



Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

May 2017

Dates to Remember

5/24-26/2017

5th Grade Camp

5/29/2017

No School

6/2/2017

Field Day @ GPS

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 additional information and flyers.

Dear Richard Families and Friends,

Thank you for another wonderful school year! Once again, it has been a pleasure to work with such a fabulous staff and such talented children. The entire Richard faculty and I have appreciated all of the parent input and all of the volunteers that have contributed so much time and energy toward the education of our students. The support from parents remains an important part of the success of our children. Working together, teachers and parents are able to encourage students to take on responsibility and work toward independence. This is truly a learning community.

The end of the school year is a time for reflection and a time for recognition of growth and progress. Our kindergarteners can self-assuredly find their way around the entire school building without any difficulty, write letters and numbers legibly, solve math problems, and read sight words. Our fifth grade students are prepared to move on to middle school and we are so proud of their efforts and achievements.

We hope that all of our students and families have a safe and restful summer. Remember that children benefit greatly from having assigned chores to do as part of the family and they benefit from free time because they can find plenty of opportunities to explore, be creative, play outside and socialize. Summer is also a great time to read for pleasure and we hope all of our children find time each day to spend with a book.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing many happy, eager faces on September 5th .

Warmly,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett

REMEMBERTO FOLLOW US ON...



@RichardRaccoons

Join our Closed Group on **Facebook** :
Richard Families



**GPS
Mobile
App**

Golden Note Award Winners

K-1 - Mrs. Vektor

2-3 - Mr. Swansey

4-5 - Mr. Havern



Golden Shoe Award Winners

K-2 - Mrs. Vektor

3-5 - Mrs. Aldrich



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners

K-2 - Mrs. K. Schmitz

3-5 - Mr. Stemmler



Golden Book Award Winners

Mrs. Vektor

Mrs. Wallace



Service Members of the Month

Ava Seiss

Isabelle Romolino

Mia Fakh

Lily Kester

Trulyn Doyle



Registration and Enrollment

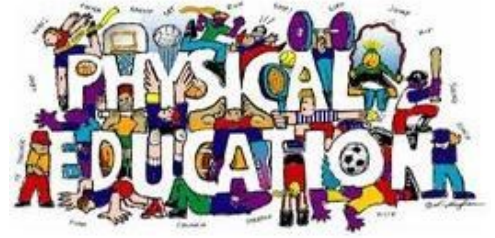
All new students must be registered and enrolled in the district. Kindergarten enrollment no longer requires an appointment, enrollment is on a walk-in basis. Hours for enrollment are Monday through Thursday 8 am to 4 and Friday 8 am to 3:30 pm at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe. We need this information early so the district can budget and staff appropriately. If you're not certain if your child will be attending the public schools next year, please contact us anyway. District staff can answer questions about placement and programming and provide additional information that may assist you.

Children turning 5 before September 1, 2017 are eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017-2018 school year. If you know a new neighbor or family in the Richard attendance area with children, please let them know how to register their child for Kindergarten! We welcome all our young learners to the district! All necessary Kindergarten enrollment forms can be found at www.gpschools.org and on the Kindergarten link on the Richard Home Page.

SPECIALS

Gym: Mr. Ciaravino

Field Day is only days away! A perfect day to highlight the great year we have had. I encourage you all to eat healthy, stay active, exercise, and live healthy. Have a great summer!!



Music:

As things wind down in the music room, we thank all involved in our Spring Concert! What a great show for your kids. For the summer, there are a couple of opportunities for your student to stay active in music. For instrumentalists, there is the Summer Music Festival, and for students going into 4th, 5th and 6th grades, there is the GP Summer Choir. Look for details about each program on the district website, or email me at Kemer.weinhaus@gpschools.org for more info.



Art:

K-2nd students had a very successful year in art! We learned about many different artists, including Vincent van Gogh, Henri Matisse, and Georgia O'Keeffe. We studied different cultures and created artwork inspired by them, including our Chinese new year dragons, Indian henna hands, and Native American bowls. We learned about the color wheel, different line designs, and patterns. The second grade was able to make their first woven rug out of fibers. We all worked on different clay projects and learned techniques to create bowls or slab designs. It was a wonderful year of creating in the Richard art room! Congratulations to all students that were chosen for the Richard Elementary Rotating Art Gallery this year, the final round will be on display until June 1st. Have a wonderful summer and continue to create!

In art the fifth graders are working on self portraits. They started by drawing a student across from them. They are really improving by learning the proper face proportions. The fourth graders are working on cardboard African masks. The third graders are making beautiful animal/nature molas using neon colored paper.



Library

Kindergarteners learned a zoo-full of new ASL animal signs while enjoying zoo stories like *Good Night Gorilla*. *Non-fiction animal books helped young “zookeepers” learn about the appearance, habitat, and behavior of their selected zoo charges.* **First graders** traveled around the world in a traditional literature study of folklore giants. *Venn diagram comparisons helped generate the giant “rules” that will guide the creation of our own giants and giant stories.* **Second graders** practiced a range of research skills (bibliographic notation, Table of Contents, Index, note-taking) to learn about the animals that will be “scrambled” to inhabit our own Scranimal Island, inspired by the poems of Jack Prelutsky. **Third graders** have navigated and compared two online encyclopedias (World Book Kids, Encyclopedia Britannica) to learn more about a famous Michigander. *Match your wits against their “Mystery Michigander” puzzlers next time you’re in the library!* **Fourth graders** have gathered fascinating facts about an author from the variety of resources available in the Kids InfoBits database. *They’re looking forward to creating and sharing their Author Trading Cards.* **Fifth graders** turned their attention to the joys and challenges of Internet research as they bring their “Expert” research project to a close. ***Please note: Students must return or pay for all Richard library books by Thursday June 1st in order to participate in Field Day!***





Spring Concert



4th Grade



2nd Grade

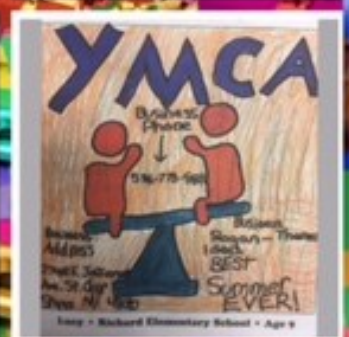
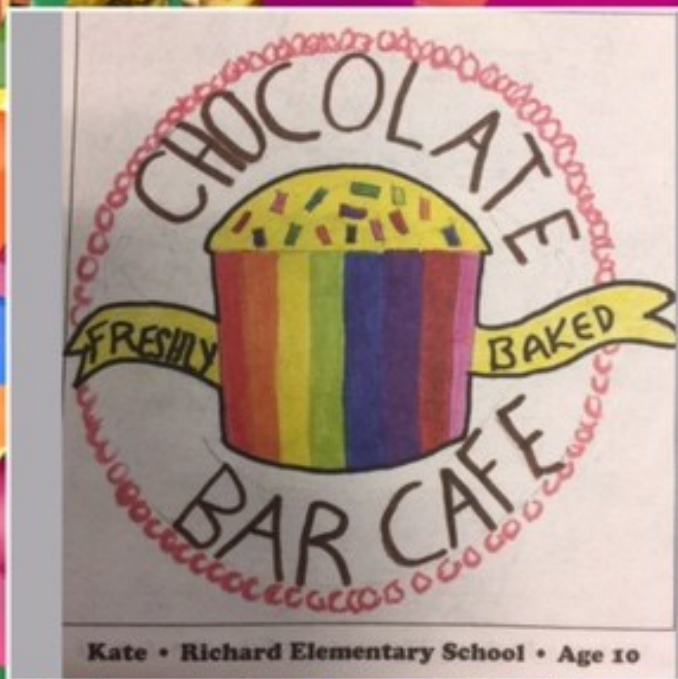
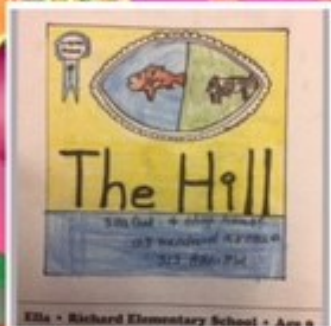
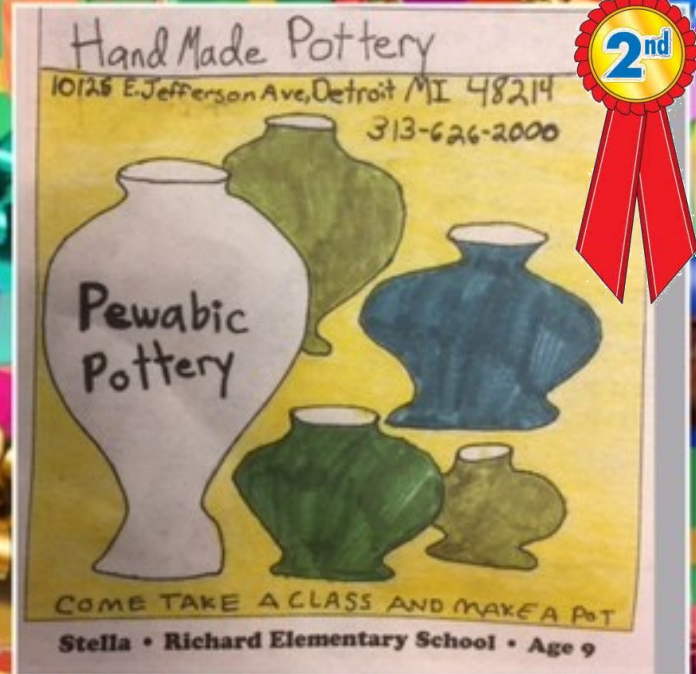


Kindergarten



Local Businesses

Kids' Ads



MEDICATION PICK-UP

It is district policy that **ALL** medication be picked up by an **adult** at the end of the school year. Any medication left after June 16th will be discarded. Please make arrangements to have an **adult** pick up your child's medication by the end of the school year.



MANDATORY ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Is your e-mail current with the school district? Like our secondary schools, the elementary schools have mandatory online registration for all Grosse Pointe Public School students.

Information will be coming to you the last week of July via your current e-mail that is on file with the school district.

If you need to update your e-mail with the school district, log in to **ParentPortal** and click on "My Information" in the upper right corner.

You can also e-mail ParentConnect@gpschools.org from your email we have on file, or call 313-432-3131 from the phone number in our records so we can verify who you are, and provide:

- your name
- child's name
- present school name and
- your old and new e-mail address as soon as possible.

MEDICATION POLICY

Medication forms are required annually to administer any medication, including over the counter medications provided by parents or guardians. This includes cough drops, topical ointments, and antacids.

We are notifying you of this change now so that as you make appointments for sports physicals or immunizations, you can take this with you to obtain the required physician signature. For this guideline, "physician" refers to any health care provider licensed by the State of Michigan. This form was developed to support our revised Board Policy 5330, which meets new provisions of the State of Michigan Model Policy for Administering Medications to Pupils at Schools. "Medication" includes prescription, non-prescription and herbal medications, and include those taken by mouth, inhaler, injection, and drops or applied to the skin. Medication must be kept in a locked school location, and in a labeled container as prepared by a pharmacy, physician, or pharmaceutical company with the pupil's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration. For more detail on this or any school board policy and guidelines, visit www.gpschools.org and under the School Board dropdown, click Policy. You can use the search tool to find information by key words.

The annual written permission form **MUST** be **signed by both the parent and physician.**

This new form is now available on the district website www.gpschools.org and will be part of the online registration process. Please download it today and take to your next appointment.

*Make sure your Richard Library
Are clear before Field Day!*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
MAY 21	C 22	D 23	A 24	B 25	C 26	27
Last Check Outs!						
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	D 30	A 31	JUNE B 1	C 2	3
4	D 5	A 6	B 7	C 8	D 9	

- ▶ **Monday 5/22 (C) - Thursday 5/25 (B)**
Last check out dates.
- ▶ ***ALL Richard Library books are due by
Thursday, June 1st!***

BEWARE!

Richard Library records must be *clear* (all Richard books returned or replacement fees paid) in order to **participate in Field Day on Friday, 6/2!**

Kindergarten Zoo Animal Research

The Kindergarteners in Mrs. Tawile's class have been hard at work on Zoo Animal research in the Library! We have completed our research, and our animals moved into their homes in our "zoo" today! We also made personalized Zookeeper hats. Such a fun

ZOO



4th Grade Fun

Richard 4th grade students participated in the Pringles Challenge. The idea behind the Pringles Challenge is simple, students design a package that will allow a single Pringles potato chip to be safely mailed through the US Postal Service to another location in the United States. The goal is to have a package with the lowest volume and mass while still protecting the chip so it will arrive at the partner school with as little damage as possible. Students worked in small groups to design and test their packaging. Students used critical thinking, problem solving skills, and acquired math skills to complete the challenge. Our packages were sent to our partner school in California, while they sent their packages to us. We measured and analyzed the California packages and shared the results via a shared Google document. Who knows? One of these students may want to explore package engineering as a career.

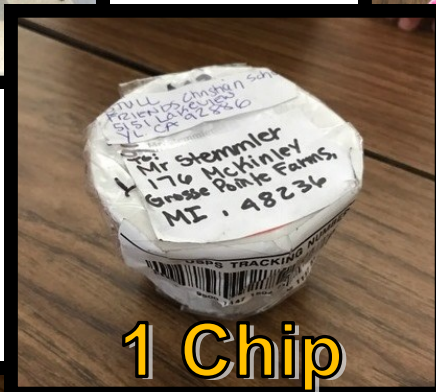
Adam Stemmler



USPS



Pringles



1 Chip

Challenge



5 X 3





Digital Picks for June 2016 Vol. 4 Number 9

Selected by the elementary library media specialists for the families of Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks." We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions.



Our very own [GPPL's link to reading lists](#) by grade level, award-winning and popular genres! Don't forget to register for the summer reading program at any branch!



Check out [NPR's list](#) of highly recommended literature for children ages 9-14. See how many you have ever read!



Association for Library Service to Children

The Association for Library Service to Children's annual list includes [recommendations for grades K-8](#).



The '[Juvenile Series and Sequels](#)' database contains over 36,000 books in 4,900 series titles that are classified into three audiences: preschool - 2nd grade, 2nd - 6th grade and 6th - 12th grade.



Find out [strategies for encouraging students to read](#) over the summer from 9 different resources used by educators all over the country.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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



Report to PARENTS

Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team, encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.



Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.

www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The **National Summer Learning Association** offers activities, tools, and links.

www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity_resource

PTO

PTO enjoyed celebrating Richard's staff during Teacher Appreciation Week with the following activities.

Monday: Breakfast

Tuesday: Candy Bar

Wednesday: Luncheon

Thursday: Gift Card Raffle

Friday: Massages

Thank you so much to the business who donated food for our luncheon: Farms Market, Village Market, Ferlitos, and Jumps all made generous contributions. Thank you also to the many parents who donated food and supplies for our breakfast and candy bar.

The PTO will once again be offering supply kits. We get a significant discount through Staples and the majority of that discount gets passed along to you. We also earn money for the school. You can order at <http://www.shopptkits.com>, account number

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We look forward to field day on June 2nd. Please consider signing up to help.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4da5af29a31-2017>

Bullying: When Your Child is the Target

Listen
I can't imagine how bad this must feel for you.

Empathize... don't try to fix it.

Help them feel strong
What do you think you might try?
Get their perspective.


Get them thinking about solutions

Some kids decide to...
... Act calm and joke with the bully,
"Thanks for noticing."
... Slowly move near an adult or friend without saying anything.
... Feel empathy for the bully instead of taking what they say personal.
... Confront the bully by saying,
"Stop it! That's bullying!"
... Report it to a teacher or other adult.
What solution will work best for you?

Rescue or protect... but...

... do this only when absolutely necessary.

Bullying...
Teach your kids to be victors... not victims.

www.loveandlogic.com
1-800-338-4065





Save time and money by ordering your child's supply kit today! No running from store to store. Kits are personalized and include exact items required for next school year.

Richard Elementary 2017 Supply Kit Order Form

Order online at: www.shopttkits.com

Use Account #: 87187

Order online by: July 10, 2017

Kit Pick Up: In Classroom on the First Day of School

Grade	Price
Kindergarten A - M	\$55.00
Kindergarten N - Z	\$55.00
1st Grade ALL	\$65.00
2nd Grade A - M	\$45.00
2nd Grade N - Z	\$45.00

Grade	Price
3rd Grade ALL	\$58.00
4th Grade A - K	\$55.00
4th Grade L - Z	\$55.00
5th Grade ALL	\$73.00

Kit components may be viewed online.

Important Parent Notes

Make sure to order for the grade your child will be in NEXT year. All sales are final, no returns or exchanges are accepted.

Questions? Contact Holly at hbayster@gmail.com

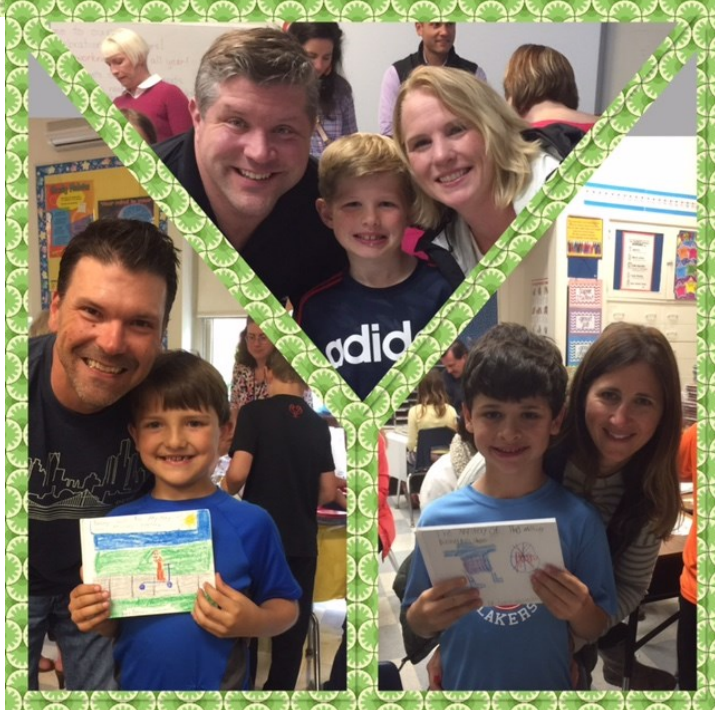
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**A Teacher Tailored kit must be purchased in order to be eligible. Visit TTKITS.COM/GOLD for full details.

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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. We will continue the contest next school year.

April winner: Jake & Isabella Chaptini

To be continued next year!