

**Riverside Elementary School**  
**End-of-Year Accomplishments**  
**June 2016**

Riverside continued to make progress toward the end of the year. Various resources supported all students, families and staff. Resources included, Title I, Reading Specialist, Special Education Staff, Social Worker, District's ELA Coach and Curriculum Director, and Technology Department. School Council played an important role in creating this year's School Improvement Plan. Last meeting will be held on May 31, 2016. A draft of the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan will be drafted.

Goal 1 concentrates on the district-wide implementation of the writing workshop model in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students focused on learning about *Opinion Writing and Informational Writing* during second and last trimesters. Students were responsible for better understanding the use of a topic sentence, incorporating details and ending with a conclusion. Teacher focus was also around gradual release and for students to have increased independence when writing. During Professional Learning Community days, teachers reviewed student work. Various assessment tools (rubrics, criteria for success) were used to better understand student challenges and, therefore, helped drive instruction. Faculty Council days and Early Release days allowed for additional time for teachers to work on creating grade specific action plans toward students understanding the strategies needed for successful writing.

Goal 2 has a focus on providing more informational and welcoming opportunities of various events via social media. There are 133 followers on Twitter (22 more since January) and 94 Tweets have been sent out (51 more since January). One Riverside family member tweeted, "Thank goodness for Twitter! My kid never tells me anything!" Parents access Twitter to receive reminders about theme days, special events and celebrations. In addition, Twitter highlights students' success and weekly important announcements. The *Healthy Living, Healthy Learning* Art Mural Project was Tweeted and Retweeted by various members of the community. Riverside's website is updated on a monthly basis, including newsletters, pictures and events. Following results from the K12 Insight Survey of 2015-2016, Riverside will hold its first K-5 Science Fair on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 participants will be part of this special event.

Goal 3 is concentrating on two school-wide read books. Students in Grades 3 thru 5 are participating in a read of Fish In A Tree, by Lynda Hunt and students in Grades PreK thru 2 are participating in a read of Have You Filled A Bucket Today, by Carol McCloud. Students have been asked to put all of their bucket filler sheets into the main bucket in the front lobby ~ this bucket will be dumped out at the last Riverside Rally ~ various sheets will be read out loud. Classes finished reading Fish In A Tree. Some classes did a compare/contrast with Fish In A Tree and Wonder, while others read the story and did a writing piece as a reflection. During the April Book Fair, many students were able to purchase both books.