

Riverside School

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April Character Trait: Confidence



Upcoming Events

April 3	Return from Spring Break
April 7	8 th Grade trip to Columbus
April 14 & April 17	NO SCHOOL
April 19-21	FAB LAB at Riverside
April 24-27	4/5 GT Cuyahoga Valley National Parks Trip
April 28	CALL IT OUT Day – Ending Social Isolation Online

Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

Hello Riverside Family and Friends,

Welcome to April! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable spring break and are excited to be back at Riverside for another month of engagement, learning, and fun.

As our students continue to take the various state assessments in the following weeks, we ask for parental support from home. This can happen by;

- Having students go to bed early
- Making sure students eat a healthy breakfast
- Arriving to school on time

Thank you in advance for helping our students be successful! We are excited to see everyone back on campus and ready to have an awesome April.

My Best,
 Mrs. BW





DON'T be
AFRAID TO
BE YOUR SELF



Riverside Basketball

- 4/5---Artemus Ward
- 4/12---Marian Seltzer
- 4/18---Almira
- 4/20---Denison
- 4/25---McKinley
- 4/27---WC Bryant
- 5/2---Marian Seltzer
- 5/4---Garfield
- *** All Games Home
- *** All Games Start 3:45
- ***4/19---McKinley vs Seltzer



Get your **GOLDEN TICKET**

As a way to get and keep students motivated during these weeks of testing, students can earn Golden Ticket points.

Every Friday, there will be a Golden Ticket store during lunch where students can purchase great treats, snacks, toys, and books!

Students earn points by using their testing time wisely and staying focused and quiet during and after the testing session.



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)

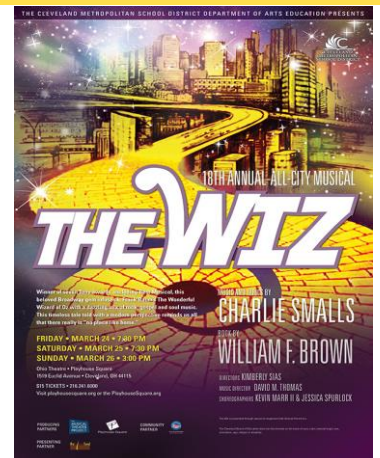
The page is private so make sure to send a request to follow.

School Update Section

Riverside goes to see "The Wiz" at Playhouse Square

On March 24th, a group of our 7th and 8th grade students got the opportunity to go "The Wiz." Students came back and said how great the show was and they would definitely go see it again.

Check out our school Instagram page a few of the photos from the trip.



CMSD grads ready for college, but enrollment down

CMSD graduates are more prepared for college but are enrolling in smaller numbers, a troubling trend that the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland says the community needs to analyze and address.

Graduates could be deterred by the cost of college, or they may be passing up more lucrative futures to take jobs in a rebounding economy, the Compact suggested in releasing an annual report March 16 at Cleveland State University.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson formed the Compact in 2011 to better equip District students for college and careers. Besides the city and CMSD, the partnership includes Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, other regional colleges and universities, a host of community groups and funders.

Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon said the District has more work to do in preparing students for higher education but added that the report shows “we have the academic infrastructure in place.” The next step, he said, is to provide “social and emotional supports” that would help students coping with poverty and other barriers.

“We know that many of our young people come to school with many other things on their minds and in their lives,” he said during a panel discussion that also included Tri-C President Alex Johnson, Kent State University President Beverly Warren and Lee Friedman, CEO of College Now Greater Cleveland.

Indicators in the annual report show CMSD graduates’ college readiness is on the rise.

The graduation rate is at a record 69 percent and on track to increase again. More students – nearly a third – are graduating with B averages or higher, and fewer need remediation when they reach college.

Nearly 10 percent of the 2015 graduates – the most recent



group for whom figures are available – earned college credit while in high school. The CMSD rate is typically double the state average, Gordon said.

The percentage of students with a college-ready score of 21 on the ACT admissions exam remained flat, but more District students take the test than in most Ohio communities. The District annually sets aside a day – this year it's April 19 – for all juniors to take the ACT.

But only about half of 2015 graduates enrolled in higher education, the lowest percentage since the Compact began collecting the information.

The event’s keynote speaker, Rutgers University-Newark Chancellor Nancy Cantor outlined many steps that the university and partners are taking in that New Jersey city, including many already practiced by CMSD and the Compact. The list includes such things as summer jobs,

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Toolkit provides tips for parents

NBC News’ Parent Toolkit website, www.parenttoolkit.com/ provides tips to help parents monitor and support their children’s growth and development. Learn how to assist in your child’s development in English language arts and math, health and wellness and social and emotional learning.

Parents can also text TOOLKIT to 33733 to get the app on their mobile device.

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tutoring, college application assistance, postsecondary planning and preparation for the SAT college-admission test.

Gordon and other panelists said CMSD graduates sometimes skip college because families lack funds to close even small gaps in college funding. Rutgers University-Newark has begun offering "last-dollar" scholarships to help graduates make ends meet.

Data shows that by the end of this decade, nearly two-thirds of Ohio's jobs will require a postsecondary degree or credential. But the current workforce is far from meeting the criteria.

Friedman lamented Ohio's failure to invest more money in college aid. She said not increasing spending could lead to serious consequences.

"It's a long-term economic threat to our state," she said. "That's the truth."



Five more preschools get top rating

Preschools at Harvey Rice, James A. Garfield, Marion C. Seltzer, Sunbeam and Willow schools have all received the highest quality rating from Ohio's Step Up to Quality program.

This brings to 25 the number of District preschools with five-star ratings. CMSD has 69 schools with preschool classes, and all are applying for evaluation under the voluntary quality rating system. As many as 15 more may be rated this year.

The expansion of high-quality preschool is among the many steps outlined in *The Cleveland Plan*, a customized blueprint for education reform in the city.

CMSD is a major partner and funder of PRE4CLE, a network of public and private providers formed three years ago to make high-quality preschool available to as many of the city's 3- and 4-year-olds as possible.

Improvements planned at 5 older buildings



CMUSD will begin more than \$23 million in improvements this year at five older school buildings, funding the projects with money from a bond issue approved by voters.

Improvements are in store for William Cullen Bryant, Louis Agassiz, Benjamin Franklin and Wilbur Wright schools, as well as the downtown Lakeside Building, home to the Cleveland High School for Digital Arts and the new Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School.

The work, part of an effort to "refresh" and repair older District buildings or provide space for new programs, includes a long list of items such as roofing, new heating and air-

cooling equipment, tuck pointing, kitchen equipment and technology.

Most of the work will take place this summer. The District will begin making over an unused third floor at Wilbur Wright this spring, anticipating an influx of students after the McKinley building closes at the end of the school year.

The largest shares will go to Wilbur Wright, which will undergo nearly \$11 million in improvements, and William Cullen Bryant, scheduled for more than \$6.4 million in work.

The District is remodeling older buildings with money from Issue 4, a \$200 million bond issue that voters approved in November 2014.

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.

See the current episode here
ClevelandMetroSchools.org/News



Where to get information

Parents can find a directory of resources and other school information through our Family and Community Engagement Department. Go to <http://bit.ly/2oh2Odz>

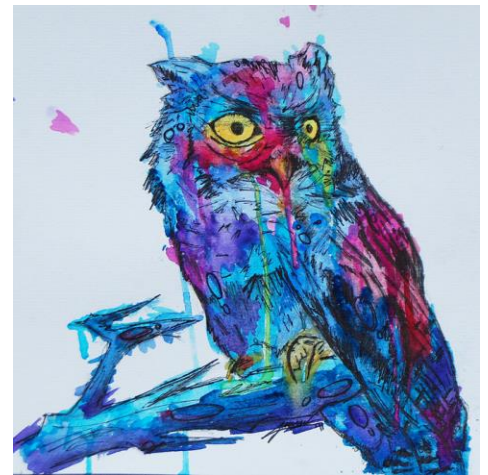
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Riverside Vision Statement:

At Riverside, we strive to spark curiosity in a community of life-long learners who reflect responsibility, perseverance, and who are productive members of an inclusive community that includes staff, parents, and students.