

# Riverside REALITY

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## Champion Crowned!

Congratulations to 8th grader **Claire Siegel** for winning the District Spelling Bee on January 24. She will now represent Riverside Local Schools at the Lake County Spelling Bee on February 1 at Hale Road. We'd also like to congratulate District runner-up **Zion Omonogun** and all of our grade-level and building-level spelling bee champs who also participated in the District Spelling Bee.

### 4th Grade Champs:

**Dylan Ward** (Buckeye)

**Declan Mullowney** (Melridge)

**Haley Frischkorn** (Parkside)

**Meriel Kapostasy** (Riverview)

### 5th grade Champs:

**Gabby Korosi** (Buckeye)

**Aubree Jordan** (Melridge)

**Stephen Horvath** (Parkside)

**Zion Omonogun** (Riverview)

6th Grade Champ: **Ameilia Greig**

7th Grade Champ: **Kendall Brown**

8th Grade Champ:

**Claire Siegel**



## Welcome To Our Newest Board Member

At the January 6 Board of Education Organizational Meeting, we welcomed in our newest board member, Denise Brewster, as well as celebrated the re-election of Lori Krenisky (second term).

Denise Brewster was an elementary teacher and principal for 42 years in the South Euclid Lyndhurst, West Geauga and Riverside Local school districts. She began her career as a teacher at Madison Avenue, Hale Road, Concord and Hadden elementary schools and served as principal of Leroy Elementary School as well. Denise has resided in the Riverside community for 57 years and currently lives in Concord Township. Denise has three children and 10 grandchildren, one of which graduated from Riverside two years ago, and two grandchildren who currently attend Buckeye Elementary.

Please join us in welcoming Denise to the Riverside Local School District's Board of Education.

The Board also set meeting dates for 2024 as well as assigned Committee Appointments and Committee Liaisons at its January 6 Organizational Meeting. You can see all that information [HERE](#).

Lastly, January is School Board Recognition Month. We'd like to thank Lori Krenisky, Belinda Grassi, Denise Brewster, Scott Fishel and Jennifer Harden for serving on the Riverside Local School District Board of Education. Board members put in a lot of time to do what is best for the students, staff, families and community members in our District and we appreciate all their hard work, dedication and commitment to Riverside.



— 2024 RLSD Board of Education Members —  
Mr. Scott Fishel, Mrs. Denise Brewster, Mrs. Lori Krenisky, Mrs. Jennifer Harden, Mrs. Belinda Grassi

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# Preschool Registration

Registration for the Riverside Preschool Program for the 2024-2025 school year will begin on Monday, February 12 at 9 a.m. This year's registration will be conducted online on the Registration page of the District website.

Spaces are very limited and existing preschool families will have first priority.

The District manages its own inclusive preschool program for children ages 3-5. The program serves both typically developing preschool children as well as preschool children with disabilities. To be eligible for preschool for the 2024-2025 school year, children must be 3 years of age on or before September 30, 2024 and must be potty-trained.

The preschool program has AM classes and PM classes – Monday through Thursday at both Buckeye and Melridge elementary schools. The cost of tuition is \$125 per month, per student. First month of tuition, as a deposit, is

required upon registration.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since registration will take place online this year, the deposit will need to be dropped off at the Registration Office (485 Riverside Drive) after the Registration office contacts you to finalize your registration.

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

### Riverside Local Schools District Calendar

August	21	Wednesday	Kindergarten Orientation
August	22	Thursday	First day of school, classes begin for Grades 1-12, Kindergarten Screening and Preschool Orientation
August	23	Friday	Kindergarten Screening and Preschool Orientation
August	26	Monday	First day of school for Kindergarten (last names A-L), First day of school for ALL Preschool students
August	27	Tuesday	First day of school for Kindergarten (last names M-Z)
August	28	Wednesday	First full day of school for Kindergarten (all students)
September	2	Monday	Labor Day – no school
October	11	Friday	Fall Break, NEOEA Day – no school
November	4	Monday	Teacher In-service – no classes
November	5	Tuesday	Election Day / Teacher In-Service – no classes
November	27	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Vacation begins (through Nov. 29, 2024) – no school
December	2	Monday	School re-opens Monday, December 2, 2024
December	23	Monday	Winter Vacation begins (through Jan. 6, 2025) – no school
January	7	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, January 7, 2025
January	20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – no school
February	10	Monday	Teacher In-service – no classes
February	17	Monday	Presidents' Day – no school
March	3	Monday	Teacher In-service – no classes
March	24	Monday	Spring Vacation begins (through March 28, 2025) – no school
March	31	Monday	School re-opens Monday, March 31, 2025
April	18	Friday	Spring Break begins (through April 21, 2025) – no school
April	22	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, April 22, 2025
May	26	Monday	Memorial Day – no school
May	30	Friday	Last day for students

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 Monday, June 2, 2025 or as permitted by State law.

## Save the Date! Community Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Riverside Community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Riverside Parent Teacher Association, will take place on **Saturday, March 23 at noon.**

The egg hunt, which is offered for children ages Pre-K through 5th grade, will take place in front of Riverside High School rain, snow or sunshine! This event is free of charge, but children must bring their own bag or a basket to collect eggs.

### TEXT

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emergency situations.

## LOOKING FOR WORK? ... Classified Substitute Hourly Rates Have Increased!

**Evening Custodians and Substitutes • Latchkey Assistants • Lunchroom Assistants  
Special Needs Classroom Assistants • Bus Drivers and Bus Aides • Transportation Dept. Substitutes**

Any interested applicants should contact Mallory Aliff, Human Resources Director for the Riverside Local School District, by email at [mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net](mailto:mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net) or apply via the Employment page at [www.riversidelocalschools.com](http://www.riversidelocalschools.com).

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