



The River Vale E-Review ***April 20, 2018***



Curriculum Showcases at Roberge and Woodside

Thank you parents who were able to attend our Parent Curriculum Showcases at Woodside and Roberge yesterday! Our hope is that this new interdisciplinary approach highlighted some of the dynamic projects students are working on to enhance their communication, collaboration, and critical and creative thinking skills, by combining what was previously Parent Visitation Day with the district's curriculum showcases and art shows. A special thank you to staff who generously volunteered their time, and to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Dorlon for our excellent elementary art program! To view a photo gallery of student work, please click [here](#).



Roberge School Community Forum

Thank you to parents who were able to attend our Roberge School Community Forum on Wednesday, where we focused on revisions being made to the district's SAGE program, and the new regional mathematics

curriculum being implemented in the upcoming school-year. We will soon be updating our website with more information as we look forward to sharing more with you about these exciting programs for next year!



Holdrum School Presents *The Lion King* 5/3 & 5/4

Parents and community members are invited to attend Holdrum's Annual School Musical, *The Lion King*! Performances will be held on May 3rd and 4th. For additional information, please click [here!](#)



PARCC Assessments

Students in grades 6-8 will begin taking the PARCC the week of May 7th, and grades 3-5 the week of May 14th. In addition, students in grades 5 and 8 will be taking New Jersey's new science assessment on May 23 - 24. If you recall, PARCC replaced the NJASK as the state-required assessment for language arts and math in New Jersey, and is based on the New Jersey Learning Standards for mathematics and ELA.

Last year our students showed themselves to be well-prepared and comfortable taking the test. We have been working hard in River Vale to strike a balance between preparing for the PARCC, while still providing students the rich, comprehensive education they deserve. Ultimately, we pay attention to what we value and regardless of which standardized test the state chooses to use, our *Portrait of a Graduate* needs to be the "north star" by which we define good teaching and learning. Your building principal will continue to keep you updated on building-specific details regarding the PARCC.