

## East Providence School Department



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are proud and excited with the opening of the 2016-17 school year. There is much that has gone on over these last couple of months. Here are some highlights.

- We have a new K-12 English/Language Arts curriculum developed by teachers and administrators.
- Blended learning is being introduced into the middle schools as each student has been provided with a computer. Blended learning integrates technology in ways that support teaching and learning.
- Math Interventionists in every elementary school support students in math instruction.
- Therapeutic programs have been added to Riverside and the High School.
- ASCD presented the Educating the Whole Child Award, a national award, to Orlo Avenue School.
- Kent Heights was named a Blue Ribbon School, another national award.
- All of our schools participated in the collection of canned goods for the needy.
- Ninety-nine percent of our High School juniors took the PSAT exam (which was paid for by the Dept. of Education).
- We have 124 young children enrolled in our new Pre-Kindergarten program with classes located at Martin and Oldham
- Over the summer, Orlo, Silver Spring and Whiteknact were spruced up with new paint and other refurbishing.
- A building committee has been formed to address the issues at the High School which was built in 1952. The City Council has funded a study to determine the future of the building.

We are most proud of the whole staff in accomplishing all of the above in this school year's first quarter. It is Townie Pride at its best.

We in the School District want to wish you and your families the Happiest of Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday Season.

Kathryn Crowley, Superintendent of Schools

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