

Richard Chronicle

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Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

September 29, 2017

Dates to Remember

10/4, 11, 18/17

5th Grade Bake Sale
Running Club

10/15/17

Pumpkinfest

10/20/17

Haunted Garage 6-9

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

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,

We had excellent parent involvement on our 2017 Back to School Night! We appreciate the enthusiasm and support displayed by all of you. Much of our success at school is due to the collaboration of parents and faculty to support our children's education. During the classroom presentations, you may have heard specific suggestions from teachers on many ways to support your children throughout the year. Whether or not there is homework assigned, practicing math facts and setting aside time for reading each day are two of the important activities that always increase learning throughout the year.

Click on this link below for some interesting information:

[How Adding Math to a Child's Home Routine Can Advance Achievement](#)

A new study published in the journal *Science* shows that regular use of a specific math-based iPad app significantly improved math performance in elementary school children.

Thank you for encouraging your children to walk or ride bikes to and from school. It helps alleviate many traffic problems that affect the safety of our students. Thank you, too, for following the procedures for quick drop-offs and pick-ups in front of the school and in the circle behind the school. Safety is a priority for all of us.

October is always a very busy month at Richard, both in the classrooms and after school. Our PTO's Pumpkin Fest is scheduled for October 15 from 3:00 -5 pm and it is always a fun family event. I am so proud to be a part of this active and caring school community and hope to see you and your families at our future PTO sponsored events.

All the best,

Mary MacDonald-Barrett

Principal

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON...

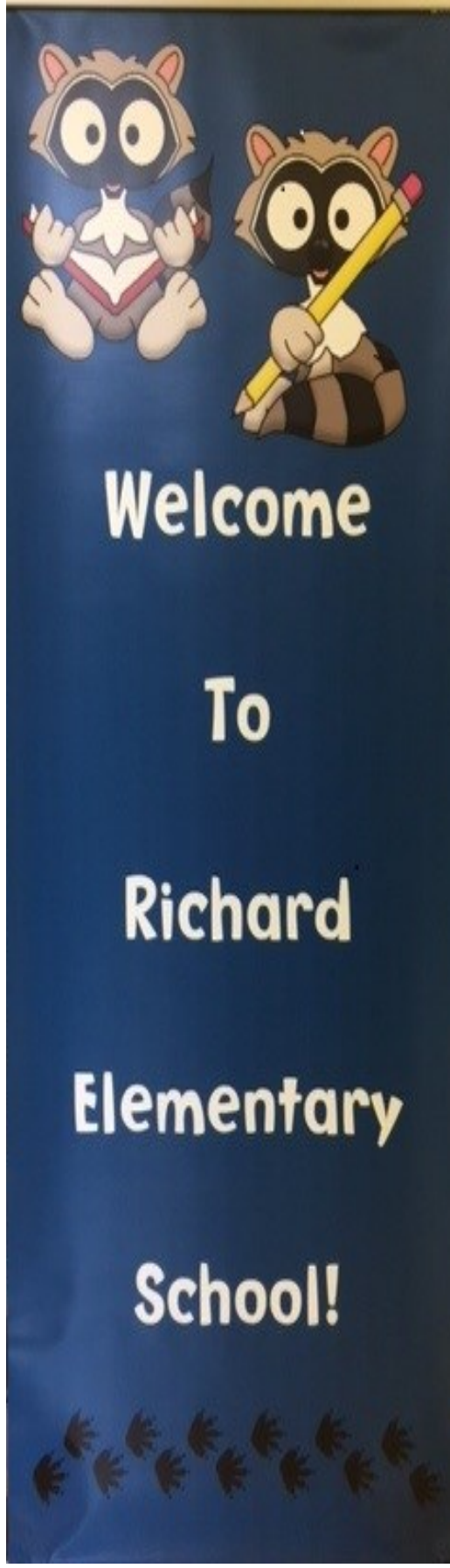


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Richard Families



**GPPS
Mobile
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In the Art Room ★



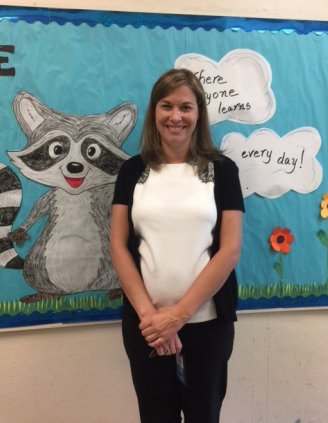
Amanda DeBow & Erin Maday

Kindergarten

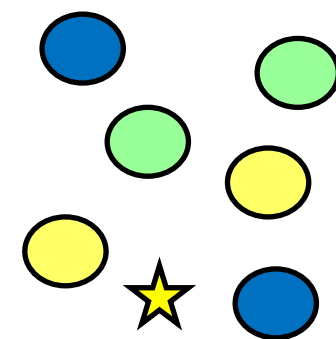


Miss Lesha

Psychologist



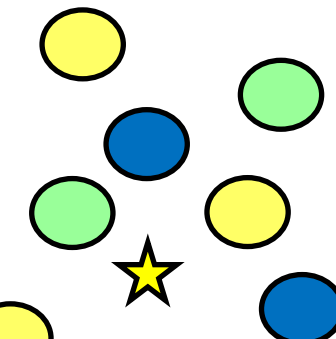
Dr. Carroll



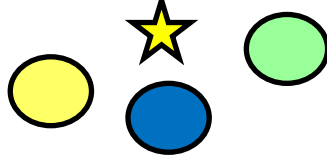
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Mr. Buddy



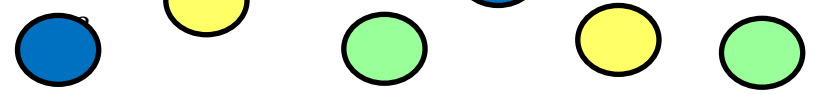
Ms. Lewandoski



Computers



Mr. Marlow



PTO News

Thank you Helena Carroll and Angela Wohlfarth for planning such a fun back to school movie night.

Thank you Mindy Prysak for organizing and leading the Richard Runners. Everyone had a great first week!

The Entertainment book fundraiser is off to a great start. We have lots of books on hand, so we'll distribute them as the orders come in.

The annual Pumpkin Fest will be held on October 15th from 3:00-5:00. Join us for games, food, pumpkin decorating and more!

We welcome all of you to join the PTO. Remember a family membership is only \$20 and includes access to the school directory.

Our PTO is off to a great start to the school year! We've been working hard on fun family events, clubs, fundraisers and much more. Here's some events we have coming up in the next few weeks:

Haunted Garage Fundraiser - Friday Oct. 20 6-9pm

Pumpkin Fest - Sunday Oct.15 3-5pm

Watch for emails and fliers to come home with more info! Don't forget to join our **Richard Families** Facebook page to stay in the loop! Looking forward to a great year!

Christina Deveroux

PTO President



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.

**Lunch
Volunteers
Needed**

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

NO BIRTHDAY TREATS

For the past few years, in consideration of the increased number of children with food allergies and sensitivities, our faculty and staff have chosen to replace edible birthday treats with **non-edible** "gifts" (pencils, erasers, Oriental Trading-type items) that the children may share. (Please keep in mind that bringing in any birthday treat has always been optional and no one is required to do so.)

This year, we are also asking parents to refrain from bringing any food in for your child to share with other students during lunch time. This creates many problems, such as not having enough for all students, having some students feeling left out, a lack of plates and/or serving utensils, and, most of all, unfairness to the students with food allergies and sensitivities. Feel free to drop off food for your own child/ren at lunch. Sharing food is always welcome during special classroom parties such as Halloween, when parents can plan and supervise the choices so that they are safe for all students. Thank you so much for your support as we remain sensitive to the needs of all of our children.

ATTENDANCE

Please be sure to call our attendance line at 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.

September

Golden Note Award Winners:

K-1 Mrs. Brown/Cantalupo

2-3 Mrs. Briggs/Shirar

4-5 Mrs. Wrosch



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Murphy

3-5 Mr. Swansey



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

K-2 – Mrs. Rabaut

3-5 – Mrs. Wallace



Golden Book Award Winners:

K-2 Mrs. Rabaut

3-5 Mrs. Shirar/Briggs



★ *Specials* ★

Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

We started off the year with enthusiasm and positive attitudes, with a focus on health! We are playing soccer, and learning the rules of play and strategies. They are all playing hard, catching on, and having lots of fun.

Art-Mrs. Maday & Ms. Debow

Welcome back to a new school year in the art room. Richard has two new faces to the art department this year. Mrs. Maday will be teaching art on D days and Mrs. DeBow will be teaching art on B days and C day afternoons. We are both very excited to be at Richard. All students are getting settled back as we begin our first projects. Students will soon be creating their Art to Remember projects in their upcoming art classes.

Spanish– Senorita Zamudio

Our first month has gone by so fast and it is incredible how much we have accomplished in Spanish. Third graders had an introduction to the Mexican culture, started working on common greetings, and are now counting 1-30. Soon they will learn how to describe themselves physically and emotionally. Fourth graders had a small introduction to Peru's culture and holidays, learned how to give a weather report, and count to 100. In a few weeks they will be describing what to wear for each season. Fifth graders are concentrating in Spain's culture, holidays, and hobbies, They will soon start learning about communities in Spain and how to give directions in Spanish.

Music-Mrs. Weinhaus

We are busy in the music room this Fall. We welcome Ms. Hannah Kadrich, long-term sub for Ms. Heather Albrecht, and Mr. Dan White, both of whom join me in sharing our love of music with your students. PLEASE NOTE: We had a conflict with our Winter Concert date. Our NEW date is Monday, December 4. Grades 1,3,5 and the choir will participate in that concert.

Library-Mrs. Hermon

It is so wonderful to see the children in the library again. Our kindergarteners and new students to Richard received their brand new library cards. Please keep these at home and feel free to use them at any of the 3 public library branches. All K, 1st and 2nd graders started this year with important lessons about book care and finding the “Just Right books”. We also familiarized ourselves with the different areas of the library and how to be safe and respectful during our library visits. We will also practice expanding our reading interests and try new books!



A Great Start!

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES



YES

- Clean pizza boxes
- Clean garden plastics
- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse containers
- Leave caps on plastic bottles
- OK to leave staples, clips, labels, stamps, spiral bindings and metal fasteners on paper products

NO

- Plastic bags
- Foam containers or products (Styrofoam)
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous waste

Newspaper
Remove bags, strings and rubber bands

Cardboard & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into pieces. No wax coated cardboard

Magazines & Catalogs
Any size magazine

Junk Mail
Envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards etc.

Office Paper
All types and sizes

Phone Books
All types and sizes

Paperboard
No wax coated paperboard

***Plastic Jugs/Bottles**
(#1 & #2)

***Household Plastic**
(#3-#7)
Empty containers only

Paper Milk or Juice Cartons
Empty cartons only

Pots & Pans
Kitchen cookware

***Aluminum Cans**
Empty cans only

***Steel & Tin Cans**
Empty cans only

***Clear and Colored Glass**
Empty containers only




Green Team





10 What Questions

to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?





Its Back to School time! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)



Podcasts can be a terrific way for adults and kids learn while listening. Listening to podcasts fosters imagination, focus, and comprehension. Podcasts are free, downloadable and portable. Episodes will can be serialized, much like old time radio programs or stand alone, allowing you to pick and choose those which interest you and your children. Subscribe to favorites and the latest episodes will populate your mobile app on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Check out [Common Sense Media](#) for a list of 20 podcasts for kids, preschool through teenagers. The following are some favorites for elementary students...



One of the newest podcasts to hit the scene, NPR's first show for kids is exactly the sort of engaging, well-produced content you would expect from the leaders in radio and audio series. Hosts Guy Roz and Mindy Thomas exude joy and curiosity while discussing the latest news in science and technology in a way that's enjoyable for kids and informative for grown-ups.



One of the first kids' podcasts to grasp podcasts' storytelling capabilities, this podcast is still going strong with kid-friendly renditions of classic stories, fairy tales, and original works. These longer stories with a vivid vocabulary are great for bigger kids past the age for picture books but who still love a good bedtime story.



With wacky episode titles such as "What if Legos were alive?" and "What if sharks had legs?," this series takes ridiculous "what if" questions submitted by young listeners and turns them into a new story every two weeks. Host Eric O'Keefe uses silly voices and crazy characters to capture the imaginations of young listeners with a [Mad Libs](#)-like randomness.



Kids are always asking seemingly simple questions that have surprisingly complex answers, such as "Why is the sky blue?" and "Who invented words?" This cute biweekly radio show/podcast takes on answering them. Each episode features several kid-submitted questions, usually on a single theme, and with the help of experts, it gives clear, interesting answers.



Often compared to a kid-friendly Radiolab, this podcast not only addresses fascinating topics but also tries to foster a love of science itself by interviewing scientists about their process and discoveries. The hosts don't assume that listeners have a science background -- but even kids who think they don't like science may change their minds after listening to this podcast.

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



BIG HALLOWEEN EVENT

HAUNTED GARAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

THE HAUNTED GARAGE

Friday, October 20, 2017

6-9 PM

19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Rain Date:

Sunday October 29th 6-9 P.M.

Donation

\$10.00 per person

A Richard PTO Fundraiser



**No Scare Blinky Light
Available**

**MC/VISA
Available At The Door**

*****Students must be accompanied by a paying adult***
www.hauntedgarageproductions.org**

Student Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Make check payable to: Richard PTO
Please return this completed form with check to your child's teacher or to the Richard Office
before Thursday, October 19th 2017. Thank you!
www.hauntedgarageproductions.org



Richard PTO presents...

PumpkinFest Celebration

Where: Richard Playground

When: Sunday, October 15

Time: 3pm to 5pm

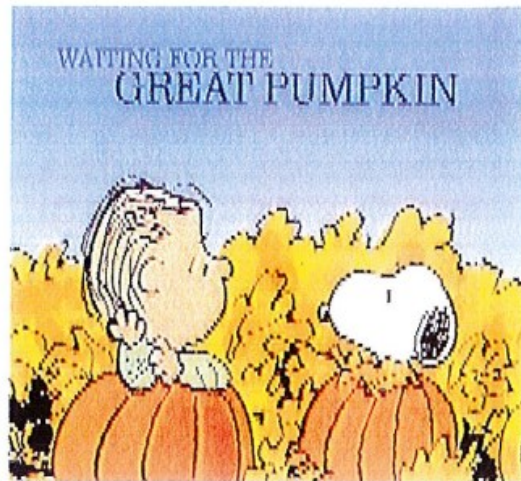
Lots of Carnival Games, Pumpkins for Sale, Cider, Blake's Donuts,
Caramel Apples, Raffles/Contests, Pumpkin Decorating
And a Bunch of Fall Family Fun!

Tickets for games will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 30 for \$20

The food is complimentary along with a few mini games

Event held in gym if weather is bad

Questions? Angela 313-682-8008 or Helena 313-318-5450

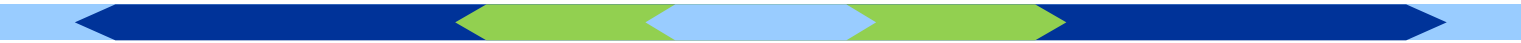


“PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR PUMPKIN PATCH AND PUMPKINFEST!”

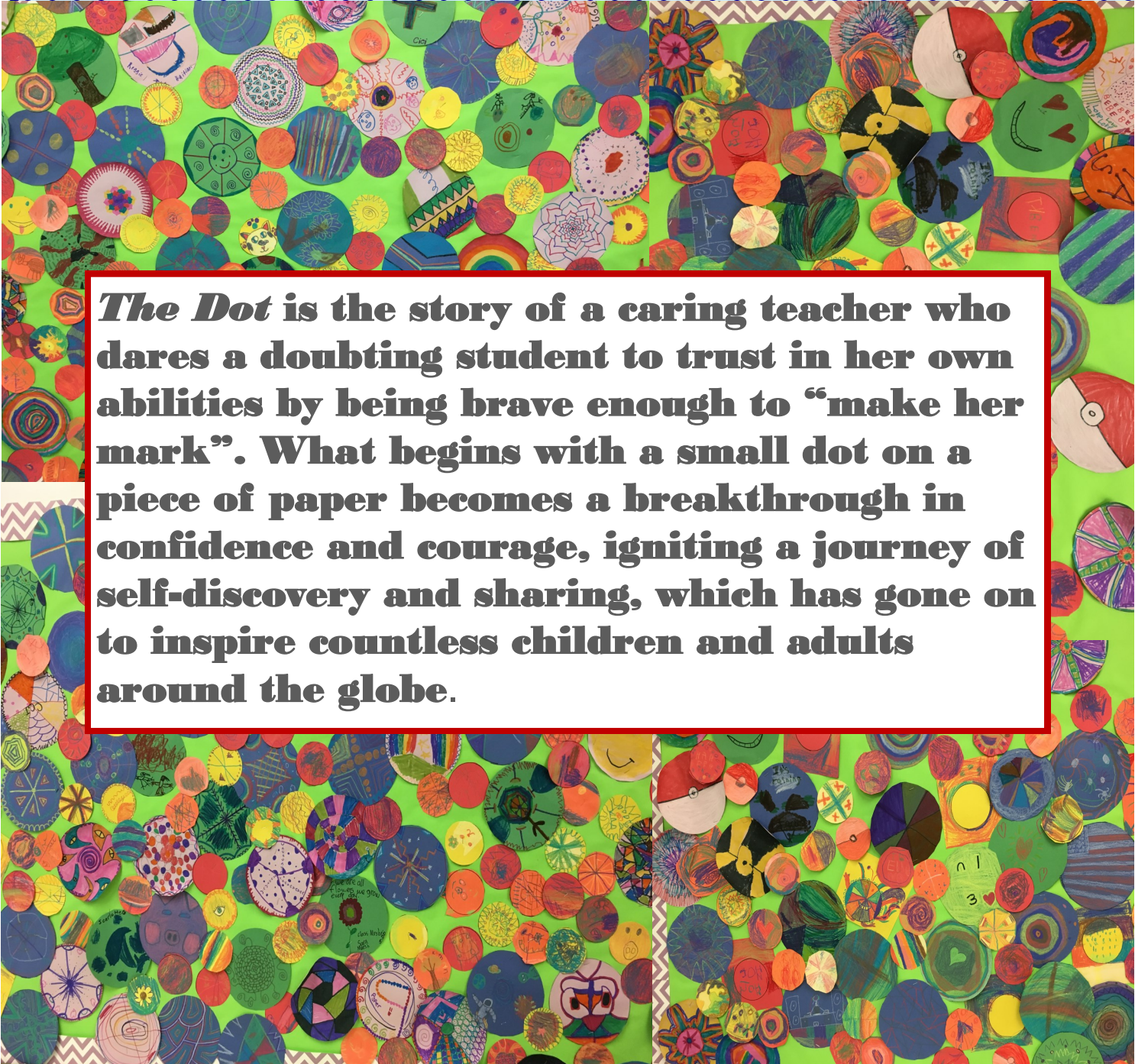
We are growing a pumpkin patch, and we need your help! Decorate a fake pumpkin and bring it to the office to plant in our display Pumpkin Patch and at Pumpkinfest (which is on Oct 15)

NO REAL PUMPKINS WILL BE ACCEPTED

- Think of how you would like to design your fake pumpkin. If you need ideas try Pinterest.
- Purchase a fake pumpkin-any size that you would like. They can be found at Target (small ones are \$5), JoAnns, Hobby Lobby and just about any craft store-many have sales right now. Target even has decorating kits.
- Gather your decorating supplies. Acrylic paints or permanent markers work best. Other options include adding materials such as yarn, buttons, wiggly eyes the skies the limit! You can even try using items from other leftover projects.
- Decorate your pumpkin and fill in the answers to the entry page attached.
- **Due Dates-** bring to the table by the office **no earlier than Friday October 6 & no later than Monday, October 9.**
- Pumpkins will be displayed in the hall display case (our pumpkin patch) and inside the school at Pumpkinfest. Children can take their pumpkins home on October 16.
- Participation is completely voluntary. This is not a contest. Each participant will get a small prize just for participating! **FIRST TEN** students to turn in their pumpkins will get an extra special prize!
- Have fun and be creative!
- Questions? Angela Wohlfarth 313-682-8008 or Helena Carroll 313-318-5450



Dot Day



***The Dot* is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.**

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.

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The One Year Plan

Parent's Guide for Helping Children Succeed in School

1. Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Remember that teachers and parents can't learn for kids no matter how much we love them.
2. Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school.
 - a. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
3. Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
4. Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.
5. Take turns reading to each other every day.
6. Have your children teach you something they have learned at school. Do this once per week.
7. Encourage your children to do things that "charge their batteries." Encourage them to try many different activities as a way of discovering interests and talents.
 - a. Remind them that they will build their careers around their talents, not around their weaknesses.
8. Provide a time and place for homework. Expect that they will study. Allow them to study either by writing the assignments or thinking hard about them for a reasonable amount of time.
 - a. If they decide to study by thinking instead of writing or reading, have them think of a plan for explaining it to the teacher.
 - b. Support the teacher to handle this.
 - I. Don't fight with children over the homework.
 - II. Don't fight with the teachers over the grade or consequence.
 - III. Tell your children that you will love them regardless of their grades or the number of years it takes to complete each grade.
9. Don't pay your children for good grades and don't punish for bad grades. Be excited about the good grades and sad for the children about their bad grades.
10. Have your children bring home papers.
 - a. Look at the right answers instead of the wrong ones.
 - b. Don't correct the wrong answers—leave this for the teacher.
 - c. Have your children explain the reasons for the answers being right. If they don't know, give them three choices:
 - I. You cheated?
 - II. You tried hard?
 - III. You are getting smarter in that subject?
11. Expect this Love and Logic program to take about one year before you see good results. Remember that children who have a hard time at school

purchased From Bad Grades to A Great Life!

Continued...

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need to get away from it for a while each day. More homework and problems at home about school won't help.

- a. Don't complain to teachers that they should give this child more homework.
 - b. Use this program instead and you will see amazing results in one year.
 - c. Fight with your children and their teachers about homework and the problem will still be there in years to come.
12. Love and Logic parents remember that highly successful people put most of their efforts into their talents and maintain minimal standards on everything else.

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Jim Fay is one of America's most sought-after presenters and authors in the area of parenting and school discipline. His background includes 31 years as a teacher and administrator, over three decades as a professional consultant, and many years as the parent of three children. Jim's sense of humor and infectious spirit have made his interviews, audios, videos, and books popular with educators and parents as well as the national news media. Jim has discovered that fun stories are the most powerful way of helping people learn. He often comments, "People seem to learn best when they giggle." You will find this delightful quality in many of our Love and Logic products.

People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [From Bad Grades to A Great Life!](#)



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Grosse Pointe Public School System

Strategic Plan

One GP — where everyone learns, every day



Focus Areas

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Provide tiered supports/challenge for all
- Support inclusive learning opportunities
- Ensure rigorous, innovative curriculum
- Create menu of digital curriculum tools

Embedded Professional Development

- Professional growth through district PD
- Teacher growth by PD outside GPPSS
- Retain/recruit high quality staff

Infrastructure and Technology

- List improvements, repairs
- Prioritize master list with Board, stakeholders
- Develop options for financing
- Create blueprint for future ready classrooms
- Enhance safety and security

Community Connections

- Increase enrollment
- Provide GPPSS information through electronic, video, print
- Sustain community connections that support learning environment



Guiding Principles

Collaboration · Compassion · Embracing Diversity · Innovation · Integrity · Global Awareness · Perseverance

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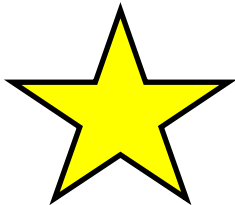
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Our Vision: One GP – where everyone learns, every day

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 this month is:



Students Name _____

Teacher _____

How Many _____?

Please return to the office by: October 23rd.