

# Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

October 2017

## Dates to

## Remember

10/31/17

Halloween

AM School only

11/7/17

No School for students

11/9/17

Gizmos Game Night 6-7

11/12/17

GPPS Open House

11/21/17

AM School only

Thanksgiving break begins at 11:36 AM.



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

Dear Richard Parents and Families,

Our students and teachers continue to be actively engaged in teaching and learning. We have had one of the most successful and productive first two months of school. Our parent involvement has remained strong and our PTO collaborated to produce another successful Pumpkin Fest. It was not at all diminished because of the bad weather and was held inside for the very first time. Creative pumpkin decorating, cider and donuts, along with many games and crafts made it a fabulous weekend afternoon. Thanks you to all of you who made it possible.

You should have received an invitation from your child's teacher to schedule a conference on December 6 or 7. 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.

Meanwhile, you can support your child at home by encouraging reading at home as much as possible. The more kids read, the better they write. All good writers are good readers. Playing games to work on math facts is another valuable way to support learning.

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*

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

<https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/gprichard>

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@RichardRaccoons

Join our Closed Group

on **Facebook** :

Richard Families



**GPPS**  
Mobile  
App

# Please label all of your child's belongings!

Please be sure to put your child's name on their belongings. ALL BELONGINGS. Bicycles, scooters, helmets, coats, hats, gloves, boots. Many children have the same jacket or scooter. It is very easy to mistake someone else's property as your own. We are hoping this will help in returning things to the rightful owner.



## 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.

## 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  
3:38 PM Dismissal

## 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,



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:

- 8:10 AM Entry Bell
- 8:25 AM AM Classes Begin
- 8:40 AM Parade Begins
- 9:30 AM Halloween Assembly  
Count Spooky
- 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. Label all items!

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

October was a busy month for the PTO. We wrapped up a successful **Entertainment Book** fundraiser, enjoyed a fun filled **Pumpkin Fest**, and had a wonderful time (and earned money for the school) at the **Haunted Garage**.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made these events such a success. These would not be possible without your support!

Remember to keep saving your **Box Tops**!

If you have a **Kroger card**, you can earn money for Richard. Enroll your card in the community rewards program. It only takes a few minutes. <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Upcoming **PTO Meeting** Dates: Remember all are welcome and there's babysitting available in the gym:). They begin at 7:00 in the library. We'd love to have you join us!

11/15, 1/17, 3/21, and 5/16



## Entertainment Books

Thank you to everyone who helped make our fall Entertainment Book fundraiser a huge success for Richard. The students hard work in selling books raised over **\$5,000.00** for the school. Great job to everyone who participated and made this such a huge success!

Many thanks to Jen Legault for all of her time and hard work!!!!



Looking for anyone who has any interest in crafting, arts or working with kids!

Family Functions needs volunteers for upcoming functions in December. We need help with our Holiday Craft Morning Saturday, December 9 from 10-12 and the Holiday Attic December 12-December 14 during lunch. Any help would be appreciated. Text/Call Helena (313) 318-5450 or Angela (313) 682-8008 for more info.





# Specials



## Gym

Fall and Football! The Detroit Lions is looking for some players. Everyone keep playing hard! You never know when you will be called up to the big leagues!

Happy Halloween      Thanks, Mr. C

## Art

All classes have finished up their awesome Art to Remember project! This year's theme for Lower Elementary was to draw a trio of birds... or as I like to refer to it "Birds of a Feather Flock Together". The theme this year for Upper Elementary was to draw your favorite pet (one you have/had or WISH you had!). They turned out amazing! Bright colors, realistic features and very careful and thought out details.

Mrs. DeBow's classes are finishing up the following projects: Mondrian in Kindergarten, Matisse in 1st, Van Gogh in Second, Dia de los Muertos in 3rd, Picasso in 4th, and Escher in 5th.

Mrs. Maday's classes are finishing up the following projects: Silly Face Pumpkins in Kindergarten, Matisse in 1st, The Art of India: Mehndi Hands, as well as Positive/Negative Pumpkins in 2nd, Alebrije Owls from Oaxaca, Mexico in 3rd, Picasso in 4th and Elements of Art Accordion Books and Pumpkins at Midnight Chalk Pastel Landscapes in 5th.

PHEW! It's already been a whirlwind of fun in art class and we are really enjoying our time here at Richard with your students!

## Music

We continue to work hard in the music room, preparing for our winter concert as well as getting new concepts under our musical belts!

**PLEASE NOTE:** As stated in the last newsletter, our date for the winter concert has changed due to parent teacher conferences. Our new date is **DECEMBER 4 @ 7 PM AT BROWNELL** for grades 1,3,5 and the choir. Please go to my website, accessible from the school website, for more information, or contact me anytime.

## Library



Kindergarten and 1st Graders have been learning how to distinguish storybooks from fact books and where to locate them in the library. They can also identify parts of a book. 2nd Graders have had important lessons in how to find the "Just right book" and share ways in which we can all be safe online. 2nd graders also learned about the GPPL network and how we can enjoy books from 17 different libraries! All students have been encouraged to expand their reading interests during book checkout. Library classes for 3rd, 4th and 5th will take place during session 2 (Nov 13-Jan 23) and session 4 (Mar 27-June 15).

## Spanish

Third graders have learned to describe how their personality and how they are feeling. We are also covering our first story telling in Spanish by looking into monarchs' migration to Mexico. Fourth graders have covered numbers in various activities and completed their assessments on numbers 1-100. They too are completing their first story telling for the year. Their story telling will be on Peru's lost city of Machu Picchu. Can't wait for our adventure! Fifth graders covered multiple activities on sports and hobbies and cultural activities like *Fiesta del Pilar* and *Siestas*. We are going to move on into looking at Spain's communities and creating our own neighborhoods.





# October

**Golden Note Award Winners:**

K-1 – Mrs. Rabaut

2-3 – Mrs. Murphy

4-5 – Mr. Havern



**Golden Shoe Award Winners:**

K-2 Ms. K. Schmitz

3-5 Mrs. S. Schmitz



**Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:**

K-2 Mrs. Vektor

3-5 Mrs. Wrosch



**Golden Book Award Winners:**

K-2 Mrs. Murphy

3-5 Mr. Stemmler



## Students of the Month



**Service**

**Lucy W.  
Connor S.  
Alex B.  
Oscar G.**

**Safety**

**Niko T.  
James M.  
Reece M.**



# Students of the Month

# October



## Service

Zack W.

Ivy P.

Stanton K.

Lucas R.

Carson G.

## Safety

Isabelle R.

Mia F.

Bella R.





# A VISIT TO THE STATE CAPITOL



On Thursday, October 12, Richard fourth graders spent the day in Lansing. Our first visit of the day was to the Michigan History Museum, where we learned about Michigan's natural and cultural history, connecting 3rd and 4th-grade social studies lessons. After enjoying lunch at the museum, we traveled to the Michigan's Capitol building. Fourth-graders toured the capitol and connected their social studies lessons about government to the business being conducted at the capitol. One group was asked to join Senator Steven Bieda (district 9) for a tour of the senate floor.





## Digital Picks

From your Elementary Library  
Media Specialists

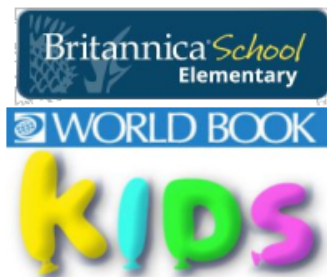
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*The Grosse Pointe Public Schools offer easy, 24-7 access to a variety of kid-friendly digital resources for reading and research. Links to all of these wonderful websites/databases can be found on our school's homepage under the "Library" tab--just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



**BookFLIX** pairs high-quality Weston Woods videos of more than 120 popular fiction stories with non-fiction e-books on related topics. Themes include "Animals and Nature," "Earth and Sky," "People and Places," "ABCs and 123s," and "Adventure." Games and puzzles add to the fun!



**Britannica** and **World Book** have been helping students research for generations! These kid-centric digital versions provide trustworthy and current information in an engaging combination of articles, images, maps, infographics, videos and games. Links to additional sources, a built-in dictionary, AND a read-aloud feature make these invaluable resources for curious K-5 researchers.



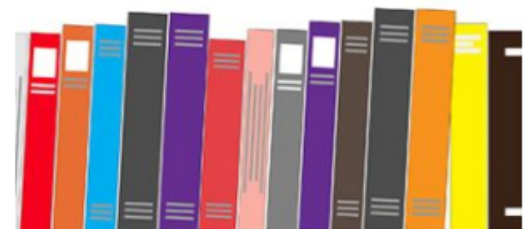
**Kids InfoBits** is an easy-to-navigate database of timely articles, images, infographics, and videos on popular topics, drawn from a variety of reference books, magazines, and news periodicals.



**Kiddle** offers a kid-safe alternative to searching the web with Google. A visual search engine for kids powered by Google, Kiddle offers webpages, images, and videos selected and vetted by Kiddle editors especially for a young audience.

### 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



**RICHARD ELEMENTARY is having a**



# **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**



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

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 9th  
6:00-7:00 PM.**

For all students & their families

**Let the Games Begin!**

Please RSVP by filling out and returning this form by 11/6/17  
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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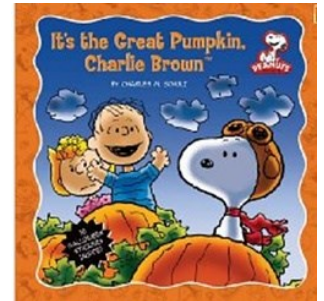






## 1st Graders

Picking out their favorite Halloween books from the "Pumpkin Patch".



Art to Remember is back!!!! The kids have been working very hard on special projects to participate in this unique fundraising program with Art to Remember. The fundraiser gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items with your child's artwork on them. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school.

Order forms for Art to Remember will be sent home with students before 10/30/2017 and are due back by 11/6/2017. To see available keepsake items like coffee mugs, key chains, and necklaces, visit <http://arttoremember.com/fundraising-programs/keepsake-programs/products/>

**Richard Elementary** broke every record *Haunted Garage* had! We had 388 tickets pre-sold and 487 purchased total. Thank you to all our families that supported this wonderful event!

A BIG thank you to Mindy Michael-Ulrich, Kimberly Romolino, Jeanine Taylor Harris, Danielle Albrecht and Brenda Borgnes DeSmyter for all the help making this event amazing!



## 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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### Three Types of Parents, continued.

CONSULTANT	HELICOPTER	DRILL SERGEANT
7. The Love and Logic parent models doing a good job, finishing, cleaning up, feeling good about it	7. whines and uses guilt: "When are you ever going to learn. I always have to clean up after you."	7. issues orders and threats: "You get that room cleaned up or else..."
8. The Love and Logic parent often asks self, "Who owns the problem?" helps the child explore solutions to his/her problem	8. whines and complains about having an irresponsible child who causes "me" much work and responsibility	8. takes over ownership of the problem using threats and orders to solve the problem
9. The Love and Logic parent uses lots of actions, but very few words	9. uses lots of words and actions that rescue or indicate that the child is not capable or responsible	9. uses lots of harsh words, very few actions
10. The Love and Logic parent allows child to experience life's natural consequences and allows them to serve as the teacher	10. protects child from natural consequences, uses guilt as the teacher	10. uses punishment; pain and humiliation can serve as the teacher



People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [Helicopters, Drill Sergeants & Consultants](#)



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

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# 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:



September winner is: **Noah Baubie in Ms. Leshia's room**

Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

How Many \_\_\_\_\_?

Please return to the office by: November 17th.