

Winter 2018-19

*The Communication Link Between the Community and Your Schools*

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*A Message from the . . .*

## Superintendent of Schools



Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Community Members:

I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break and spent time making memories with family and friends. Looking into the remainder of this school year, we have many new and exciting activities planned for Reynolds School District.

With beginning and mid-year CDT testing over in grades 3 – 8; and the Winter Keystones in January, teachers now have the necessary data to prescribe lessons to prepare students for PA mandated testing. This year's PSSA tests are in April and the first week in May, while the Keystones are on the calendar for May.

Teachers continue to work on the Math and ELA curriculum to help the students strive to reach their full potential with the rigorous curriculum. Sixth grade is working this year with their new science textbooks and materials. New science textbooks will be ordered this spring for grades kindergarten to five, so that they are ready for the start of next school year.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the district purchased an initial set of 240 Chromebooks to be divided among 8 mobile carts that are placed in the Junior/Senior High School in core subject areas. Upon the successful implementation of this initial group, an additional 92 Chromebooks have been purchased in order to create smaller class sized carts for additional classrooms. Students use these devices during classroom time and study halls; these devices are not permitted to leave the school grounds.

Another productive fall sports season has come to a close. The cross country team again was very successful both as a team and individually. Coach Santom sent two athletes to the PA State Cross Country Meet. In football, we again made the D-10 Semi-Finals and lost to the eventual State Champion Farrell Steelers. Girls' golf completed their first season of a cooperative agreement with Greenville HS, and two girls from Greenville helped make the team a competitive one. Winter sports are well under way. In the first half of the winter sports season we have seen our wrestlers under Head Coach Casey Taylor again show they are among the cream of the crop, not just locally or state-wide, but some even nationally. The wrestlers are challenging for a third state team title in a row and have mowed a path through our first half of the season competition. Our boys' basketball team has had an up and down start of the season but are looking forward to Shyne Sims hopefully surpassing the 1,000 point mark soon (if he keeps up this pace). Girls' basketball has startled our area by again being very competitive with only one senior, one junior and one sophomore and a first year head coach, Doug Dorio. The Lady Raiders look set to challenge in the D-10 Playoffs again but will run into the senior laden West Middlesex Big Reds at some point. We can only hope that match up comes late in the playoffs and allows the girls entry into the state rounds again.

Reynolds School District is a great place for students to excel in their academics and sporting careers. It is important that the student body supports one another through all aspects of school. This is an exciting time of year with our educational changes because we will be enhancing our learning skills which will help us become academically stronger as a school. Students will be able to take what they learned in the classroom here at Reynolds School District to help prepare them for a successful journey ahead.

*John Sibeto*

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Raider Superintendent

# hello first grade

- **Mrs. Elaine Aretz**
- **Mrs. Kimberly Banic**
- **Mrs. Samantha Montesano**
- **Mrs. Renee Peters**

Reynolds Elementary School is very fortunate to have outstanding first grade teachers! For a better insight into their experience, we need to understand their students . . . First graders are brimming over with enthusiasm and excitement for learning, life, friends, and interests. Students at this age experience tremendous growth, lost teeth, make big plans, jump into projects and work at a quick pace. First graders' enthusiasm for school and life can be exhausting but infectious, and we are told that teaching them is an exciting and joyful experience.

Mrs. Elaine Aretz began teaching at Reynolds in 2006. She is home-grown having graduated from RHS in the Class of 2001. Mrs. Aretz matriculated to Grove City College where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education, and thereafter to



Liberty University where she earned her master's degree in education. She resides in Greenville with her husband, Patrick, and three children, Avery, Nolan and Reagan. An Italian Greyhound named Carter rounds out their family. Mrs. Aretz volunteers at her church in various capacities where she is needed, particularly in the student/children's ministry. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, shopping, baking and crafting. Mrs. Aretz also enjoys cheering on her favorite Pittsburgh teams, the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins. Mrs. Aretz's favorite foods are pizza and anything Italian. Her favorite movie is *Hitch*, and her favorite books are Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen and Pam Tillman children's books. Mrs. Aretz tells us that her top bucket list item is to travel around the country with her husband. Her personal goal is to be a blessing to all those with whom she interacts.

Mrs. Kimberly Banic started her teaching career



in the Reynolds Elementary School in 2006. She graduated from Greenville High School and matriculated to Thiel College and NOVA Southeastern University. Mrs. Banic holds bachelor's degrees in accounting & business and elementary education, and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She is certified to teach elementary grades K-6. Mrs. Banic and her husband, Chris, reside in Greenville with their daughters, Lexi, a sophomore at Thiel and Laina, a freshman at Penn State Behrend. Their family is rounded out with two cats, Sammy and Buddy. In her spare time, she volunteers for His Work His Way and A Night to Shine. Mrs. Banic enjoys swimming, walking, Crossfit, and cheering on the Miami Dolphins and Penn State. Her favorite food is any type of pasta, and she loves watching Hallmark Christmas movies. Mrs. Banic's favorite book is The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeanette Walls. Her top bucket list item is to vacation on an island with her family. Mrs. Banic's personal goals are to take time to focus on gratitude and the blessings in her life as well as spending time with her family making memories.



Mrs. Samantha Montesano started her teaching



career in the Reynolds Elementary School in 2005. She graduated from Greenville High School and matriculated to Slippery Rock University. Mrs. Montesano holds a master's degree in special education supervision. She is certified in elementary grades K-6 and special education. Mrs. Montesano and her husband, Craig, reside in Greenville with their daughters, Chelsea (8) and Lauren (9). Their family also includes Dexter, a Black Lab and Louie, a small, rescued Fox Terrier mix. In her spare time, Mrs. Montesano serves on the Greenville Public Library Board of Directors. She enjoys reading, being outdoors, going to the movies and spending time with her family. Her favorite food is anything Italian, and her favorite movie is *National Lampoon Christmas Vacation*. Mrs. Montesano tells us that she has too many favorite books and authors to list. Her top bucket list item is to own a house at the beach. Mrs. Montesano's personal goals for 2019 include becoming more organized at home and being the best mom and teacher that she can be.

Mrs. Renee Peters began teaching in Reynolds in 2005. She graduated from Burrell High School in Lower Burrell, PA. Mrs. Peters attended college at Indiana University of PA where she obtained her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is certified in Elementary K-6 and Mid-Level Mathematics 7-9. Formerly, Mrs. Peters was a Girls Head Cross Country Coach for RHS. She resides in the district with her husband, Eric. They have four adult children, all of whom graduated from RHS: Katlyn Smith, Bekah Brine, Caleb Peters and Andrew Peters. In addition, they are blessed with two grandchildren, Gwendolyn and Griffin. Their household includes Nellie, a Chocolate Lab, and two cats named Oscar and Felix. In her spare time, Mrs. Peters enjoys running, crafting, reading, watching movies, and finding fun, clean eating recipes. She also cheers on the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Mrs. Peters' favorite food is the avocado. Her favorite movie is *The Family Stone*, and her favorite book is *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamont. Mrs. Peters' top bucket list item is to travel to Ireland.



→ kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 school year . . .  
March 18-21, 2019



Reynolds School District will hold Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year March 18-21, 2019 at the Central Administration Office. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before September 1, 2019.

The full registration process includes a completed registration packet, a state issued birth certificate, proof of residency (e.g. mortgage statement or lease agreement; or two (2) of the following: current utility bill, verification of social services, (un)/employment paystub. We do not accept a driver's license or vehicle registration as proof of residency), proof of guardianship or custody if applicable, and a complete immunization record. Complete immunization means the child has received all the doses of immunization required. Pennsylvania law requires that each child entering school must have the following immunizations: Four doses—tetanus, diphtheria, polio; three doses—hepatitis B; two doses—MMR; two doses—varicella (chicken pox) or history of disease.

Registration packets can be picked up in advance at the Central Administration Office, located at 531 Reynolds Road in Greenville. For additional information, please call the Central Administration Office at 724-646-5501.



## RHS COVERED BRIDGE CRAFT SHOW

(Sponsored by Reynolds High School Key Club)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
at REYNOLDS JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

**TABLES:** \$30.00 (No Electric) / \$35.00 (With Electric – Limited Availability)  
\$5.00 Late Fee/Table After March 10, 2019

**ADMISSIONS:** \$2.00/Adult; \$1.00/Students (Grades K-12)

*Refreshments – Provided for Purchase*  
*Chinese Auction*

Please call Karen Sherwood at 724-646-1342 or 724-456-2097 for Additional Information

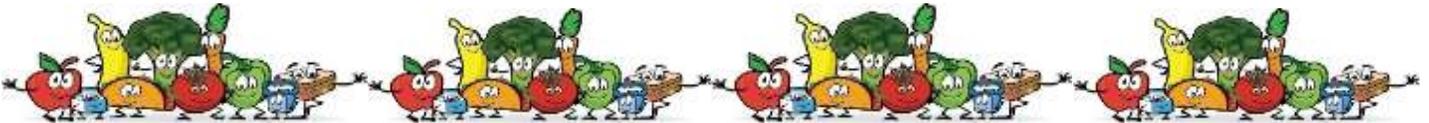


## Meet our Supervisor of Food Service ... Ms. Lisa Brest



Ms. Lisa Brest began working at Reynolds in 2003. She began her career at Reynolds as a part-time payroll confidential secretary and currently is the Supervisor of Food Service. Ms. Brest

graduated from Mercer Area High School and obtained an associate's degree in accounting from Slippery Rock University. She also obtained degrees from Florida International University in Hospitality Management, Food & Beverage, and Culinary Arts. She resides in Sharon with her Guinea Pig named Lucy, two dogs: Riley, a Lab/Chow mix, and a Yorkie named Friday, and two cats: Ziggy and Desi. In her spare time, Ms. Brest works as an athletic ticket taker and game manager for the district as well as spending time with her nieces Dr. Alyssa Cirillo and Carly Brest and nephews Zachary Cirillo and Kendall Brest. She attends the Assembly of God Church and enjoys cooking, photography, swimming, college football, gardening and working on home projects. Ms. Brest also cheers on the Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians and the Army football team. Her favorite foods are pasta, pizza and ice cream. Ms. Brest's favorite movies are *The Notebook* and *Escape from Alcatraz*. Her favorite books are The Mind Hunter and cookbooks. Ms. Brest's top bucket list item is to travel to Brest, France where her family originates from. She tells us that her personal goals are to make every day count, do good deeds daily, stay focused and be thankful for everything.



## 2017-18 PA Boys Wrestling High School Coach of the Year – Mr. Casey Taylor

Congratulations goes out to *Coach Casey Taylor* for being named by the National Federation of State High School Coaches Association as the **2017-18 PA Boys Wrestling Coach of the Year**. Mr. Taylor took over the helm of the Raider Nation wrestling team back in 2011. Prior to that, he coached many, many years as an assistant under his stepdad, Mr. Brian Hills. Mr. Taylor has stayed the course in leading the Reynolds Raiders to many victories and several athletes to many college scholarships during his leadership. It is a pleasure for our students, staff and community to know this honor is being bestowed upon a coach so deserving of it – **RAIDER PRIDE!**





*Introducing . . . Ms. Lisa Hixenbaugh, School Psychologist*



Ms. Hixenbaugh was hired as the district's School Psychologist in December 2018. She will fill the position in early February 2019 when Mrs. Kyra Matachak leaves RSD to start her new job. Ms. Hixenbaugh comes to us from Anderson, SC where she has resided and worked for the past year and a half. Prior to that she was employed for ten years in the Sharon City School District and also has worked for the Midwestern Intermediate IV and Northwest Tri-County IU5 in Edinboro. Ms. Hixenbaugh resides in Meadville, PA and has a son named Evan who currently attends college at Penn State University Behrend. She also has a daughter, Adelle, who is an artist in Cleveland, OH. Ms. Hixenbaugh graduated from Maplewood High School, Guys Mills, PA and matriculated to Penn State University Behrend and Edinboro University. She is certified in Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Education, and School Psychologist in PA, as well as School Psychologist in South Carolina. Ms. Hixenbaugh holds a Master's of Education degree and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate studies in School Psychology. Welcome to Reynolds Ms. Hixenbaugh!

*Coming soon to Reynolds Elementary School . . .*

**READ ACROSS AMERICA / Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration**

**Wednesday, MARCH 6, 2019 at 7:30 PM**



***Other Important Dates to Remember:***

- ✓ Monday, January 21, 2019 – Inservice Day, No School for Students
- ✓ Monday, February 4, 2019 – Winter Break, No School
- ✓ Monday, February 18, 2019 – Inservice Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences, No School for Students
- ✓ Friday, March 8, 2019 – Spring Break, No School
- ✓ Friday, March 29, 2019 – Inservice Day, No School for Students
- ✓ Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Early Dismissal Day for Students
- ✓ April 19-22, 2019 – Spring Vacation – No School



Reynolds Jr.-Sr. High School will be heading down the yellow brick road and off to see the wizard, for this year's musical presentation of *The Wizard of Oz*. The musical adaptation of the original novel, written by L. Frank Baum, and adapted by Frank Gabrielson, with music and lyrics from the original MGM motion picture scored by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg, will whirl you back it time to your first viewing of *The Wizard of Oz*. In our production, Caroline Hoovler will have the featured role of Dorothy Gale and the characters of the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Cowardly Lion, will be played by Joey Dickson, James Shafer, and Garrett Heckman, respectively. Olivia Mott will grace us as Glinda, the Good Witch of the South, and Ava DiGregorio will frighten us as the Wicked Witch of the West. Cat Patterson and John Shalenberger will be featured as Aunt Em and Uncle Henry with Chance Fable taking on the role of the Wizard. There are approximately 30 other wonderful characters, singers and dancers who will give amazing performances. With over 60 students bringing this production to life, it is a family friendly show you don't want to miss. Show dates and times are Friday, March 29 @ 7:00pm and Saturday, March 30 @ 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door. \$8.00 Adults and \$5.00 for Seniors/Students.

*Article submitted by Mrs. Heckman*

## It's Flu Season



### *Tips for Preventing Flu & Illness*

- ✓ Stay home from school or work when sick and limit contacts with others if ill.
- ✓ Avoid contact with sick people.
- ✓ Return to school or work only when fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- ✓ Cover your cough with a tissue or your sleeve. Discard tissue immediately after use.
- ✓ Wash hands frequently especially after use of tissues or other soiled items.
- ✓ Use hand sanitizers when hand washing not available.
- ✓ Regularly clean areas and items that have frequent hand contact.
- ✓ Avoid touching nose, mouth and eyes as much as possible.
- ✓ Contact your health care provider when sick as needed.

*Article submitted by Ms. Mirizio and Mrs. Elder*



## Substitute Workers Needed Today!

**Substitute . . . Custodians, Nurses, Nurse Assistants, Food Service Employees, Secretaries, Teachers, Teacher Aides . . . *You Are Needed!***

Substitute positions are available at Reynolds School District. Substitutes are needed in the following areas: **Custodians, Food Service Employees, School Nurses, School Nurse Assistants, Teachers, Teacher Aides, and Secretaries.** Persons interested in applying for any of the substitute positions email: [scombine@reynolds.k12.pa.us](mailto:scombine@reynolds.k12.pa.us) or call (724) 646-5501, Ext. 5521.



### *2018-19 MIU4* **Guest Teacher Training Program** *(Formerly the Emergency Substitute Teacher Program )*

The Guest Teacher Training Program (formerly called the Emergency Substitute Training Program) is endorsed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, 27 school districts in Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties and the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. This program assists you in obtaining an Emergency Permit to serve as a day-to-day substitute in local school districts during the **2018-2019** school year. The intent of this program is to increase the number of available substitutes for our public schools.

In order to qualify for the training program, the candidate must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Complete the attached registration form and mail it along with a check or money order made payable to Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV to the attention of Lorinda Hess, Director of Continuing Education, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127. Upon receipt of your registration, a packet will be mailed to you with detailed instructions.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Department at 724-458-6700 x1286 or x1238 or email: [lorinda.hess@miu4.org](mailto:lorinda.hess@miu4.org)



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### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

*[The mission statement avers the concept that all students are to be provided an excellent education, by all employees of the district, so that they may succeed in college, career and technical studies, or move directly into the workforce. Reynolds SD recognizes that this mission statement is intended to reflect the educational needs for each student to be successful in the 21st Century.]*

### 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—October 2018

