



Dates to Remember!!

4/18-4/22—Vacation
Week

4/27 — Gr 5 MCAS
4/28 — Gr 5 MCAS

5/3 — Gr 6 MCAS
5/4 — Gr 6 MCAS
5/6 — Gr 7 MCAS

5/10 — Gr 7 MCAS
5/11 — Gr 8 MCAS
5/12 — Gr 3 & 4 MCAS
5/13 — Gr 8 MCAS

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***

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—April 29

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear RCS community,

Students are once again working in teams. A great example of this is the work the 8th grade is doing on their Rights and Responsibilities Podcasts. Students formed teams to develop questions and interview important members of our community. They interviewed a community activist, a veteran, a selectman and a town of Richmond resident. Under Mrs. Sabourin and Mrs. Zigmund guidance, each student is working to edit their nearly 25 minutes of audio down to 5 minutes so they can submit it to the NY Times Podcast Contest.

All of our classes that take the MCAS have completed their ELA assessments. Our students have taken their time and put in their best efforts. The week of April 25th will be used for ELA makeup assessments and the Grade 5 Science, Technology and Engineering MCAS on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday April 28th.

Students participating in the home COVID-19 testing program were sent home with testing kits again this week. Testing should be done on April 18th and the morning of April 25th. Please let Nurse Lenfest or myself know if you have any positive tests.

Enjoy your vacation!

Dan Weston



Enjoy the school vacation week.

Menu will be posted on website

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.



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

Richmond Consolidated School

1831 State Road
Richmond, MA 01254
413-698-2207
413-698-3199(fax)

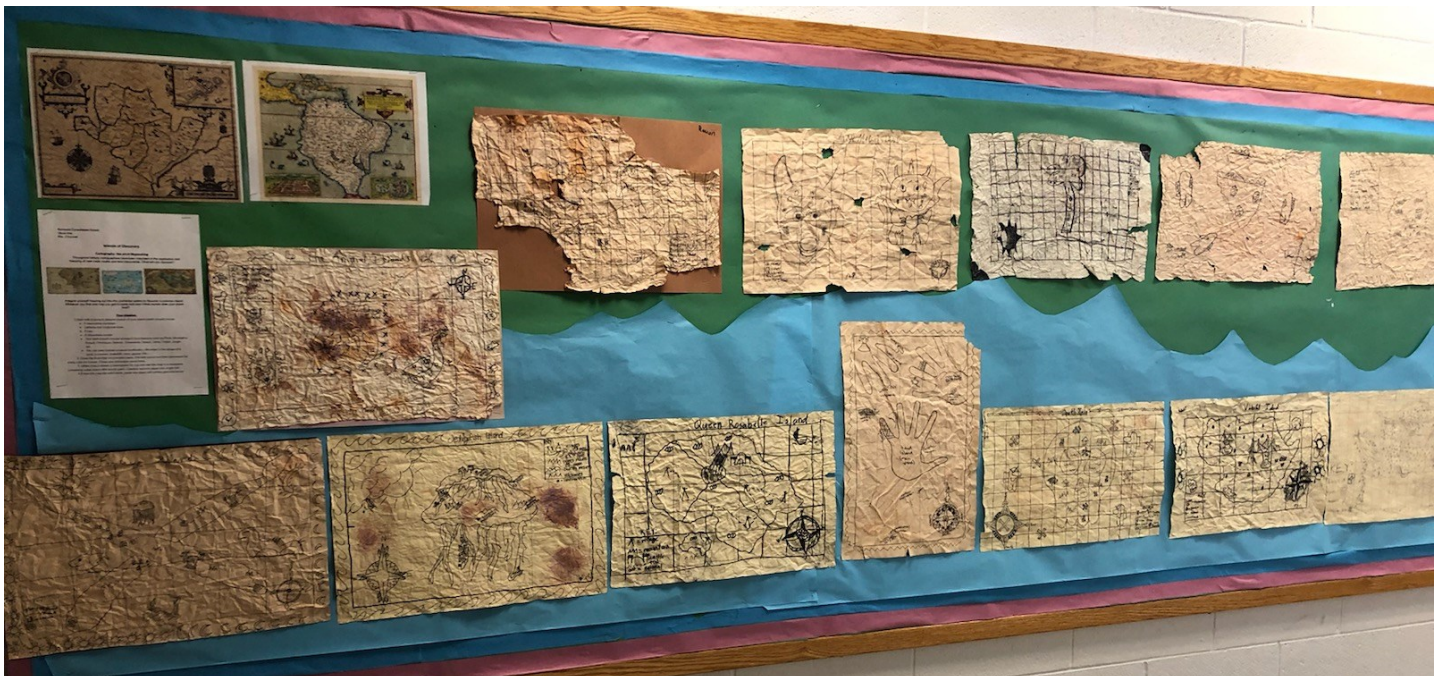
Dan Weston,
PRINCIPAL
Richmondconsolidated.org

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.

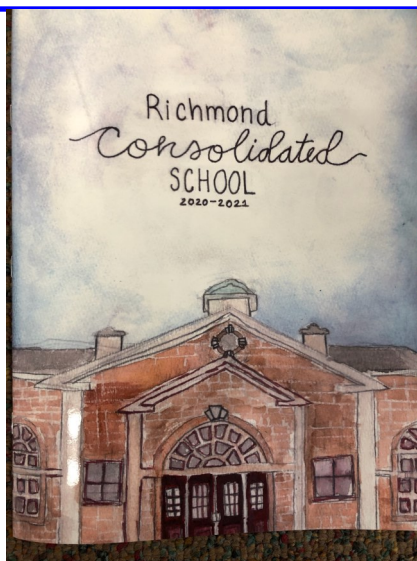
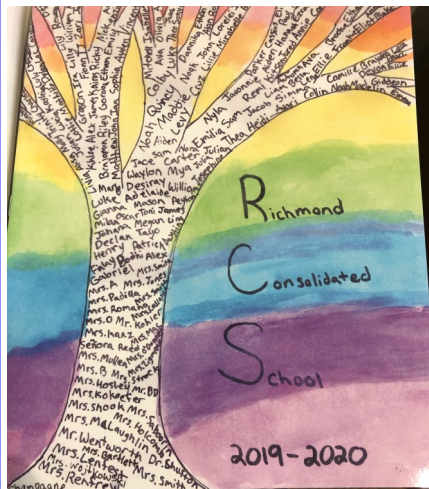


Lost and Found is located on the stage in the cafeteria.



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 out!



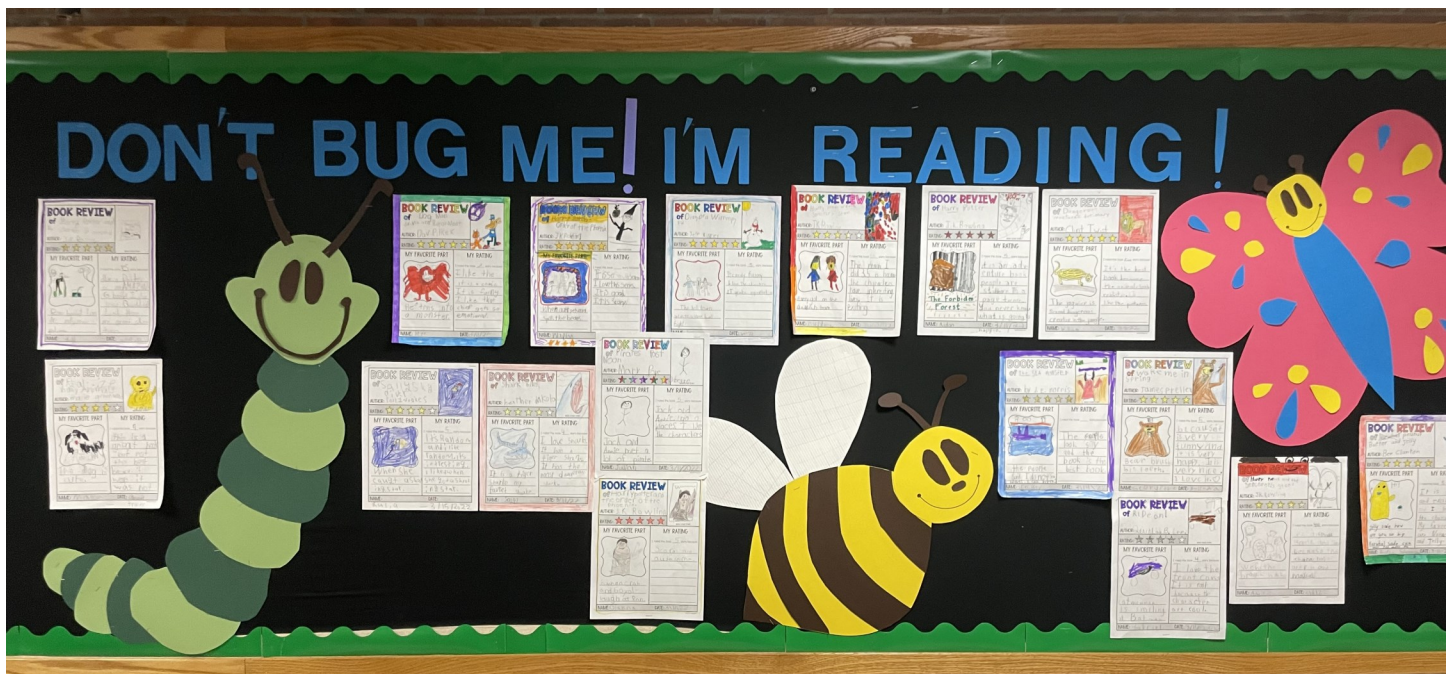
Thank you for your time and attention!!

Ronna E. Zigmand
Technology Teacher
Richmond Consolidated School

Click [HERE](#) to preview this year's yearbook promo video.



Annual Rec. Comm. Ping Pong Fun



Richmond Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, April 30th

7:30- 9:30 am

\$5 Grab-N-Go Boxes

Richmond Consolidated School

Back parking lot, behind the school

All proceeds go to the Richmond Fuel Fund

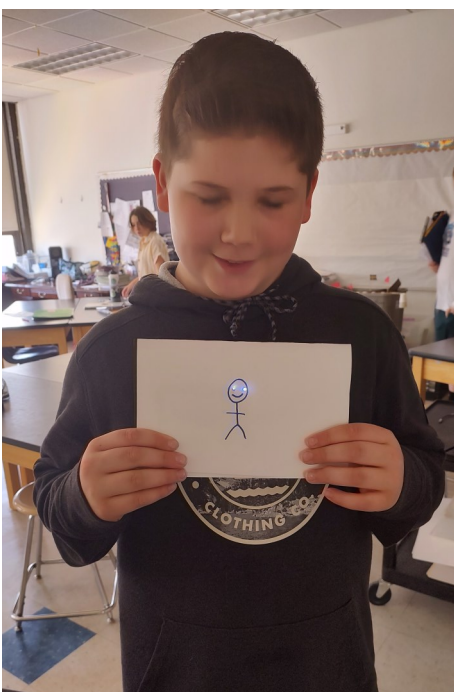


Richmond Town Clean-Up

Saturday, April 30th

8:00am Richmond Consolidated School

How: Visit the town clean up table located in the back circle of the school and pick up a designated area to clean.





What is happening in PTA?
We're getting ready for some fun!

Save the Date: **May 21st Color Run** at RCS. We will need volunteers to help with this event. A sign up will be ready May 1st.

Guess What?? Field Trips are Back! Many classes are planning end of year field trips and PTA is so happy to be able to support the fun. All field trips have a minimal fee, usually \$5. This gives the student ownership of the trip and helps defray the total cost of the bus and tickets for the venue.

Registration is open for the PTA
bicycle race and bike
decorating contest.



**Saturday, April
30th 10AM**

Colonial Acres neighborhood, Grist Mill Rd. Richmond

We will need the parents of the racers to post themselves around the course loop to cheer and assist the racers.

*Registration is for planning purposes. Based on participation numbers, we will run grade level heats or heats of similarly aged kids.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WCbNQVOWAxF3bPfqjOZTZnYK4eq4zDPaO7h4VhzSIG4/edit#gid=0>



Kindergarten Bulletin Boards show student art inspired by Eric Carle.



Richmond Rec. Comm. Basketball Banquet



Come take a hike with me!

WHEN: Saturday May 7th

Time: 10:30am

WHERE: Tyringham Cobble park

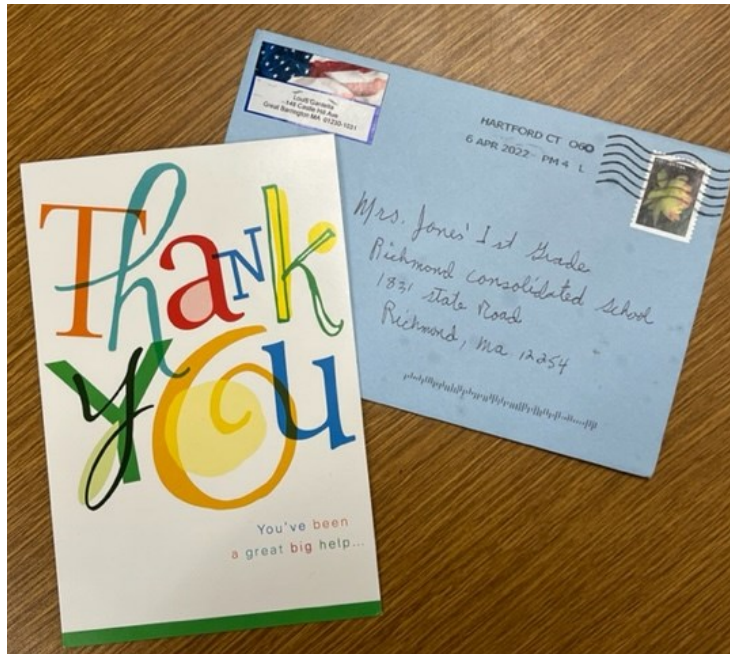
ADDRESS: 20 Jerusalem Rd, Tyringham MA 01264

Tyringham Cobble park is a moderately challenging route. It is a 2.1 mile loop that takes on average 1 hr to complete. Please take this into consideration when determining if your going to join us.

Parents/guardians must stay and hike with their children.

Any questions please contact Haley Korte (Physical Education Teacher) at Hkorte@richmondconsolidated.org
Hope to see you all on May 7th!





First graders were thrilled to receive a Thank You card from Mr. Gardella whom they had written to as a kind gesture. Happiness goes a long way!!





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

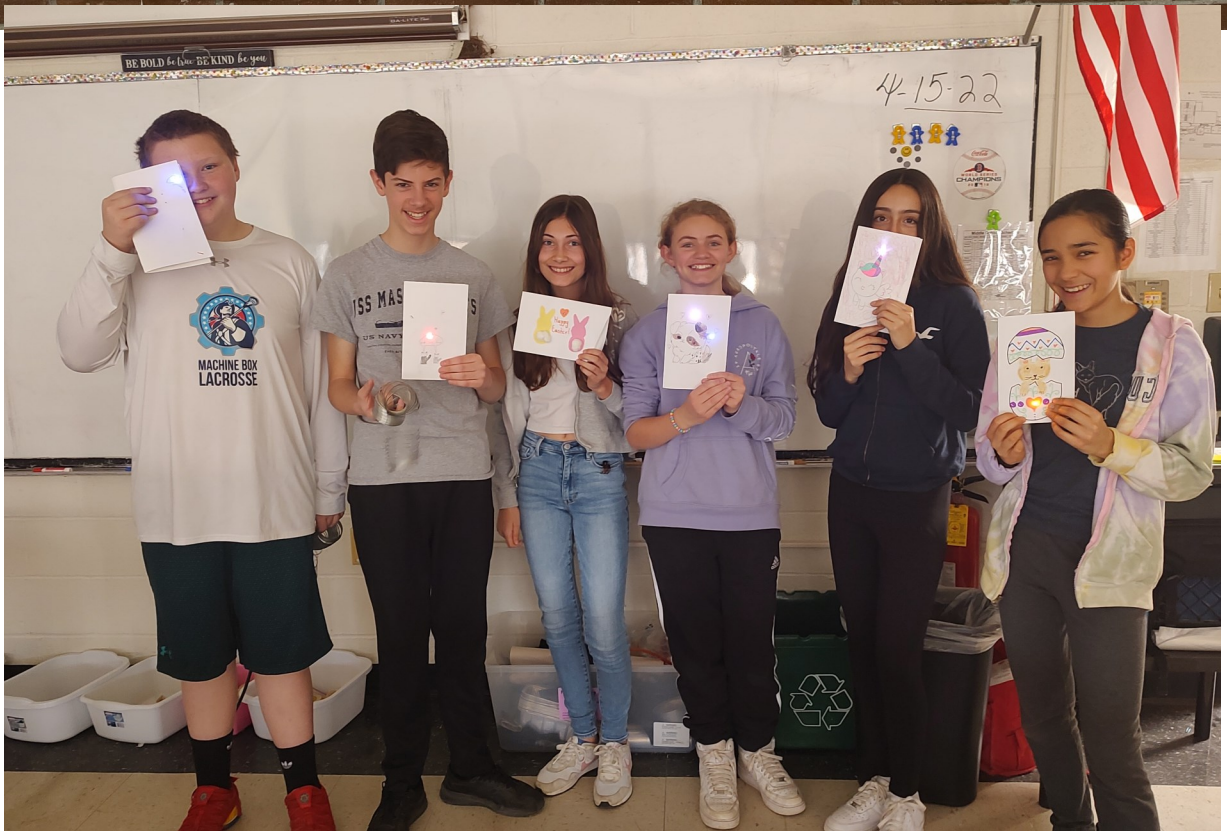
Financial assistance available upon request

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



**Richmond Free Public Library
2821 State Road, Richmond, MA**

Celebrating Mothers!

**Saturday May 7th
9:00 to 2:00**



All Patrons receive a Flower!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Library.



Sing for Peace

Kids Benefit for Ukraine
Concert Friday, April 22 6:00PM
 Rehearsals for Kids Ages 5-13:
Tue 4/19, Thur 4/21 & Fri 4/22 From 9AM-11AM

Free to Participate
Donations Collected at Concert for Ukrainian Aid

Rehearsals & Concert at
The First Congregational Church of Stockbridge

Required Registration to Sing

songsailormusic@yahoo.com

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDz9D3hG35Qv-PVGGY88u7Y9sq9TvCPGcds27EezGcnA4PjA/viewform>





MARY POPE OSBORNE

Presented by

Richmond Free Public Library, Stockbridge Library and West Stockbridge Library



FREE

**AUTHOR
PRESENTATION
AND BOOK
SIGNING**

Where: West Stockbridge
Town Gym

When: Saturday April 16
2022

Time: 11:00AM

*Thanks to the
Local Massachusetts Cultural Councils





**TO
RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED
FAMILIES:**

**SPECIAL EARLY
REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:
10% OFF TO ALL
CAMPER'S 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 CAMPER'S 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 this 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 insurative 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.



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).**

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.



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.



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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.

Berkshire Athenaeum Children's Programs April 2022

PRESCHOOL PLAY & LEARN W/ CFCE

Thursdays 10–11 am

No Meeting 4/21

A variety of exploration opportunities for children 3-5 years old. Facilitated by Pittsfield CFCE.

PARENTCHILD+ PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays 4–5 pm

Join ParentChild+ staff for an interactive, fun playgroup where children and their caregivers can socialize with peers. RSVP to Rhonda at rbaczek@ccberkshire.org or (413) 443-0676, ext. 45.

SATURDAY PLAYGROUP

Saturday, 4/2 10:30 am–12:00 pm

Join ParentChild+ and Pittsfield's CFCE for a children's literature themed program. Families will explore a variety of stations and children will receive a book to build their home library. Best for families with children 5 and under. Please contact Jenn Faulconer for more information, jfaulconer@berksh.org or (413) 441-0974.

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays 3–4:30 pm

Come a build with the library's huge collection of LEGO Bricks! Ages 6-10.

FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAYS

Friday, 4/8 3:30–4:30 pm

Stop by the library after school on the first Friday of each month to read the first chapter of a book together! A relaxing way to end your week at school! Activities will include optional craft, book recommendation form, and voting for next month's book! Best for ages 8-12.

MONTHLY SLIME CLUB

Wednesday, 4/13 3:30–4:30 pm

Ages 8-12 join us for drop-in slime making fun! Explore a new type of slime each month. Be sure to wear your messy clothes!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE (CYOA) BOOK CLUB

Thursday, 4/21 3:30–4:30pm

Join library staff for a monthly Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club! Staff and kids will read a different book together and see where the adventures leads! Activities related to the theme of the book provided. Receive a CYOA Book Club passport to fill in for prizes and free books. Best for kids ages 6-11.

ALL AGES DROP-IN CRAFTING

Friday, 4/22 2 – 4 pm

Stop in during April break for an afternoon of crafting! Bring your own in progress craft to work on, or learn a new skill using the Library's supplies!

STOP-IN SATURDAYS

Saturday, 4/30 10 am

Visit the Children's Library for this monthly drop-in program. Each month library staff will have rotating crafts or activities for kids of all ages, while supplies last.

Berkshire Athenaeum Young Adult Programs April 2022

PODCASTS AND PENCILS Friday, 4/1 2:30 – 3:30pm

Relax after a long week by coloring and listening to a podcast episode together! Grades 7-12.

POETRY CRAFTS Monday, 4/4 2:30 – 4pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month with some poetry crafts! We will try out paint chip poetry, book spine poetry, magnetic poetry and more! Grades 7-12.

½ DAY BOARD GAMES Friday, 4/8 11:30am – 2pm

Stop into the Young Adult Department after school on your half day to play some board games! All games will be provided. Grades 7-12.

YA BOOK CLUB MEETING Tuesday, 4/12 4 – 5pm

Join us to discuss this month's pick, *The Extraordinaries* by TJ Klune - Pick up your free copy at the Children's Desk! Grades 7-12.

BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE Tues – Thurs. 4/19 – 4/21 1 – 3pm

Join Library and 4H staff for a free three-session (6 hour total) Babysitter Training Course! Registration is required, and space is limited. Open to teens **ages 12-17**. Please email anna@pittsfieldlibrary.org to register.

ALL AGES DROP-IN CRAFTING Friday, 4/22 2 – 4pm

Stop in during April break for an afternoon of crafting! Bring your own in progress craft to work on, or learn a new skill using the Library's supplies!

MAGIC THE GATHERING Monday, 4/25 2:30 – 4pm

Join us for a game of Magic The Gathering! Never played? No problem! We will teach you how to play! All supplies will be provided. Grades 7-12.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Wednesday, 4/27 2:45 – 3:45pm

Teens in **grades 9-12** are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board! This club meets monthly to plan and present teen programs, create displays in YA, and more! Volunteer hours will be awarded.

YA FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY Friday, 4/29 2:30 – 3:30pm

Relax after a long week with a teen storytime! Each month, we will read the first chapter of a new book! Grades 7-12.

Donate to help the children of Ukraine



Be entered to win one of these amazing prize bundles valued at over \$850 each!

Bundle 1

- 1 free group lesson with Kayla Civello Training
- \$50 Gift Card to a local restaurant
- Bracelet Stack from Moonwater and Myrrh
- \$100 Gift Card and blanket from Balderdash Cellars
- \$45 Gift Card to Shelly Cakes
- Handmade convertible picnic basket/table
- \$25 Gift Card and a tote from Lanesborough Local
- Gift bundle from Fur and Friends
- \$50% photo session Moments with Ada
- \$25 Gift Card and earrings from St. Jane
- Cozy from St. Eithne Rd
- \$100 Gift Card to Plant Connector
- \$20 Gift Card One Twenty Four Design

Bundle 2

- \$100 Gift Card to Alta
- Free Haircut by Jessicah K hair
- Gift Card and earrings from Clay + Oak
- Koozie and tank from Champe Berkshire Bubbly
- \$45 Gift Card to Honeybee Sweets
- Wall Planter from Inspired Creations
- \$50 Gift Card to Bella Sky gifts
- \$150 Gift Card to Thistle N'Thorn Floral
- 1 hour photo session and online album from Captured by Coby
- Stress/Anxiety bubble from Shire Alchemy
- Cozy from St. Eithne Rd.
- Reiki infused jewelry bundle from Soulful Intentions
- \$100 Gift Card from Museum Facsimile

scan to donate



Bundle 3

- \$100 Gift Card to Methuselah
- Earrings from Duncan St. Design
- 1 free tan from Simply Sunless
- \$50 Gift Card to Wandering Star Brewery
- \$50 Gift Card to Shire Cottage Bakery
- Tea Light set from Birchmade
- \$100 Gift Card to Berkshire Food Co-op
- Capturing Keepsakes Photo session from Another's Eye Photography
- \$350 Gift Card to Classical Tents
- Custom curated box from Berkshire Curated Gifts
- Cozy St. Eithne Rd.
- Sunflower for Ukraine painted glass tile from Pretty Prints 01267

scan to donate



Thank you to all these inspiring Berkshires businesses for donating all these amazing prizes

