

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

November 2016

Dates to

Remember

11/17/16

AM, PM & Evening Conferences. **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

12/10/2016

Holiday Craft Day 10-12

12/13/2016

Report Cards sent home

12/24-1/8

Winter Break

1/16/2017

No School-MLK Jr. Day

1/19/2017

Kindergarten Information Night 7:00 P.M.

1/27/2017

No School

Please go to our website for the complete November Newsletter.

Dear Richard Parents and Families,

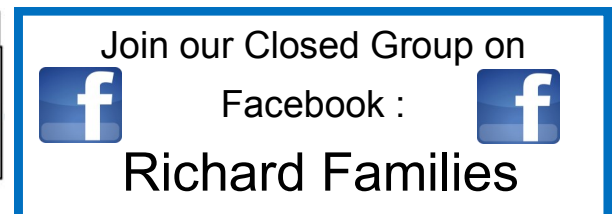
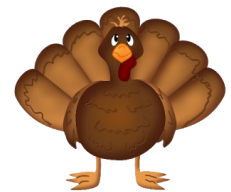
A big "thank you" goes out to the teachers who spent time in the evening teaching and playing games with our students during our Family Game Night. Thank you, too, to all of the parents and students who attended. There are many commercial games that help children increase math, reading and problem-solving skills by requiring them to plan ahead, reason deductively, think logically, make predictions and increase number sense. Playing games, even simple card games, as a family can be a fun way to reinforce learning while spending time together.

As we prepare for our first vacation of the 2016 - 2017 school year to celebrate Thanksgiving with families and friends, our Richard family is thankful for so many things. We are grateful that our students continue to focus on positive values and respectful social behavior throughout each day. The staff at Richard is grateful for the support and generosity of the Richard parents throughout the year. We see these values reflected in the children that we see each day in our classrooms. We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in our personal lives, but we also look forward to continuing our rewarding year with our amazing young students.

We wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Warmly,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett
Principal



2ND GRADERS HONOR VETERANS

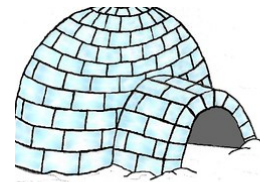
Second graders helped honor veterans by making banners and writing heartfelt letters for veterans attending a luncheon held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on November 11th.



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

Family Game Night



November



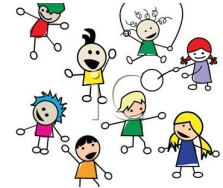
Golden Note Award Winners:

- K-1 – Tawile
- 2-3 – K. Schmitz
- 4-5 – Aldrich



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

- K-2 Mrs. Brown/Cantalupo
- 3-5 Mr. Stemmler



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

- K-1 Mrs. Vctor
- 2-3 Mrs. Swansey
- 4-5 Mrs AStemmler



Golden Book Award Winner:

Mrs. Tawile



October Service & Safety

Service
Niko T.
Vincent V.

Safety
Rebecca R.
Jacob H.
Miles P.

November Service & Safety

Service
Carmella C.
Lucy S.
Henry T.

Safety

Specials



Computers-Mrs. Fiscus

We finished up NWEA testing October 28th and we're now back to our regular lab schedule getting projects ready to share with our parents at Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday evening November 16th and all day and evening Thursday November 17th.

Kindergarteners are mastering their logins into the computer and doing a great job navigating Raz Kids, which is one of the many programs they can log into at home.



Specials

Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

The younger kids in grades K-3 are focusing on their stations. We will be using Hula Hoops, playing hockey, jump ropes, scooters, and Hippy Hops, rotating stations during each class.

Grades 4-5 are playing Capture the flag, kick ball, soccer and running (Long distance running). Having fun, making healthy choices, and exercise are all integral parts to living a better life.

Thanks, Mr. C

Art-Mrs. Santavicca/Mrs. Plieth

Richard Awesome Artists are almost done with their weavings: Fifth graders used yarn to make a landscape motif, Fourth graders repeated a 3 color pattern with a shape in the center and Third graders repeated a 3 color pattern. They are all amazing the art teacher. Our next projects will be: 5th- Printmaking, 4th-Matisse collage and 3rd grade-Birch Trees. Thank you so much again for your support for the arts .Richard Artists are Amazing.

Music-Ms. Weinhaus & Ms. Moses

In the music room, we are busy preparing for our concert. Please see Ms. Weinhaus' website for more concert information, or email your student's music teacher – either Ms. Weinhaus or Mrs. Moses.

Featuring grades 1,3,5 and the choir for our winter concert at Brownell on December 7th at 7pm. Hope to see you all at the concert!

We hope you have a terrific holiday season!!



Library

In some cultures, winter is the traditional season for telling stories, and Ms. Walpole's youngest library students are honing story-telling skills in November with traditional literature studies. **Kindergarteners** focus on sequencing as they hear and retell a selection of mouse folktales from around the world. **First graders** identify and use literary elements of character, setting, and plot to create puppet theater productions of three Aesop's fox fables. **Second graders** are enjoying library scavenger hunts as they practice using the fiction call number codes they've worked so hard to de-code. (Ask us what "E" means, and "ER" and "FIC"!)
Mrs. Walpole

Students in K and 1 have been finding facts on apples and pumpkins. We have also been learning how to find the "just right book". 2nd graders have been doing dictionary work and writing a book review. Grade 4 learned about the Dewey Decimal System and had a scavenger hunt to find nonfiction books. Grade 3 just completed their Big 6 animal research project, and Grade 5 created a Glog (a digital bulletin board) using their Columbus research facts.



Mrs. Quinlan



Report to PARENTS

Maximize Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity for families to meet with teachers one-on-one and learn how their children are doing academically and socially. To make these meetings as smooth and stress-free as possible, follow these tips for conference preparation, execution, and follow-up.

Before the Conference

Listen. If you hear your child talking about something he or she is doing well in or is struggling with, make a note of it. When it's time for the conference, you'll have a list of topics to discuss.

Ask. Sit down with your child and ask him or her about school. Ask what's happening in class, at lunchtime, or in special classes such as art or physical education. Does your child enjoy classroom activities? Does your child feel like he or she is falling behind academically? Is he or she bored? Are there any troubling issues with classmates? Try asking your child what he or she thinks their teacher is going to tell you about them.

Assemble notes and papers. Write down questions you want to address with the teacher. Bring copies of any assignments you have questions about. Think ahead of time how to tactfully bring up concerns.

During the Conference

Be on time. Schools tightly schedule parent-teacher conferences because there's only so much time available and dozens of families to see. Show up at least a few minutes early.

Make childcare arrangements. Maximize your time with teachers by hiring a babysitter or teaming up with another parent to take turns watching the children.

Take notes. Make note of what the teacher tells you about your child. Bring up your concerns, making sure to explore strengths, weaknesses, and social skills.

Keep emotions out of it. It is always difficult to hear that your child may not be the person you thought he or she was in the classroom. Keep your cool and bear in mind that the teacher is offering constructive criticism.

After the Conference

Talk to your child. Tell your child what you and the teacher discussed. Emphasize the positive things the teacher said. Remember that it's important for your child to feel positive about learning, the teacher, and the school.

Follow up. If there were important issues that need to be dealt with, such as finding a tutor or arranging counseling for your child, make sure to follow up in writing with the teacher soon after the conference. Specify what steps will be taken, what your responsibilities and the school's responsibilities will be, and what the timetable is for action.

Meet with your principal. If, after conferring with your child's teacher, you still feel that serious issues weren't adequately addressed, set up a time to talk to the guidance counselor or principal.

Follow through. Once you know what you can do at home to help your child succeed in school, make sure to actually do it.



Web Resources

Scholastic Parent offers a round-up of resources for school involvement, including advocating for your student and how to bridge home and school.
<http://bit.ly/19J4bqO>

Ask these specific questions from **Reading Rockets** in your parent-teacher conference to gauge your child's reading skills.
<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/19842/>





2016

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



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.

Stack the States

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Your child answers questions about state flags, capitals, nicknames, abbreviations, and geography-related facts. When she gets one right, a ring of stars appears and she can move and drop the animated version of the state anywhere onscreen. Once she stacks up enough states to reach the checkered line, she can unlock new levels.



Brain POP Jr. Movie of the Week

FREE

iPhone and iPad

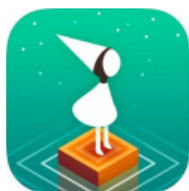
This app, an offshoot of the popular subscription video series, offers one three-minute video every week at no charge. Recent ones covered the solar system and the Lewis and Clark expedition. "My son watched the movie on Abraham Lincoln over and over," says Everett. "Then we took out books from the library so he could learn even more." □

Faces iMake - Right Brain Creativity

\$2.99

iPad

Parents need to know that *Faces iMake - Right Brain Creativity* encourages kids to be creative by creating faces using collage materials. It also provides opportunities for kids to share their creativity via email and social media as well as with other app users worldwide in a special gallery called FaceWorld. **2012 Parents' Choice Silver Award!**

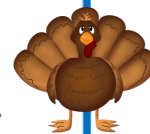


Monument Valley

\$3.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Monument Valley is a puzzle game developed and published by indie studio Ustwo. The player leads the princess Ida through mazes of optical illusions and impossible objects while manipulating the world around her to reach various platforms. **Apple Game of the 2014!**

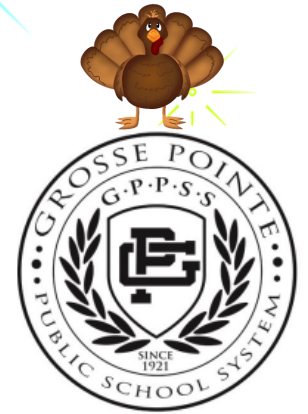


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Grosse Pointe Public School System

Kindergarten Info Night



Head to your home elementary school

7 p.m., Thursday, January 19.

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.





RICHARD SPIRIT WEAR IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!



Order all your Richard Spirit Wear online at

www.richard.highwindsgraphix.com

INCLUDING: T-SHIRTS, HOODIES, SWEATPANTS, JACKETS, HATS, GIFTS AND MORE!
YOUTH AND MANY ITEMS IN ADULT SIZES TOO. BOYS AND GIRLS COLORS.

Buy online and pay by PayPal or send a check with your child to school. Make checks payable to High Winds Graphix. Please put your WEB ORDER NUMBER on the check memo.

Please allow 2 weeks lead time on orders. Items will be delivered direct to the classroom. Sibling orders combined and delivered to one room. Spirit wear sells throughout the school year. Proceeds benefit Richard PTO.

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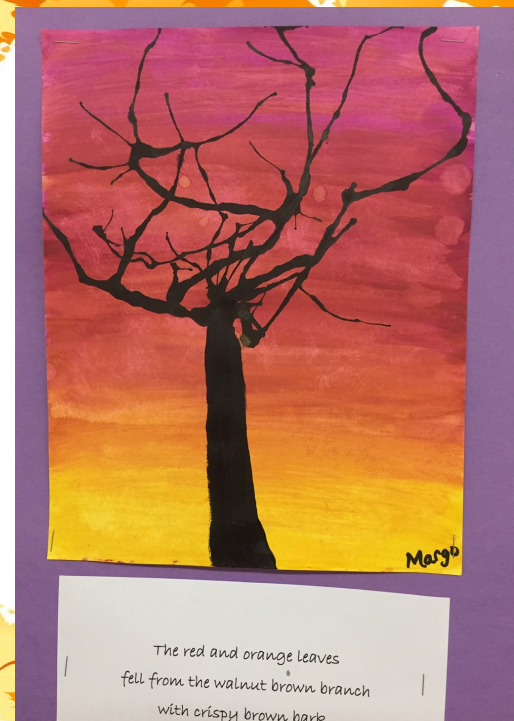
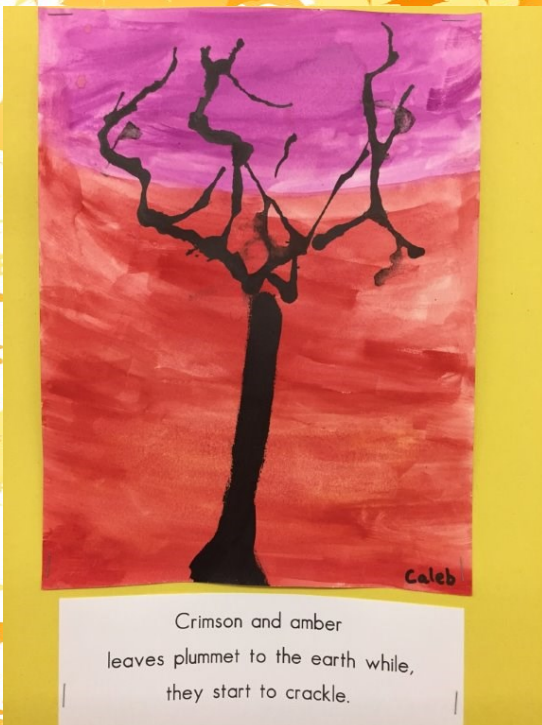
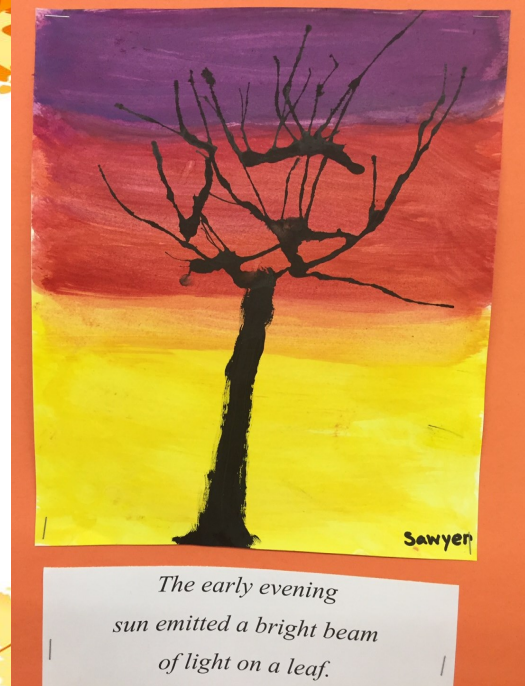
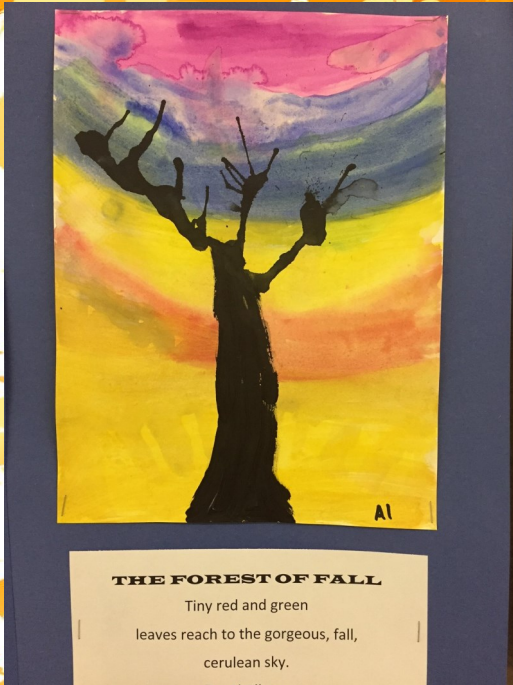
Email: Laurie@highwindsgraphix.com if you have questions or need assistance.

The screenshot shows the Richard Raccoons website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Cart, Checkout, Contact, Home, and My Account. A search bar and a shopping cart icon (showing 1 item for \$30.00) are also present. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a grid of products. The products listed are:

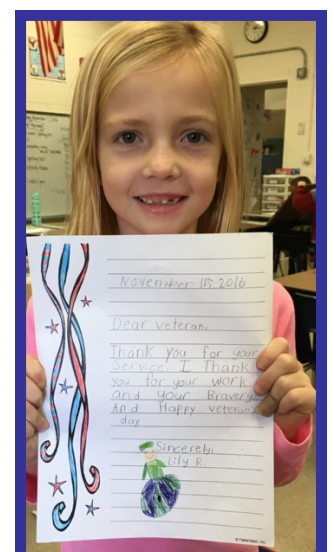
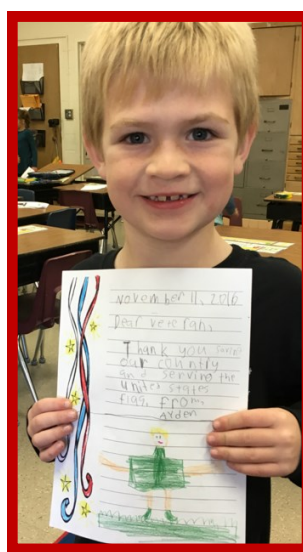
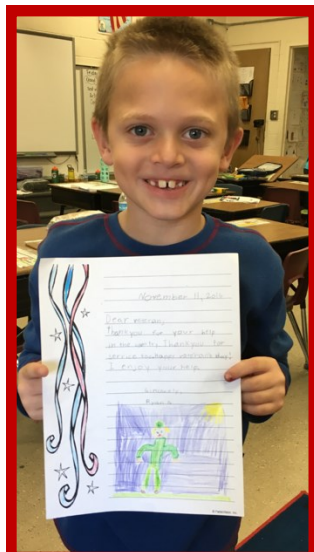
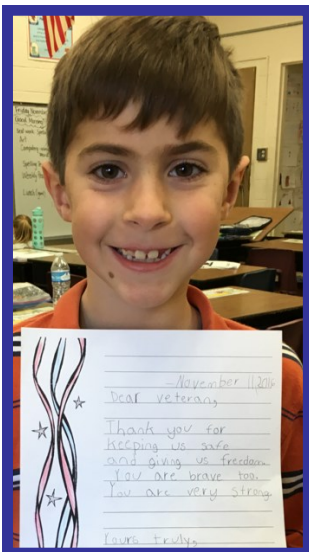
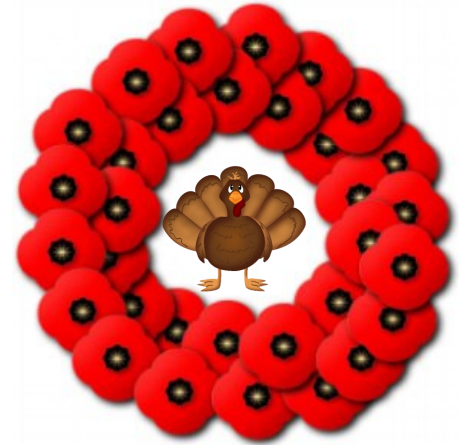
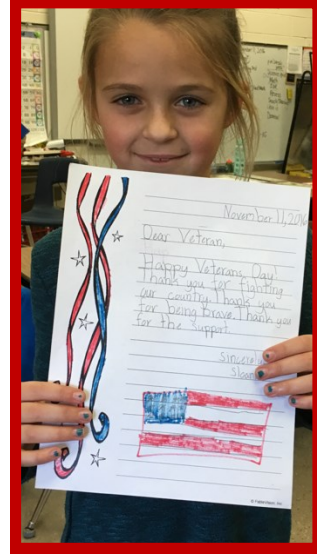
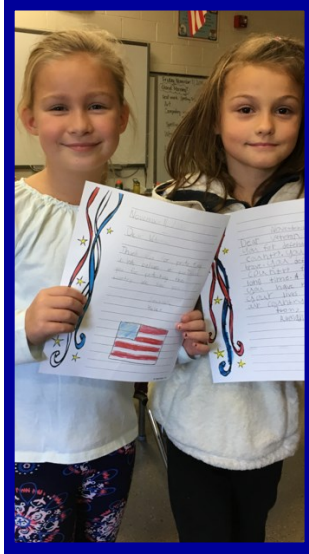
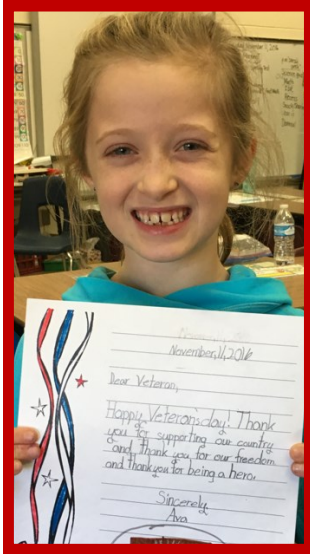
- 1/4 zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt: \$30.00
- Colorblock Cotton 3/4 Sleeve Jersey: \$16.00
- Girls Pink Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt: \$25.00

Each product listing includes an image of the item, its name, price, and a 'Select options' button. To the right of the product grid, there is a large blue call to action that says 'Order Today!' with a turkey illustration below it.

Fourth graders combine Art and Haiku in Ms. Aldrich's class. (Interdisciplinary project)



We Give Thanks



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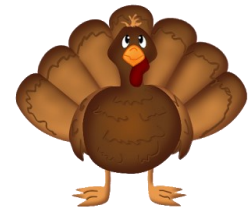
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Our Vision: One GP – where everyone learns, every day

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:



The winner for October is...

Hunter Lamb!!!!

Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: December 19th.