



Dates to Remember!!

5/17 — Gr 5 & 8 MCAS
5/18 — Gr 5 MCAS
5/19 — Gr 3, 4 MCAS
5/20 — Gr 8 MCAS

6/14/22—8th Grade
Graduation
***CHANGE OF
DATE***

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Lots of good things going on this week at RCS. Our third and seventh graders have been busy preparing the garden with the help of staff from the Berkshire Botanical Gardens. The drumming residency continued this week. Mrs. Mullen has had the band out practicing for their role in the town's Memorial Day observance.

Conferences continue this afternoon. If you are in the building for conferences, it is worth stopping by the hallway outside the third and fourth grades. There you can use your phone to scan the QR codes on the student work to access videos each student made. This is one of the many examples of the co-teaching classroom teachers and Mrs. Zigmand, our technology teacher, are doing this year.

The weather has warmed up and students are making good use of our water bottle filling stations we have upstairs and downstairs. Please consider sending your child with a refillable water bottle to help reduce waste.

The Town of Richmond Memorial Day ceremony will be on Monday, May 30th at 8:00 a.m. in the RCS front circle. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the gym.

Next week will be our final week of scheduled MCAS assessments.

Monday, May 16 th	Tuesday, May 17 ^h	Wednesday, May 18 th	Thursday, May 19 th	Friday, May 20 th
	5 th Grade Math 8 th Grade Science	5 th Grade Math 3 rd Grade Math		3 rd Grade Math 8 th Grade Science

We continue to share our COVID-19 Data on the school website. We update it each Wednesday. We have started using our outdoor seating as weather permits. This has allowed us to increase student spacing at snack and lunch.

Have a great weekend!

Dan Weston

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
- Celebration Day- May 27

Monday, May 16	Tuesday, May 17	Wednesday, May 18	Thursday, May 19	Friday, May 20
Goulash w/meat sauce	Baked Potato Bar and Toppings	Tuna Melt	Chicken Pot Pie	Tammy's Pan Pizza
Garlic Bread	Broccoli	Seasoned Potato	Caesar Salad	Salad
Salad	Corn Bread	Veggies	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit	Fruit	Salad	Sandwich:	Sandwich:
Sandwich:	Sandwich:	Fruit	PBJ	PBJ
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		PBJ		

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

LUNCHES ARE FREE per The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) who announced the extension of flexibilities to allow universal free lunch meals including beverage to be available to all children and teens **throughout the entire School Year 2021-2022.**

We encourage you to have your student try our delicious home cooked lunches.



Richmond Consolidated School

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

Dan Weston,
 PRINCIPAL

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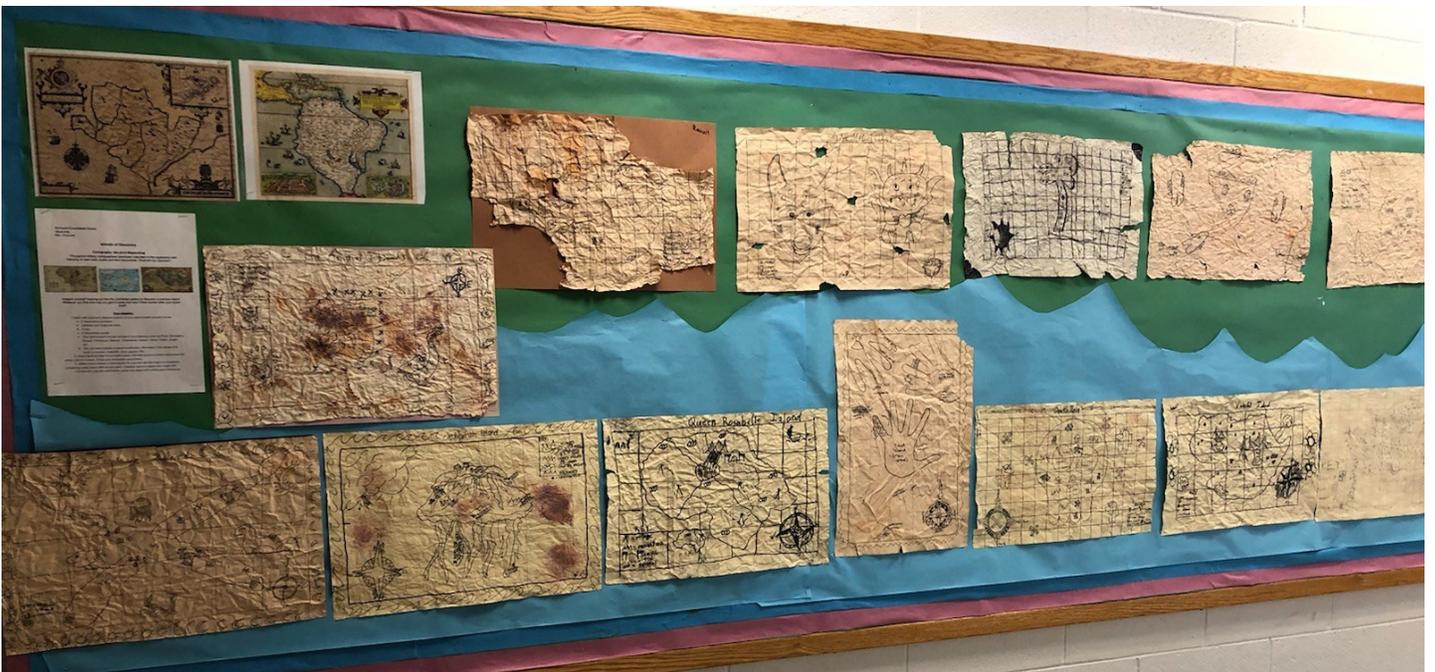
Click [here](#) to find the 2021-2022 Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

Sign up for "myschoolbucks" to track student snack purchases in real time.

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, Mary Shook, at 413-698-4001 to schedule an evaluation.

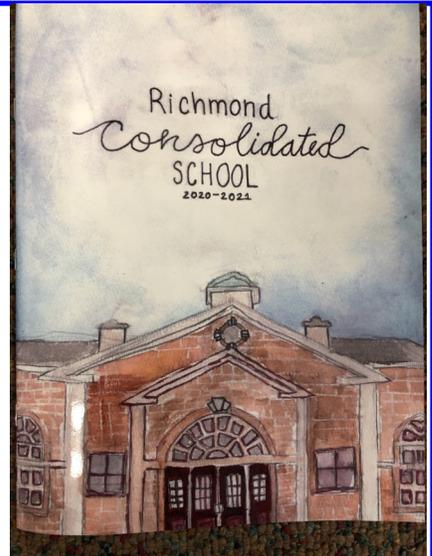
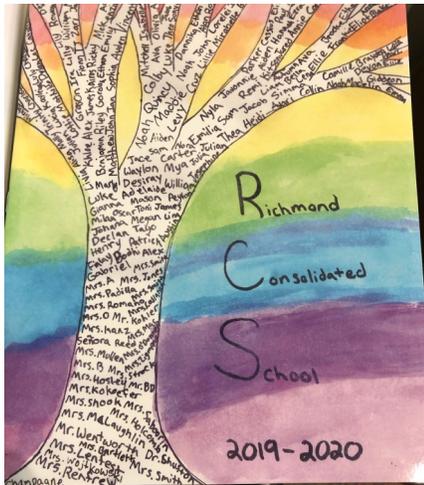


Lost and Found is located on the stage in the cafeteria.



Dear RCS Families,

The 2022 Richmond Consolidated School yearbook is happy to report that we are filling this year's book with all the memories and moments we can capture.



If by some chance, you have not purchased a yearbook yet, please reserve your copy today! [HERE](#) is the link for online purchases, which can also be found on the RCS website homepage, OR a yearbook can also be purchased by sending in a check or cash to the office- a

yearbook order form is being sent home with students this week. The cost of the yearbook is \$22 and checks can be made out to RCS PTA.

We want to make sure everyone that wants a yearbook has one. Please know that we only produce yearbooks based upon those pre-ordered. Any that we happen to get above and beyond are on a first come first served basis so don't miss



STUDENT NEWS



Berkshire Humane Society



Admin 1h ·

😊😊😊 Smile of the day! Thank you to Mathilde, Luciella and Oscar, who brought in a donation of \$56.05 from proceeds from a lemonade stand they ran to support homeless animals. Your efforts made us and shelter animals happy! [#BerkshireHumane](#)



On Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Grade 7 will host...

Author
James Preller



Made possible by a grant from the



Author James Preller will visit our 7th grade on Tuesday, May 17. Students just finished his novel, *Bystander*. Preller will discuss the writing process in general and the creation of *Bystander* in particular. He will also talk about the new companion book, *Upstander*. In fact, Preller donated twelve copies of this new book to our students so we can all enjoy it!









Have you saved the date for the RCS Color Run???

Don't forget! Sunday, May 22nd, Noon at RCS.

Rain date, June 5th @ noon.

PTA will have a meeting to finalize all Color Run details on Thursday, May 19, 6:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/nmm-kijp-sjr>

It will be very helpful if all volunteers attend this virtual meeting to quickly review the Color Run details. The meeting will last about 30 minutes.

There are still volunteer spots open. We need parents to help make this day a success. Please sign up to help here: <https://signup.com/go/qQyrJid> The great news is all volunteers will have the same opportunities to be a part of the color blasts through the course!

*We would also like to borrow three corn hole games to add to the family game area.

If you have any questions, please email eroney2@richmondconsolidated.org



RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

In social studies this month, the fourth grade students researched a state located in either the northeast or southeast region of the United States. For this project, pupils created a cereal box along with a commercial script to promote their "cereal-lously delicious state cereals". The project was extended to technology class where children filmed their commercial using a green screen. Mrs. Zigmand edited the videos and added a background relating to the state and then created QR codes for each video. The projects are on display outside of the fourth grade classroom. Scanning the QR code using a device brings up the students' commercials.





For poetry month, grade 3 students chose a poem and created a slideshow using the website: Canva. Students then did a voice over reading the poems in their slide show. Mrs. Zigmand created QR codes that are on display outside of the classroom. When scanned, student projects can be viewed on a device.







CALLING ALL NIGHT OWLS!

In this late-afternoon-into-evening camp for tweens and teens, we will:

- Cook our meals in coals and flame*
- Tell stories and sing around the campfire*
- Hone our skills of stealth in the twilight*
- Learn primitive survival skills*
- Make crafts with natural materials*
- Play Capture the Flag in the dark!*

Come join us at Flying Deer Nature Center to explore and embrace the nighttime forest!



FOX FIRE

FLYINGDEERNATURECENTER.ORG

Ages 11-16

WEEK 1: August 8-11 (4 days: Monday-Thursday),
4:00-10:00 pm each day

WEEK 2: August 15-19 (5 days: Monday-Friday),
4:00-10:00 pm each day





A REFORM JEWISH SUMMER CAMP



EISNER DAY CAMP

LOCATED IN GREAT BARRINGTON, MA



Campers 4-8 years old

Age 4 by July 1, 2022 to rising 2nd grader

Week-long sessions:

June 27 - August 12, 2022

Optional pick-up & drop-off service

Financial assistance available upon request

Attentive, caring
and energetic staff!

Day Camp fun includes
boating, swimming, farm,
sports, crafts, drama, music
and trip days!

413.528.1652 | eisnercamp.org | eisnerdaycamp@urj.org

This program is neither sponsored or endorsed by Richmond Consolidated School



April Birthdays





The Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center

Caribbean Fest

Saturday May 21st

@ The Community Room at Zion Lutheran
Church 74 1st St Pittsfield, MA

2:30-4 Puerto Rican Bomba Drum Class w/ Saul Penaloza
\$30 per person / \$5 drum rental (registration required)

4:30pm Performance featuring music from Cuba, Puerto Rico
and beyond w/ Trio Candela & Bomba de Aqui plus the
Berkshire Rhythm Keepers led by Aimee Gelinas
\$10-20 sliding scale / walk ins welcome
Pittsfield Residents free

Email aimee@gaiaroots.com to register for the drum class
and for more fest info!

For more info & fest updates like us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/tamarackhollownatureandculturalcenter

Thanks to support from a Mass Cultural Council CIP Projects
grant, Pittsfield Cultural Council, Berkshire Taconic Community
Foundation Central Berkshire Fund & Manos Unidas

www.tamarackhollownatureandculturalcenter.org



Sheffield Play

Bushnell-Sage Library
48 Main Street, Sheffield
Every Tuesday @ 10:30am-11:30am
Starts March 8th!

*Join us for this fun parent/child playgroup at the library. This program will include free play, songs, literacy and learning activities. This program is free and open to the community. No registration is required, drop in! Best for families with children ages birth to 5. Masks will be required inside the library.

Questions? Contact Jess: southberkshirekids@gmail.com



MASSACHUSETTS
Department of
Early Education and Care

****South Berkshire Kids is funded by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant provided to the Lee Public School District by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).**



**TO
RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED
FAMILIES:**

**SPECIAL EARLY
REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:
10% OFF TO ALL
CAMPER REGISTERED AND PAID IN FULL
BEFORE MAY 1, 2022.**

WWW.EDENHILLSUMMERDAYCAMP.COM

Located At Berkshire Country Day School, 55 Interlaken Rd
On The Beautiful Brook Farm Campus Route 183
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

46th YEAR IN CAMP WORK

7 WEEKS - 3 SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4-12

SESSIONS: 1) JUNE 27 - JULY 15 2) JULY 18 - JULY 29 3) AUG 01 - AUG 12

EXTENDED CAMP HOURS!!

Monday - Thursday, 3PM-5PM - \$20 per day

**See our Extended Camp Application for more details*

Cost

SESSION 1-\$750 SESSION 2 OR 3 OR ANY TWO WEEKS-\$650 WEEKLY-\$400 DAILY-\$100
SEASONAL-\$1,650

(SEASONAL RATE ONLY FOR CAMPERS THAT DESIGNATE SEASONAL STATUS PRIOR TO ENTERING)

**A 10% REDUCTION FOR SEASONAL RATE FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLING ATTENDING.*

***ALL CAMP FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO OR UPON ENTERING CAMP.*

ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE FINAL

****ENCLOSE \$50 DEPOSIT WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM FOR EACH CAMPER****

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MAIL TO:

Richard Lenfest
705 Fairview Street
Lee, MA 01238

email: rplenfest@roadrunner.com
www.EdenHillSummerDayCamp.com

*You can also fill out our application form AND pay with a major credit card all online at www.EdenHillSummerDayCamp.com

Application Form - 2022

Email _____

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ BOY/GIRL _____

Street _____ CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Summer phone _____

check session:

Session 1 (3 weeks)

Session 2 (2 weeks)

Session 3 (2 weeks)

June 27-July 01 _____

July 18-July 22 _____

Aug 01-Aug 05 _____

July 05-July 08 _____

July 25-July 29 _____

Aug 08-Aug 12 _____

July 12-July 15 _____

Parental Consent: Please check the above. I understand that neither the Eden Hill Summer Day Camp nor the proprietors of the grounds will assume responsibility for medical or dental expenses as a result of participation in camp activities. The applicant is in good health and is able to participate in all camp physical activities. In the event of injury or sickness the camp has my permission to provide medical care. Each camper should bring a certificate of insurance coverage, a certificate of a recent physical examination and current immunization record which covering camp.

I am checking this box because I do NOT authorize Eden Hill Day Camp to use recordings or photographs of my son/daughter on their website or social media sites.

_____ parent or guardian signature _____ Date _____

Staff

Our camp staff is composed of professional teachers and student counselors from college and high schools.

Director

Richard Tenfest (BS. in Physical Education and a M.Ed. in Administration) retired athletic director at Lee High School, who taught and coached in public education for 38 years. In 1992 he was elected to the Massachusetts Baseball Catcher Hall of Fame.

General Information

Camp Hours -----Monday through Thursday, 9am-3pm ****NEW THIS YEAR**** early drop off is fun

Friday 9am-12 noon—please be prompt at pick up time

***NO CAMP ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH (Federal Holiday)**

****EXTENDED CAMP HOURS!!**

-Monday through Thursday, 3pm-5pm

-See Extended Camp application for signup and more information

Camp Phone -----413-822-6837 **Home Phone**----- 413-243-2686

Snack & Lunch Hours—Campers will be given time for a morning snack.

-Each camper will bring his/hers snack & lunch. (Non-perishable as no refrigeration)

-Campers should bring their own water bottle.

-We are peanut free so please no peanut products!

Apparel-----Each camper should purchase an emblem "E" shirt on entering camp for \$25.

Letter-----An informative letter will be mailed to each parent after application is made.

*Eden Hill Summer Day Camp is in compliance with regulations of the Mass Dept. Of Public Health and is licensed by the Mass' Board of Health.

Facilities

- 1.) Outdoor swimming- Certified lifeguard on duty at all times.
- 2.) A superb gymnasium for basketball, dance, games, and etc.
- 3.) Beautiful fields for baseball, softball, soccer and various other lead up games.
- 4.) Superb outdoor play equipment.
- 5.) Locker rooms for boys and girls.
- 6.) Picnic area
- 7.) Hiking trails
- 8.) Arts & crafts room
- 9.) Indoor games
- 10.) Video recorder for enjoy day movies.
- 11.) Talent shows held each session.



Are you struggling to pay your primary heating bill?

Fuel Assistance, also known as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), can help low-income households with their heating bills. All heating types may be eligible for assistance: oil, propane, kerosene, coal, cord wood, wood pellets, natural gas, electric and even some households that have heat included in their rent.

For more information about Fuel Assistance:

Central / South Berkshire: 413-445-4503

North Berkshire: 413-663-3014

Status line, available 24/7: 1-866-216-6200

www.bcacinc.org

LIHEAP Income Guidelines

1	\$ 40,951
2	\$ 53,551
3	\$ 66,151
4	\$ 78,751
5	\$ 91,351
6	\$ 103,951
7	\$ 106,314
8	\$ 108,676

Fiscal Year 2022
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Income Eligibility and Benefit Levels



Please help share this information:

Staying Warm This Winter - BCAC Can Help 2-1-22

We all know someone - whether a friend, neighbor, family member or co-worker - who could use a little help to stay warm this winter.

Berkshire Community Action Council (BCAC)'s Heating Fuel Assistance Program, provides income eligible households with help paying their heating bills. The program is accepting applications now through April 30th.

Homeowners and renters may both be eligible to receive help paying their winter heating bills.

All primary heating types may be eligible for assistance, including oil, propane, kerosene, coal, cord wood, wood pellets, natural gas and electric.

Any household whose gross yearly income falls at or below the program income guidelines for the number of people in the household may be eligible.

For example, a household of one can have an income of up to \$40,951; a household of two can have an income of up to \$53,551; a household of four can have an income of up to \$78,751; and, a household of five can have an income of up to \$91,351 and be eligible.

BCAC has funding available to serve all eligible Berkshire County households.

Once a household is determined to be eligible for fuel assistance, the household may also be eligible for BCAC's Heating System Repair and Replacement and Home Weatherization Assistance Programs. Eligible households may also be eligible for BCAC's Refrigerator and Washing Machine Replacement Program, which replaces older high energy using models with new energy efficient ones.

For more information, individuals can call BCAC at 413-445-4503 (for Central/South County) or 413-663-3014 (for North County) Monday - Thursday between 9am to 3pm; or the 24-hour information line at 1-866-216-6200. The website is: www.bcacinc.org.

Don't be left in the cold this winter. Call BCAC today.

SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY

45TH SEASON

Riotous YOUTH



SUMMER THEATER PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS 7-17
TUESDAY, JULY 5 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

ONE-WEEK SESSIONS

July 25–August 19 | \$425

For Students Ages 6–12

IN THE WILD & WHISPERING WOODS

A fast-paced, one-week exploration of Shakespeare's characters as they encounter all manner of unexpected hijinks, love, and mysterious creatures in the woods, using text from *As You Like It*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Winter's Tale*.



TWO-WEEK SESSIONS

July 5–August 12 | \$800

For Students Ages 7–15

These programs incorporate voice, movement, and acting to allow students to explore Shakespeare's text emotionally, physically, and intellectually, culminating in a performance-piece based on their experiences. This year, students will work with text from *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Macbeth*, and *The Tempest*.



THREE-WEEK SESSIONS

August 1–19 | \$925

For Students Ages 13–17

This three-week, advanced program called Riotous Company is designed to provide actors heading into 9th – 12th grade the next step in their training. Students who have participated in Riotous Youth for at least two sessions or have equivalent experience in other Shakespeare & Company Education programs may apply. Classes include ensemble building, voice, movement, clown, fight, and acting, culminating in scene-performances chosen specifically for each participant.

To ensure the health of our Shakespeare & Company community, all Riotous Youth and Riotous Company participants who are vaccine eligible must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

LEARN MORE



shakespeare.org/riotous-youth

To learn more, apply, and access necessary program forms, visit shakespeare.org/riotous-youth.

For more information, contact Education Programs Administrator Megan Marchione at mmarchione@shakespeare.org or (413) 637 1199, ext. 172.

Young People's Programme the Political Arts

LAND WATER

Land and water: the airways are filled with electric talk, as like control, dispute, access, privatization, and other rights swirl around — as if the only way to engage rural forces today were through capture or possession.

LAND/WATER explores the people and politics of the present through their engagements with the environments upon which they live and die. Studying and practicing the political arts of witnessing, framing, sustaining and imagining, this year's Young People's Programme will explore the tactics and strategies communities around the world have used to encourage their neighbors to conceive of their local world differently.

WITNESSING | Jul 11-15

Witnessing is the political art of holding a space or drama in the world for something beyond oneself. Whether witnessing a crime, a protest, a lynching, or another human being, witnesses become responsible for a decisive moment, movement, or feeling which is not solely theirs to feel. Why, when and for whom does witnessing occur?

FRAMING | Jul 18-22

Framing is the political art of organizing how things make sense in the world. Whether providing context for a cherished story or bulking the braces for a house, framers produce cultures for understanding and living in a world replete with diversity and antagonism. Where can we see framing in real time? How can we seize the moment to reference a problem or possibility and use what kinds of frames do people and places inherit?

SUSTAINING | Jul 25-29

Sustaining is the political art of cultivating something which, strictly speaking, does not need to exist in the world. Whether soil, meeting, a worthy project, or maintaining the social fabric of a family or community, to sustain something fragile in a world of infinite entropy, sustaining requires desire, commitment, and fidelity, and care for something which simultaneously becomes a part of and in excess of oneself. What kinds of aspirations must be aimed and what kinds of aspirations are thought of as already achieved — and are they at odds with each other?

IMAGINING | Aug 1-5

Imagining is the political art of crafting possibilities for what the world is and could be. Whether imagining Los Angeles without a parking crisis or a system for sharing farming tools within a rural community, imaginers claim the beautiful possibilities for a new world, not only the otherwise mundane activities of this one. What kinds of imaginings are needed in a world plagued by a lack of imagination?

International Faculty

Brianna Pope
political strategist,
organizer, writer

Elizabeth Glass
writer, actor, director

Lucy Peterson
political theorist,
organizer, educator

Marvin González
political strategist,
organizer

Nathaniel Madison
historian, educator

Radhya Kareem
architect, urbanist, poet

Yashfeen Talpur
architect, art educator

programme directors

Colin Eubank
political theorist,
educator

Sara Mugridge
social worker, educator



GCA5-JAHAN
Young People's Programme in Political Arts
11 July - 5 Aug 2022



Young, People's Programme

LAND WATER

WITNESSING

Jul 11-15

FRAMING

Jul 18-22

SUSTAINING

Jul 25-29

IMAGINING

Aug 1-5

multiple cohorts | ages 9-21
invited to apply | virtual |
440€/week | 1600€/full prog.
financial aid available
info@gcas-jehan.org

It's time for an education in the political arts. The Jahan curriculum in the "political arts" or principled political practice in the present, includes arts of belonging, believing, relating, witnessing, narrating, truth-telling, suffering, remembering, caring, healing, resisting, imagining, dreaming, envisioning, building, questioning, troubling, leading, inspiring, speaking, listening, claims-making, framing, communicating, connecting, collaborating, sustaining, organizing, and more. Contrary to the cynical and status-quo-preserving ideas of "ars politica" that span manipulation, diplomacy, political games, court intrigues, propaganda and such, what we call political arts denotes practices of survival and mutuality inherent to contemporary political experience.