

THE INSIDE VIEW

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2021-2022 EARLY REGISTRATION



Early registration for the 2021–2022 school year is now open. Parents and guardians, if you have children already enrolled in the Riverview Gardens School District, you may complete early registration from now until May 28.

This process is only for scholars who are currently enrolled and will be returning for the 2021–2022 school year. Dates for new student enrollment for the upcoming school year will be announced at a later date.

Use the same login information that was used to previously register or access your scholar's academic information. If you need to update your email address or have trouble logging in to register, please contact the building secretary at your child's school for assistance.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information on the registration process, including documents needed and an online tutorial.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS
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NEWSLETTER



- 4/5 MAP TESTING BEGINS
- 4/19 EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS
- 4/27 SAB MEETING 7PM
- 4/29 CARESTL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC (RGSD STAFF ONLY)
- 4/29 FAMILY LITERACY WORKSHOP
- 4/29 PARENT UNIVERSITY: UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S IEP

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON BRINGS RIVERVIEW EXCELLENCE FULL CIRCLE

"I feel like I am Riverview," said LaShanda Johnson.

That's because Johnson, principal of Koch Elementary, is a shining example of #RiverviewExcellence.

Before Johnson roamed the corridors of Koch as principal, she wandered the halls of Meadows, Highland, Central Middle (then known as Riverview Gardens Middle School) and Riverview Gardens High School as a student.

As a student, Johnson was a part of marching band, student council, National Education Association and other organizations and activities. Today, she encourages her students to stay involved.

"I loved school. I still love school. I try to carry that passion on to my students," Johnson said. "I think staying involved makes the experience better."

In addition to loving school, Johnson even found love at Central Middle when she met her future husband during middle school. They shared a class together during 8th grade. Recently-retired Michael Lee was their teacher.

So when people speak negatively about Riverview Gardens, it makes Johnson feel some kind of way. Besides growing up in the school district, Johnson is currently in her 12th year as an RGSD employee. She has served as a high school algebra teacher, a middle school math interventionist, a sixth grade math teacher, an assistant principal and now, for the past three years, the principal at Koch Elementary.

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Aaniyah Foster, a thirdgrader at Moline Elementary, was awarded a Blue Ribbon for her picture entitled "Music Blows My Mind."

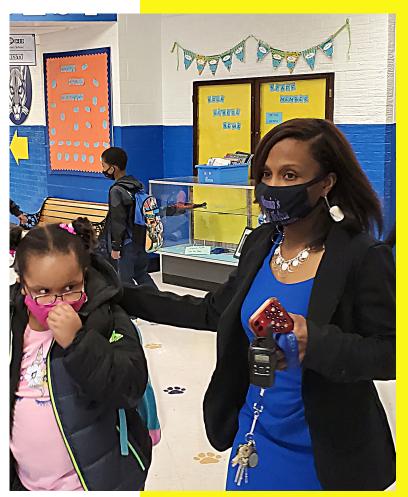
Foster also received a Top 100 award in the Picture the Music competition with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra.





Dallas Brown, a fourthgrade student at Moline Elementary, had his artwork chosen for the Senate Art Show in Jefferson City.

His work will hang in a gallery at the Missouri State Capitol.







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"I want my students to know that it's different. You need to be able to tell a different story," Johnson said. "I want them to see that I'm a principal and you may want to sit in my seat one day. You may want to lead the entire district. I let them know they can. The possibilities are endless."

Johnson's favorite part of the Riverview Gardens School District is the close-knit community.

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"Something that has always attracted me to stay here is that it is a family feel," Johnson stated. "This isn't just my teacher; this is my family member. She really cares about me."

So when Johnson sees individuals like her former homeroom teacher, Ann Loureiro, in the District, it makes her smile. Things have also come full circle as she now serves as principal to children whose parents she taught during her days in the classroom.

"That's the culture that we have," Johnson stated. "I don't want anybody walking out of Koch Elementary not feeling like they are a part of the family."

THE SUPER'S REVIEW

By Dr. Scott Spurgeon, Superintendent of Schools

All of us in the Riverview Gardens School District would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for supporting Educational Equity by approving Proposition E in the April 6 election. The operating tax levy increase gained the support of nearly 69 percent of voters on Election Day!

Our team is already hard at work putting together an expanded transportation plan, developing an enhanced salary schedule that will allow us to pay fair and equitable wages to all staff and working to

expand our award-winning early childhood education program to allow us to serve more families. We intend to keep every election promise and invite you to stay engaged in the process by attending our Special Administrative Board meetings.

We look forward to finalizing these plans and presenting them to the SAB and the entire RGSD community. We strongly believe these improvements will help RGSD as we strive to regain full accreditation. We could not have done it without your trust and support. Thank You and It's Always a Great Day to Be a Ram!