



The Buzz On Warrior Way

Edition

Riverside Food Pantry

The Riverside food pantry has received many generous donations from both private citizens as well as companies. We have been given monetary donations as well as food donations. Some donors include; The Kanawha County Commission, Edgewood Elementary, DuPont Middle School, Ball Toyota, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Covenant House, the Republican Committee of West Virginia as well as private citizens. One citizen donated turkey breasts for the distribution day in December. Riverside held a Holiday Food drive in which many teachers sponsored a food item, having their students bring in the item.

Thank you to all of the donors who have given food! Without donations, it would not be possible! On December 15th, we served 86 families from the community.

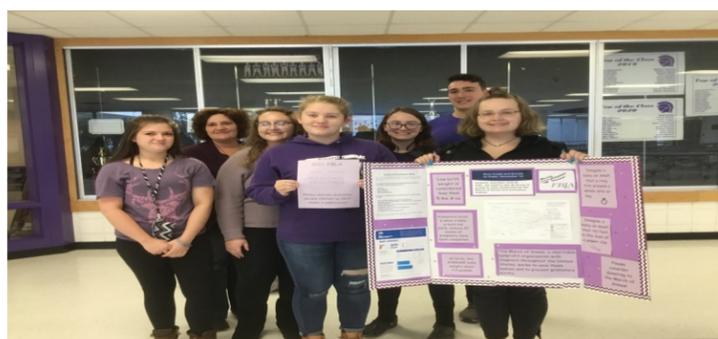
Community service student volunteer to help people get their food and answer questions if they have any. Students also stock, organize and inventory the pantry.

If a person or family needs food, he or she can come to the food pantry on the food pantry distribution day, which is the third Saturday of the month. They do not need to pre register or fill out any forms when they come. They are not asked any questions.

FBLA

The month of November was the March of Dimes Premature Awareness Month. FBLA set up a Go Fund Me account and raised awareness at school the week of November 12-16, and on the 16th we lit the school up with purple!

The students raised a total of \$65 for the March of Dimes! Proud of our Future Business Leaders of America!



Mr. Burford

By: Abie Work-

Mr. Burford had his last official day of school on November 30, 2018. Mr. Burford played a large role in Riverside High School. Mr. Burford was our school's FCA sponsor for many years, leading and encouraging kids to join the wonderful Christian organization. His FCA kids will miss his presence dearly, calling him one of the brightest lights in the school. He was not just a big part of the FCA Program, but also a big part in the Carver Career program. He loved to talk to the kids, he was stern with them, but he loved them dearly and talked about them often. Those who did not know Burford did not know how much of a role he played in Riverside, he was truly the glue of the school, he will be missed dearly but we hope he enjoys his retirement. (Matthew 5:16)

Student Reviews

Movie Review: The Grinch ('18)

By: Isaac Taylor

The Grinch (2018), directed by Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier, is based off the famous Christmas story by Dr. Seuss, How The Grinch Stole Christmas! and the 1966 TV movie directed by Chuck Jones and Ben Washam, How The Grinch Stole Christmas! (1966). In The Grinch (2018), Cheney, Mosier, and the writers opt to present an almost modern retelling of How The Grinch Stole Christmas! with cell phones and talk of video games in certain parts. Even though going through the central plot of The Grinch stories - The Grinch along with his dog Max, try to take Christmas from all the Whos in Whoville - the film overstays its welcome, by stretching this easy plot that can be done in half an hour, to almost 90 minutes!

To go off positives first, as too not seem to grumpy, Illumination brought in Tyler, The Creator to create two songs for the film's soundtrack, "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "I Am The Grinch", both of these songs were more enjoyable than the film being watched. Bringing in Tyler, The Creator for the film is actually a great idea. At the beginning of Tyler, The Creator's career, he was a grumpy, angry teenager, but now he is making more mellow, aesthetic music. I could also be biased in this because his 2017 album, Flower Boy, was my favorite album of 2017, but they were very nice and fitting tunes. Also, the film featured the song "BOOGIE" by BROCKHAMPTON, which is one of my favorites songs of 2017.

Even though Tyler, The Creator was in on the film making music, Illumination Animation had Benedict Cumberbatch to play the titular Grinch. Cumberbatch decided to put on his best snot-filled, nasally teenager, like how I sound right now due to my horrible cold that I have right now. It was insufferable to listen to him talk, and him playing the main character, really made the film a worse experience than it could have been. Pharrell Williams was brought in to play the narrator and he did not fit at all; I hated listening to him narrate. Although Cumberbatch and Williams did a bad job, Kanan Thompson played The Grinch's neighbor and he did a fantastic, funny job; easily the best character in the whole film.

The film's plot was a little different than how the 1966 film and the original book played it. In this version, Cindy-Lou Who's mother is a single mom that had Cindy-Lou and twin kids. The mother, named Donna Who, played by Rashida Jones, is always working at both her job as what seems to be a nurse from her work outfit briefly shown, and working as a mother to keep everything going. This really played to the modern retelling of the classic and one of the better features the film presented to the audience.

The animation itself is just fine. Anyone who knows Despicable Me (2010) or The Secret Life of Pets (2016) knows of the Illumination style of animation. It is incredibly quirky and floaty which will draw some people in, and it looks alright. Definitely not the best looking animated films of all time, but works. It is one of the better looking Illumination films that have come out recently. In terms of technical aspect, most of it was just fine and average. Nothing special in terms of cinematography, editing, sound editing and mixing, and many of the other technical parts of a film.

One word to describe The Grinch (2018) is unnecessary. For what the film brought in with subplots that would relate to a modern audience, was not needed for what the story already was. The film should have stayed as a 1966 classic and a classic Dr. Seuss story. Not needed in the grand scheme of cinema and will probably be forgotten soon while the original will stay relevant. It is sad to say that this is actually one of Illumination's better films, and I really disliked this one. Also, my mom started snoring from being so bored watching the film and she loves Illumination films like Minions (2015) and Sing (2016).



Happenings of Riverside

Winter Formal

By: Tori Pettry

February 9th, the Riverside Prom Committee is hosting a Winter Formal in order to raise money for this years prom! The theme of Winter Formal is a Winter's Night and tickets need to be purchased ASAP! Tickets are \$10 if bought early and \$15 if bought at the door. Everyone is welcome to attend this dance and the dress is semi-formal. This will be a wonderful night to get dressed up, have fun, and spend quality time with friends! Ms. Ferrell will be DJing this dance, so there will be great music, cold drinks, and lots of fun!

Beta Club

By: Tori Pettry

Riverside High School has many clubs and students who have the main focus of helping the community in a positive way. Beta Club is a group of the top students within the school who have an intense focus on volunteer services within the community. Beta has had many volunteer activities in order to remain involved within the community and help others. They have made blankets for the homeless shelter and people in hospice care, they have partaken in The Angel Tree program to give middle school students an amazing Christmas, and currently the members are having a Candy Gram fundraiser. The Candy Gram fundraiser is to gain money in order to continue with the volunteer services of the club.

Goodbye, Burford!



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