



S.T.E.P.S.



River Valley High School

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On December 13, 2019, River Valley High School S.T.E.P.S. program traveled to Ashland, Kentucky to watch Tchaikovsky's Moscow's Great Russian Nutcracker at the Paramount Arts Center. The ballet is a Christmas story about Uncle Drosselmeyer preparing his gift of life-sized Moore dolls for his niece Masha and nephew Fritz. One feature unique to the ballet were the tall innovative rolling backgrounds which were inspired by Eisenstein's cinematic technique. Tchaikovsky's music set the mood for each act from fanciful mood for a Christmas party, to the conflict between the Rat King and Nutcracker, to peace and harmony when Masha wakes up from her bad dream. The ballet was performed by professional dancers as well as local talent. The Paramount Arts Center was built in 1931 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The focus of the art center is on educational opportunities for youth. Before the ballet students enjoy eating at Fat Patty's.



Activities

Krav Maga
Walking
Driver's Ed
Archery
Cooking
Zumba

Future Teachers Club
Book Club
Weightlifting Bowling
Yoga

Special Events

Healthy Kick Start
Out of This World Community
College & Career Readiness
Parent Event
Trunk or Treat
Mystery Dinner Theater Parent
Event
Pottery Place Visit
Nutcracker Play Ashland, Ky
Lights in the Park Stroll Parent
Event

Archery

A new activity for RVHS STEPS was Archery provided by the Soil & Water District with the help from the Conservation Club. S & W provides all the equipment for the class, instruction, supervise students techniques, and opens class with safety measures for Archery to be followed while in class. At the end of



the course, the students participate in a small tournament to show off their accomplished skills. Students asked for the class to return for the 2nd semester.



Remember!

**Trip to
Wicked
Play in Co-
lumbus for
all students
with 30
Days of at-**

**tendance in their After-
school program.**

Afterschool starts on January 6, 2020. Monday—Thursday 2:30 pm—5:30 pm each the week. Transportation will be provided home. Take advantage of this great opportunity. Registration forms and calendars will be available in the office.



Drivers Education is offered to students that are ages of 15 1/2 years and older in the afterschool program. Parents are asked to attend a meeting before the program starts to get information about the program and sign the AAA contract. Parents are informed that when their student signs up for afterschool and the drivers education activity that the classroom / book work portion of the course is paid for by the afterschool program and it will take place at the school with an AAA instructor. If their

student attends the afterschool program for 30 days or more the driving portion cost will also be covered by the afterschool program which is a huge savings for the parents and their families. The S.T.E.P.S. driving program offers students an enrichment of various speakers that can inform them of different aspects of driving such as how insurance works and how they can get discounts for grades and a good driving record provided by Wiseman Ins. Agency. A deputy sheriff and State Highway Patrol talks to students about road conditions, speed limits, and dis-

tracted driving. Operation Life Saver from the railroad discusses the dangers trains and what to do at railroad crossing. A mechanic / wrecker service and car salesman are also speakers that visit. By providing the enrichment, we feel that our young drivers have the opportunity and knowledge to be a safe and responsible driver.



Gallipolis In Lights Community Project

Students in the STEPS program participated in the community project Gallipolis In Lights. The city of Gallipolis asks for area agencies, schools, and families to purchase trees and decorate them for the park before the grand lighting ceremony on November 27, 2019. This is a project to encourage commerce to the city that grows more each year with everyone's help. Students enjoy creating unique decorations for their tree in the park. This year students made elves using their face as the face of the elf. Also, some of the ornaments were interactive by having an image that could be scanned by a phone to play music or be directed to a website their. On December 16, 2019, in the park STEPS held a family engagement called Lights in the Park Stroll so the students could show their tree off as well as see all the other decorations. Families conducted



a scavenger hunt to guide them through the display of lights. Families were given a Winter Break Fun For All packet, Area Resource Guide magnet, hot chocolate and cookie was served at Zack and Scotties, prizes were given out, and movie passes for the family to enjoy over Christmas break.



Krav Maga

Krav Maga, taught by Scott King, is an activity the students were exposed to a couple of years ago and they have asked to have this activity back every year. They never tire of the energy and physical activity required to engage in Krav Maga. Students practice the basic technics of self defense; striking, movement, kicks, knee and the application of the defend then escape. As students progress through the layers of skills they become more confident and able to be more in control of themselves as well as their surroundings. 2nd semester Scott King dedicated one class to each topic of Human Trafficking and Active Threat Response. With this knowledge students will be a positive, responsible citizen of our community.

