



Dates to Remember!!

1/17/22—No School—
Dr. MLK Birthday ob-
servance

1/17/22—Richmond Rec.
Comm. Mtg. 6pm

2/2/22—PTA Meeting
6:30

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- Jan 28

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear RCS families,

The past two weeks have presented us with new challenges. Please continue to communicate any signs or symptoms of illness to our school nurse. Consistent communication will help us maintain a safe learning environment for the RCS community. A new link has been added to Richmond Consolidated School homepage with the updated COVID Flowchart from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This chart explains the latest protocols that we must follow for students who are symptomatic, test positive, or are asymptomatic close contacts.

We had a relatively mild winter until this week's cold snap. The long term forecast is for a snow event Sunday into Monday. Please continue to make sure your student(s) comes to school with proper winter clothing so they can fully participate during recess and stay warm on the bus since the windows are partially open to maintain proper ventilation.

This past Wednesday, January 12th, students in grades 1-4 enjoyed a virtual visit from author Jerry Pallotta. Best known for his many alphabet books and for the "Who Would Win?" series, Mr. Pallotta shared with the children information about his life, noted things that have served as inspiration for his pieces of writing, and talked about the writing process with the classes. We are grateful to the Richmond Consolidated School PTA for making this wonderful presentation possible for our students. You can learn more about Jerry Pallotta and the books he has authored at jerrypallotta.com.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Dan Weston

| Monday, Jan 17 | Tuesday, Jan 18 | Wednesday, Jan 19 | Thursday, Jan 20 | Friday, Jan 21 |
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| No School Dr. MLK Day Observance | Grilled Ham and Cheese on Farmhouse Bread Roasted Potato Salad Fruit Sandwich: PBJ | Pizza Burger Seasoned Potatoes Coleslaw Fruit Sandwich: PBF | Chicken Mexican Lasagna Corn Rice Fruit Sandwich: PBJ | Tammy's Pan Pizza Salad Fruit Sandwich: 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.



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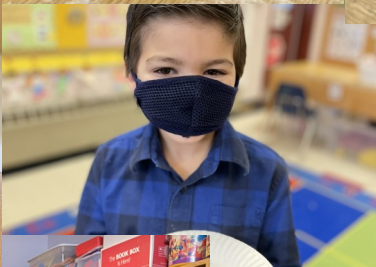
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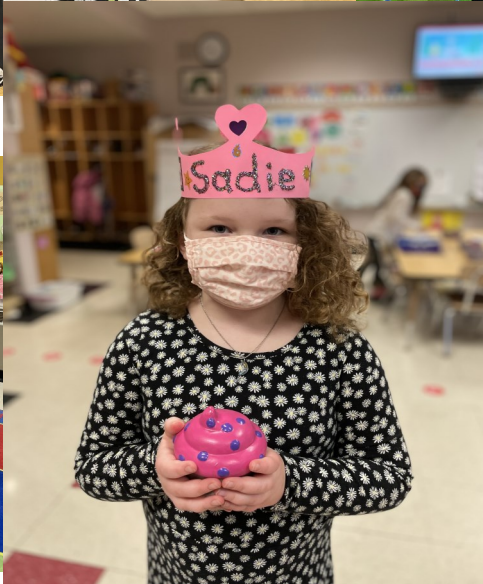
Click [here](#) to find the 2021-2022 Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

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.



Kindergarten Fun





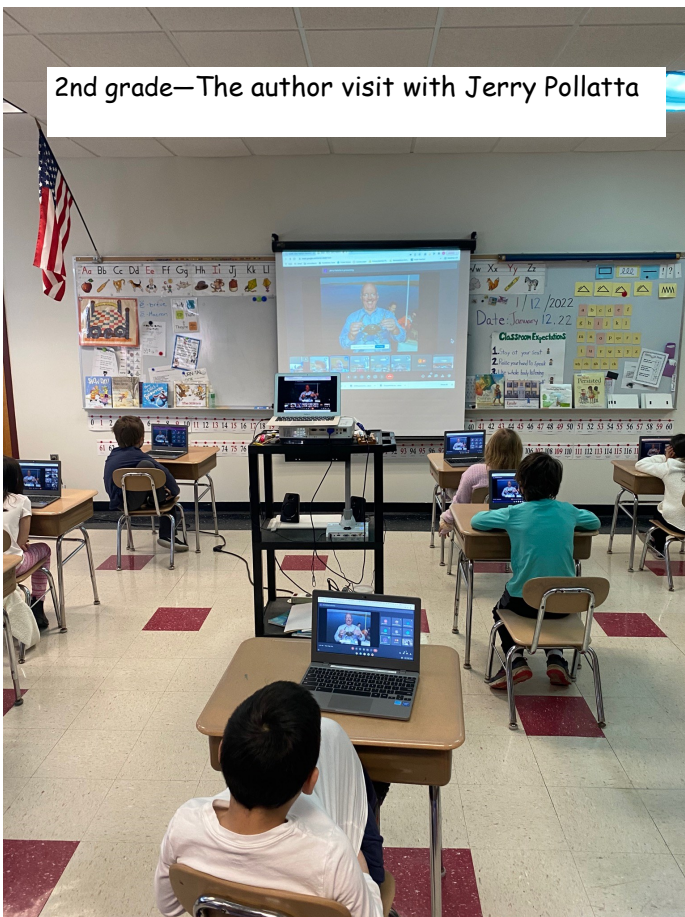
A special thank you to Mrs. Padilla for scheduling a fantastic virtual visit with Jerry Pallotta, author of the famous Who Would Win books. Another shout out to Penny Saupe for the suggestion. Mr. Pallotta was a huge hit with grades 1 through 4. PTA funded the program.

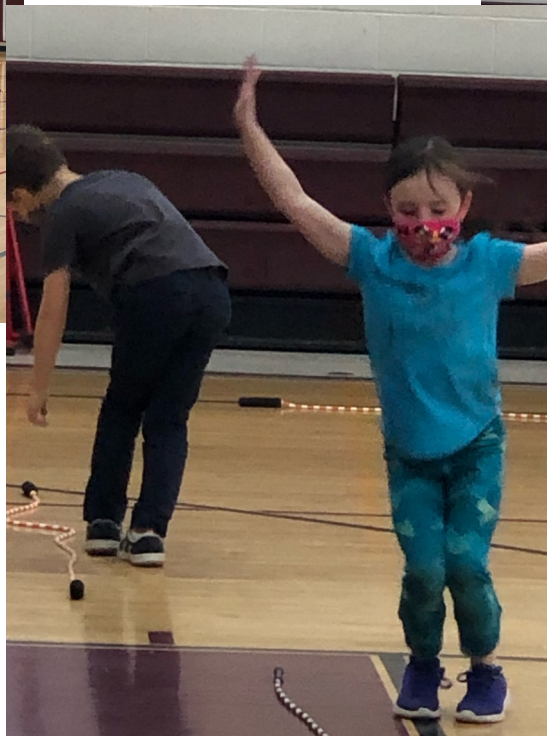
The Flower Power fundraising materials will go home March 4th. All orders will be due by April 1st. All orders are placed online.

PTA is working with each grade level teacher and Mrs. O'Donnell on a special Valentine Day craft. Students will bring the completed projects home early in February.

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday February 2nd* at 6:30(note to date change) we will reevaluate potential dates for winter socials based on the overall health and well-being of the school.

2nd grade—The author visit with Jerry Pollatta





This week in Physical Education we started a jump rope unit with grades K-4. The students are responding really well to it. Jump rope can be a difficult skill to learn so to keep the students engaged I found some fun challenges for the students to do. There are four different clubs that the students can become a part of. There is the 1 Minute Club, the 2 Minute Club, the 3 Minute Club and the Kangaroo Club. The 1 Minute, 2 Minute, and 3 Minute Club are just the way it sounds. If a student can jump with no mistakes continuously for a set amount of time, they get to write their name on the wall. If they make it again the following class they get to put a star next to their name. The Kangaroo Club the students have to do a certain amount of jumps consecutively without messing up. Kindergarten has to get 5 consecutive jumps, 1st grade has to get 10 consecutive jumps, 2nd grade has to get 15 consecutive jumps, 3rd has to get 20 consecutive jumps, 4th grade has to get 30 consecutive jumps. I'm hoping this encourages students to keep moving. I am also trying to teach them good sportsmanship by not getting upset if they don't make it because they get to try again next class.

Ms. Korte

Richmond Recreation Committee
Monday, January 17, 2022 6:00 PM
Via Zoom

Meeting to be held remotely due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

An Executive Order from the Governor of Massachusetts relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body in real time. In addition, all members of a public body may participate in a meeting remotely; the Open Meeting Law's requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at the meeting location is suspended. All other provisions of the Open Meeting Law, such as the requirements regarding posting notice of meetings and creating and maintaining accurate meeting minutes, as well as the limited, enumerated purposes for holding an executive session, remain in effect.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604202257?pwd=aW1xbUlnSVhUYmc0Z2t2cGU3RnEwdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 0420 2257

Passcode: 067502

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdZe7kssw6>

Call to Order & Prior Minutes Accepted

Old Business:

Tennis court repair and pickleball lines Update.

Gym use. Update.

financial info.

new member search. Update

new weblink. Update.

Basketball program. Update

Winter event. Update

New Business:

Next meeting date:

Community Comments

Adjourn.