically for this performance in addition to their school band responsibilities. These students were also given time, the day of the concert, to work with a special clinician, Dr. Martin Bergee, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Music professor for the University of Kansas. After spending five hours rehearsing throughout the morning, these students went on to perform spectacular concerts for a packed audience from all across northeast Kansas!

~Kodi Shouse

January Facts/Trivia
January 1st is both the furthest away and closest day to December 31st.
1622 - January 1st became the start of the “new Year” (it was March 25 for a long time prior)
1862 - U.S. income tax began, with 3% of incomes over $600, 5% of incomes over $10,000.
1863 - The ‘Emancipation Proclamation’ issued by Abraham Lincoln
1886 - 1st Tournament of Roses took place in Pasadena, California
1896 - German scientist Wilhelm Röntgen announced his discovery of X-rays.
1908 - 1st New Year's ball drop at Times Square, NYC
1910 - The Hydrox a chocolate sandwich cookie with creme filling, was introduced. Oreos came out in 1912.
1925 - 1st Sugar Bowl and 1st Orange Bowl
1960 - US population: 179,245,000
1962 - The Rose Bowl game on NBC was the first coast-to-coast color television broadcast of a college football game in the US.
1966 - “Caution Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health” warning started appearing on cigarettes.
1971 - Cigarette television ads cease.
1985 - VH1 debuted on US cable
1995- The History Channel was launched
RHS graphic design students spread Christmas cheer to the local healthcare and rehabilitation center in Wathena. Students used Adobe Illustrator to custom draw graphics and design layouts for the holiday cards they handed out to residents.

~Kaycee Davis

January Facts/Trivia Continued

7 Actually Important Holidays in January
Of course, along with the silly, January also has a lot of really important holidays that should be observed.
1. Ellis Island Day (1st): This day is becoming increasingly more important to remember. Learn more about Ellis Island and the true meaning behind the Statue of Liberty [https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/].
2. War on Poverty Day (8th) - Over 45 million people in the US live at or below the poverty level. Many of those people go to bed hungry because they can’t afford food. Learn how you can help [https://www.prettyopinionated.com/2015/09/easy-ways-feed-hungry-hunger-action-month/]
3. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (11th) it is disgusting that people are still being bought and sold in the 21st century.
4. Martin Luther King Day (15th) – Also Humanitarian Day, so get out there and do some good!
5. Religious Freedom Day (16th) – Important because no one should be told who or what they have to believe in.
6. World Day of Migrants and Refugees (19th)
7. Holocaust Memorial Day (27th) - Let us hope that this very dark chapter of human history is never forgotten... and never repeated.
To get in the holiday spirit, some of the classes in the Ag Department have focused their final projects towards the holidays. In Food Science, students learned about sugar cookies by studying their history, learning different recipes, and practicing some frosting techniques. For their final, these students frosted 3 cookies and evaluated themselves based on their creativity and accuracy. Students in Horticulture got a taste of one of the most impactful times of the year for floral designers by creating holiday wreaths. They learned the principles and elements of floral design and had to apply these concepts whenever creating their final project. And finally, in Ag Mech I and Ag Mech II students utilized woodworking skills to create a holiday themed project to take home. Each of the students drew inspiration from the Internet and then drew up plans and calculated a bill of materials before building. Some of the projects that were created were snowflakes, snowmen, Santa Clause, reindeer, and Christmas trees. Now that the 1st semester has come to an end both the students and Miss Bliley are looking forward to the opportunities that the 2nd semester will bring; but first will enjoy a break! ~Kristina Bliley

Aubrey Cordonnier

Austin Geeting

Lilly Juhl

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