

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

November 2017

Dates to

Remember

12/4/17
Winter Concert
Brownell @ 7:00

Dec. 6-9
Book Fair

12/6/17
Evening Conferences

12/7/17
PM & Evening
Conferences

12/9/17
Holiday Craft 10-12

Dec. 12,13,14
Santa's Attic

12/23-1/2
Christmas Break



Please go to our website
for the Calendars,
highlights, and important
information.

[https://
mi01000971.schoolwires.
net/gprichard](https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/gprichard)

Dear Richard Families and Friends,

December brings another busy month for all of us in our Richard community. Students are excited for our upcoming Winter Concert to be held at 7:00 pm at Brownell Middle School on Monday, December 4. Our first, third, and fifth grade students will perform, along with our choir.

Report cards are being sent home on Tuesday, December 5th. The report card reflects your child's progress since September. Included in the report cards for students in grades 2 –5 is a cumulative test record showing performance on district and state assessments. The cumulative test record gives you an additional picture of skills by grade and subject using district and state test data. There is a section with an explanation at the bottom of the sheet.

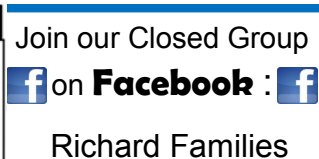
If you have any questions, please talk with your child's teacher at your upcoming conference on December 6 or 7. We believe that each and every child is unique and each one of them has special talents and strengths, just as adults do. Everyone learns differently and at different rates. As parents and educators, it is important to focus on children's strengths in order to help them grow and develop into well-rounded adults. Please keep in mind that "learning is a journey, not a race."

We are looking forward to having all of our students participate again in the Hour of Code challenge coming up this month. This will be our fourth year of participation as a school. Go to <https://hourofcode.com/us> if you would like more information.

We appreciate your continued support for our students and our school community.

Thank you,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett



CONFERENCES



Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, December 6th
Full day of school for students
Conferences **5-8PM**

Thursday, December 7th
Morning only for students
Conferences **12:30-3:30 PM**
Evening **5-8 PM**



CONCERT

PLACE: BROWNELL AUDITORIUM

TIME: 7 PM. STUDENTS MUST REPORT TO THEIR ASSIGNED ROOM BY 6:45

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 (CHANGED FROM THE 6TH DUE TO CONFERENCES)

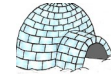
ATTIRE: BOYS: DRESS PANTS (NO JEANS, SWEATS), COLLARED SHIRT, TIE OPTIONAL

GIRLS: DRESS OR SKIRT OR DRESSY PANTS, NO HIGH HEELS, NO BIG BOWS THAT BLOCK THE STUDENT BEHIND THEM.

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.

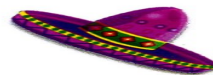


Please be sure that your child leaves for school dressed properly for the weather. All students must have boots and snow pants to play on the wood chips or playfield once the snow is on the ground—otherwise they must stay on the blacktop. Appropriate dress includes boots (preferably waterproof), snow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

PLEASE

Check out the "Lost and Found"

1st floor hall outside the gym



PTO News



Richard will have a pop-up book fair on December 6th from 5:00-8:00, December 7th 12:30-3:30 and 5:00-8:00, and on December 9th from 10:00-12:00. Books will be on sale- buy one, get one free. It's a great chance to shop for holiday gifts.

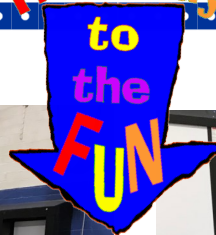
Richard will be hosting a craft fair from 10:00-12:00. Please considering volunteering for this fun event.

If you still wish to purchase products from our Art to Remember fundraiser, you can do so online. We cannot guarantee holiday delivery since the initial deadline has passed, but it's still a great opportunity to purchase a keepsake.

Last year, the PTO purchased shirts for all students. Each grade had their own color. Our hope was that students would be able to wear them for two years. If your child has outgrown his/her shirt or you are new to the school, you can order a new one for \$10 <http://richard.highwindsgraphix.com/>.

Family Game Night

This Way



SUPER STARS!

November

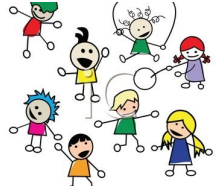
Golden Note Award Winners:

- K-1 Mrs. Tawile
- 2-3 Mr. Swansey
- 4-5 Mrs. Wrosch



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

- K-2 Mrs. Rabaut
- 3-5 Mr. Havern



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

- K-2 Mrs. Murphy
- 3-5 Mrs. Wallace



Golden Book Award Winner:

Mr. Havern



We are proud to announce our

Wayne County Community College

Holiday Essay contest winners.

Jack Ceresa and Henry Doyle

Honorable Mention-

Students were to write an essay on Holiday Traditions

Specials

Gym— Mr. Ciaravino

Richard Basketball !!! We are working on dribbling, passing and shooting...Sportsmanship and team work are also important lessons for all.

Art-

Mrs. DeBow—Kindergarten just finished the rainbow chameleon paintings and will be moving onto winter subjects such as patterned snow hats and winter landscapes
First grade has finished their mosaic owls and will be moving on to their arctic landscape paintings, including polar bears!
Second grade has begun their winter birch tree landscapes, focusing on creating depth and space in their work.
Third grade students are working on their Alebrije owl paintings and then will be moving on to their snowman perspective drawings.
Fourth grade students are creating their African Kente paper weavings. They will later begin a winter value scale sky painting.
Lastly Fifth grade is currently working on their Northern Light landscapes which includes the use of chalk pastels to create interesting light effects.
All classes are doing a wonderful job on their projects! Just an extra note, I will be available for any questions during parent teacher conferences during the evening on Wednesday, December 6th, at Richard if you would like to stop in to say hello.

Mrs. Maday—Kinder has finished up their printed snowflakes, and are making snowmen in clay!
1st Grade has finished up their snowman in a snowglobe project in which they explored marble painting, and are now making their patterned hot air balloons!
2nd Grade has finished their amazing winter birch tree project, and are now learning about modern artist, Frank Stella.
3rd Grade has finished their skiing snowman which highlights ways to show movement, and they are now working on Molas from Panama.
4th Grade has finished their painted, textured collaged winter scene, and they are moving into making their masks inspired by Africa.
5th Grade has finished their painted paper textured winter scene that highlights texture, value and space, and they are now moving into a radial symmetry design.
Thank you for sharing your children with me. I am enjoying my time at Richard and love the excitement and enthusiasm my students are showing in their beautiful work!



Wish List:

Baby Wipes

If you would like to donate any baby wipes for the Richard art room, it would be *much appreciated!* They make for a quicker, easier clean up and that means more time for creating!

Music

Our winter concert for grades 1,3,5 and choir is fast approaching! Due to the scheduling of parent/teacher conferences, our concert was moved to MONDAY, DECEMBER 4. Still at 7pm, and still at Brownell. Please check my website for details about what to wear and where to report a bit closer to the concert date. Any questions, just email me!

Library



This month, Mrs. Hermon's library lessons revolved around manners and bullying. K, 1st and 2nd Graders had story time and important discussions about making good choices and how to prevent bullying from happening at our school. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders began our library lessons (Nov 13-Jan 22 and March 27-June 15) with reviewing checkout procedures. We also spent time investigating examples of book damage and how we can avoid ever ruining a library book!

Room 107



November

Students of the Month



Congratulations!

Service

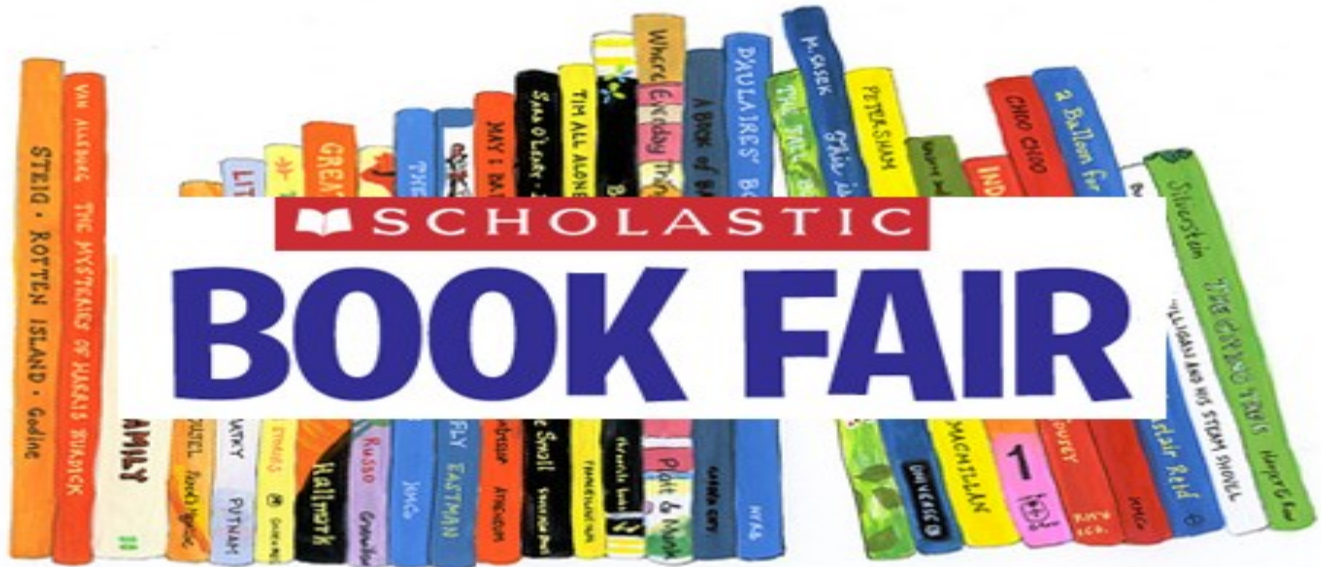
Mason Zentz
Ryann Waller
Jack George
Christian Jacklyn
Eleanor Smith
Madeline Maks
Betsy Ropke

Safety

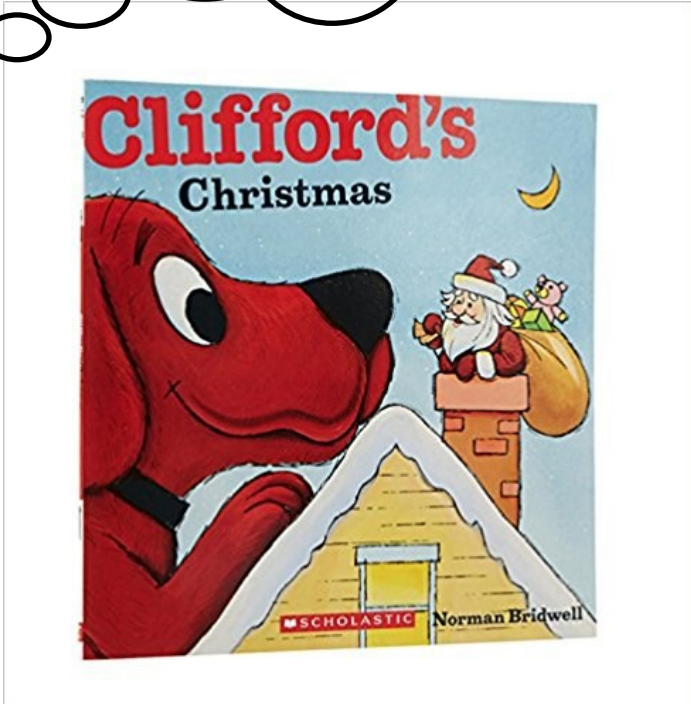
Connie Bedsworth
Lily Wodzisz
Duncan Richards

Peer2Peer

Aliana Ritter
Ava Seiss



December 6, 7, 9



There is no better gift than the gift of reading!

The Richard PTO is planning a Scholastic BOGO Book Fair. A BOGO is a Buy One Get One free book fair. It will be held in the first-floor hallway. The shopping hours will coincide with conferences and the PTO Holiday Craft Morning.

Evening Conferences: Wednesday, December 6th 5-8pm

Afternoon/Evening Conferences: Thursday, December 7th 12:30-3:30pm & 5-8pm

Holiday Craft Morning: Saturday, December 9th 10-12pm

Please contact any of the Book Fair Co-Chairs if you would like to volunteer!

Thanks-



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Jeanine Harris jeannineharris06@gmail.com

Mindy Ulrich mindyulrich@yahoo.com



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Halloween



Student Council

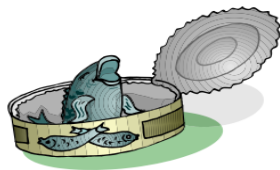
Richard Student Council
is sponsoring a Food Drive for
Gleaners

December 1st -December 15th.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE

Below are some suggestions of nutritious canned and dry goods that Gleaners uses the most. Please no opened containers, homemade food or expired products, and avoid items in glass as they often break in transit.

TOP 5 NEEDED ITEMS



Canned Fruit (no heavy syrup)
Canned Vegetables
Tuna Fish
Peanut Butter (in plastic jars)
Healthy Cereal/Oatmeal



Hearty Soups, Stews
Canned Spaghetti or Pasta
Beans (black, kidney, pinto, or refried)
Canned Meats (chicken, salmon)
Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese, Rice
Pancake or Baking Mixes
Baby Food or Formula



THESE ITEMS MUST TO BE IN A SEPARATE CONTAINER FROM FOOD GOODS

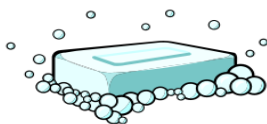
Personal Care Items

Diapers

Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

Soap and Shampoo

Disposable Razors





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 on 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/>



Richard' s 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Morning

Saturday, December 9 from 10-12 in the
school gym



Come craft with us! We have a great lineup of crafts to make ranging in price from \$2 to \$5. great for presents or keepsakes or just for fun!

We are attaching a form for payment and reserved work time. Each session runs ½ hour per craft. Children are allowed to choose up to 4 crafts with designated times.

This is a “family” event so please make sure that your child is supervised.

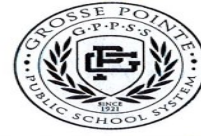
Samples are in the display case at school. Pictures will also be posted on “Richard families” group on facebook. [Click here for link on website](#)

Baked goods, coffee and hot chocolate will be available.
There will also be a mini book fair with bogo!

Questions? Text or call Angela Wohlfarth
313-682-8008 or Helena Carroll 313-318-5450
Form due November 30



Kindergarten Info Night



Head to your home elementary school
7 p.m., Thursday, January 18.



Kindergarten Info 1-18-18, 7 p.m.

Barnes Early Childhood - 20090 Morningside, GPW
Supervisor Sue Lucchese - 318-432-5104
GPSS Childcare Sara Meier - 318-432-3809

Defer Elementary - 15425 Kercheval, GPP
Principal Lisa Rheanne - 318-432-4000

Ferry Elementary - 745 Roslyn, GPW
Principal Gloria Hinz - 318-432-4100

Kerby Elementary - 285 Kerby, GPP
Principal Sara Delgado - 318-432-4200

Maire Elementary - 740 Cadieux, GP
Principal Sonja Franchetti - 318-432-4300

Mason Elementary - 1690 Vernier, GPW
Principal Roy Bishop, Jr. - 318-432-4400

Monteith Elementary - 1275 Cook, GPW
Principal Shellyann Keulean - 318-432-4500

Poupard Elementary - 20655 Lennon, HW
Principal Hussain Ali - 318-432-4800

Richard Elementary - 176 McKinley, GPP
Principal Mary Macdonald-Barrett - 318-432-4900

Tremblay Elementary - 620 Beaconsfield, GPP
Principal Walt Fitzpatrick - 318-432-5000

Brownell Middle School - 260 Chalfonte, GPP
Principal Roger Hurwick - 318-432-3900

Parcells Middle School - 20600 Mack, GPW
Principal Daniel Herlihy - 318-432-4600

Pierce Middle School - 15430 Kercheval, GPP
Principal Chris Clark - 318-432-4700

Community Campus - 17006 Mack Ave, GPP
Lillie Leder - 318-432-3804

Full Circle Upscale Resale - 17006 Mack Ave, GPP
Sue Banner - 318-469-6660

SERVE Volunteer Program - office at Admin. Bldg.
Alicia Carlisle - 318-432-3770

North High School - 707 Vernier, GPW
Principal Kate Murray - 318-432-3200

South High School - 11 Grasse Pointe Blvd., GPP
Principal Moussa Hamka - 318-432-3500

Can't make the Info Night? Call any principal to
arrange a personal tour
www.gpschools.org

Parcells Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar

December 2, 2017

9am - 4pm

\$3 admission (\$2 before 10am)

Stroller friendly ❄️ 12 € under free!



Concessions
available

Over 140
vendors

Parcells Middle School
20600 Mack Avenue
Grasse Pointe Woods

Parking off Sunningdale behind the school.



Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library
Media Specialists*

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The Grosse Pointe Public Schools offer easy, 24-7 access to a variety of kid-friendly digital resources for reading and research. Links to all of these wonderful websites/databases can be found on our school's homepage under the "Library" tab--just select "GPPS Library Reference Sources" and explore!



www.duolingo.com Duolingo is a great language-learning platform and website and app that is free. Learning is fun with points scored for correct answers.



[Sushi Monster](#) is a game created by the Scholastic educational team in which players must solve a series of addition and multiplication math problems.



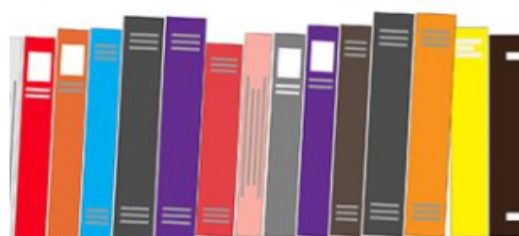
[Drawp for School](#) is the award-winning K-12 workflow management platform with built-in design tools, swipe-to-share collaboration, standards-aligned content and unlimited cloud storage. Students use Drawp creativity tools to add drawings, voice recordings, text and photos to assignments.



[Bookabi](#) is a new fun interactive and entertaining iPad app for your kids to create their very own storybook! Unique and innovative it offers a wide selection of 2D and 3D characters, fanciful backgrounds and fun stickers and objects that your kids can place, resize and rotate with the swipe of a finger. Everything is included for your kids to get creative.

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 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 winners for October are ... Emma & Lydia Prysak !!!!!

Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: December 19th.