

# RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JILL POMPI, PRINCIPAL



Dates to Remember!!

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RCS PTA

3/13/20 — Half Day of  
School— PD Day for  
teachers

3/13/20 — Jennifer Daily  
Lecture—5:30-7:00

3/17/20—Spring Pic-  
tures

3/27/20 — Half Day of  
School— PD Day for  
teachers

4/3/20 — Ping Pong  
Tournament

## Important Reminders

- Kiss & Ride — Pre-k & K—Be in line ready at 2:45 Grades 1-8—Be in line no earlier than 2:55
- Birthday Celebration Date— March 27

## FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Hello Families,

What a beautiful week! Hopefully spring is here. We sure were busy at RCS learning about Dental Health in the younger grades and all grades enjoyed a concert performed by students from Berkshire Hills on Thursday.

### HALF DAYS:

Please know that the following are half days:

March 13 AND March 27

April 10

May 15

### MCAS DATES:

ELA Grades 3-5: April 7 and 8 ELA Grades 6-8: April 14 and 15

Math Grades 3-5 May 5 and 6 Math Grades 6-8 May 12 and 13

Science Grades 5 and 8 May 18 and 19

### March 11 Art Show:

Please join us for the Art Show for the Winter Session of LTA at 4:15. (Please be aware that your student's handmade invitation may have said 4:00 in error). Come see the beautiful artwork your children have created this session!

### March 13 Family Event:

Just a reminder that Jen Daily will be at RCS from 5:30-7:00 to share "Parenting in the Age of Anxiety: Raising Resilient Kids". She is an excellent speaker and we have opened this up to all families in Berkshire County. If you know someone who may be interested in attending, please let them know. Thank you to the School Council and the PTA for making this happen.

### March 20: Movie Night!

Please be on the look-out for more information from PTA on this fun event!

### Yearbook:

The deadline for ordering the yearbook is April 3. Mrs. Zigmand and the students are working hard to make this the best one yet!

### Robotics:

We still have a few openings for RCS Lego Robotics. The club is open to youth in grades 6-8 and will meet after school every other Thursday, beginning on March 19. Please contact me if your child is interested.

### Pre K and K registration

If you have a child ready for Pre K or K for the 2020-2021 school year and haven't yet contacted the office, please do so!

### Reminder about CO-VID 19

A second letter from Mrs. Lenfest regarding the CO-VID 19 virus was sent to all families yesterday to inform you of the preventative measures at school. As stated in the letter, Richmond Consolidated School is receiving updates from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC. We are staying well informed regarding this situation and will share pertinent recommendations with you immediately. In addition, Mr. Wentworth and Mrs. Lenfest are reassuring students that we have a plan in place and are reminding them of good health habits to keep them illness free.

### 2020-2021 School Year

I have had some inquiries regarding next year's school calendar. I am awaiting approval from the School Committee and will be sure to share with you as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend!!!!!!

Jill

Monday March 9	Tuesday March 10	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13
French Bread Pizza (veggie, pepperoni, cheese)	Taco, Taco, Taco (hard or soft shell)	No Hot Lunch	Hamburger on a roll (lettuce, toma- to, pickle)	HALF DAY
Greek Salad	Tons of toppings	PBF	Hand Cut Fries	SNACK ONLY
Fruit - Salad bar	Rice, Corn	Sandwich #1	Fruit - Salad bar	<i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i>
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef	Fruit - Salad bar	Chicken Parm	Sandwiches: PBJ or	
	Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami and Cheese	Sandwich #2 Egg Salad	Bologna	
		Fruit — Salad Bar —Soup		



## Richmond Consolidated School

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Richmond, MA 01254  
413-698-2207  
413-698-3199(fax)

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**Town of Richmond** If you suspect your child may have special needs and is three years old or older, please call the Special Education Director, Jenevra A. Strock, at 413-698-4001 to schedule an evaluation.

In an effort to be mindful of our **Health and Wellness Policy**, we are requesting that we celebrate all birthdays within a month all on one day. Not only will this cut down on sweets in classes, it will also increase time on learning. Please remember that every sweet you send in should be accompanied by a healthy alternative. Please contact the classroom teacher with coordination of sweet and healthy snacks. Upcoming celebration day is March 27. In regard to parties outside of school: Invitations should not be handed out in school unless you plan on inviting the entire class/ all boys/ all girls. Please plan on distributing the invitations elsewhere if you aren't planning on including all students.

Warm Greetings,

We are reaching out to ask for your support in improving and expanding the Richmond School Garden. The garden is not only a beautiful addition to the school, but also an important teaching tool and resource for the school community. For the last two years, we have worked with talented educators at Berkshire Botanical Garden to integrate the garden into the 3rd and 7th grade science curriculum and the school cafeteria.

Students engage in meaningful work as they care for the garden. They become witnesses to, and participants in the natural cycles that bring food from the soil to their tables. Students leave the garden empowered by how capable they are, with dirty hands, and perhaps a little less wary of vegetables on their plates. School Gardens have been proven to make meaningful impacts on student academic outcomes, daily health, and social emotional well-being. They are low cost and effective tools for nurturing bodies and communities. We hope to expand our garden program school wide and make much needed repairs to the aging beds, but we need your help. Years of weathering have led to the loss of soil and the degradation of the beds. As well as repairing beds we hope to add two more that are accessible for people with physical limitations.

Any funds that you can contribute to the program remain in our community supporting programs that empower youth and lead to a healthier world. We hope you'll consider contributing \$25 to help us reach our goal of \$4000 for the 2020/2021 school year. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. We look forward to growing with you in the years to come! Checks can be made out to RCS Garden Fund. Garden in the memo line and delivered to: RCS. 1831 State Road Richmond, MA 01254

Warmly,

Richmond School Garden Committee

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE IN CHANGE OF PAY TO THE ORDER OF SHOULD BE:  
RCS GARDEN FUND.**



Ooey-Gooey Night seemed to be a big hit with lots of smiles!

Huge thanks to volunteers: Megan Babich, Cindy Bartlett, Jessica Jezak (+ Ayden & Mikayla Jezak), Pam MacDonald, Jeanne Jones, Julia Padilla, Kelsey Hosley, Kim Hosley, Beth Smith, Shannon Preston Smith, Eric Smith, Evan Smith, Cristina Lenfest, Sharon Kokoefer, Kimmie & Andy Leeco, Emilia Yefremov, Katie Bovard, Doug Bruce, Heidi Saupe', Julia Sabourin, Dion Hall, Gideon Dallmeyer, Olivia May, Lola Bennett, and Pearl Bowman.

Also, to all who donated materials & supplies:

Craig Swinson, Jenevra Strock, Mary Shook, Jessica Jezak, Kim Kuster, Mickie Audette, Kara Smith, Challis Adams, Lauren Quinto, Amanda Hale, Susan Tremblay, Tracy Fancher, Mackenzie Greer, Amanda Hill, Natalie Gingras, Sara Consolati, Eileen Jones, Jennifer Yarter, Michelle Saviski, Sigita Yefremov, Julia Sabourin, Errin Roney, Cristina Lenfest, Megan Babich, Melissa DiMassimo, Kate Rickard, and Emily Cohen.

So thankful to have such a supportive and generous school community :)

Michelle Smith



Please click on the link to see lots more photos:

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN6u2VArTK8PAI9TZxOoJla7oAorbHIL1i27Kqk9gOhAkhB8UcJ1LSIbP2gTIWV1A?key=VXVSOVfkaUhpR3dBcDBOM3VVaUc2bFVCNVBYNTZn>

**RCS Yearbook:** It's that time of year to start thinking about ordering your Richmond Consolidated School Yearbook! It's as simple as clicking on this link : [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com)

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**PAWS  
READ-A-THON**



**STUDENT SIGN-UP**

**SIGN UP AND RETURN THE SLIP BELOW BACK  
TO SCHOOL BY: **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!****

March is National Reading month and to celebrate we are holding a Read-A-Thon in honor of Berkshire Humane Society. Children are asked to read as many minutes as possible in the month of March, while being sponsored by family and friends.

All proceeds will go to the homeless animals of Berkshire County.

**Thank you for being a hero to our animals, Berkshire Humane Society wouldn't be able to run without the compassion and generosity of the community and kids like you!**



All participants will receive a Berkshire Humane Society **Goodie Bag** in April as a thank you for participating.

Prizes will also be given out to **Top Readers** in each grade and **Top School Fundraiser**.

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**SIGN ME UP FOR THE READ-A-THON!**

**READER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crane Room  
Berkshire Museum  
29 South Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

**Reception  
Friday, March 6  
5 pm to 8 pm**

***An exhibit of art  
by county art students from  
Berkshire County public  
schools***



Ten artworks were chosen from grades 1-8 to be exhibited at the 4th Annual Spotlight on the Arts in Berkshire County Schools Art Show at the Berkshire Museum. **The Art will hang in the Crane Room at the Berkshire Museum from March 6 to the 31st.** There will be an opening reception on Friday March 6th from 5-7PM with music and refreshments.

The artists from RCS who's work will be featured are Dylan Conuel, Mathew Fawcett, Luke Naventi, Sophia Peckham, Rosie Rotenberg, Tessa Baldwin, Hannah Roller, Tessa Gamberoni and Camille Kenny.

Thank you,

Anna O'Donnell

Richmond School Visual Art Educator



Hello Richmond School Community:

The School Committee is looking for a capable and willing person who can take (or transcribe) meeting notes. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, can help in this role. Please contact Dewey Wyatt 413.822.3882.

Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and there are occasionally others in between. There will be pay available, pending School Committee approval.

Have a great weekend.

Dewey Wyatt, Richmond School Committee Chairman

# **PARENTING IN THE AGE OF ANXIETY: RAISING RESILIENT KIDS**

with  
**Jennifer Daily, LISCW**

**Richmond  
Consolidated  
School**

**March 13 | 5:30-7:00  
school cafeteria**

Join us for a  
dynamic presentation  
rooted in the  
latest research  
in neuroscience.

**free & open to all Berkshire  
residents**



**Jen will share  
evidence-based strategies  
to help parents,  
caregivers & the community.**

**FREE CHILDCARE  
available for RCS  
students (\$5 for  
others)**

The Speaker Series is  
brought to you by the RCS School Council &  
PTA

*A RECITAL OF AMERICAN MUSIC FOR TROMBONE*

*by*

**RONALD BARRON**

**RETIRED PRINCIPAL TROMBONIST**

**BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

*assisted by*

*Larry Wallach, piano; Allan Dean, trumpet;*

*Ian Striedter and David Kidd, trombone*



**RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**1515 STATE ROAD-ROUTE 41**

**RICHMOND, MA**

**SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020**

**3 P.M.**

**SPONSORED BY RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**A LOCAL AGENCY WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

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**TICKETS NOT REQUIRED**

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**EMERGENCY FUEL ASSISTANCE FUND**

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED WITH CHECKS WRITTEN TO**

**RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

# RCS LEGO ROBOTICS!

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Do you like to build?

Do you tinker?

Are you into robots?

Have you ever wanted to try  
programming?

Join the fun of LEGO Robotics!



There are **9 spots** (3 robots) for partner work during this program. Youth will learn to work in a group setting, build communication skills, build and code LEGO robotic challenges, strengthening skills as they go.

**Plan to meet after school every other Thursday, starting Thursday March 19th from 3:15-4:30**

This club is open to youth in 6th-8th grades, sign-up is a must since there are only 9 slots at this time.

**To sign-up or for questions**, contact Jill Pompei, Principal at [jpompei@richmondconsolidated.org](mailto:jpompei@richmondconsolidated.org) or call the school at 698-2207

# ping pong tournament

**Pizza and Refreshments available**

for more info

**FREE!**

**GRADES 6-8**

REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 14

Session 2 - [igted2020afternoon.eventbrite.com](https://igted2020afternoon.eventbrite.com)

**\*\* PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS TO**

[smithigt@gmail.com](mailto:smithigt@gmail.com) \*\*

# Black Rock FC

in conjunction with  
**LEE YOUTH ASSOCIATION**  
are offering Youth Soccer Clinics  
**THIS SPRING!**



Black Rock FC and the Lee Youth Association are delighted to offer an age specific soccer curriculum to children born in 2016 through 2009. Each session will focus on individual skill development, movement and comfort with a soccer ball. The 6-week program will see players *fall in love with the game of soccer!*

**Clinics start SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> and ends SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

**All classes to be held at Route 102 Fields**

*379 Pleasant St, Lee, MA 01238*

**Field 1 - 8:30 – 9:15 am - Children born in 2015 and 2016**

**Field 2 - 8:30 - 9:30 am Children born in 2013 through 2014**

**Field 1 - 9:30 – 10:30 am - Children born in 2011 and 2012**

**Field 2 - 9:30 - 10:30am Children born in 2009 through 2010**

**Cost is \$69.00 per player and includes a BRFC T-shirt**

*(Each session is limited to 16 participants)*

To Register contact Sharon Terry at the LYA:

(413) 243 5535 ext. 1 | Sharon.LYA@verizon.net

Any other questions contact Simon, (413) 297 6901 | sborrett@blackrockfc.org

Black Rock and The LYA will hold a registration evening:

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30pm**

*Lee Youth Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Lee, MA 01238*

**CALLING ALL ATHLETES!**



# Special Olympics **Young Athletes™**

**Location:** Lasell Gym at Williams College -  
22 Spring St. Williamstown, MA 01267

**Dates:** Sunday Morning's 10am - 11am  
February 16th, 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th

## Williams

A unique sport & play program for children ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities focusing on fun activities important to mental and physical growth. This program is an early introduction to sports & the world of Special Olympics.

### REGISTER TODAY!

**TO REGISTER GO TO:**

<https://www.specialolympicsma.org/WilliamsYA>

**OR CONTACT ERIC ARCHAMBAULT AT:**

ERIC.ARCHAMBAULT@SPECIALOLYMPICSMMA.ORG



**Special  
Olympics**  
Massachusetts



## **RCS Direct Donation Opportunity**

Do you know what goes with the new school year like peanut butter and jelly? FUNDRAISERS!

If you are not the fundraiser type but want to support the PTA in raising money for our children to do all types of things like field trips and special events throughout the year, there is a way.

A simple **“Direct Donation”** may be what you are looking for! (suggested one-time donation \$120-\$140)

If that sounds like more like it, send in your 2019/2020 by the following methods:



- ♥ Check - made payable to RCS PTA with 'donation' in the memo
- ♥ Cash
- ♥ PayPal – Go to [www.rcscare.org/pta/](http://www.rcscare.org/pta/) and click the link to donate

Thanks to all the RCS families for your continued support!



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