

THE WARRIOR WORD

THE LATEST FROM AROUND THE RIVERSIDE FEEDER AREA



AROUND OUR FEEDER AREA

Pratt Elementary School's fourth-graders have a new farm friend: Tinkerbell! Mrs. Dorsey's class adopted the calf, who lives at Double Platinum Farm in Van Wert, Ohio.

The class has information about Tinkerbell and her farm, plus a video introduction. Through Discover Dairy's Adopt a Cow program, students can continue following their calf through photos and updates as the school year unfolds.

Following a real calf gives students a personal connection to agriculture. They can learn about how dairy animals are cared for and what daily work on a farm looks like, with Tinkerbell providing a familiar face along the way.

Mrs. Dorsey will also share information with families about how to access Tinkerbell's updates, giving them a chance to follow along at home. There's plenty of growing and learning ahead, both on the farm and in the classroom!

FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Science had a little extra bounce in Mrs. Summers' preschool class at Belle Elementary School! Students mixed ingredients, watched their mixture take shape, and rolled it into bouncy balls. The experiment gave these young learners a chance to see how combining materials could create something new.



Ms. Miller's class at Malden Elementary School got a closer look at firefighters' work during a visit from the Malden Fire Department. The lesson covered fire safety, what firefighters do, and what to expect if students encounter a firefighter wearing full protective gear during an emergency.



Mrs. Scites' class at Mary Ingles Elementary School took their curiosity to the Clay Center! Students explored the new dinosaur exhibit and My Town, with opportunities to film a news segment, shop for groceries, and try out different jobs. They also joined Clay Center staff for a science experiment.

CELEBRATIONS AND SHOUTOUTS

Teacher Alison Douglas has a shoutout for Chesapeake Elementary School's staff! For Surprise Attendance Day, staff dressed as ghosts, greeted students, and handed out ghost squishies with the message, "Thanks for not Ghosting us today!" Thank you for giving students a playful welcome to school.



Congratulations to the three DuPont Middle School students selected in September's perfect attendance drawing! Each attended every school day that month and received a Roku TV. The drawings will continue throughout the school year, with Apple AirPods featured as October's prize. Congratulations, Panthers!

KITCHEN REFRESH



Fresh paint, a new hood system, and a reorganized baker's room have given the culinary lab at Carver Career and Technical Education Center a refreshed look. A thorough cleanout helped the program take stock of its equipment, too.

That sorting turned up usable items the program no longer needed. Cutting boards, knives, and other kitchen tools were passed along to the ProStart program at St. Albans High School, putting them into the hands of more culinary students.

The result is a refreshed workspace at Carver and another round of learning for equipment with plenty of use left in it. It's a practical example of KCS programs sharing resources and helping more students get to work in the kitchen.

BUSINESS STUDENTS GO TO CONCORD

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Riverside High School business students took their learning to a college campus when they traveled to Concord University with Mrs. Bowles for the Concord Business Challenge. The visit combined academic competition with a chance to experience a little college life.



The Concord Business Challenge brings high school students together to test their knowledge in subjects such as accounting, marketing, and economics. Participating gave Riverside's students an opportunity to apply their learning in a setting beyond their own classroom.

Students also enjoyed seeing Concord's campus in the fall. Between the challenge and a taste of campus life, the trip offered a look at possibilities they might explore after high school.



EXCESS LEVY MONEY AT WORK IN THE RIVERSIDE AREA

New turf is down on Riverside High School's baseball and softball fields! The KCS Facilities and Planning Department walked through the project with the contractors on October 29 to review the work.

Some work and cleanup remain before the overall project is finished. Completing the turf installation is an important step forward, with the fields expected to be ready for the first pitch of the spring season.

These excess levy improvements give Riverside's baseball and softball teams updated places to practice, develop their skills, and compete. We'll keep the school community informed as the remaining work moves forward.

NOV. HIGHLIGHTS

Nov. 3rd - Election Day, No School

Nov. 11th - Veterans Day, No School

Nov. 15th - Swing Sing, @ Clay Center

Nov. 23rd - Nov. 27th Thanksgiving Break

2027-2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE

KCS will share calendar options for the 2027-2028 school year later than the usual November schedule. Families, staff, and community members will still have an opportunity to review the options and provide input before the Board of Education selects a calendar.

Senate Bill 890, passed in 2026, replaces the requirement for 180 instructional days with a minimum of 900 instructional hours beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. KCS is awaiting additional guidance from the West Virginia Department of Education on details that affect calendar planning.

Meanwhile, our calendar committee has met several times and is developing options. Members include district and school administrators, elementary and secondary teachers, service personnel, and others.

We know school calendars help families plan ahead. We'll announce when the options are ready to go before the Board, where to view them, and how to share your feedback.