

THE INSIDE VIEW

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GRADUATION SEASON IS UPON US!

The end of the 2020–2021 school year is just around the corner. Due to the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic, Riverview Gardens High School will once again hold a drive–thru graduation ceremony for graduating seniors. Families of graduates are limited to one car for the event. However, we will livestream the graduation services on the **RGSD website** and the District's **YouTube** page.

Many of the District's other schools will also hold drive-thru promotion ceremonies for pre-k, kindergarten, fifth-grade and eighth-grade students.

These promotion events will also be limited in size and capacity. If you have questions about your child's graduation or promotion ceremony, please view the final page of this newsletter or contact the front office of your child's school.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS
SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

5/22 - RGHS TRACK SECTIONALS

5/24 - FINAL EXAMS BEGIN GRADES 9-11

5/25 - SAB MEETING 7PM

5/28 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

5/28 - RGHS DRIVE-THRU GRADUATION

5/28 - REPORT CARDS GO HOME





MELISSA BIRCHER LEMASTERS



LISA DICK DANFORTH



JOSHUA GAITHER HIGH SCHOOL



ANNA GENGENBACHER LEWIS & CLARK



RALPH HAILEY GIBSON



JEAN HEIL MOLINE



DEANNA KEELY-GLENN HIGHLAND



STEPHANIE LIGÉ GLASGOW

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2020-2021 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



ASIA NASH CENTRAL MIDDLE



MARY REICH MICHLLE OBAMA ECAC



KAMILLE WILLIAMS-NORRIS MEADOWS



LACHRISTA WILSON WESTVIEW MIDDLE



RACHELLE WILSON KOCH

GRATULATIONS

Riverview Gardens School District would like to recognize all of our talented and distinguished 2020-2021 Teachers of the Year!

Teachers are nominated by their peers and demonstrate an exemplary commitment to the profession of education.

DEIRDRE LIDDELL NAMED DISTRICT INTERVENTION COORDINATOR

Riverview Gardens School District announced the appointment of Deirdre Liddell as the District's school intervention coordinator.

Liddell will oversee the District's intervention team process by supporting building administration in maintaining instructional focus and improving student achievement through targeted interventions. She is charged with providing educational leadership to create and maintain a school atmosphere that supports and encourages the personal and educational growth of students.

"Deirdre Liddell comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge," said Dr. Tanya Patton, assistant superintendent of Student, School & Community Support. "She is well-informed on improving student outcomes."

One of the District's key initiatives under Liddell's leadership will be to transform Riverview Gardens School District into a 100 percent Trauma-Informed Education district.

Prior to her appointment, Liddell served as a counselor at Riverview Gardens High School. She has worked as a counselor in the district since 2006.

"I'm excited to serve as the new district intervention coordinator," Liddell said. "I've been in the school district for a very long time. I think we are on the upswing and I'm excited about the new path that Riverview Gardens School District is taking."

Liddell earned an associate's degree in Psychology from Johnny Logan Community College. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and master's degrees in School Counseling, Professional Counseling and Education Administration from Lindenwood University.

"She knows this district like the back of her hand," Patton stated. "Putting her in position was critical in moving our district forward in relation to the social and emotional wellness of our students."

THE SUPER'S REVIEW

By Dr. Scott Spurgeon, Superintendent of Schools

Have you ever watched a video on social media that shows an athlete with a seemingly insurmountable lead in a race? As he or she approaches the finish line, they can't resist the urge to start celebrating early, slowing down in the process. All the while, the second-place racer is still going full speed and dedicated to giving maximum effort as long as they are in the race.

Usually, the person in second-place passes the lead racer to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Sometimes the surpassed racer stumbles. Other times they fall. They are always embarrassed that their premature celebration resulted in defeat.

As we approach the end of the 2020-2021 school year, let's take those lessons to heart. Scholars, give your best efforts on your end of year exams and assignments. Parents, please ensure that your child attends all classes, as attendance is crucial to your child's education, even at the end of the school year. Staff, let us remain committed to educating our scholars every single day! It has been a challenging year for us all. But together we have perservered.

Let's finish the race strong! Thank You and It's Always a Great Day to Be a Ram!

RIVERVIEW EXCELLENCE

SHARINA FOWLER NAMED RGHS 2021 SCHOLAR ATHLETE BY POST-DISPATCH

Riverview Gardens High School senior Sharina Fowler was named the school's 2021 Scholar Athlete by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The volleyball standout was featured by the The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, with an <u>article</u> and a <u>profile</u> highlighting Fowler's outstanding accomplishments as a student athlete for Riverview Gardens High School.

Her academic bio includes the following highlights: AP classes; Top 10 (four years); proficient on every EOC; National Honor Society; honor roll; Summa Cum Laude; Student of the Month (twice); Senior Class president.

Her future plans including attending Western Illinois University and serving her nation through the United States Navy.

Graduation & Promotion Ceremonies

Wednesday, May 26

LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten Promotion 10:00 AM

5th Grade Promotion 12:00 PM

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Promotion Parade 12:00 - 2:00 PM

MICHELLE OBAMA ECAC

Walk Thru Promotion Ceremony 4:00 - 6:00 PM

MEADOWS ELEMENTARY

5th Grade Promotion 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Thursday, May 27

MEADOWS ELEMENTARY

Wilkerson KDG/1st Grade 11:00 - 11:30 AM (Virtual)

WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Promotion 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Friday, May 28

MEADOWS ELEMENTARY

Ms. Bowen's KDG/1st Grade Class 9:00 AM

Ms. Hall's KDG/1st Grade Class 10:00 AM

GLASGOW ELEMENTARY

5th Grade Promotion 10:00 AM

RIVERVIEW GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL

12th Grade Graduation Parade

Arrival Times

Last Names: A-F - 11:00 - 11:25 AM Last Names: G-L - 11:30 - 11:55 AM Last Names: M-Z - 12:00 - 12:25 PM

Scholars who cannot make the above times will be presented from 12:30 - 1:00 PM.

*All graduation and promotion ceremonies will be conducted in a socially-distant manner. Limited guests are allowed. Please check with your child's school for the full details of restrictions or capacity limits.

**Times and dates are subject to change based on weather or other conditions. Please visit the RGSD website or contact your school for the latest graduation/promotion information.