

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

April 2018

Dates to

Remember

5/2/2018

Instrumental Concert– 7:00
Kerby

5/5/2018

Run for the Roses –
Spring Fundraiser

5/8/2018

Kindergarten Transition Day

5/11/2018

Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea

5/23-25/2018

5th Grade Camp

5/31/2018

Field Day

6/14/2017

1/2 Day/A.M. School Only

6/15/2017

1/2/ Day/A.M. School Only
Last day of School

Please go to our website for the Calendars, highlights, and important information. <https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/gprichard>

Dear Richard Families and Friends,

Our Spring Concert was a fabulous one! Our students practiced hard to perform songs from around the world, even learning different languages! The month of May is here and another fabulous school year is going by quickly. Students are still engaged in learning and our faculty continues to challenge them each and every day. Our Richard families have continued to show positive support for our school in many ways through volunteering, donating supplies, and participating in PTO activities. Thank you for all you do to continue to encourage your children's learning. Your strong support continues to make a difference!

It's hard to believe, but we will soon be making plans for the 2018-19 school year.

The teachers and I work together to recommend students for classroom placements for next year. Using information from past years regarding the social and academic needs of the students, we consider many factors in these decisions, including academic abilities and interests, gender balance, behavior, personalities, class size, and special needs, along with many others.

If you would like to share information regarding your child's learning style or academic and social needs, please fill out a Student Information Sheet that is available on our website. These sheets are due in the office by May 15. We do not accept a request for a specific teacher and please remember that staffing changes often take place over the summer.

We are excited that our Richard Elementary School Field Day will take place on May 31 (rain date June 1.) We will use the track and field at Grosse Pointe South. We look forward to this day of fun and exercise and encourage you to volunteer to help out on this day.

Warmly,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett



REMEMBERTO FOLLOW US ON...



@RichardRaccoons

Join our Closed Group on

Facebook :

Richard Families



GPSS
Mobile
App

REGISTER TODAY!



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New elementary students: register and prove residency by May 1 to Ensure Your Child(ren) Can Attend Your Neighborhood School

On Monday, March 26, the Board of Education passed **Policy 5120 Assignment within District**. This allows the district to assign resident students who register and enroll after May 1 to schools within GPPSS other than their neighborhood schools and is projected to save between \$300,000 and \$500,000 annually. The details of this important change are included in [Administrative Guideline 5120](#).

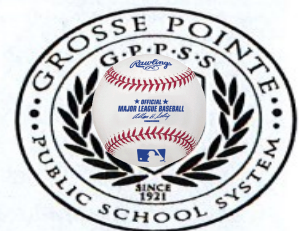
Key points include:

- If a family establishes residency and completes enrollment by May 1st, its student(s) will be assigned to their neighborhood school (no change from current practice). **You can guarantee that your child will attend their neighborhood school by establishing residency and completing the enrollment process by May 1st.**
- If you enroll your child post May 1st and their school is full, they will be assigned to another elementary near your neighborhood school. Parents will be provided choices regarding where their child will attend if their neighborhood school does not have space for their child(ren).

Please read [Administrative Guideline 5120](#) for details, or call [313-432-3044](tel:313-432-3044) with questions. The Residency Office will be open over Spring Break 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday for walk-ins. A list of required documents to [verify residency](#) is on the website. Call [313-432-3083](tel:313-432-3083) if you need to schedule an appointment outside these hours.

Grosse Pointe Public School System

*Register by May 1 for
Kindergarten
April 13 for Young Fives*



To be eligible to attend a Fun Transition to Kindergarten event at your home school! Each registered child that attends this event will be awarded a learning backpack with goodies to support summer learning!*

* Transition to Kindergarten - **May 8th** - by appointment only - MUST BE ENROLLED

Congratulations April Students of the Month



Service

Stella Fry
Macey Sherry
Stanton Kapla

Carson Girvan
Lucas Reynolds
Eugene Agnone

Safety

Lorelei Wohlfarth
Bella Rondini
Madeline Agnone



4th Grade

Ms. S. Schmitz, Mr. Stemmler
& Mrs. Wrosch



4th Grade Science





Congrats

to all of our

Peer2Peer Mentors



Thank you Peer mentor committees!



Second floor showcase design
First floor showcase design
Scavenger hunt
Hallway art





CONGRATULATIONS APRIL WINNERS

Golden Note Award Winners:

- K/1 Ms. Lesha
- 2/3 Mrs. Murphy
- 4/5 Mr. Gulian



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

- K-2 Lesha
- 3-5 Stemmler



Physical Education



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

- Mrs. Tawile
- Mrs. Wrosch



Golden Book Award Winner:

Mr. Swansey



PTO News

Congratulations to all of our participants in the 2018 Richard Read A Thon. Our students read 67,402 minutes the first two weeks of March which is amazing!

Our student winners for each grade are as follows:

Gabe Chaptini - Kindergarten (1035 minutes)

Anthony Marcolini - 1st Grade (1157 minutes)

Andrew Bayster - 2nd Grade (2105 Minutes)

Sara Marsh - 3rd Grade (3114 Minutes),

Jake Chaptini - 4th Grade (2300 Minutes),

Josh Koch - 5th Grade (1850 Minutes).

The classroom winners are Mr. Swansey's class, reading a total of 8,322 minutes.



The PTO is incredibly proud of all of the students that participated in this year's Read-A-Thon. Student winners can pick up their gift cards in the office by the end of the day.

TOP



Readers

SPECIALS



Gym: Mr. Ciaravino

We have been getting our exercise during the cold weather. A special guest came to work with us on our tennis unit, Chip Fazio. Thankfully we have tumbled our way to Spring. We are looking forward to being outside playing baseball, Capture the Flag, kickball and track.



Music

Thanks to all who helped make our Spring concert a success! We always appreciate the support of staff and parents on that hectic but fun night! DVDs of the concert are still available for \$10 through the music room.



Art:

The weather is finally warming up and so are our projects with Mrs. DeBow. Kindergarten will be creating some flowers after the style of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. First grade will once again be studying Henri Matisse and learning a new printmaking process. Second grade is finishing up their Van Gogh sunflowers to move onto a Great Barrier Sea Turtle project. Third graders are finishing up their weaving projects to move onto a fun alpaca drawing. Fourth grade will be creating a project use perspective and foreshortening techniques. Lastly, fifth grade will be creating a mandala project very soon. Amanda Debow



K: Finished up our Elephants and are working on Torn Paper Landscapes.

1st: Finished up our Fish Printmaking project and are beginning a drawing called, "Miss Spider's Tea Party" based on the book.

2nd: We are exploring the artwork of Vincent VanGogh and learning the difference between Landscape/Portraits/ Still Life artwork.

3rd: Finishing up our long unit on Fibers with a our awesome weavings! Next we will be learning about Claude Monet.

4th: Finished our beautiful precious gemstone paintings and are now learning about Keith Haring's street art and printmaking.

5th: We have finished our 3Dimensional Radial Symmetry sculpture and are now exploring watercolors and plants of the Southwest, in a still life painting. Erin Maday

Library



This month, the Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders compared variations of well-known fairy tales. They shared similarities and differences with the class. We also spent time in the library computer lab investigating online databases such as World Book Online and Britannica Elementary to research information. The 3rd graders learned how to access 17 library collections using the online card catalog. We also accessed online resources for research and learned how 3rd graders can avoid plagiarizing on their assignments. 4th and 5th graders accessed online newspapers and magazines in the InfoBits database for their research. The 4th graders shared ways to avoid plagiarizing and 5th graders addressed how to prevent cyberbullying.

Looking ahead: May 30 will be the last day to return library books in order to participate in Field Day. Help us reach 100%!

Run For The Roses

2018 PTO Spring Fundraiser

Keeping Richard Elementary a Front Runner in Education!



Join us on derby day for our first annual Run for the Roses Fundraiser! Come out & support Richard Elementary School in this exciting event. The theme is Hats and Bowties, so put on your best derby outfit and head out to Lochmoor Club for "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports"! We will have fantastic raffle items, signature drinks, strolling appetizers and of course betting!

The party starts at 5pm, Saturday May 5th in the Ballroom at Lochmoor Club. You won't want to miss this fun event, there are limited tickets so make sure to send in your form and money ASAP! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jennifer Legault, Brenda DeSmyter or Christina Deveroux.

Jen – 313.673.1703 Brenda – 248.760.1111 Christina – 313.205.9195

See You at the Race!

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Student's Name _____

Number of Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

\$40.00/Person or \$75.00/Couple

Please Make all Checks Payable to Richard PTO



Celebrate!

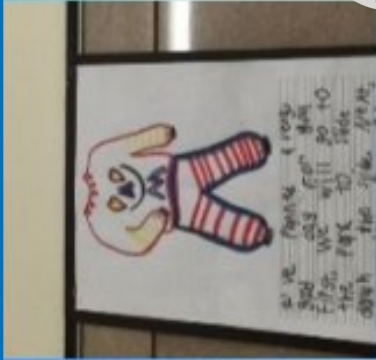


**It was so much fun to see
Bumblebee and all of the
cool FAST cars!**





ART





Save the Date –Thursday, May 31st
Richard Elementary Field Day & Fun Run

Calling all Richard parents, neighbors, friends and relatives.....we need your help to make field day a success! We are looking for at least 50 volunteers to join us for a fun filled day to run various games, serve as fun run lap counters, donate items or help with water stations. Come spend one of the last days of the school year with the Richard students.

When: Thursday, May 31st , 2018(K-2nd in the AM, 3rd-5th in the PM)

Rain date –Friday, June 1st, 2018

Where: Grosse Pointe South Track

Mr. C – Physical Education

Grosse Pointe Youth Team Tennis

From the USTA Midwest and Grosse Pointe Community Tennis Association

Tuesdays and Thursdays
 June 19 - July 26, 2018
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (ages 4-8)
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (ages 9-14)

Sign Up: MidwestTeamTennis.com

Questions, contact
Coach Chip Fazio, USPTA Elite
Professional chipfazio@gmail.com
313-670-3277 (cell)



Elworthy Field
Tennis Courts 9 & 10

389 Saint Clair Ave
Grosse Pointe, MI
Register by May 27th - \$125

Volunteers are needed, no tennis
 experience req'd, contact Coach Chip
 313-670-3277
chipfazio@gmail.com



June 5th
Peer2Peer
End of Year
Lunch Party

June 7th
Kindergarten
End of Year Party
8:30-12:00
5th Grade
End of Year Party
Farms Pier 11-3

June 8th
1st Grade
End of Year Party



June 11th
2nd Grade
End of Year Party

June 14th
3rd Grade
End of Year Party



Harbor Lanes 12:30-3:30

Thank you!
to all of our wonderful volunteers!



Volunteers
are just ordinary people
with extraordinary
hearts.
They offer the
gift of their time
to teach, to listen,
to help, to inspire,
to build, to grow,
to learn.
They expect no pay,
yet the value of their
work knows no limit. . .
They've known the
unexpected joy
of a simple hug.
They've planted tiny
seeds of love
in countless lives.
Volunteers
are just ordinary people
who reach out
and take a hand
and together
make a difference
that lasts a lifetime.



Richard Reads Rewards for Leila Oskui and Alex Berchulc



Thank you PTO for the milk and cookies
and pajama day!!

Please Update Your Contact Info in the Parent Portal

The district would like to take this opportunity to remind families to update their contact information through [MiStar Parent Portal](#). For the 6,000 who have downloaded the New and improved district app (available free for Apple and Android) thank you. Now **please take the important Step 2 and select GPPSS and your school(s)** if you have not done so already! Without that you won't receive important school and district texts straight to your phone. In return, the district will add the App to our emergency notification process and continue to review and update our safety protocol regularly.

This also provides an opportunity for you to **review all appropriate safety precautions with your children** and urge them to use caution and common sense in any situation that feels uncomfortable or dangerous to them. Please be sure that your children know to **report any incident immediately** to an adult. Remind your student that school staff and parent volunteers are present at arrival, dismissal and lunch/recess. Being polite is not as important as being safe. Our most important priority, like yours, is keeping our students safe. We appreciate your continued support in helping us do

No Safety Patrollers

Due to our 5th graders attending camp, there will be **NO Safety Patrollers** at their posts on **Wednesday, May 23, Thursday, May 24, and Friday, May 25.**

Please be sure to make alternative plans to and from school on the above stated dates, for your child's safe journey.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Dorothy Wrosch



Field Day

Thursday, May 31st

GP South Track

Parent Volunteers Needed

Dress Code Reminders

The school staff encourages parents to choose clothing which is adequate for the weather and supportive of health and safety considerations. Shoes and shirts must be worn. Any words that are on the clothing worn by Richard students should be APPROPRIATE for a school environment. Hats are NOT appropriate attire in the building. Flip Flops, sandals without a back strap, heeies (shoes with wheels in them) are not allowed.

Please see the GPPSS Dress Code





Guiding Children to Solve Their Own Problems

- Love and Logic Step One:** **Empathy.**
 “How sad.”
 “I bet that hurts.”

- Love and Logic Step Two:** **Send the “Power Message.”**
 “ What do you think you’re going to do?”

- Love and Logic Step Three:** **Offer choices.**
 “Would you like to hear what other kids have tried?”
 At this point, offer a variety of choices that range from bad to good. It’s usually best to start out with the poor choices.
 Each time a choice is offered, go on to step four, forcing the youngster to state the consequence in his/her own words. This means that you will be going back and forth between Love and Logic steps three and four.

- Love and Logic Step Four:** **Have the child state the consequences.**
 “ And how will that work?”

- Love and Logic Step Five:** **Give permission for the child to either solve the problem or not solve the problem.**
 “ Good luck. I hope it works out.”
 Have no fear. If the child is fortunate enough to make a poor choice, he/she may have a double learning lesson.



People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [Four Steps to Responsibility](#)



2207 Jackson St, Golden, CO 80401

800-338-4065

www.loveandlogic.com

Camp Packing List

For All Seasons:

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Towels (at least 2)
- Washcloth
- Soap/Shampoo
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Comb/Brush etc.
- Deodorant
- Pajamas
- Underwear
- Socks-bring extra!
- Long Pants
- Shirts (t-shirts are great for layering)

**Water Bottle

**Backpack



What **Not** To Bring to Camp.

- Radios, Ipods, Head-phones, Cell phones.
- Gum, Candy, Food
- Electronic of any kind
- Jewelry
- Valuables
- Digital Cameras
- Money

NO CELL PHONES

For Spring or Fall

- Boots or sturdy shoes that can get wet (no sandals or crocs of any style)
- Hooded Rain Gear-**Very Important**
- Warm Jacket
- Gloves (2 pair) & hat
- Hoodies
- Long sleeved shirts

Optional to Bring

- Flashlight
- Disposable Camera (labeled with your name and Richard School)
- Book
- Notebook
- Pencils/Colored Pencils (as indicated by group leaders)
- Sun glasses

Be prepared for any kind of weather!! Watch the weather report as you begin packing. Remember-we are outside in the woods most of the day. It will be colder at HNC than in GP.



Digital Picks

From your Elementary Library Media Specialists

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Selected by the Elementary Library Media Specialists for the families of Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and educational websites and apps - "digital picks". We hope you find our reviews helpful and we welcome your suggestions for future picks:



Duckie Deck Trash Toys - Ages 3+ iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad - \$2.99

Duckie Deck Trash Toys is a virtual creation tool made for preschoolers. Kids choose from a variety of recycled and found items and make creatures. Kids aren't limited by how many items they can add to their creature. No ads, parent settings, or instructions distract or limit kids. With Earth Day just passing, this app is a great way to show students how to be creative using reusable items. It's a wonderful tie-in for Earth Day and Spring.



codeSpark Academy - Ages 5+ iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, Chromebook, Kindle, Windows Phone - Free (but upgrade is available for a charge)

<https://codespark.com/> codeSpark Academy includes several increasingly challenging drag-and-drop coding puzzles that introduce kids to the logic of programming using visual blocks of code. No instructions are available in-app, but parents can access a full curriculum explaining the concepts on the [codeSpark website](https://codespark.com/) linked in the parent section. Keep in mind that the app is available by slightly different names for Android and iOS devices.

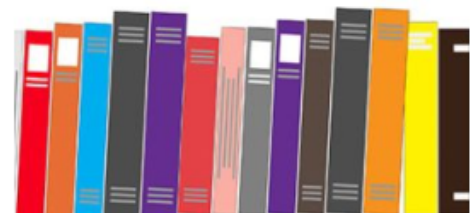


Thinkrolls 2 App - iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire - Ages 5+ - \$2.99

Thinkrolls 2 follows the same smart, fun format as *Thinkrolls*, adding new science concepts such as density, force, and electricity. Two settings -- easy and hard -- keep challenges appropriate for preschoolers and up, and parents can create accounts for up to six users, customizing the challenge level for each. The challenges require thinking and planning ahead, but kids can try without penalty until they figure it out. Every completed level leads to a fun new ball character to play with.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

- **Danielle Gostomski:** Kerby, Mason, Poupard, Richard
- **Amy Hermon:** Kerby, Maire, Poupard, Richard
- **Sherry Martin:** Defer, Ferry, Mason, Monteith, Poupard
- **Cheryl Quinlan:** Defer, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith
- **Rachel Walpole:** Defer, Richard, Trombly



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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 is 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 April is:



March winner: Noah Baubie

Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Students Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: May 26th.