



Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

December 2016

Dates to Remember

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

2/2/2017
AHE Parent Meeting-7:00 Kerby

2/15/2016
5th Grade Bake Sale

2/18-26/2016
Winter Break



Please go to our website for additional information and flyers.

Happy Holidays





@ must for **Richard Families**



New Grosse Pointe Public Schools Mobile Communications App

Free Blackboard download

- View news stories
- View sports news
- Receive important alerts
- View calendar info
- Access school and staff info
- Access MiStar Parent Portal





WINTER IS HERE!

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 or temperature 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 only. Appropriate dress includes boots (preferably waterproof), snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens (preferably waterproof), scarves etc.



PTO News



We would like to thank these Richard Parents and sponsors of the Holiday Craft Morning and Holiday Attic. These individuals have donated money toward our events so that the Richard families could enjoy delicious coffee, hot cocoa and cookies during Saturday Craft Morning last week. They have also donated money toward the gift wrap that we used at Holiday Attic.

Helena Carroll of
Sine & Monaghan



Chris D. Walsh
Senior Vice President, Wealth Management
The Walsh Group
at Morgan Stanley

Morgan Stanley

Katy Walsh

Shana Sine of Sine & Monaghan



A big thank you to our craft volunteers!

These ladies either came up with the craft ideas, bought all the items or taught the kids how to make them-some of these ladies did all 3! Our art teacher-Mrs. Jane Pleith, Mary Beth Davey, Helena Carroll, Nora Utley, Kara Shall with Hen and Chicks Cakes, Inga Sabourin, Gaby Boddy, Megan Gormley Goldstein, Angela Wohlfarth, Gina Tecos, Alia Ritter, Sara Agnone, Sara Koch, Mary Ellen Kelly, Christina Deveroux, Brenda Desmyter, Kate Rondini and Alex O'Dell. Another thank you to Mr. Baker-he has helped with setup and work at every event we have had!!!



I just want to say thank you to the committees that had things going on in the past month. Family functions, 5th grade boosters, hospitality, fundraising, noontime enrichment and a huge thank you to Ed Allotta for all of his hard work switching over our directory to the online version. Thank you to Holly Bayster for organizing meals for our teachers during conferences. Watch for info on our up and coming events after the holidays! More bake sales and a progressive dinner!

Happy Holidays!

Christina Deveroux

PTO President



Thank you to all the wonderful parents and family members who helped the kids to shop, organize their money, and gift wrap their gifts at the Holiday Mart!!

You were all Amazing, and Wonderful, and you helped put smiles on many little faces!!!

Thank you, Thank you!!!!



Kindergarten Info Night



Head to your home elementary school

7 p.m., Thursday, January 19.

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

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.



SUPER STARS!



Golden Note Award Winners:

K-1 – Mrs. Brown/Cantalupo

2-3 – Mrs. Murphy

4-5 – Mrs. Aldrich



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Tawile

3-5 Mr. Stemmler



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Vctor

3-5 Mrs. Wrosch



Golden Book Award Winner:

Mrs. Vctor



Service & Safety

Service

Niko T.
Vincent V.
Kelsie G.
Olivia M.

Safety

Charlotte B.
Evelyn Y.



Specials

Computers-Mrs. Fiscus

This month we celebrate “AN HOUR OF CODE”. The students have been busy coding in all grades K-5. Also, 4th & 5th grades are typing papers on various topics.

When we come back from winter break the winter test window begins for NWEA- math & reading. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast!





Specials

Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

It's that time of year again!!! The Reindeer Games have begun. This years teams include: Rudolph, Donner, Blitzen, Comet, and Dasher. The kids are revved up and ready for some fun!

Have a great break and be of good cheer. Happy holidays!

Art-Mrs. Pizzimenti/Mrs. Plieth

Richard Artists were like busy elves for all of November and December. Kindergarten started the month painting poinsettias inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe, and learning the legend behind this symbol. They have just finished drawing curious polar bears in pastels. 1st grade completed cut paper snowmen. They used lines and shapes to recreated Scandinavian inspired patterns for the scarves. They are currently completing festive lanterns, and are using color mixing techniques to paint the glowing candle light for these. 2nd Grade Skillfully painted colorful backgrounds for their cheery penguin cut paper collages. They are currently finishing painting Van Gogh inspired winter architecture scenes Look for their incredible weavings. We are finishing up 5th- Printmaking Cards, 4th- Matisse Collages, and 3rd Monet Birch Trees. After the Holiday break we will be working with clay!



Music-Ms. Weinhaus & Ms. Moses

We were so pleased with the great job our students in grades 1,3,5 and the choir did at our Winter Concert! DVDs are still available; check with your music teacher.

We will continue with recorders in the 4th grade, and K,2,and 4 will start learning their spring concert music in a few weeks!



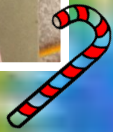
Library

Mrs. Quinlan's K is learning about nonfiction books (farm animals); 1st is also learning about nonfiction/fiction books (owls); 2nd is creating a class book; 3rd grade is beginning an animal research project; 4th grade is creating a fiction book cover project with book hooks; 5th grade is doing a group research project using 7 different research sources.

Mrs. Hermon's 3rd graders are learning how to choose the "just right book." We are also reviewing how fiction and nonfiction are organized in the library. 4th and 5th graders are practicing accessing the online card catalog (OPAC) to find materials. We are also exploring (and expanding) our reading interests.



Ms. Walpole's Kindergarteners have been enjoying alphabet books this month, and exploring how library books are organized in ABC order. First graders celebrated Fox Fable Finale with puppet show rehearsals and stories inspired by Aesop's fables. Second graders started a serious research project about a whimsical subject--dragons! Third, fourth, and fifth graders returned to the library this month. They've been thinking about what kind of readers they are, and reviewing how the library is organized and cataloged to help them grow as readers and as learners.



Spotlight
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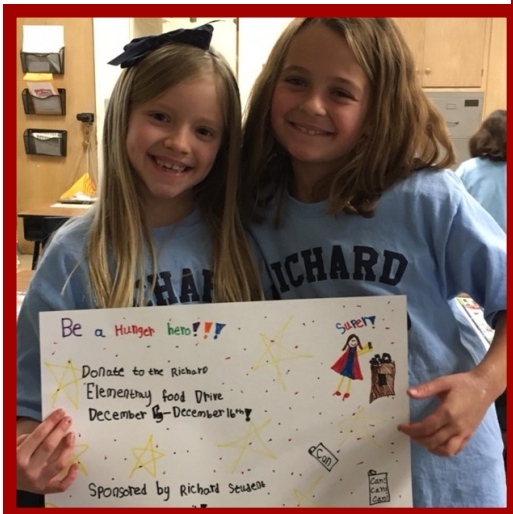
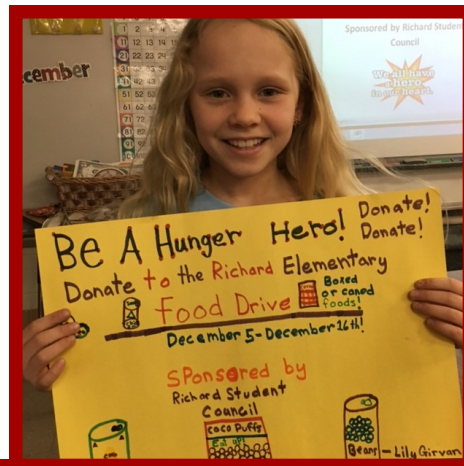
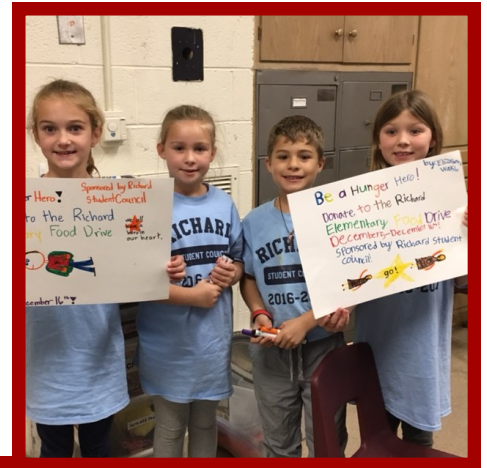


Art?



Student Council Tidings

Student Council would like to thank everyone at Richard who made the Food Drive for Gleaners Community Food Bank such a wonderful success!





Happy Holidays from your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)



Before you start your holiday shopping, check this site for their "Best-of" recommendations for families. The lists includes age-appropriate movies, video games, apps, websites, books, music and educational materials.



NYT Notable Children's books of 2016

The best in picture books, middle grade, and young adult fiction and nonfiction, selected by the children's books editor of the New York Times Book Review



Association for Library Service to Children

Notable Children's books of 2016

This list include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (birth through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways.



Christmas Around The World: A Pop-Up Book by Chuck Fischer
Featuring France, Germany, Russia, Latin America, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Italy, and the United States, every spread is packed with delights: a luxurious central pop-up image, plus removable booklets, pullouts, mini pop-ups, and more.



Walk this World at Christmastime by Debbie Powell

This is a children's flap book, there are several flaps on each page that must be lifted to see what is underneath. The book takes a trip around the world and illustrates not only how different cultures and countries celebrate Christmas, but also the other holidays that are celebrated around Christmastime.



Celebrate Christmas: With Carols, Presents and Peace by Deborah Heiligman
This National Geographic publication reflects the global nature of the celebration: Pere Noel in France, Santa Claus in America, La Befana in Italy, and the Three Kings of Hispanic cultures. With first-person narrative, informative back matter, and evocative photography, *Celebrate Christmas* is a rich historical and cultural resource for children.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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





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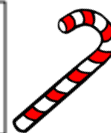
INCLUDING: T-SHIRTS, HOODIES, SWEATPANTS, JACKETS, HATS, GIFTS AND MORE!
YOUTH AND MANY ITEMS IN ADULT SIZES TOO. BOYS AND GIRLS COLORS.

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.

www.richard.highwindsgraphix.com

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



The screenshot shows the Richard Raccoons website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Home, Cart, Checkout, Contact, Home, My Account. Below this is a search bar and a shopping cart icon showing 1 item for \$30.00. The main content area displays three product listings:

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

On the right side of the screenshot, the text "Order Today!" is displayed in a large, blue, stylized font.



Lost & Found

Items will remain up until the winter break.
Any items remaining during the winter break
will be donated to charity.

PLEASE
Check out the "Lost and Found"



Sickness

Parents, please remember students must be fever/symptom free
for 24 hours (without the aid of medication) before returning to
school.



Office Reminders



It is best to make sure your child is prepared in the morning with their winter gear, lunch, homework or any other needed items. This reduces the many visits to the school by parents. This also minimalizes the amount of classroom interruptions during the school day. If you must bring in an item please be sure it is labeled with your child's name and their teacher.

Many parents have been calling and leaving messages to be given to their children on the school voicemail. The office is a very busy place and messages are checked first thing in the morning. We do not always get the messages left at the end of the day. Please make sure you talk with a secretary if a message needs to get to your child. Again, please try and have all of your after school plans arranged before your child comes to school.

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.

RICHARD RECYCLES •paper •cardboard •plastic •GPS units

•cell phones •glass •cans •styrofoam •markers •laptops •clothing

•inkjet printer & toner cartridges •books •juice & snack squeeze pouches



•digital cameras •graphing calculators •small electronics

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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 November is... Andrew B.!!!!

Print and use this sheet or fill out your own.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: January 20th