

RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS **September 2017**



**From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Interim Principal, Mr. James Tasker:**

I am certain by now that all of our students are anxious for the school year to begin on Thursday, September 7, 2017. As I had mentioned in the last column, there will be some new faces in our school to combine with our already existing staff members. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members to Riverdale: Mr. James Tasker, Interim Principal; Mr. Jayson Gutierrez, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mrs. Robin Chilton, School Social Worker; Mrs. Vickie Evans, School Nurse; Mrs. Hyson Gleason, Special Education Teacher, Mr. Daniel Pollard, Classroom Para-professional; Mrs. Jill Small, Special Education Teacher. We are pleased to have the talents of these individuals as part of our school system and know that the community will welcome them as well. Look for their bios in the October Town Newsletter!

This year's summer vacation has nearly concluded, and with that comes the overwhelming evidence that our 2017-2018 school year has arrived! Teachers are in daily as they prepare their classrooms for the students who will be entering the doors in September. Our twelve-month staff members have been very busy working throughout the summer to assure that things are ready for the opening of the new school year. We are all very anxious to have many children in our halls once again! This year our students will be welcomed with additional information regarding our positive behavior support system. Our new logo featuring the attributes that all Riverdale students demonstrate is featured on this page. A committee of educators has been working together to prepare for this great opportunity for our students! We will be sharing it with other family members at our Back to School Nights slated for the second week in September. We certainly hope to see you there!

I have had the good fortune to have a multitude of opportunities this past summer. I was also able to read numerous books on both my professional and personal enjoyment lists. It seems that the more I read, the more I am able to grow. In the book *Choosing Hope* by Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis, there is a section devoted to "choosing your path" with a quote by Jane Goodall that says "what you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." As the author expounds, teaching students social pieces in an academic curriculum is helping all to be made aware of the connections that exist. Ms. Roig-DeBellis says it best when she talks about "teaching children practical lessons" throughout the day. Our Riverdale teachers teach the whole child in the curriculum process, and with the initiation of our Ram Ready attributes, we are sure to soar even higher. We look forward to seeing you about our school this year and participating as you are able! Remember, together we can accomplish great things!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

SCHOOL STARTS FOR STUDENTS	(Thurs.) 9/7/17	PER SCHEDULE
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (PK-5)	9/14/17 at 6:30	PER SCHEDULE
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (6-8)	9/12/17 at 6:30	PER SCHEDULE
SCHOOL PLANNING TEAM LOTTERY	9/18/17 at 2:45	LIBRARY
PTA MEETING	9/20/17 at 6:30	CAFETERIA
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	9/20/17 at 7:30	LIBRARY
ROSH HASHANAH	9/21/17	SCHOOL CLOSED
6th GRADE PUBERTY TALKS	10/2/17 at 6:30 – 8:30	MUSIC ROOM/LIBRARY
WEEK OF RESPECT	10/2/17 through 10/6/17	PER SCHEDULE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	10/4/17 at 7:30	LIBRARY
SCHOOL PLANNING TEAM MEETING	10/11/17 at 2:45	LIBRARY
PTA MEETING	10/12/17 at 7:30	CAFETERIA