

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

October 2016

Dates to

Remember

11/8/16

No School for students

11/10/16

Family Game Night 6:30

11/13/16

GPSS Open House

11/16/16

Evening Confer-
ences



11/17/16

AM, PM & Evening Con-
ferences. **NO SCHOOL**

11/22/16

A.M. School only

11/23-27

Thanksgiving break

12/7/16

Winter Concert @
Brownell, Grades
1,3,5,Choir

Please go to our
website for the com-
plete October News-
letter.

Dear Richard Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that it is almost time for Fall Conferences. You should have received an invitation from your child's teacher to schedule a conference on the evening of November 16 or during the day or evening of November 17. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you did not receive a "Sign Up Genius" invitation. This is an important time for conversation focusing on your student's learning. Please be ready to share information with the teacher that will help your child set attainable goals and find learning strategies to help meet the goals.

Improving all of our students' writing skills across the curriculum continues to be a school-wide goal at Richard this year. Each day, students will be writing, sharing their writing, conferencing, revising, or publishing. There are many types of literature and many types of writing that students will be learning. You will be hearing quite a bit about writing this year and your student will be sharing many published pieces with you. In order to help your child master the skills needed to become a proficient writer, one important thing you can do to support the classroom teacher is to encourage reading at home as much as possible. The more kids read, the better they write. All good writers are good readers.

Thanks to all of you who have been volunteering in our classrooms and at lunchtime. We appreciate all of your support throughout the year!

Warmly,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett

REMEMBERTO FOLLOW US ON...



@RichardRaccoons



Join our Closed Group on Facebook :
Richard Families

Drop Off and Pick Up of Students



1. When dropping off or picking up students, please remember **NOT** to double park in front of the school. It's very dangerous.
2. McKinley Ave. is a **NO PARKING ZONE**. Please be considerate of others (neighbors across the street from our building), by using this area for drop off and pick up only. **Police will ticket anyone** parked in front of our school. Parents, you are encouraged to call the Farms police and report any repeat offenders.
3. Don't leave kids unattended in your cars. Never leave your automobile. If you must come into the building, park in the circle (**PLEASE DON'T DOUBLE PARK**) on McMillan or behind Rite Aid. **Never park in the STAFF LOT (RICHARD STAFF STICKER REQUIRED) or handicap spot**, as we have parents/teachers who need those spots in the parking lot.
4. Consider parking down the street and crossing Ridge Rd. with the crossing guard. This works well for many of our students and eliminates the Kercheval-McKinley "bottleneck."
5. **Never use Ridge Rd. as a drop off or pick up location.** It's dangerous and your car would be parked on the wrong side of the street.

Lunch Volunteers Needed



We are in need of lunch volunteers to help with lunch and recess. Mrs. Roberts has made it very easy for parents to sign-up.

A Sign-up Genius has been created. You may sign-up by following the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4baea82da13-lunchtime>

Extra eyes and ears are an important part of our lunch program and help keep the environment safe for our students.

BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

9:05 AM Entry Bell
9:10 AM AM Instruction Begins
11:56-12:44 Lunch/Recess
12:46 PM PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM Dismissal

TUESDAY- FRIDAY

8:20 AM Entry Bell
8:25 AM AM Instruction Begins
11:36-12:24 Lunch/Recess
12:26 PM PM Instruction Begins

ATTENDANCE

Please be sure to call our attendance line at [432-4901](tel:432-4901) with all absences/late arrivals by 8:45 am. The attendance line is a dedicated line and available 24 hours/7 days a week. If you know of a future absence (trip, appointment, etc.) please let the office know with a phone call or note as soon as possible. Your cooperation will save a considerable amount of time spent calling to locate the student. We appreciate all of your efforts helping us keep your children safe.

HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31, LATE START MONDAY/HALF DAY



The children are sure to be excited for the big day. As always we would like Halloween to be a fun and safe day for the children. Following are some reminders to assist you in your planning:

- Toy weapons are not allowed.
- Violent costumes or violent make up are not allowed.
- Dress for the weather.

Our schedule is as follows:

- 9:05 AM Entry Bell
- 9:10 AM AM Classes Begin
- 9:15 AM Parade Begins
- 9:40 AM Assembly
-Halloween Show!
- 10:30 –11:30 AM Classroom Parties

11:36 Dismissal



YES, WE ARE GOING OUTSIDE!

Parents, please note during the late fall, winter and early spring months students are expected to come prepared for outdoor recess everyday. This is extremely important as our weather can change dramatically from the morning to the afternoon and vice versa.

ALL Richard students go outdoors for recess two times each day throughout the school year unless it is raining hard or the wind chill is below zero degrees Fahrenheit.



Please be sure that your child leaves for school dressed properly for the weather. All students must have boots and snow pants to play on the wood chips or playfield once the snow is on the ground—otherwise they must stay on the blacktop. Appropriate dress includes boots (preferably waterproof), snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens (preferably waterproof), scarves etc.

PTO News

Thank you to all our families that came out for our PTO events in October! Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers that made these events possible including, Family Functions Committee, Book Fair Committee, 5th Grade Boosters, Richard Running Club and Haunted Garage Committee. All your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Christina Deveroux

Richard Elementary PTO President



October



Golden Note Award Winners:

K-1 – Vctor

2-3 – Murphy

4-5 – Wallace



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Tawile

3-5 Mr. Gulian



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

K-1 Mrs. Tawile

2-3 Mrs. Murphy

4-5 Mrs. Aldrich



Golden Book Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Murphy

3-5 Mr. Stemmler



Specials

Spanish– Senorita Zamudio

Our Spanish rotation will conclude on November 11. Third graders have learned how to describe themselves physically and emotionally. Their final project was their *Frida Kahlo* portrait where they learn about her as an artist and created a self portrait describing themselves. Forth have completed multiple activities with numbers and learn how to describe family members using emoticons and adjectives. Fifth graders did a large project on Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a famous Colombian author. They even wrote their own book mimicking Marquez writing style. Some fifth graders got the opportunity to read their books, in Spanish and English, to their younger classmates.



Specials

Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

We are having a blast in gym!! All of the kids are enjoying playing ultimate Frisbee. Football will be our next activity. The fall weather has been fantastic for outdoor fun and sports. The rumor is the Detroit Lions are looking for some athletes for their future team.

Happy Halloween Thanks, Mr. C

Art-Mrs. Santavicca/Mrs. Plieth



Thank you so much for such great art students here at Richard. I have had such a warm welcome. Here is a quick peek at our next few projects. Our upper elementary art classes will be working on weaving and printmaking. 3rd grade will use 2 complementary colors for weaving and leaves for printmaking. 4th grade will use 3 colors for a repeat pattern in weaving and use a batik method of printmaking. 5th grade will design a landscape in their weaving using 3 or more colors and then use foam blocks to create an abstract geometric print.

Music-Mrs. Weinhaus

The music room is bustling with tunes for Halloween, Thanksgiving and the holiday season AL-READY!! We are planning and rehearsing with grades 1,3,5 and the choir for our winter concert at Brownell on December 7th at 7pm. All grades continue their work with solfege (“do re mi” to you!) and are becoming quite good at learning and interpreting the hand signs that go with the notes. Hope to see you all at the concert!

Ms. Moses

Ms. Weinhaus

Library

Ms. Walpole’s October library classes focused on how a library is organized to help readers find “just right” books. **Kindergarteners** began exploring our traditional literature collection, beginning with nursery rhymes. **First graders** compared fiction and nonfiction features, identifying library elements in fiction (character, setting, plot) and fact-finding short-cuts in informational books (table of contents, index, glossary, captions). **Second graders** practiced browsing strategies and began to decode fiction call numbers (E, ER, FIC) to locate specific titles.



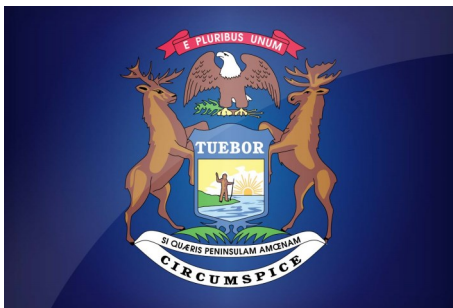
Mrs. Quinlan’s **Kindergarteners** are learning about apples in nonfiction books and reading fiction stories in the library. **1st Graders** are learning about chapter books and where they are located in our library. **2nd graders** are doing dictionary work and learning about the parts of a book.

Mrs. Walpole, Mrs. Quinlan, & Mrs. Hermon

A VISIT TO THE STATE CAPITOL



On Wednesday, October 12th, fourth grade students went to the Michigan Historical Museum and to the Capitol Building in Lansing. This field trip supports our unit on local, state and federal government. Students sat in the galleries of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Our guide asked questions about the legislative branch and gave the students interesting information about the history of the building. Although no longer working in the Capitol Building, students also toured the former courtroom of the Supreme Court of Michigan and the ceremonial office of the governor.





RICHARD ELEMENTARY is having a

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**YOU COULD
WIN
A RAFFLE
PRIZE!!!!**

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 10th
6:30-7:30 PM.**

For all students & their families

Let the Games Begin!

Please RSVP by filling out and returning this form by 11/7/16
One RSVP per family. Please return to your classroom teacher.

Student name(s): _____

GRADE LEVEL(S): _____

Attending: _____

ALL GAMES FOR SALE AT EVENT

PRICES FROM \$3.00-\$25.00

Take a break from the normal routine and join other students and their families for an evening of **GAME PLAYING FUN!!**

You'll play fun & educational games that help kids learn and master critical skills for language arts, math, and more.

Don't miss the fun.

Please use the RSVP at right to attend!

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A note from Mrs. Barrett:

We receive frequent emails from one of our favorite resources: Love and Logic. As many parents know, we feel very confident in the strategies and skills that Love and Logic teaches parents and teachers. Here is a recent article that we feel is worth sharing:



Getting Kids to Think



Have you ever stopped to think about what a blessing it is to be a good thinker? Now I'm not necessarily talking about being a genius or intellectually gifted. I'm mostly referring to being able to use good problem-solving skills and good old-fashioned common sense.

As this world becomes ever more complex and temptation-laden, it becomes more and more important that we teach our kids how to build their mental muscles. Listed below are some quick tips:

- When your kids ask you for help with something, encourage them to try a bit longer before you jump in to help them. The only way to really learn good thinking skills is by having to figure out some things on your own.
- Ask them as many questions as possible. Examples include, "What else might you try? What have you seen other people do to solve this problem? What would happen if you tried _____? Where might you learn how to do that? Is that something you could learn about in a book, by asking someone, or by looking on the internet?"
- Allow them to mess up. Too frequently, we step in and tell kids exactly what to do when we worry that they might make a mistake. When the consequences are small, allow them to blow it and learn.

In our book, [*Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Leave You Speechless*](#), we also teach the importance of limiting the amount of TV kids watch and how to deal with all of the arguing that can happen when we begin to set limits. The less TV your kids watch the better thinkers they will become.

Thanks for reading!
Dr. Charles Fay

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Parcells

Holiday Arts & Crafts

Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 2016

PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 MACK AVENUE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



9 am – 4 pm

\$3 admission

(\$2 early bird special before 10 am)

Cafe Lunch Available



Child Care \$5/child

(activities/snacks available for 2 years and up)

Parking off Sunningdale behind the school.

Free shuttles run from GP North High School all day!
707 Vernier Road



Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug



Metal Key Chain



Night Light

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:

- Grandparent's Day
- Christmas
- Father's Day
- Birthdays
- Hanukkah
- Mother's Day



Pendant Necklace

Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.

www.ArtToRemember.com

Digital Picks

*From your School Library
Media Specialists*



Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—“digital picks” suggested by your Elementary School Media Specialists. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



Operation Math

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Defeat Dr. Odd and earn the latest spy gear in the award-winning game that transforms math drills into a global learning adventure. From the streets of Paris to the pyramids of Egypt, Operation Math includes more than 100 timed missions that help players learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Solar Walk - Planets System, Orbits, Moons & Size \$2.99 iPhone, iPad, iTouch

This 3D solar system model lets you navigate between planets, see their positions on a specific date, explore how they move and why. You will see the entire Milky Way galaxy from a far and zoom in to study all the planets and satellites in close-up, learn their trajectories, inner structures, history of their exploration, and geography.



Weather by Tinybob

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

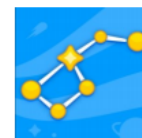
Dive into a cloud and see what it's made of. Make it rain, make it snow, or make a thunderstorm. Whirl a tornado or a hurricane. Play with sun, air, water, temperature, wind, and precipitation. Discover the signs that tell you what it's going to be like outside today.

Star Walk™ Kids - Explore Space

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Star Walk Kids is perfect for introducing kids to astronomy. With colorful images and friendly narrators, kids as young as four can begin to recognize constellations, planets of the solar system and grasp the fundamental principles of astrophysics.



Stack the Countries

\$2.99

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Stack the Countries® makes learning about the world fun! Watch the countries actually come to life in this colorful and dynamic game! As you learn country capitals, landmarks, geographic locations and more, you can actually touch, move and drop the animated countries anywhere on the screen. Carefully build a stack of countries that reaches the checkered line to win each level.

The Toymaker

FREE

<http://www.thetoymaker.com/>

Cheerful paper toys to print and assemble. A site created to help parents and kids spend time together!



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Our Vision: One GP – where everyone learns, every day

Our Mission: Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community

Chronicle Contest!

In every issue of the Richard Chronicle, there will be a contest to find the secret pictures. When parents and students read the chronicle, they will need to count the number of secret pictures they find and submit their count to the office. The picture for this month is:



Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: November 18th.