

Riverside School

Riverside School
 14601 Montrose Ave
 Cleveland, OH 44111
 216.838.6700



Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 15	Winter Family Movie/Craft & Dinner Night (PreK-4) – 5:30 to 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 21	After School Winter Dance Grades 4-6 Cost - \$2 4:00 – 5:30pm
Wednesday, December 21	Snowflake Ball (Dress Up Event) Grades 7-8 Cost - \$5 6:00-8:00pm
Friday, December 23	Lower Grades Athletic Event – 10:00-11:00am \$1 to attend \$2 to play
Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 9	HOLIDAY BREAK

Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

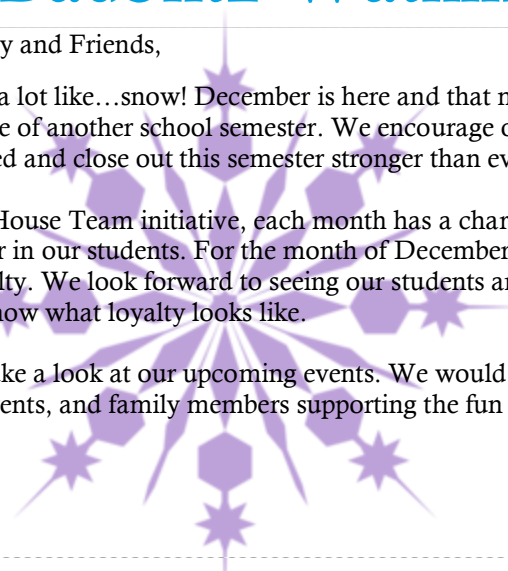
Hello Riverside Family and Friends,

It's beginning to look a lot like...snow! December is here and that means we are coming to the close of another school semester. We encourage our students to stay focused and close out this semester stronger than ever.

As a part of our new House Team initiative, each month has a character trait that we are looking for in our students. For the month of December, the character trait is Loyalty. We look forward to seeing our students and staff working together to show what loyalty looks like.

Please make sure to take a look at our upcoming events. We would love to have our students, parents, and family members supporting the fun events we have planned.

My best,
Paige



Happy Holidays!





Riverside House Teams

All students and staff members at Riverside School have been assigned to a house team. The House system creates competition, promotes good work and behavior, encourages teamwork, provides opportunities to take on responsibilities and brings everyone in the school together.

House Team Points Updates

After calculating the scores, House Team Yellow finished the month of November in 1st place!

see total team scores below

December Character Attribute of the Month –
LOYALTY



Sport Team Standings

SPRING SPORTS

- Boys' Basketball
- Boys' and Girls' Track and Field

More information to come!



School Website

<http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/riverside>

School PTC

Facebook Page

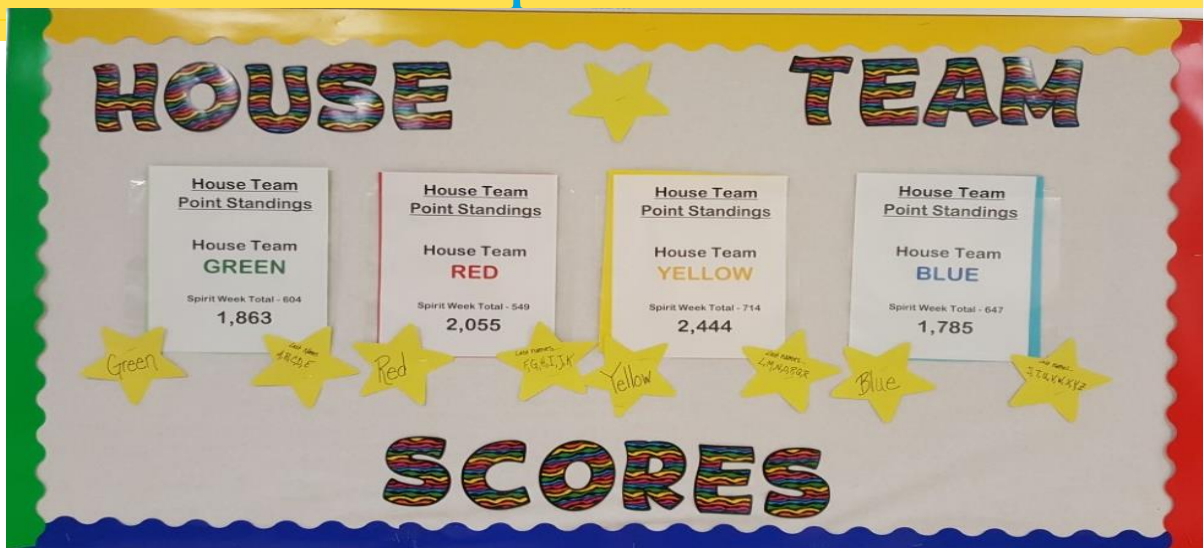
<https://www.facebook.com/RiversideSchoolPTC>

School Instagram Page

[@riverside_cmsd](https://www.instagram.com/riverside_cmsd)

The page is private so make sure to send a request to follow.

School Update Sections





Happy Owlidays

From Riverside, our Pre-K students, Principal BW and CMSD CEO – Eric Gordon



On Tuesday, November 22, Riverside Pre-K students were invited to the district headquarters to decorate the office holiday tree with CEO Gordon. All of the decorations were made by our Pre-K students.



“American Denial” Documentary
POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING SEMESTER
 5:00pm – 7:00pm



Program Overview:

This program offers a documentary screening accompanied by classroom resources. The film, American Denial, examines race relations in the United States and explores how denial, cognitive dissonance, and implicit bias persist and shape all of our lives. It also enables students to participate in a meaningful discussion about unconscious bias and discrimination. A representative from The Diversity Center will introduce the film and help students think about race as a vital identity marker worthy of open and honest discussion. During key moments, a facilitator will pause the film to carry on a brief discussion to make sure students are able to process the material and connect it to their own lives.

Objectives:

- Allow viewers to ponder the question- Are some Americans in denial of current racial divides in this country?
- Viewers will revisit past views by looking at the meaning of the American Creed and discussing the contradictions of the creed and slavery in America. Ideals vs. Reality
- Viewers will learn about a new possible dilemma- Unconscious Bias and Implicit Association.
- Viewers will identify ways to overcome denial such as identifying and fighting systems of corrupt control in

CMSD enrollment up again

CMSD's enrollment has risen again, a sign that public confidence in the schools continues to grow, too.

As of Nov. 29, enrollment stood at 38,139, compared with 37,711 at the same point last year and 36,420 in 2015.

The totals differ from the official state report card numbers, which are currently prorated based on how much of the year each student is enrolled. Enrollment listed on CMSD's report card grew from 37,962 in 2013-14 to 39,125 last year.

The recent increases are the first in years. Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon has hailed the trend as a sign of renewed trust in the District and the progress it is making under the reforms in *The Cleveland Plan*.

Enrollment at Adlai E. Stevenson School, located on Woda Avenue in the southeast corner of Cleveland, totals 450 and is up more than 100 in the last three years, Principal Christopher Wyland said recently.

According to surveys, parents have noticed improvement in the school culture, Wyland said. He said a number of families from outside the immediate neighborhood have chosen to send their children to Stevenson.

Enrollment at the Newton D. Baker School of the Arts on West 159th Street has increased from 350 in mid-2015 to 426, Principal Wendy Rose-Geiling said recently.

Rose-Geiling said the A rating the state gave the school for student



progress on its latest report card is a "great advertising tool." She said families are also drawn to artists in residence who help with theater, art and music and dance programs.

As part of the shift in responsibility called for in *The Cleveland Plan*, schools also have been charged with marketing their programs. District schools compete with charter schools and -- because families are allowed to choose -- each other.

In the last two years, Newton D. Baker staff members have walked the neighborhood distributing fliers and invitations to the community for school events.

Marion C. Seltzer School, on West 98th Street, began the school year with 345 students and that climbed to 385, Principal Caitlin Kilbane said. She credits outreach that was intended to improve attendance but also created a buzz about enrollment.

During the summer, Kilbane, the school's teachers union representative, a physical education teacher and a curriculum and instruction specialist visited the homes of students who had poor attendance. They delivered ice cream and iced tea, donated by Dairymens, to build relationships.



Voters show confidence in CMSD

Cleveland voters support the direction the Cleveland Metropolitan School District is heading, as shown by their 67.8 percent approval of Issue 108 on Nov. 8. Renewal of the 15-mill levy gives CMSD another four years to continue progress evident under *The Cleveland Plan*.

The levy was initially passed in 2012. It was the first time in 16 years that voters had provided the schools with additional money for operating expenses.

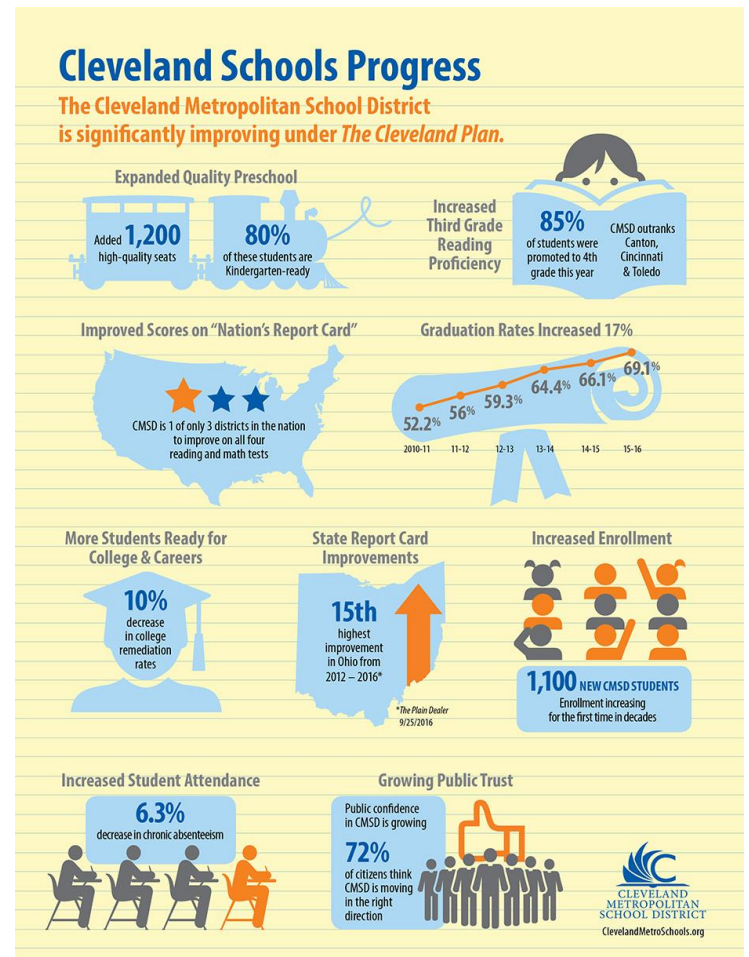
Mayor Frank G. Jackson and District Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon told voters then that they could decide in four years whether the schools had achieved enough progress to earn their continued support. Since then, student attendance and enrollment have increased, scores on the Nation’s Report Card have improved and CMSD’s graduation rate has increased 17 percentage points to a record high.

"I am proud of the work we have accomplished over the last four years," Gordon said. "And I'm grateful that the community has recognized the improvements and given us another four years to accelerate these gains."

The revenue provided by Issue 108 is critical to carrying out reforms charted by Cleveland's Plan for Transforming Schools, better known as *The Cleveland Plan*. The 15-mill renewal will generate up to \$69.7 million a year, or 10 percent of the District’s operating budget, without raising taxes. CMSD shares 1 mill, or about \$4.6 million, with charter school partners.

CMSD’s enrollment has been rising after decades of decline. Surveys showed that as many as 75 percent of citizens surveyed believe CMSD is improving and rate their public schools as fair or better. Once on the verge of insolvency, the District is now on a long run of financial stability.

"Public trust is growing," said Gordon.



A large "Thank You, Cleveland" banner was posted on the District’s website. At the same time, the countdown clock that for four years counted down the minutes remaining on the community’s investment through the levy was reset for another four years.

Have a question for the CEO? Just ask

Each month, CMSD-TV interviews Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon for "Talk to the CEO," a video series that focuses on current District news and issues. You can pose a question to him that might be included in the program – just fill out and submit a form found at www.clevelandmetroschools.org/ceoquestions.



Job Corps to train CMSD students

The federally funded Cleveland Job Corps program will provide free training for jobs in construction and health care to seniors from select CMSD high schools.

The training is open to seniors from Collinwood, East Tech, Ginn Academy, Glenville, John Adams and John F. Kennedy. One group of 25 seniors will be accepted twice a year, starting this January.

The seniors, who must be on track to graduate, will attend classes at their schools in the morning and participate in training at the Cleveland Job Corps Center, 13421 Coit Road, in the afternoon. CMSD and Job Corps will transport the students to and from the site.

Training will last three to six months for the health-care jobs and six to nine months for construction.

The dual-enrollment program helps to fill a need on the East Side while also giving graduating seniors flexibility, said Alicia Moore, a CMSD transformation project manager. They



will leave high school with a skill but can also go on to college.

“We want to give them as many options as possible,” Moore said.

Seniors can obtain program applications and further information

through their school guidance counselors or by calling Moore at 216-838-0167.

After applying, the seniors must participate in an interview, undergo medical and physical exams and take a drug test.

Riverside School

14601 Montrose Ave
Cleveland, OH 44111
216.838.6700

Principal

Paige Baublitz-Watkins
Office: 216.838.6702
Cell: 216.645.5147

Paige.baublitz-watkins@clevelandmetroschools.org



Happy Holidays

Art work done by our students and led by our art teacher, Ms. Hruska. Each part was drawn and colored in by a different student. Creativity and Teamwork at its best!

