February 2017

Riverside School

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Upcoming Events

- Feb 14 Third Grade Data Dive
- Feb 16All other grade levels DataDive
- Feb 21-24 Black History Week

See Page 3 for events and times

- Feb 21American Denial MovieNight 6PMSee Page 5 for RSVP link
- Feb 24
 Riverside Afterschool

 Dance

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Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

Hello Riverside Family and Friends,

We have entered a new month and are excited about the events that will be coming up. Each day is a day closer to our students taking their state tests. This can be a stressful time for students, teachers, and parents. To help with some of the stress, there will be Data Dive events held so that parents can get information on their child's current progress and academic standing. This will also be a great time to speak to teachers and administration about questions regarding the testing. We hope to see you there!

This year, during the week of February 21, we will be holding our Black History Week. There will be great events for students and parents. Please see page 3 for more information on events and we would love to have your support during the parent or community events.

As always, thank you all for your continued support of Riverside and we look forward to a fantastic February. Happy Black History Month!

My best, Paige





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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.

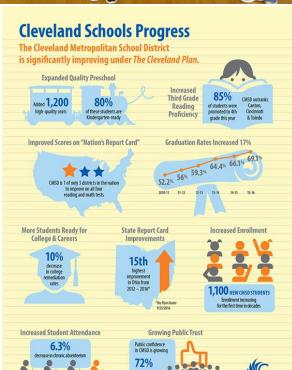
House Team Points Updates

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

see total team scores below

February Character Attribute of the Month – Initiative







School Website http://www.cleve landmetroschools .org/riverside

School PTC Facebook Page <u>https://www.face</u> <u>book.com/Riversi</u> <u>deSchoolPTC</u>

School Instagram Page @riverside_cmsd

School Update Sections



The Week of FEBRUARY 21-24, 2017

A tribute to the "Hidden Figures"

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL PRESENTS

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Tuesday, February 21

- Dress as a historical African American figure
- Diversity Center Movie
 - "American Denial" 6:00 8:00pm Dinner will be provided RSVP to secure your spot and meal

Wednesday, February 22

- Classroom bulletin board/door decorating contest
 - Winning class and teacher will get a prize and House Team Points

Thursday, February 23

- Black History Quest (Jeopardy style)
- Held during 8th period (3:10pm)

Friday, February 24

- Black History Program

- School gymnasium 10:00-11:30am
 Riverside Afterschool Dance
 - Lower grades @ 4:15-5:30pm
 - o Upper Grades @ 6:00-7:30pm

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More pictures and videos on the school's Instagram page.

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"American Denial" Documentary 6:00pm – 8:00pm You can still RSVP electronically at <u>https://tinyurl.com/zvdxatm</u> until Friday, February 17th

Program Overview:

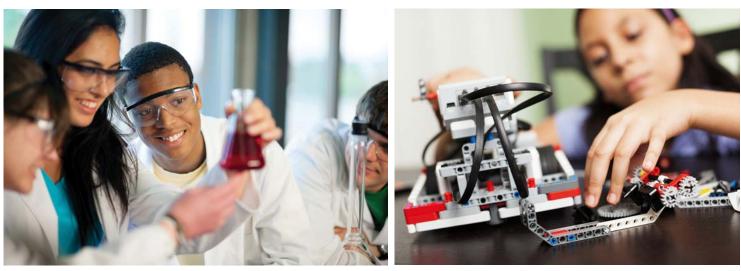
This program offers a documentary screening accompanied by classroom resources. The film, American Denial, examines race relations in the United States and explores how denial, cognitive dissonance, and implicit bias persist and shape all of our lives. It also enables students to participate in a meaningful 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.



School choice season is under way

It's school-choice season, the time of year when families can best exercise their right to decide which CMSD schools their children will attend. That right is particularly important for eighth-graders who are weighing the critical decision of where to go to high school.

The District allows students to attend any school, provided there is room and, in a few cases, they meet admissions criteria. Through March 13 – or Feb. 13 for most of the schools with admissions criteria – families can submit choices by going to the online open-enrollment portal – choosecmsd.org.

The District offers more high school options than ever, and more students are exercising their right to choose. For the current school year, 3,644 students submitted selections, double the number from two years earlier. Most were eighthgraders preparing for high school. Choices were entered for seven out of 10 eighth-graders.

Current eighth-graders can explore their options with the help of the District's High School Choice Book, as well as school videos accessible through the enrollment portal.

CMSD started its high school "portfolio" in 2006 with three small schools at the John Hay Campus. The assortment later expanded to include models like MC²STEM, with campuses at the Great Lakes Science Center, GE Lighting and Cleveland State, and Ginn Academy, the only all-male public school in the state.

This school year, CMSD added two small models that share Lincoln-West High School: The Lincoln-West School of Science and Health and the Lincoln-West School of Global Studies. The School of Science and Health conducts a portion of its classes inside MetroHealth Hospital and is



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believed to be the only high school in the country occupying space on a hospital campus.

A record six new options are available for the coming school year. The schools, which will open with ninth-graders, include:

- Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School.
- Campus International High School, which will use the International Baccalaureate model of education and be located at Cleveland State University.
- Bard High School Early College Cleveland East Campus, located at John Adams. The school, the second in Cleveland to be affiliated with Bard College of New York, will allow students to earn both a high school diploma and college associate's degree – tuition free -- in four years.
- John Adams College and Career Academy.
- Rhodes School of Environmental Studies.
- Rhodes College and Career Academy.

Students can continue to make choices after March 13 but may not be guaranteed their first preferences. Demand was so strong at Max S. Hayes High School and MC²STEM for this school year, the District had to fill ninth-grade seats at those schools by lottery and put other students on waiting lists. If lotteries are necessary this year, the results will be announced March 24.

Have a question for the CEO? Just ask

Do you have a question for Cleveland schools CEO Eric Gordon? Here is your chance to ask it.

CMSD-TV reporter Shannon Kantner sits down monthly with Gordon for "Talk to the CEO," a program devoted to current issues affecting the District. The program includes a segment that features questions from viewers.

To submit a question, complete and submit the form found at ClevelandMetroSchools.org/CEOquestions

The question may be read and appear on screen with your name or, if you prefer, a social media handle. You can also choose to have your identity remain confidential.

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