

Riverside School

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Upcoming Events

October 3, 2016	Picture Day
October 19, 2016	National Anti-Bullying Day – wear ORANGE shirts
October 25, 2016	Author Angela Johnson visit to Riverside
October 27, 2016	Literacy Night

Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

Hello Riverside family and friends!

We are excited about the awesome events we have planned for this month. 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 October, the character trait is Cooperation. We look forward to seeing our students and staff working together to make Riverside the most cooperative school.

On October 25, 2016, award winning author, Angela Johnson, a graduate of Kent State University will be here at Riverside. An American poet and writer of children's books, with over 40 books to her credit since beginning her writing career in 1989, we are looking forward to having her on campus.

Thank you for your continued support of Riverside.

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

- House Team Green - 152
- House Team Red - 145
- House Team Yellow - 178
- House Team Blue - 128

Sport Team Standings

Riverside Volleyball

Season standing 4 wins / 0 losses

Riverside Co-ed Soccer

Season standing 4 wins / 0 losses

Riverside Lady Basketball

Season standing 3 wins / 2 losses



School Website

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

School PTC Facebook Page

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

School Instagram Page

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

Monday Morning Meetings (MMM)

This year at Riverside School, we are proud to continue our addition of Monday Morning Meetings. There will be a change this year as we will only have MMM the first and third Monday of each month. This time will be used to recognize students for achievements such as; birthday celebrations, classroom achievements, student awards, and

athletic accomplishments. Students will also be given information on different school expectations and updates.

Parents, Guardians and Friends, we would love to have you there! Feel free join us at our monthly Monday Morning Meetings.



- Start time – 9:30AM
- End Time – 10:20 AM
- Location - Gymnasium

Upcoming Events!

Literacy Month Activities
(Author visit, literacy night, book character dress up, pumpkin decorating contest)

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Anti-Bullying Day

STAND UP.
SPEAK OUT.
STOP BULLYING.



Wear an **ORANGE** shirt & stand up against bullying.

Riverside **AGAINST** Bullying!

Riverside Elementary School welcomes...

Michael L. Printz Award Recipient

ANGELA JOHNSON



We are excited about our upcoming Book Club for students and parents.

- ❖ Evening read aloud sessions
- ❖ Special guest speakers
- ❖ Raffle picture books for attendees

A dozen participants per book club
Sign up early to receive **FREE** copy of books
Those who sign up will receive books mid-September.

Book Club discussion will be held a week before Angela Johnson's visit.

October 17-21
Literacy Week

October 25
Angela Johnson Campus Visit



LENDING LIBRARY

WHAT IS IT?!

A public library from which books may be borrowed and taken away for a short time.

- No Fee
- Honor System
- Return materials in similar condition to how you borrowed it

Hands-On North East Ohio will be creating an inventory

Riverside Elementary School



Stay the course with reforms, CEO says

CMSD's progress takes painstaking work, but the District and community must stay the course to ensure that reforms in *The Cleveland Plan* succeed, Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon said Sept. 14 in his State of the Schools address.

The annual address, hosted by the City Club, drew more than 900 people to a ballroom at the new Hilton Cleveland Downtown. Delivering the talk for a sixth year, Gordon guided the audience through gains, including some that don't show up on a state report card. High points included:

- CMSD's four-year graduation rate has set a series of new highs, rising from 52.2 percent to 66.1 percent in the last five years. The rate is expected to reach yet another record when new state report cards are released Thursday. (When the new state report card was released the next day, the graduation rate increased to 69.1 percent.)

- PRE4CLE, a partnership between the District and private providers, has added more than 1,200 high-quality preschool seats as it seeks to make sure that children in every neighborhood are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

- The Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland reports that CMSD graduates are increasingly more prepared for college. And Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College have found that more of them are persisting with their studies beyond the first year.

- In the last two years, at least 85 percent of third-graders have met Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Proficiency started at

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Stay the course

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less than 30 percent and soared, despite changes in state tests and higher cutoff scores. (That success continued for a third year, according to the new report card.)

- CMSD was one of three urban districts, out of 21 that make their results public, to show gains on all four portions of the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress, better known as the Nation’s Report Card. The tests measure reading and math skill in the fourth and eighth grades.

- The District has shifted authority from the central office to individual schools, tightened accountability and initiated change across the system without a "fully developed model" elsewhere in the country to imitate.

“Over the last four years, while we still have far to go, student achievement is moving,” the CEO said. “CMSD students are increasingly ready to compete with students across the state and nation as we steadily move the system that serves them in the right direction.”

The Cleveland Plan, which is entering its fourth full school year, was made possible by a special state law that modernized work rules and a 15-mill levy that voters approved in 2012. The levy, which generates 10 percent of the District’s budget, is up for renewal in November.

In recent reports, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance and Ohio separately sounded similar themes: Progress has been slow but press on. The Alliance is a watchdog group that *The Cleveland Plan* law established to monitor District and charter schools; Innovation Ohio is a policy think tank.

Innovation Ohio called *The Cleveland Plan* an “emerging path to improvement. The report said CMSD schools are “cultivating new school cultures and environments that could take as much as a generation to result in the kinds of improvements everyone wants.”

“There are cultural changes happening at many schools,” the report says. “Some may adopt them quicker than others. But fixating on test scores does an injustice to the truly transformational things that are happening in many different Cleveland buildings.”

Gordon’s speech drew heavily on references to the critique of a “Cleveland plan,” not revealing until the end that then-Schools Director H.Q. Sargent wrote the document in 1895, before the city and District rose to prominence. Sargent then, like Gordon now, called for continued support.

“While this plan has not accomplished all that can be desired, it has worked so successfully that there is no thought in any responsible quarter of abandoning it, or of relinquishing any of its essential features,” Sargent wrote.

Gordon closed with the hope that future generations would look back on the modern

Cleveland Plan and view the city’s people as visionaries.

“Let’s make history, Cleveland,” he said. “Let’s make history again!”

After concluding the speech, Gordon fielded questions, including many from CMSD students. When Marcus Harvey, a senior at the Cleveland School of the Arts, asked how levy money had made its way to individual schools, the CEO cited a list that included new reading, math and science curricula, the hiring of 1,000 new teachers to fill vacancies, expansion of technology and new buses.

In his speech, Gordon referred to education as a “vital factor in the renaissance we are witnessing in Cleveland.” As he left the Hilton ballroom, the Rev. Aaron Phillips, pastor of Sure House Baptist Church in Cleveland, said “the schools are getting better as the city is getting better.”

Former City Councilman Joe Cimperman gave the address a vigorous thumbs-up.

“I have never seen anyone tie so many of the things that are right together in such a short space,” said Cimperman, now president of Global Cleveland, a nonprofit that works to attract and serve newcomers to the city. “I’ve gone to every one of these things. This one blew me away.”

App allows anonymous security reports

CMSD students and others can now use an app to report bullying and other concerns to school security without giving their names.

Students, parents, staff and community members who download the Anonymous Alerts app can send reports, attach photos and videos and have encrypted one- or two-way communication with District security. They do not have to reveal their identities unless they choose to do so.

The app creates a record that allows security to identify trouble spots and documents whether concerns have been resolved.

Safety and Security Chief Lester Fultz said kids who are reluctant to confide in adults might feel more comfortable reporting from behind the confidentiality the software provides.

“We know they are telling someone,” he said. “This allows them to tell us.”

Anonymous Alerts, launched three years ago, is used by 1,500 schools across the country, according to the company’s website.

The website promotes the app as a way for students and adults to make school officials aware of concerns such as bullying, student depression, drug and alcohol issues and family problems.

Fultz said problems that occur in neighborhoods or homes will be referred to the appropriate agencies.

Students and others can download the app through the Apple, Google Play or Chrome stores. To use the app, they will enter clevelandmetro as both the login name and password.

Reports also can be filed on the District website by going to AnonymousAlerts.com/ClevelandMetroSD

While reports can help security head off problems, urgent calls should still go to 9-1-1.



College bus tours begin Nov. 3

CMSD's Family and Community Engagement Office has scheduled a series of college tours for students and their parents or caregivers.

During the tours, which begin Nov. 3, families will meet with admissions representatives, take a walking tour of the campus and speak with current students.

The trips are designed to help families understand their roles in the student's post-secondary education, including applying for financial aid. Families also will learn about the college admissions process and supports that help students succeed in college and graduate.

The tours are open to students in the eighth through 12th grades. Parents or caregivers must accompany their children.

Tours are scheduled for the University of Toledo, Central State University and Kent State University. Families also can sign up for an HBCU College Fair.

For more information or to register, visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Page/2861

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8th Grade Washington D.C. trip Fundraiser



Thursday October 13th 11am - 10pm

Melt Bar & Grilled
Lakewood & Independence Locations

14718 Detroit Ave
Lakewood, OH 44107

6700 Rockside Rd
Independence, OH 44131

meltbarandgrilled.com

Enjoy amazing gourmet grilled cheese and great craft beer in a fun and eclectic atmosphere for a GREAT cause!

20% of the food and drink sales *accompanied with this flier* will be donated directly to the organization!

Riverside PreK-8 & Melt Bar and Grilled thank you very much for your support!

HUGE thanks to all the families that took part in our Parent Yoga!

Riverside Elementary School presents...



**FREE YOGA
PARENT/STUDENT**

Every Tuesday in September

6:00-7:00PM

- ❖ Tuesday, Sept 6
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept 13
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept 20
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept 27

**Must attend ALL sessions
First Come, First Serve!**

30 minutes Yoga
30 minutes Academic Enrichment Activities
2nd and 3rd Grade parents ONLY!