

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

September 2016

Dates to

Remember

9/29/16

PTO Meet & Greet/Ice Cream Social
6-7:30

10/14/16

Picture Re-takes

10/21/16

Haunted Garage 6-9

10/24-10/27

Book Fair

11/8/16

No School for students

11/13/16

GPSS Open House

11/16/16

Evening Conferences

11/17/16

AM, PM & Evening Conferences. **NO SCHOOL**

Please go to our website for the complete September

Dear Richard Families,

We had excellent parent involvement on our 2016 Back to School Night! We appreciate the enthusiasm and support displayed by all of you. Much of our success at school is due to the collaboration of parents and faculty to support our children's education. During the classroom presentations, you may have heard specific suggestions from teachers on many ways to support your children throughout the year. Whether or not there is homework assigned, practicing math facts and setting aside time for reading each day are two of the important activities that always increase learning throughout the year.

Click on this link below for some interesting information:

How Adding Math to a Child's Home Routine Can Advance Achievement

A new study published in the journal Science shows that regular use of a specific math-based iPad app significantly improved math performance in elementary school children.

Our school's Green Team will be watching throughout the year and giving raffle tickets to students who are walking or riding a bike to school. Thank you for encouraging your children to walk or ride bikes to and from school. It helps alleviate many traffic problems that affect the safety of our students. Thank you, too, for following the procedures for quick drop-offs and pick-ups in front of the school and in the circle behind the school. Safety is a priority for all of us.

October is always a very busy month at Richard, both in the classrooms and after school. Our PTO has an Ice Cream Social scheduled for Thursday evening, September our Haunted Garage scheduled for Richard on October 21 and the Pumpkin Fest coming up on October 23. We also have our annual Book Fair starting on October 23. Please check our calendar for times. I am so proud to be a part of this active and caring school community and hope to see you and your families at our future PTO sponsored events.

All the best,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett

Principal

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON...

Follow us on
twitter

@RichardRaccoons



Join our Closed Group on Facebook :

Richard Families



WELCOME NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new faces!

Mrs. Jane Plieth
Art



Mrs. Ashley
Jayakumari-Sivan
Preschool



Miss Danielle Bery
Preschool



Mrs. Liz
Moses
Music



Mrs. Cheryl
Quinlan
Library



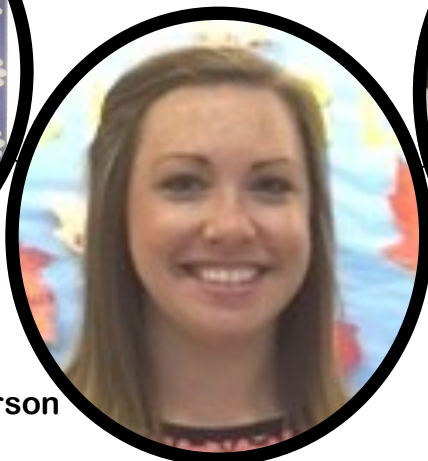
Mrs. Amy Hermon
Library



Mrs. Mary Snell
Classroom Asst.



Mrs. Chelsea Nickerson
Long term sub for
Mrs. Wallace



Thank you Mrs. Plieth



the office looks
Fantastic!

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**



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



BIRTHDAY TREATS

For the past two years, in consideration of the increased number of children with food allergies and sensitivities, our faculty and staff have chosen to replace edible birthday treats with **non-edible** "gifts" (pencils, erasers, Oriental Trading-type items) that the children may share. (Please keep in mind that bringing in any birthday treat has always been optional and no one is required to do so.)

This year, we are also asking parents to refrain from bringing any food in for your child to share with other students during lunch time. This creates many problems, such as not having enough for all students, having some students feeling left out, a lack of plates and/or serving utensils, and, most of all, unfairness to the students with food allergies and sensitivities. Feel free to drop off food for your own child/ren at lunch. Sharing food is always welcome during special classroom parties such as Halloween, when parents can plan and supervise the choices so that they are safe for all students. Thank you so much for your support as we remain sensitive to the needs of all of our children.

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.

PTO News

Bookaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Richard this fall. The first shopping opportunity will be on Sunday, October 23rd during Pumpkin Fest. We will be open Monday, October 24 to Friday, October 28th with plenty of opportunities to shop during school hours and at an evening event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Kim Romolino** kromolino@hotmail.com.



Thanks, Jeannine Harris, Sara Koch, Kim Romolino, Mindy Ulrich

Our PTO is off to a great start to the school year! We've been working hard on fun family events, clubs, fundraisers and much more. Here's some events we have coming up in the next few weeks:

Ice Cream Social/PTO Meet and Greet - Thursday Sept. 29 6-7:30pm

Haunted Garage Fundraiser - Friday Oct. 21 6-9pm

Pumpkin Fest - Sunday Oct. 23 3-5pm

Book Fair - Oct 23-Oct 28 (times vary)



Watch for emails and fliers to come home with more info! Don't forget to join our **Richard Families** Facebook page to stay in the loop! Looking forward to a great year!

Christina Deveroux

PTO President



A Great Start!



Green Team



These boys are hard at work! Reggie L, Emery A. and Al A. help save the earth and collect all of the recycling for the school. Not pictured: Nathan F., Henry D., Josh K.,

September

Golden Note Award Winners:

K-1 –Mrs. Vctor

2-3 –Mrs. Briggs

4-5 –Mrs. Aldrich



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

K-2– Mrs. Murphy

3-5 - Ms. S. Schmitz



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

K-1 – Mrs. Tawile



Golden Book Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs, Brown/Cantaloupo

3-5 Mrs. Wrosch



Specials



Spanish– Senorita Zamudio

Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar 2016-2017. I have the pleasure of returning to Richard Elementary for the second year in a row. Third graders have started their first year in Spanish very well. We have covered greetings, numbers 1-30, and soon will begin with emotions. Fourth graders are learning how to count to 100 and are learning basic shopping vocabulary. Shortly they will learn how to tell time. Fifth graders started learning how to create Spanish/English dictionaries. They will put this skill into practice when we start looking into Gabriel Garcia Marquez literature





Specials



Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

Great start to the new year we are all getting into a good routine.... We are playing soccer and learning about safety rules in the gym. **ALL CLASSES COME TO THE GYM WITH LOTS OF ENERGY. EVERYONE** is giving their maximum effort...play hard, play fair, and have fun this year! Thanks, Mr. C

Art-Mrs. Santavicca/Mrs. Plieth

Welcome back to the Richard art room! This year there are a few changes to the art room and schedule. Mrs. Santavicca will be teaching all AM classes, kindergarten through second grade, on A and D days only. We have a new art teacher, Mrs. Plieth, that will be teaching all PM classes, third grade through fifth grade, on A, C, and D days. The Richard Rotating Art Gallery is continuing this year with our first round of artists to be put on display for the month of October. Please stop by the third floor to view the beautiful work! Also, a reminder for messy days in the art room, please send an art smock or oversized t-shirt that can be left in lockers to be used in art class. We are looking forward to another great year of creating in Richard art!



Music-Mrs. Weinhaus

We are so busy in the music department!! We welcome Ms. Liz Moses to Richard this year. She is teaching on A day afternoons. She and I are having a great start to the year. Choir rehearsals began on the 19th, but it is not too late to join. Choir is open to all 4th-5th graders.

Computers-Mrs. Fiscus

All grades with the exception of Kindergarten will be doing NWEA 9-13 to 10-6-16, Math & Reading.

Kindergarteners will be learning about the computer lab rules and how to log-in with their own special code.

They will also be learning new motor skills with their hand using the mouse correctly.

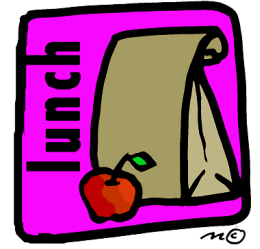
Library-Mrs. Hermon



It is so wonderful to see the children in the library again. Our kindergarteners and new students to Richard received their brand new library cards. Please keep these at home and feel free to use them at any of the 3 public library branches. All K, 1st and 2nd graders started this year with important lessons about book care. We will also familiarize ourselves with the different areas of the library and how to be safe and respectful during our library visits. We will also practice expanding our reading interests and try new books!

Mrs. Hermon

Paid Lunch Position



We have 1 paid position for the lunch room available. This position is 5 days a week from 12:00 to 1:00 on Mondays and 11:30 to 12:30 Tuesday thru Friday. This would be a great position for Parents, Grandparents, Nannies, and Retirees. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Richard's office at 432-4900 for details.

Cub Scout Meeting



The Kerby Cub Scouts is holding an informational meeting this Thursday night (9/29), 6:30, in the Kerby library. Richard students are welcome to join our cub scout group. Please come if you are interested in signing your son up for cub scouts or if you have questions on the scouting program at Kerby. Sincerely, Patrick Mills, pmills03@gmail.com



10 What Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?



Dot Day

The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.





BIG HALLOWEEN EVENT

HAUNTED GARAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

THE HAUNTED GARAGE

Friday, October 21, 2016
6-9 PM



SEPTEMBER 29

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & PTO MEET
AND GREET

Come celebrate the start of
school!

Enjoy ice cream with friends old and new from 6:00 to 7:30pm!



THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Department of Support Services

389 St. Clair

Grosse Pointe, MI 48230



To: Parents or Guardians of Students in Richard Elementary School

From: Christian A. Fenton, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations.

Re: Asbestos Activity Summary September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

We are pleased to inform you that building administration has continued to respond to the asbestos in buildings issue in a cautious and proactive manner.

Building administration will continue with its ongoing asbestos operations and maintenance program, including periodic surveillance inspections which are conducted on a semi-annual basis. Identified below are asbestos abatement activities that were completed.

Response Actions Completed: Pipe insulation removal from 1st floor restrooms. Plaster repair in Room 203.

Response Actions Scheduled: Operations and maintenance.



In addition, as required by AHERA (EPA), reinspections are conducted by accredited inspectors every three years since the implementation of our management plan.

Please rest assured that building administration's ongoing efforts related to the management and control of asbestos-containing materials are focused on providing a safe and healthy environment for our building occupants and employees.

If you would like to review the management plan, it is available in your school office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (313) 432-3081.

FIFTH GRADE BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

Richard Elementary Class of 2017

5th Grade ~ Here we go!

What we are planning:



Bake Sales

5th Grade Camp

Class T-Shirts

Promotion Ceremony

Penny Wars

Class Gift to Richard

Fun Nights at Richard &
Brownell

The Fifth Grade Boosters are off to a great start working on lots of fun activities for our children throughout the year. Since this is their last year here at Richard, we want to make it a great one! In order for us to do this, we will need your help to make these activities successful. Bake Sales and Penny Wars are a couple of ways that we will be fundraising during the year to raise funds for the fun things we have planned, including leaving a legacy gift to Richard Elementary.

Please review the attached form and let us know if you would like to help out. On the same form, indicate your child's size for their class t-shirt. They will receive the t-shirt at the Richard Fun Night in November. Please return the forms to the school no later than October 14th.

We are looking so forward to all of the fun we are going to have this year!

Your 5th Grade Boosters:

Becky Brady Stephanie Harris Melissa Okonoski
Anne Ugval Mindy Ulrich



Save the Date!

Bake Sales:

October 19 ~ Wallace
November 16 ~ Havern
December 14 ~ Gulian

February 15 ~ Wallace
March 15 ~ Havern
April 19 ~ Gulian

Fun Nights:

November 18 @ Richard

June 2 @ Brownell

Penny Wars:

April 24-28





5th Grade Volunteers

Please complete and return to Richard by Friday, October 14th.

_____ Fun Night @ Richard

_____ Penny Wars

_____ Fun Night @ Brownell

Class T-Shirt

_____ Youth Medium

_____ Youth Large

_____ Adult Small

_____ Adult Medium

Name: _____

Students Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



Richard Running Club



- Who?** All K-5th grade boys and girls who love to run.
- Where?** Richard Elementary School—Messner field.
- When?** Tuesdays, October 4– October 25, 3:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- Why?** To learn the importance of stretching, running and being active.
- Cost?** \$20 (payable to Cash or Richard PTO), includes a Richard Running Club t-shirt.

****Completed Consent Form and \$20 fee is necessary for participation****

****Return registration forms to the school office****
Dress in layers, wear running/gym shoes, bring water, and come to run and have fun!

Questions? Contact Mindy Prysak or Debbie Karchar at
richardrunningclub@gmail.com

LIKE the Richard Families page on Facebook for last minute cancellation information

☆Note: In order to maintain a safe student-adult ratio, we will be limiting registration to the first 45 students who return their registration form with the \$20 fee. Return your form to the office ASAP to ensure your spot!

Turn over for consent form ➡

Richard Running Club



Consent Form

Participant Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Any health issues: Yes/No (i.e. – asthma or allergies, inhaler) _____

If yes, explain _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone _____

Relationship to participant _____

Parent/guardian e-mail address _____

Will your child go to Kids Club after practice? _____

T-shirt size: _____

All communications from the Richard Running Club will be via the e-mail address you provide or via Facebook so please LIKE the Richard Families page on Facebook to get up to up-to-date information about events or cancellations due to weather.

This consent form MUST be signed and returned before child may participate.

I hereby give consent for above child to participate in the Richard Running club. I understand that he/she must adhere to all rules set forth by the Richard Running club. I further understand that the Richard Running club is not responsible for any injury as a result of participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

The One Year Plan

Parent's Guide for Helping Children Succeed in School

1. Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Remember that teachers and parents can't learn for kids no matter how much we love them.
2. Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school.
 - a. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
3. Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
4. Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.
5. Take turns reading to each other every day.
6. Have your children teach you something they have learned at school. Do this once per week.
7. Encourage your children to do things that "charge their batteries." Encourage them to try many different activities as a way of discovering interests and talents.
 - a. Remind them that they will build their careers around their talents, not around their weaknesses.
8. Provide a time and place for homework. Expect that they will study. Allow them to study either by writing the assignments or thinking hard about them for a reasonable amount of time.
 - a. If they decide to study by thinking instead of writing or reading, have them think of a plan for explaining it to the teacher.
 - b. Support the teacher to handle this.
 - I. Don't fight with children over the homework.
 - II. Don't fight with the teachers over the grade or consequence.
 - III. Tell your children that you will love them regardless of their grades or the number of years it takes to complete each grade.
9. Don't pay your children for good grades and don't punish for bad grades. Be excited about the good grades and sad for the children about their bad grades.
10. Have your children bring home papers.
 - a. Look at the right answers instead of the wrong ones.
 - b. Don't correct the wrong answers—leave this for the teacher.
 - c. Have your children explain the reasons for the answers being right. If they don't know, give them three choices:
 - I. You cheated?
 - II. You tried hard?
 - III. You are getting smarter in that subject?
11. Expect this Love and Logic program to take about one year before you see good results. Remember that children who have a hard time at school

purchased From Bad Grades to A Great Life!

Continued...

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Grosse Pointe Public School System

Strategic Plan

One GP — where everyone learns, every day



Focus Areas

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Provide tiered supports/challenge for all
- Support inclusive learning opportunities
- Ensure rigorous, innovative curriculum
- Create menu of digital curriculum tools

Embedded Professional Development

- Professional growth through district PD
- Teacher growth by PD outside GPPSS
- Retain/recruit high quality staff

Infrastructure and Technology

- List improvements, repairs
- Prioritize master list with Board, stakeholders
- Develop options for financing
- Create blueprint for future ready classrooms
- Enhance safety and security

Community Connections

- Increase enrollment
- Provide GPPSS information through electronic, video, print
- Sustain community connections that support learning environment



Guiding Principles

Collaboration · Compassion · Embracing Diversity · Innovation · Integrity · Global Awareness · Perseverance

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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:



Students Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: October 21st.