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COMMUNITY

Riverside Veterans Wall Of Honor

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Our MISSION . . .
Through a culture of excellence, immerse students in educational opportunities and empower them to excel in an interconnected world.



The Riverside Veterans Wall of Honor, located inside the football stadium, was unveiled to the community on Friday, September 13 during a public ceremony.

The Wall of Honor is Phase I of the Riverside Veterans Memorial Project. Phase II of the project

will display all the names of Riverside students and staff who have ever served in the military on an interactive kiosk that will be located inside the Riverside High School's main lobby. Donations are still being accepted to offset the costs for the second phase. If you are interested in making a donation to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Fund, contact Rich Frimel at rich.frimel@riversideschools.net.

The Riverside Veterans Memorial project has been made possible by countless donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals. Thank you to The Riverside Veterans Memorial Project Committee who have made all of this possible.

The Committee consists of:

- Riverside Principal Peter Hliatzos
- Riverside History Teacher Jenny Cavell
- Riverside Teacher (retired) Becky Bartholomew
- Riverside Assistant Principal Rich Frimel
- Riverside Teacher Jeff Eckles
- Riverside Teacher Richard Schmidt
- Riverside Custodian Bryan Goodrich
- Digital Imaging Specialists Owner and Veteran Dean Bader
- Vietnam Veteran Rich Brady

Facilities Plan Update

The Riverside Local School District's Board of Education decided not to place a Bond Levy on the ballot this November.

The Board will continue discussion as to when to place the Bond Levy on the ballot in the future.

The District's Facilities Plan, which was approved by the Board of Education in February of 2016, consists of a three-phase plan to build new schools.

Phase I of the project is complete as the District passed a Bond Levy in November of 2016 to construct two new elementary schools, while closing Hadden, Hale Road,

Leroy and Madison Avenue elementary schools. The two new elementary schools opened in September of 2019.

Phase II would enable the District to build a new Grade 6-12 Complex on the current Riverside Campus property. The District would then ultimately convert LaMuth Middle School into a third elementary school as part of Phase III (which would require no additional funding). Melridge Elementary and/or Buckeye Elementary would then close (depending on enrollment at that time).

Facilities Plan updates will be provided as they become available.



COMMUNITY Open Houses

Parkside and Riverview elementary schools will each host a Community Open House in November. This will be an opportunity for interested community members to tour the newly constructed buildings.

RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY

- **Monday, November 18, 2019 •**
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY

- **Monday, November 25, 2019 •**
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

District residents are welcome to attend either Open House where each will have light refreshments for guests.

Parkside and Riverview elementary schools opened their doors to students for the first time on September 3, 2019. The construction of these two new elementary schools was made possible following the passage of a Bond Levy in November of 2016, which was Phase I of the District's Facilities Plan.

We'd like to thank the voters once again for making this possible.

We look forward to seeing you!



Lake County School Financing District Renewal Levy — *NO Additional Taxes*

General Election Ballot

Tues., November 5, 2019

The Riverside Local School District is part of the Lake County School Financing District Renewal Levy that will appear on the November 5 General Election ballot. **Because this is a renewal levy, there will NOT be a tax increase for residents.**

The Lake County School Financing District, which is made up of the Madison, Painesville City, Perry, and Riverside Local school districts, was created in 1990 for the purpose of levying taxes for the provision of specified educational programs and services by the school districts that are part of the financing district. More specifically, the funds are used for the necessary personnel, materials, supplies and transportation for instruction in language arts, social studies, mathematics, fine and practical arts, health and physical education, science, and business education. The Lake County Educational Service Center is the taxing authority, which collects the tax proceeds and distributes them to each of the four school districts based on an agreed upon formula.

This is a renewal of a long standing 4.9-mill levy for an additional five-year period. **Renewals were previously approved in 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015.** The current effective rate for residential taxpayers is approximately 2.28 mills and costs a residential taxpayer \$69.79 per year per \$100,000 of valuation according to the Lake County Auditor's office. **The levy generates more than \$2 million per year for Riverside Local Schools.**

"This levy is an important revenue stream for Riverside and is used solely for instructional expenses related to English, Math, Science and Social Studies at the Riverside Campus," said Riverside Local School District Treasurer Gary Platko. "Loss of this revenue stream would have a detrimental impact to the educational programs offered at Riverside."

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** What is a county school financing district?
- A.** A county school financing district is a group of independent local school districts that agree to pool their valuation and request a levy to support specified educational programs across the entire group of districts.
- Q.** Which districts participate in the Lake County School Financing District?
- A.** The Lake County School Financing District is made up of the Madison, Painesville City, Perry, and Riverside Local school districts (member districts). The Lake County Educational Service Center is the taxing authority, which collects the tax proceeds and distributes them to each of the four school districts based on an agreed upon formula.
- Q.** How do member districts use the money from the Lake County School Financing District levy?
- A.** Funds are used for "the provision of necessary personnel, materials, supplies and transportation for instruction in language arts, social studies, mathematics, fine and practical arts, health and physical education, science and business education."
- Q.** Is this levy a renewal?
- A.** Yes, the Lake County School Financing District Levy was first approved by voters in 1990 and renewed in 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015.
- Q.** As a homeowner, will this renewal increase my tax rate?
- A.** No, the levy was first approved at 4.9 mills and is currently collecting at 2.28 mills.
- Q.** Is this renewal levy permanent (continuous)?
- A.** No, the renewal is for a 5-year period.
- Q.** Does the levy renewal have to pass in each member district?
- A.** No. The renewal must pass in the entire Financing District as a whole.
- Q.** How Is the money from the levy distributed?
- A.** The member districts currently receive the majority of their share based on a proportionate share of each district's total enrollment. If the levy is renewed, the proceeds will be distributed based on each member district's proportionate share of tax valuation.
- Q.** How does the Lake County School Financing District levy benefit Riverside Local Schools?
- A.** Riverside Local Schools receives more than \$2 million each year from the levy which is used for instructional expenses related to English, Math, Science and Social Studies at the Riverside Campus. If the levy is renewed, Riverside Local Schools will receive additional revenue from the levy without an increase in taxes based on the new agreed upon levy distribution.

Pre-AP Program Comes To Riverside

Riverside High School launched its Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) Program this year and is just one of two high schools in the state of Ohio to participate in the program.

Riverside High School was selected from more than 1,000 schools worldwide that is participating in the new Pre-AP Program this year. Pre-AP is designed to give all students the opportunity to learn the foundational knowledge and skills they need to be successful in Advanced Placement and

other college-level coursework.

Pre-AP courses are open to all 9th graders at Riverside Campus. The Pre-AP Program objectives are to:

- Significantly increase the number of students who are able to access and complete college-level work, like AP, before leaving high school.
- Improve the college readiness of all students.

Riverside High School has received an official Pre-AP designation for each course and the chance to bring engaging coursework to all its students. This designation signals consistent, high standards in focused courses that help build, strengthen, and reinforce student's content knowledge and skills.

The three new 9th grade courses – Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP World History and Geography, and Pre-AP English 1 – provide teachers and students with instructional resources, classroom-based assessments, high-quality professional learning, and focused practice.

Each Pre-AP course has been developed by committees of expert educators, including middle school, high school, and college faculty. These development committees work with the College Board to design effective instructional resources that emphasize and prioritize the content and skills that matter most for future high school coursework and college and career readiness.



COMMUNITY

Halls Of Holly Scheduled For The Campus

The third annual Halls of Holly will be Saturday, December 14 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Riverside High School.

Halls of Holly is a holiday-themed, family friendly, FREE community event geared toward 3-10-year-olds in the Riverside Local School District. The high school is transformed into Candy Cane Lane with several rooms dedicated to story times, craft stations, cookie decorations, games and more.

While the event is free, monetary donations are collected for local charities.

The event is coordinated by the Student Initiative for Developing Excellence (SIDE) class.



Homecoming Events Plentiful

The annual **Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally** was held on September 26 and featured a new parade route.

The parade began at the Lake County History Center and proceeded out onto Riverside Drive and passed Riverside Campus and into the main entrance by the stadium. The pep rally followed which featured the crowning of the **2019 Homecoming King, senior Grayson Wolf**.

On September 27 during pregame ceremonies prior to the Homecoming football game against Madison, **senior Tatiana Alston was crowned the 2019 Homecoming Queen**.

Congratulations to the seniors comprising the 2019 Homecoming Court: Lauren Bush, Sara Kovalchuk, Julia Lewins, Eliana Palermo (Maid of Honor), Julia Powall, Payton Young, Josh Hannan, Nick Kalb, Sam Marciano, Reece Olson, Gabe Richner and Jordan Smith.

Also at the Homecoming game were over 100 **Alumni Marching Band** members who joined together with the Riverside Regiment to provide the halftime entertainment.

And finally, to start off Homecoming week, more than 150 art students from Riverside Campus participated in the fifth annual **Chalk Fest** where students design the sidewalks surrounding Riverside High School with creative artwork. The event precedes the Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally so community members have the opportunity to see all the creations.

"This event is just for fun. We want students to go outside, have fun, be creative and do something that they love," said Riverside's art and music department chairperson, Jessica Biller.

Thank you to all the community members who attended any of these events.

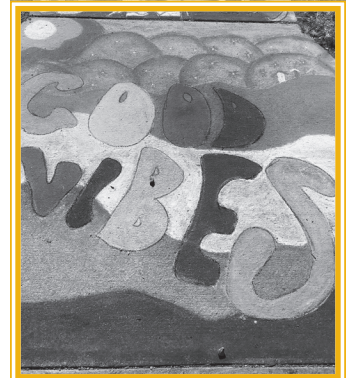
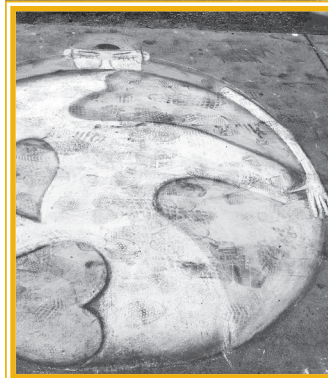
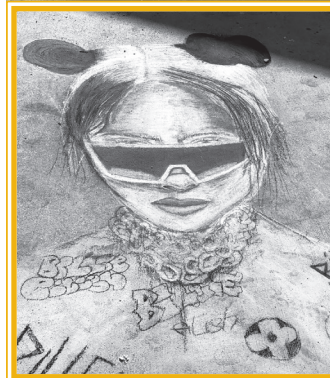
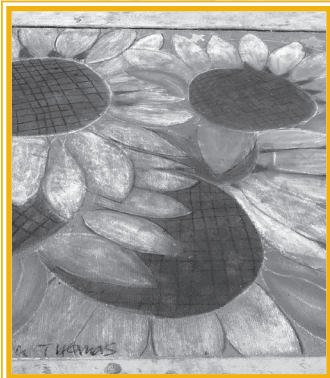


**2019 RIVERSIDE
Homecoming
King and Queen
Grayson Wolf
Tatiana Alston**



~ 2019 Riverside Homecoming Court ~

Gays (l to r): Nick Kalb, Josh Hannan, Sam Marciano, Grayson Wolf, Gabe Richner, Jordan Smith, Reece Olson
Gals (l to r): Tatiana Alston, Lauren Bush, Julia Powall, Payton Young, Julia Lewins, Sara Kovalchuk, Eliana Palermo



Thanks!

DISTRICT

Community Kindness Day

The District would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for the following donations, which were approved by the Board of Education between June 2019 and September 2019:

- **Asphalt Maintenance & VLB Striping, Inc.** for donating \$600 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **The Adam Lulow Family** for donating \$1,000 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **Tonie and Tina Lovin** for donating \$1,000 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **Ganley Village, LLC** for donating \$2,000 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **Riverside Local Education Association** for donating \$2,500 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **John and Karen Sarosy** for donating \$200 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial
- **Dean Bader** for donating U.S. Flags for all classrooms and the flag poles at Riverview and Parkside Elementary Schools
- **Gridiron Club** for donating \$750 to

On August 15, more than 50 Riverside administrators and staff members volunteered a few hours of their time to give back to the community as part of its annual Community Kindness Day.

Staff members divided into teams and visited local businesses, parks, parking lots, neighborhoods, and restaurants to hand out candy, school supplies,

goodies, certificates, help shoppers with their groceries, pay for lunches and many other random acts of kindness.

This is our small way of showing thanks and appreciation to all the residents in the Riverside community who have been so supportive of the District. Thank you!



Looking For Work?

The Riverside Local School District is looking to hire and train **substitute bus drivers** and **aides**. If interested, you can apply at the Riverside Transportation Office:



585 Riverside Drive, Painesville OH 44077 or call 440-357-5571.

In addition, the District is in need of **custodial substitutes**. Day or evening shifts are available. If interested, please call 440-357-1556.



the Riverside Veterans Memorial Project

- **Sue Chaffee** for donating \$500 to Parkside Elementary School Art History and Art Appreciation
- **Sue Chaffee** for donating \$500 to

Riverview Elementary School Art History and Art Appreciation

- **MASCO** for donating \$264 to Madison Avenue School for the 4th grade field trip on Goodtime III
- **MASCO** for donating

\$500 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Project

- **MASCO** for donating \$1,001.14 towards the Two Books One District elementary program
- **Hale Road PTO** for

donating \$1,850.26 to Hale Road

- Elementary to offset busing for field trips
- **Hale Road** for donating \$500 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Project

Riverside Local Schools District Calendar

October	11	Friday	Fall Break, no school – NEOEA Day
October	31	Thursday	End of First Attendance Period
November	27	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Vacation begins (through Nov. 29, 2019) – no school
December	2	Monday	School re-opens Monday, December 2, 2019
December	23	Monday	Winter Vacation begins (through Jan. 3, 2020) – no school
January	6	Monday	School re-opens Monday, January 6, 2020
January	16	Thursday	End of Second Attendance Period / End of First Semester
January	17	Friday	Teachers' Records Day – no classes
January	20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – no school
January	21	Tuesday	Second Semester begins Tuesday, January 21, 2020
February	17	Monday	Presidents' Day – no school
March	20	Friday	End of Third Attendance Period
March	23	Monday	Spring Break begins (through March 27, 2020) – no school
March	30	Monday	School re-opens Monday, March 30, 2020
April	10	Friday	Spring Vacation begins (through April 13, 2020) – no school
April	14	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, April 14, 2020
May	22	Friday	Memorial Day Break (through May 25, 2020) – no school
May	26	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, May 26, 2020
May	28	Thursday	Last day for Seniors
May	31	Sunday	Commencement
June	5	Friday	End of Fourth Attendance Period. Last day for students

Attendance and Grading Periods for 2019-20

	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>	
First Period	Tues., September 3	Thurs., October 31	42 Days
Second Period	Fri., November 1	Thurs., January 16	42 Days
Third Period	Tues., January 21	Fri., March 20	43 Days
Fourth Period	Mon., March 30	Fri., June 5	46 Days

Parent-Teacher Conferences for 2019-20

<u>School</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
LaMuth Middle School	Wed., November 6	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Wed., November 6	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Thurs., November 7	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Tues., November 12	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Tues., November 12	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Wed., November 13	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., November 14	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., November 14	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus Curriculum Night	Thurs., February 6, 2020	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Thurs., February 20, 2020	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., February 20, 2020	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., February 20, 2020	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

New To The District?

Parents and guardians can enroll their children into the District online at www.riversidelocalschools.com. Click the Registration link under the Parents tab on the homepage.

NOTE: Hazardous weather and/or other unforeseen circumstances may force an alteration of this calendar in order to comply with State law. In the event weather or other calamities require additional hours of student attendance, those hours will be added commencing Friday, June 5, 2020.

Stay Connected!



www.riversidelocalschools.com

Riverside Local Schools welcomes you to visit the website often where students, parents and community members can easily obtain news, updates, highlights, calendar events, forms, information on each school and its teachers and a lot more. There is also an **electronic newsletter** sign-up form on our website for those who register their e-mail address. Every Sunday, the website will send you an update of news and calendar events for the District and its schools.

The District also has several social media pages including **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **YouTube**. Search for Riverside Local Schools to better follow what is going on within the District on a daily basis.

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Mrs. Cassandre Smolen, Principal
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Melridge Elementary

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Parkside Elementary

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Riverview Elementary

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The following elected officials serve the residents of the Riverside Local School District:

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All information within was accurate at the time of printing. Visit the District website, Facebook page, Twitter account or YouTube channel for any updates and new details about the variety of events happening within our schools. *Thank you for your support!*

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COMMUNITY

Senior Citizen Appreciation Night

The District is once again hosting a Senior Citizen Appreciation Night on Thursday, November 21 at 4 p.m.

Resident seniors can enjoy dinner in the Riverside High School cafeteria prepared and served by students in the Foods and Nutrition classes. The dinner will then be followed by a free performance of the Fall play, *Radium Girls*, in the D.W. Shaner Auditorium.

The Appreciation Night is free for resident senior citizens.

The general public can purchase tickets for *Radium Girls* for Friday, November 22 or Saturday, November 23. Tickets for the shows, which start at 7:30 p.m. each night, are \$8 pre-sale or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rivtheatre.booktix.com.

