

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK: EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS!

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On January 23rd – 29th, 2011, school choice advocates across the nation will unite to shine a spotlight on effective education options for every child. National School Choice Week was created to raise awareness about all forms of educational choice, including charter schools, independent schools, magnet schools, and home schooling, and the need for an effective educational system that offers parents the freedom to choose their children’s education. Over 150 organizations, leading policymakers, and opinion leaders are “all in” for this mission, including The Center for Education Reform, American Federation for Children, Alliance for School Choice, Children’s Scholarship Fund, Association of American Educators, Foundation for Excellence in Education, and many more. School Choice Week isn’t about raising one education model above others or doing away with public schools, but about reforming the system so that every parent has the power to choose the education that fits their individual child.

Educational alternatives give parents the opportunity to choose a setting that will work best for their children, resulting in an education that will pay dividends for a lifetime. The best way to find the right fit for your child is to visit a variety of schools, talk with admission representatives and faculty, take a school tour, and even take your child to a sporting event, school play, or science fair to experience extracurricular options and get a feel for the school climate. Most importantly, ask questions! Inquire about the curriculum, how quality and achievement are measured, student-to-teacher ratio, faculty teaching experience, availability of independent study and accelerated classes, and school accreditation.

How will *you* observe this week of focused attention on education alternatives? We suggest you explore the options in *your* community! **Join us for an Open House at Rivermont Collegiate, on Thursday, January 27th from 6:00-8:00 p.m**

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serving students in preschool through twelfth grade. At Rivermont, a challenging curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and knowledge application and small class sizes ensure focused attention and individualized instruction. What are you waiting for? Drop in to explore our philosophy and curriculum, take a tour of campus, and get answers to all your questions about Rivermont!

Rivermont Collegiate is located at 1821 Sunset Drive, directly off 18th Street behind K&K Hardware in Bettendorf.

For additional information on National School Choice Week, visit <http://schoolchoiceweek.com>

For additional information on Rivermont Collegiate or Thursday's Open House, contact Cindy Murray at (563) 359-1366 ext. 302 or murray@rvmt.org

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