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Military Commitments ★★★★★★★★★★

On May 16, Riverside High School recognized five seniors who have committed to serve in the military following graduation. Congratulations to (left to right): **Vanessa Valdivia** – Army, **Benjamin Weiss** – Army National Guard and **Troy Leishman** – Marines. Unable to attend the ceremony were **Prince Maes** – Navy and **Jake Catlett** – Army National Guard. Special thanks to Beth Knezevich, a 1981 RHS graduate, Army veteran and current Alumni Association President for being our guest speaker. You can watch the entire ceremony [HERE](#).



Jeremy Ishmael Named Head Football Coach

High School Varsity Head Football Coach.

Ishmael has been on the Riverside football staff since 2006 and has been the Defensive Coordinator since 2012 under Coach Dave Bors — who announced he was stepping down

as head coach in April. Under Ishmael's defensive leadership, the team had the second-best scoring defense in the Western Reserve Conference during the 2023 season and has consistently ranked as a top 3 defense over the course of the past 10 years. The defense was responsible for 102 takeaways the last five seasons and scored 17 defensive touchdowns over the past four seasons. In addition to coaching football, Ishmael had previously served as the Girls Track & Field coach in 2008 and 2009.

Off the field, Ishmael has been a teacher at Riverside Campus since 2006 and has

taught 9th grade World History, 10th grade U.S. History, 11th and 12th grade AP Government, American Government and 12th grade Economics.

"I am honored to be named the head football coach and look forward to continuing — and building off — the success that the Riverside program has experienced over the course of the past six to seven seasons," Ishmael said. "Through all my years as an assistant coach, I have had the unique opportunity to experience and evaluate the approach of what makes a successful head coach. I have come to appreciate the

time, hard work and dedication that is required in order to be successful in this position."

"We are very excited to name Jeremy as the head coach of the football team," said Bors, who is the District's Athletic Director. "Each year, Jeremy has been trusted to take on more and more responsibility in the program. He has proven that he is a trusted asset to this program and has earned the right to embrace this opportunity. Having coached alongside Jeremy for each of my 14 seasons at Riverside, I am looking forward to seeing this program under his leadership."



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Community Kindness Day Grows

You may recall in past years several staff members would participate in a Community Kindness Day prior to school starting during the summer. This year, we wanted to involve more of our schools, students and staff and participate in more meaningful projects that would leave a long-lasting, positive impact on our community.

On Friday, May 24 each of our schools partnered with a local nonprofit to work on projects in our first ever District-Wide Community Kindness Day.

Buckeye Elementary partnered with *The Jared Box Project* to make 'busy

boxes' for children at TriPoint Medical Center and Rainbow Children's Hospital. **Melridge Elementary** partnered with *End 68 Hours of Hunger* and did a school-wide collection of more than 370 cereal boxes to be donated to area families. **Parkside Elementary** partnered with *Project Linus* to make blankets to donate to children in Northeast Ohio. **Riverview Elementary** partnered with the *Lake County Council on Aging* and collected dog and cat food for their Pet Meals on Wheels Program and also created holiday cards for seniors.

LaMuth Middle School had students take a field trip to local businesses to



thank them for their support and hand out Riverside goodie bags. **Riverside Campus** partnered with *United Way of Lake County*, *The Salvation Army* and the *Lake County Historical Society* where student groups visited the nonprofits to volunteer for the day.

Our Latchkey program made cards for local nursing homes. And the **District's Central Office** staff also volunteered at the *United Way of Lake County*.

What an awesome day for our District. We look forward to continuing and growing this tradition again next school year.



Painting The Plows

On Friday, May 3, Riverside High School art students once again spent time painting the Painesville Township snow plows. You will be able to see the incredible work from these students when viewing the plows this summer at community events, parades and festivals and again next winter when it's time to remove snow. Thank you to Painesville Township for their participation in this event every year and for supplying the paint.



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