

# Riverside School

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## Upcoming Events

November 8	Election Day Staff PD Day No school for students
November 11	Veterans' Day No school for students
November 14	Veterans' Day Program 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00 PM
November 14-18	Riverside Spirit Week See page 3 for details

## Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

Hello Riverside Family and Friends,

Welcome to a new month! November is here and we are looking forward to continuing to provide our students with a school environment that focuses on strong instruction and fun, memorable events.

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 November, the character trait is Friendship. We look forward to seeing our students and staff working together to show what friendship looks like.

Thank you to all the family members who have taken part in our school events (Grandparents Tea, Moms and Muffins, Father's Walk, Literacy Night, Family Fun Night and other events). Be on the lookout for more events to end a great fall semester.

My best,  
 Paige





# School Update Sections

## 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

At the end of October, House Team Yellow is in the lead. All students in this house team had their names placed in a drawing for four tickets to a Cleveland Cavaliers game. Congrats to House Team Yellow and our raffle winners.

Who will win for November?!?!

## Sport Team Standings

### Riverside Co-ed Soccer

Congrats to our division finalist! They went undefeated in the regular season and played a great championship game!



### Riverside Volleyball

Division Championship Game  
November 10, 2016 at 3:30pm  
East Professional Center



School Website

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

School PTC

Facebook Page

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

School Instagram Page

@riverside\_cmds

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

House Team	Point Standings
GREEN	1,259
RED	1,506
YELLOW	1,730
BLUE	1,115

Decorative elements: Stars with letters (Green: ABCDE, Red: FGHIJ, Yellow: KLMNOP, Blue: STUVWXYZ) and a large 'SCORES' title at the bottom.

Riverside School Presents our FALL...

# SPIRIT WEEK



- Showcase your best SPIRIT WEEK outfits!
- Each day you participate - 2 points for your house team!
- Teachers who participate - 5 points for their house team!

**MON  
NOV  
14**

**Red, White & Blue  
- OR - Camouflage Day  
In Honor of Veterans**



**TUES  
NOV  
15**

**TWIN DAY  
TWIN DAY**



**WED  
NOV  
16**

**Wacky Tacky Day**



**THURS  
NOV  
17**

**Pajama Day**

-no flip flops



**FRI  
NOV  
18**

**House Team Day**

-Wear house team shirts or color  
-house team shirts for sale - COMING SOON



## CEO named Urban Educator of the Year

CMSD Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon has won the Urban Educator of the Year Award, the highest honor available to an urban superintendent in the United States.

The Council of the Great City Schools presented the award to Gordon on Oct. 20 at its fall conference in Miami. The council cited the CEO's role as an architect of reforms in The Cleveland Plan and noted a rising graduation rate, growing parent participation and the District's first enrollment increases in decades.

"Eric Gordon has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of Cleveland's students, helped propel a once-struggling school system forward and significantly contributed to the future of the great city of Cleveland," said Michael Casserly, the council's executive director. "Well done, Eric Gordon."

Officially known as the Green-Garner Award, the honor alternates between a superintendent and school board member from the 70 large U.S. districts that the council represents. Cleveland Board of Education Chair Denise Link won in 2013.

Gordon topped a field that included eight other big-city superintendents.

The CEO gave credit to others, saying: "I know that it's all the



hardworking people on our team, in our city. It's the Cleveland Plan at work."

The Council of the Great City Schools sponsors the Green-Garner Award with Aramark K-12 Education and Scholastic Inc. The award is named in memory of Richard R.

Green, the first African-American chancellor of the New York City school system, and businessman Edward Garner, who was on the Denver school board.

The award comes with a \$10,000 scholarship that Gordon will present to a CMSD student.



"American Denial" Documentary  
 Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
 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

## Attendance campaign rolls on

CMSD's successful "Get 2 School. You Can Make It!" attendance campaign has quietly entered a second year, but it continues to make a strong push to ensure that students are in school as often as possible.

The Cleveland Browns Foundation is again taking the lead among partners who are providing money, promotional help or incentives. Other backers include Radio One, Arby's Restaurants, Dave's Supermarkets and multiple McDonald's franchise owner Herb Washington.

Meanwhile, individual schools have picked up where they left off last year, encouraging good attendance and stressing its link to academic success.

The Browns Foundation has served as the campaign's lead partner from the start, providing funds and other help, like donating game tickets for incentives, enlisting players to make school appearances and having them record pro-attendance videos for social media.

This year, a grant from the foundation to Shoes and Coats for Kids will buy uniforms and other clothing that will go to homeless students. A shortage of proper clothes can cause children to miss school.

Chronic absenteeism is a problem that confronts school districts nationwide.

Nationwide, more than 6 million students missed at least 15 days of school during the 2013-14 school year, according to a report that the

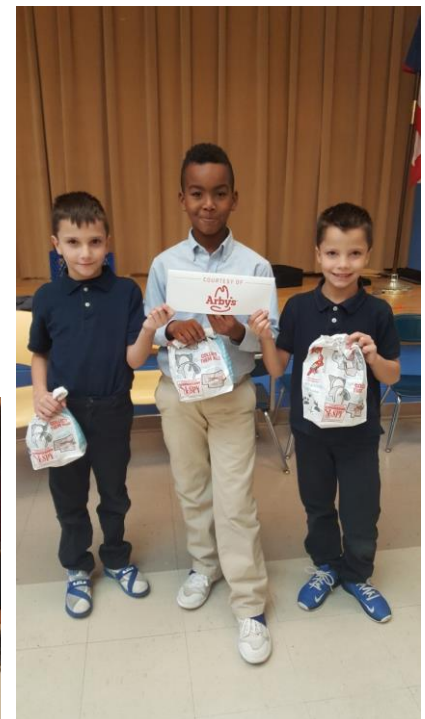


Department of Education published in September. That is one out of every eight students.

Ohio defines chronic absenteeism as missing 18 days, or 10 percent of the school year. CMSD's Get 2 School campaign helped reduce the District's rate of chronic absenteeism by more than 6 percent last school year.

CMSD's campaign tried to ensure that students missed fewer than 10 days. District data shows that students who miss 10 or more days in a year score an average of 12 points lower on state reading tests and 15 points lower on state math tests. They are 9 percent less likely to meet Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee, and in the case of high school students, 34 percent less likely to graduate.

Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students received lunch courtesy of Arby's for being one of the grade levels in the district with the **HIGHEST attendance rate!**



Go Riverside!  
Go 4<sup>th</sup> Graders!  
Good job teachers!



DATA



KNOWLEDGE



ACTION



## Riverside Data Dive

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

- Morning Session - 9:45AM
- Afternoon Session - 3:00PM

Please sign up for which session you will be attending. This will allow you the chance to prepare copies of your child's data that can be discussed during the session.

Come learn about the different tests your child is taking and how teachers use these scores to create goals for students. You will leave with a better understanding of the test given and how you can assist your child.

- ❖ Families will receive math and reading activities that they can do at home!

We look forward to seeing you there as we  
dive into our Riverside Data!

Yes, I am coming to the Data Dive **Morning** Session

Yes, I am coming to the Data Dive **Afternoon** Session

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ten teachers honored for excellence

Teams descended on CMSD schools Oct. 7, surprising and honoring 10 teachers for outstanding classroom practices that the teachers will now share with their peers.

The 10 are the first recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards. CMSD, the Cleveland and George Gund foundations and the Cleveland Teachers Union are partners in the program, which is to be repeated annually.

The awards, each accompanied by a \$5,000 check, are for teachers who demonstrate instructional expertise, creativity and innovation, make learning engaging, vibrant and relevant and set a standard of excellence.

The winners are:

- **Dora Bechtel**, second and third grade, Campus International
- **Stephanie Chiariello**, 10th-grade social studies, John Marshall School of Civic and Business Leadership
- **Molly Gus**, sixth- to eighth-grade English language arts, Scranton
- **Laura Masloski**, preschool, Nathan Hale

- **Holly Morell**, third grade, Joseph M. Gallagher
- **Christine Richard**, 10th- and 11th-grade social studies, New Tech East High School
- **Christine Sims**, 11th-grade English, Cleveland School of Science and Medicine
- **Spencer Small**, 10th-grade computer science, John Marshall School of Information Technology
- **Bonnie Whitmer**, kindergarten special education, Robinson G. Jones
- **Stephanie Wojtowicz**, fourth- and fifth-grade math and science, Mary B. Martin

Principals, teachers and other colleagues nominated 201 teachers after the program was announced in late May. From that field, 130 teachers applied and 101 obtained the necessary endorsement from their principals and another colleague.

A panel representing PreK–12 educators, higher education, philanthropy and the community sorted through applications, which had the names redacted, and selected 28 finalists. A smaller team named the winners.



The 10 winning teachers will share their practices with peers in a variety of ways, such as posting sample lessons online, allowing other teachers to observe them at work and conducting workshops.

Learn more about the awards and the winners at [TeachExcellenceAward.org](http://TeachExcellenceAward.org)

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## Book Character Day @ Riverside

