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A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Community Members:

Spring appears to finally be here, and another end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Most of the events and activities are behind us with a few left to finish out the year.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the fall and winter sports, clubs, band, choir, musical, NHS, Academic Decathlon, etc. I wish the best of luck to the students in spring sports, clubs, and co-curricular activities. We had many individuals and teams that made post season playoffs as well as all the way to the State Finals. Special congratulations to the wrestling team that brought home another state title and many individual medals along the way. Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team who went further into the State Playoffs than any other basketball team in Reynolds athletic history.

Students completed the PSSA testing in grades three through eight in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science. Students will soon begin the Keystone Exams (Algebra 1, Biology, and Literature) as well as the AP exams and end of the year book exams/final exams.

The annual budget time is also upon us as we are continually expected to make it through another year using level funding. Although not impossible, each year becomes more difficult without the much needed funds to help our students be the best they can be. Our hopes will be, as in the past, to keep all staff and programs intact.

We will witness another group of 6th graders graduate on Thursday, May 31, 2018 as they complete their elementary education and become junior high students. Most, if not all of them, have already experienced 7th grade orientation and have a feel for what to expect in August. The very next evening, we will also witness our seniors walk across the auditorium stage as they receive their diplomas and graduate on Friday, June 1, 2018. Commencement is somewhat of a bittersweet moment, but it makes us all proud. This is where we get to send all of our productive young men and women onto higher education, trades, and into the workforce to show off their talents and skills.

As I wrap up my second year's end as Superintendent, I would like to wish all a safe, healthy, and fun filled summer. I had a great year and am certainly looking for more to come.

Thanks to all!

John Sibeto

John Sibeto, Superintendent

Introducing . . .

Mrs. Amy Leczner,

Reynolds Elementary School PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Leczner has worked in the district since 2005. At that time she was employed as an elementary teacher and worked as a reading teacher. In August of 2010, Mrs. Leczner became the Elementary Principal. She grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from the Carrick High School. She matriculated to Slippery Rock University and Penn State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master's degree in Teaching and Curriculum. She holds the following PA teaching certifications: Elementary K-6, Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped K-12, Reading Specialist PK-12, and Principal PK-12.



Mrs. Leczner resides in Jefferson Township with her husband, Thomas (also known as the Cat in the Hat) and her daughter, Sydney, who attends school at Reynolds Elementary. Their family is rounded out with two golden retrievers, Sassafras and Spencer. In Mrs. Leczner's spare time, she enjoys riding her bike, going off road with her Jeep, and cheering on the Pittsburgh Penguins. Her favorite all-time food is Red Velvet Cake. Mrs. Leczner enjoys all books by author Nicholas Sparks, and her favorite movies are *Guardians of the Galaxy* and *The Avengers*. Her top bucket list item is . . . traveling to Germany.



Introducing . . .

Mr. Scott Shearer,

Reynolds Jr.-Sr. High School PRINCIPAL

Mr. Shearer has worked in the district since 2008. At that time he was employed as an Assistant Secondary Principal, then became the Elementary Principal, and then lastly, the Secondary Principal. He graduated from New Wilmington High School and attended college at Westminster College, Edinboro University and Gannon University. Mr. Shearer earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a Master's of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and earned his Principal's certification from Gannon. He previously taught at New Wilmington High School where he served as an Assistant Football Coach and Head Boys Baseball Coach.

Mr. Shearer and his wife, Christine, reside in New Wilmington with their two daughters, Madeline and Ava. In his spare time, he golfs, works out and travels. He cheers on

his favorite teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins, in addition to Notre Dame. Mr. Shearer's favorite foods are bison and lamb. His favorite book is The Shack, and his favorite movie is *Rudy*. Mr. Shearer's personal goal is to maintain good health and stay young and fit. His top bucket list item is to go on a European vacation.

Reynolds Elementary School

Track and Field Day

Reynolds Elementary School's Annual Track and Field Day will be held on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**, at the Reynolds Junior-Senior High School track beginning from **Noon to 3:30 PM**. Admission is free and parents are welcome to attend.



Students in grades five and six may choose two events to compete in from among eight different events. These events include: 50 M. Dash; 100 M. Dash; 400 M. Run; 800 M. Run; 50 M. Hurdles; Long Jump; and Softball Throw.

In addition to those seven events, students may elect to compete as a member of a 4 X 4 100 M Relay Team. Each class will be allowed to have three girls' relay teams and three boys' relay teams.

Ribbons, provided by the PTO, will be presented to the students who finish in the first five places in each event. In addition, a trophy will be presented to the class in each grade whose students score the most points.



Success by Six Program

Success by Six is a program offered by the United Way. It has been established to help students transition into Kindergarten. The program is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, 6/11/2018 through 7/26/2018 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

This program will be taught by Reynolds staff through the United Way of Mercer County. Students will work on academics, health and wellness, and social relationships. This provides students with opportunities to become familiar with the following: the school, classroom routines, school rules, riding the bus, eating in the cafeteria, and socialization skills.

If you're interested in having your son or daughter enrolled in this program, contact **Mrs. Lori McEwen** at Reynolds Elementary School, 724-646-5600. Please contact her as soon as possible if you are interested in this program, since the spots fill up fast. Students will be accepted on a first call basis and spots are limited to 20. *****STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN IN ORDER TO ATTEND.**



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Introducing . . . the 5TH Grade Teachers at Reynolds Elementary School



Mrs. Julie Ollila began substitute teaching in the Reynolds School District in 1994 and became a full-time elementary teacher in 1999. She graduated from the Grove City High School, Slippery Rock University and Northcentral University. Mrs. Ollila earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, a Master's degree in Elementary Education, and a Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum and Teaching. She holds both an elementary education and a reading specialist certification. Mrs. Ollila and her husband, John, reside in the Mercer area and have a son, Ian, who is a junior at Westminster College. They have ten horses, six cats, two dogs and one bird. In her spare time, Mrs. Ollila enjoys reading, spending time with her animals, visiting shut-ins and has directed a Christmas musical for the past 22 years. Her favorite athletic teams are the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates, Denver Broncos and Miami Dolphins. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Mrs. Ollila's favorite book is The Invention of Hugo Cabret, and her favorite movies are *The Money Pit*, *Sound of Music*, *White Christmas* and *Frozen*. Her top bucket list item is to make a bucket list, and her personal goal is to watch her son continue to grow into a successful man.

Ms. Maggie Toth began teaching in the Reynolds Elementary School in 1994. She is home-grown having graduated from Reynolds High School before matriculating to Duquesne University and Carlow University. She holds certifications in elementary education and early childhood education. Ms. Toth has an adult son, Anthony, and three grandchildren, Milo, Marx and Cohen. She spends her spare time traveling, shopping, running, and feeding the homeless. Ms. Toth enjoys cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers, Penguins and Pirates. Her favorite meal is Tacos, and her favorite movie is *Shawshank Redemption*. Ms. Toth's favorite book is The Bell Jar. Her personal goal is to be a positive light in the lives of her grandchildren, and her top bucket list item is to tour Europe.



Mrs. Debra Swan-Wolford started her teaching career in the Reynolds Elementary School in 2006 after a few years of substitute teaching in the district. She graduated from Royalton-Hartland Central School in Middleport, NY and matriculated to Thiel College. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education K-6 and a Master's degree from Gannon University in Education and Curriculum. Mrs. Wolford and her husband, John, reside in the district with their son, Brandon, who serves as a volunteer boys basketball coach at RHS. Their family is rounded out with two goats, Moonshine and Sunshine. In her spare time, she loves to read, cheers on the Pittsburgh Steelers, and assists with charity auctions. Mrs. Wolford enjoys eating a good salad, reading the book, The Nightingale, and watching the movie, *The Greatest Showman*. Her top bucket list item is to travel to Italy.



2018-2019

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR **2018-19** IS NOW OPEN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER EARLY SO CLASS SIZES CAN BE DETERMINED.

PLEASE COME TO THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN THE REYNOLDS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **8:00—11:00 AM** OR **1:00—3:00 PM**. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PACKET OF INFORMATION TO COMPLETE, PLEASE CALL:

MR. LUMPP AT **724-646-5500, EXT. 5525** OR

MRS. ANDERSON AT **724-646-5500, EXT. 5527**.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN, A CHILD MUST BE FIVE YEARS OLD **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**. THE FULL REGISTRATION PROCESS INCLUDES A COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKET, A STATE ISSUED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF RESIDENCY (E.G. MORTGAGE STATEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, CELL PHONE STATEMENT, OR TWO (2) CURRENT UTILITY BILLS, VERIFICATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES) AND A COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD. COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION MEANS THE CHILD HAS RECEIVED ALL DOSES OF REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:

- 4 DOSES OF TETANUS* (1 DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 4 DOSES OF DIPHTHERIA* (1 DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 4 DOSES OF POLIO (4TH DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 3 DOSES OF HEPATITIS B
- 2 DOSES OF MMR**
- 2 DOSES OF VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) VACCINE OR HISTORY OF THE DISEASE

* USUALLY GIVEN AS DTP OR DTAP OR DT OR Td

** MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)



WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE, WE WILL REVIEW THE COMPLETED FORMS WITH YOU AND MAKE COPIES OF YOUR DOCUMENTS. IF YOU BRING YOUR CHILD WITH YOU, THEIR PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN FOR SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.



Kindergarten Camp will be held this year [Monday, August 13, 2018](#) through [Friday, August 17, 2018](#). Camp will begin at **9:00 AM** and end at **12:00 PM** daily. **Parents are encouraged to attend the opening day of camp ceremonies. Parents will be given district information and classroom information from teachers.** Transportation will be provided for students Tuesday through Friday.

Parents will receive valuable information on the first day from several of our administrative staff. The Supervisor of Food Service, Supervisor of Child Accounting and Transportation, the School Nurse, Guidance Counselor, and the Principals will be in attendance to answer questions and explain policies and procedures.

Students will have the opportunity during this week to become familiar with the school, their teachers, classroom routines, etc. without feeling intimidation by the entire student body.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



Reynolds Elementary New Student Orientation will be held [Wednesday, August 15, 2018](#) at **9:00 AM** in the elementary library. This orientation is geared towards new students that have moved in over the summer. Students and parents will meet with the Supervisor of Food Service, Supervisor of Child Accounting and Transportation, School Nurse, and the Elementary Principal to go over school related information. A tour of the building will be given to students and parents at this time, also.

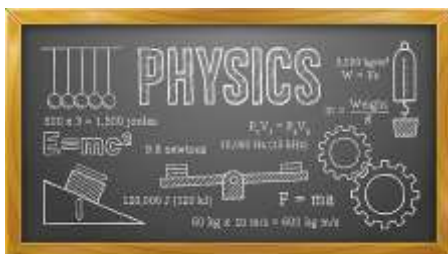
Reynolds Junior-Senior High School New Student Orientation will also be held [Wednesday, August 15, 2018](#) at **10:00 AM**.



- **August 27, 2018** **1st School Day for Grades 1-12**
- **August 27-29, 2018** **Kindergarten Assessments**
- **August 30, 2018** **1st School Day for Kindergarten**
- **September 3, 2018** **LABOR DAY – No School**

Introducing . . . THE RHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Nate Addleman, Physics/General Science



Mr. Addleman began his career at RHS in 2009. He hails from Shanksville, PA and graduated from Grove City College with a bachelor's degree in Physics/ General Science and Secondary Education. He is completing his master's degree at Boise State University. He and his wife, Abby, reside in Grove City with their two boxers, Millie and Lacie. In Mr. Addleman's spare time, he

serves as a junior high trackcoach for the district, and is an Assistant Fire Chief with Pine Township Engine Co. His hobbies include working around the house outside, collecting and fixing old Cub Cadet equipment and spending time with his wife. He cheers on the Pittsburgh Penguins, Steelers, and Pirates, and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite book is American Sniper, and his favorite movie is Gone in 60 Seconds. At the top of his bucket list is traveling to

different countries and seeing places that are unique. Mr. Addleman's personal goal is to complete his Masters in Education Technology degree and start a family with his wife.

Mrs. Jane Coburn, Chemistry

Mrs. Coburn began teaching chemistry at RHS in 2008. She is from Rhode Island, and attended college at University of Rhode Island, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Old Dominion University. Mrs. Coburn holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in science education. She serves as the Senior Class Advisor and Key Club Advisor. Mrs. Coburn resides in Hempfield Township with her husband, Ron, and they have four children,



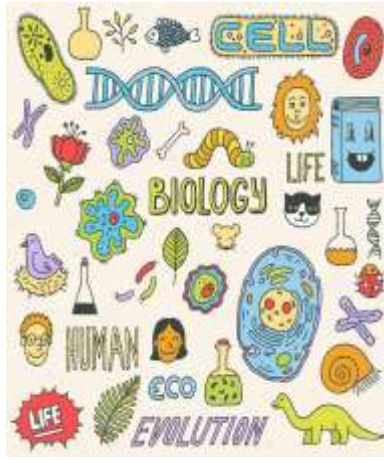
Sebastian, Kiernan, Xavier and Addison, some of whom still attend school in the district. Their home includes two chocolate labs, Romeo and Sierra. In her spare time, Mrs. Coburn is busy with the Civil Air Patrol and being a church lector at St. Michael's. She enjoys volunteering with the Key Clubbers and cheering for the New England Patriots. Her favorite food is Chicken Marsala, favorite book is The Help, and favorite movie is Forest Gump. Mrs. Coburn's personal goal is to strive to be a better wife, mom, friend and teacher. She tells us that the order isn't important, she just wants to be a better person. Her top bucket list item is to visit South Korea.

Mr. Bill Foore, General Science



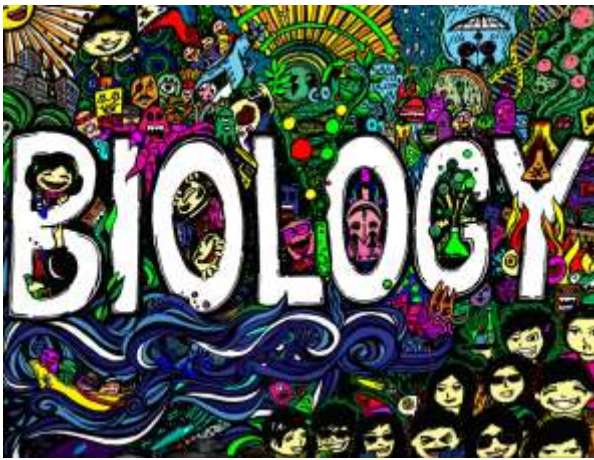
Mr. Foore began his career at RHS in 1999. He graduated from Sharon High School and matriculated to Slippery Rock University. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and two master's degrees – theology and education in addition to holding a Principal's certification. He and his wife, Carrie, reside in the district with their children, Johnna, Liam, Caedmon, and Kellen, who all attend school in the district. Their family is rounded out with two dogs, Lucky and Ace. In his spare time, Mr. Foore is busy working as a wrestling and track coach for the district as well as serving as a Sunday school teacher. He loves to hike, bike, boat and cheer on the Reynolds Raiders. His favorite meal is steak, and his favorite book is The Bible. His favorite movie is Rocky IV. Mr. Foore's personal goal is to enjoy his family, and having grandchildren one day is his top bucket list item

Mr. Seth Little, Biology



Mr. Little began teaching biology at RHS in 2008. He is from Nanty-Glo, PA, and attended college at Slippery Rock University. Mr. Little holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education, biology and chemistry. He serves as a boys basketball assistant coach and weight room supervisor. Mr. Little resides in the district with his wife, Alissa, and they have two children, Taeson, who is an elementary student in the district and toddler, Evelyn. His hobbies are all about sports, and he cheers for the Pittsburgh Penguins and Steelers. Mr. Little's favorite food is bacon. His favorite book is Mismeasure of Man, and he enjoys watching Marvel movies with his son. Mr. Little's personal goal is to be healthy and eventually retire.

Mrs. Erica Wilcox, Biology/Anatomy



Mrs. Wilcox started her career at RHS in 2006. She graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School and matriculated to Youngstown State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education biology. She earned a master's degree from Penn State University in Curriculum Development. Mrs. Wilcox resides in Sharon with her husband, Adam, and their three sons, Tyler, Max and Parker. In her spare time she serves as a Senior High Student Council Advisor and enjoys running, dance and yoga. Her favorite meal



is anything Italian, and her favorite movie is *Shawshank Redemption*. Mrs. Wilcox's personal goal is to enjoy life more and not be so busy. Her top bucket list item is to travel to Europe with her family.

Science is the study of the physical and natural world through observations and experiments. Science is all around us. The fact that you exist and are in the process of reading this article is science. The air we breathe, the food we enjoy, water we drink, and clothes we wear are all based in science. Looking up into the atmosphere gives us a glimpse into astronomy, another branch of science. Science is everywhere and is one of the most important topics of study in our world.





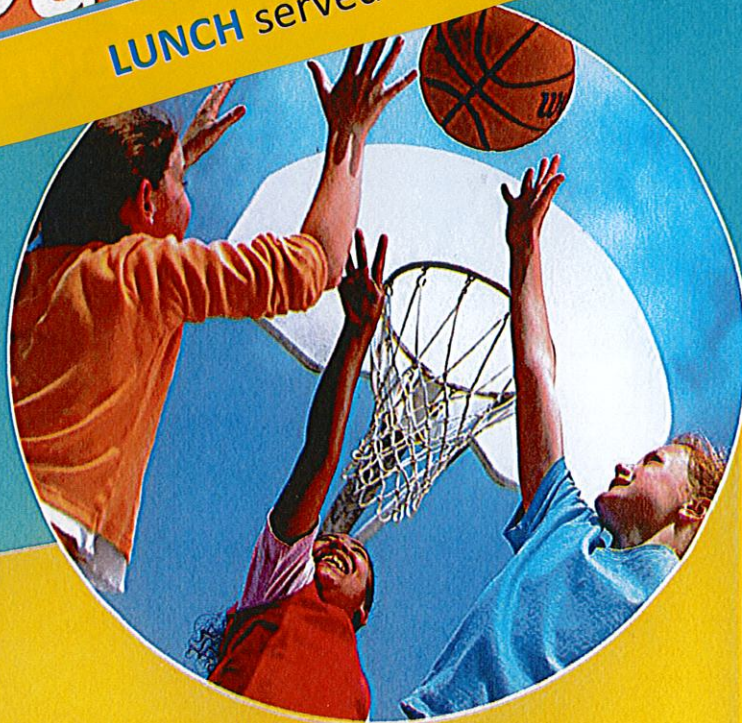
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A NOTE FROM THE NURSES . . .

Important Information for All Parents and Guardians

The PA Department of Health added new requirements for attendance at school which affected all students this school year. All students, who have not met the requirement, will need:

- a 2nd dose of MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) for all students entering 12th grade, which must be given after their 16th birthday;
- a dose of polio given on or after their 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose for students in all grades.

Please contact your student's doctor as they may have already had these vaccines and/or to schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines and provide documentation of the date these vaccines were given to the school nurse before the first day of the **2018-19** school year.

Please feel free to contact the school nurse as needed.

Sincerely,

Carisse Mirizio

RHS School Nurse
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RES School Nurse
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MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Reynolds School District is to provide an excellent education for all by all.

VISION STATEMENT:

The Pennsylvania State Standards of Assessment and Keystone Exams will serve as the foundation of the Reynolds School District's educational program with the achievement of said standards being the expected outcome. The Reynolds School District will use purposeful assessment driven instruction to provide an educational program that meets the various needs of students in order to continuously improve student achievement. Educating Reynolds School District students will be a shared responsibility among all stakeholders: students, parents, the Board of School Directors, administrators, teachers, support staff members, and members of the community. High quality professional development will provide administrators, teachers, and support staff members with the tools and knowledge required to enhance the District's ability to deliver a high quality instructional program.

Adopted by Reynolds School Board—November 2014

