



Dates to Remember!!

Like us on Facebook:  
RCS PTA

2/7/20 — Boy Scout  
Spaghetti Dinner — 4-  
6:30 Richmond Congre-  
gational Church (see pg  
5

2/7/20 — Valentine's  
Day Dance — Grades  
3,4,5 — 6:30-8:00

2/8/20 — RCS School  
Play performed at the  
Foundry — 3pm and  
7pm (see pg 10)

2/9/20 — RCS School  
Play performed at the  
Foundry — 3pm (see pg  
10)

2/11/20 — RCS School  
Comm. Mtg. 6pm

2/12/20 — RCS PTA  
Mtg. — 3:10

2/12/20 — Student  
Council — 3-4pm—  
Valentine Card Making

2/14/20 — Carnation  
Sale (see page 9)

2/28/20 — Ooey-Goey  
Night — 6-7:30

## 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
- Birthday Celebration Date— Feb 14

# RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JILL POMPI, PRINCIPAL

## FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Hello Families,

Thank you to the many folks who came out for the Winter Carnival last Friday. It sounds like a good time was had by all.

### February 10 is "The 100th Day!":

I am excited to celebrate the 100th day of school on Monday. Thank you to those of you who contributed to our canned food drive as a lead into our celebration of the 100th Day of School. On Monday, our CARES buddies will work together on a special 100th Day of School project. In addition, we are asking staff and students to perform acts of kindness throughout all of next week to see if we can track at least one act of kindness each, resulting in over 200 acts throughout the week! Stay tuned!

### Staffing update:

I am happy to report that Kim LaPlante has been hired to work in the cafeteria. Kim has a background in cooking, has helped out in the kitchen in the last few weeks, and is excited to join the RCS family. Please help me give Kim a warm welcome!

### Yearbook:

Please consider buying a yearbook this year. You can either fill out the flyer sent home this week and send to Mrs. Zigmand at school or go to [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com) to purchase online. The deadline for purchases is April 3rd.

### Paws Read-A-Thon

RCS will be participating in the 5th Annual PAWS Read-a-Thon! If you haven't returned the sign up sheet that was sent home, please return it ASAP. We are trying to have the names of all participants in place by February 10, 2020 so that the students will have their sponsor sheets by the time they go on February break. The Read-a-Thon begins on March 1 and runs through March 31, 2020.

### Reminder about Visits

We are fortunate to have such supportive families who value education and remain involved in your child's education. Please remember that if you would like to talk with a teacher about something, that it is best to email or call to set up a meeting rather than stopping in unannounced. This way the teacher can give you their undivided attention.

I hope to see the Grade 3-5 students at the dance tonite and I hope many of you are able to attend one of the three play performances at The Foundry this week-end. Amy Brentano and the students have put in many, many hours to ensure another quality performance. AND.... if you don't feel like cooking tonight, please stop by the Richmond Congregational Church from 4:00-6:30 for the Cub Scout's Pack 50 Spaghetti Dinner!

Have a great weekend!  
Jill

**Monday Feb 10**  
Chicken Parmesan  
Buttered noodles  
Green Beans  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit - Salad bar  
Sandwiches: PBJ or  
Roast Beef

**Tuesday Feb 11**  
Chili, Crunchy  
Cheese Wrap  
Caesar Salad  
Fruit - Salad bar  
Sandwiches: PBJ or  
Turkey Wrap

**Wednesday Feb 12**  
No Hot Lunch  
PBF  
Sandwich #1 Cuban  
Sandwich #2 Tuna  
melt  
Fruit — Salad Bar  
—Soup

**Thursday Feb 13**  
Hot Dogs on a roll  
Baked Beans  
BBQ Fries  
Fruit - Salad bar  
Sandwiches: PBJ or  
Bologna

**Friday Feb 14**  
Tammy's Pan Pizza  
(cheese, pepperoni,  
veggie)  
Greek Salad  
Fruit - Salad bar  
Sandwiches: PBJ or  
Egg Salad

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## Richmond Consolidated School

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

JILL POMPI,  
PRINCIPAL

[Richmondconsolidated.org](http://Richmondconsolidated.org)

**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 Feb 14. 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 .

**Richmond Consolidated School School Committee**  
**1831 State Road, Richmond, MA 01254 Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM – RCS Conference Room

Call to order

Positive messages -open call to hear positive observations related to our educational efforts.

Public Comments

Correspondence

Review and approval of the minutes from: December 4, 2019, January 9, 2019 and January 14, 2020.

PTO Update:

Principal's Report

Superintendent's report

Special Education Director's report

Superintendency Contract, Advisory Committee Update

Policy: Public Gifts to the School - second reading  
Network Acceptable Use Policy and Guidelines

Financial Report, Budget Process Outlook

Other unforeseen items

Adjournment and Warrant

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

## PTA NEWS

Next week:

Wednesday: Pta meeting 3:10

Wednesday: Valentine's making after school

Friday: carnation sale

Parent volunteers needed for flower sales that day!

Please contact [allirotenberg@gmail.com](mailto:allirotenberg@gmail.com) if you are able to help out that day

# RCS Valentines Dance



**Grades 3, 4 and 5** are invited to attend the  
**Valentines Dance**  
**Friday, February 7th, 6:30-8:00 pm** in the Cafeteria.  
**Pizza, water and juice will be served.**  
**Wear your dancing shoes and dress as festively as**  
**you choose. Bring your permission slip and \$3.**  
**See you there!**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the dance.

Contact Number for night of dance: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Student conduct must follow the RCS CARES. If a student is not able to follow CARES at the dance a parent will be asked to come pick them up.**

**\*Parents come inside to sign in/out your children using Kiss & Ride door.**

**\*We need at least 5 parents to chaperone in order to have this dance.**

Please Email [aodonnell@richmondconsolidated.org](mailto:aodonnell@richmondconsolidated.org) to volunteer.

Thank you to the RCS PTA for contributing funds to help support the dance!  
The \$3 charge helps to fully cover the cost of food, drinks, music and decorations.

JOIN THE RICHMOND CUB SCOUT PACK #50

*for a*

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

4:00PM *to* 6:30PM

*at the*

RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*\$5 per person*

ALL PROCEEDS HELP THE SCOUTS ATTEND CAMP MOSES

Mark your calendars for Friday, 2/28! OOEY-GOOEY NIGHT returns :) It will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. If you are not yet familiar with it, it is one of the biggest events at our school for our younger students. (Preschool through Grade 4, older students if it still interests them). The cafeteria will be filled with stations and activities ranging from a "Messy Table" (goop, gak, etc), to make your own gooey snack, crafts, sand & water tables, playdough, shaving cream & much much more). We will be in need of many supplies and also volunteers to run stations.

We are in need of many supplies and volunteers to make this a successful event. **If you are able to volunteer to work a station, please visit: <https://signup.com/go/cgSCudh>** . (Please don't sign up if your child is attending and doesn't have another chaperone--We need students supervised as they visit stations)

**If you are able to contribute supplies, please visit: <https://signup.com/go/EKQXKZT>** (Please have all supplies in by Wed, 2/26 or fresh fruit in Thursday 2/27) so that we can prep. ahead of time :)

Thanks so much for your help!

Michelle Smith

Preschool Teacher

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.**

**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**.

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

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

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

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

# GEAR STORE EXTENDED

Due to a website snafu, we've extended the ordering deadline.

Customization is now available.

Orders must be placed by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

Click here: <http://peacetrainteesdesignstudio.com/richmondschool>

Order your RCS t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, or hoodie

**Customize** your gear with your name on the back or sleeve

Other styles and window stickers are available

The Richmond /Peace Train store will **close** on **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Once the store is closed on the 7th, you will not be able to order until late spring. Please plan accordingly.

All purchases benefit the RCS PTA – Thank You!





# Spread-the-love Carnation Sale!



Happy Valentine's Day from your PTA!  
We're selling pink carnations to students  
and staff on:

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Help spread a smile, make someone's day...  
Family, friends, teachers... show them you care!  
Or show an act of kindness... a younger student, a new friend,  
someone who needs a smile.*



**\$1 per flower**

5 flower maximum  
per person



Selling in the morning,  
at lunch and before dismissal.

When they're gone, they're gone!

Richmond Consolidated School presents

# This is a Test

by Stephen Gregg



## They Eat Sunshine,

## Not Zebras

by Dara Murphy

**FEB 8TH 3 PM & 7 PM**

**FEB 9TH 3 PM**

Tickets:

\$5 Adults

\$3 Students



2 Harris Street, West Stockbridge MA 01266 | 413.232.5222 | [thefoundryws.com](http://thefoundryws.com)

## **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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# SPRING 2020 TRAVEL SOCCER PLAYER REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE: February 22**

*Better Soccer, Stronger People, Bigger Dreams!*

The Berkshire Hills Youth Soccer Club Travel Program in the **SPRING** is open to children who reside or school choice into one of the towns listed below:

Great Barrington

Stockbridge

West Stockbridge

Sandisfield

Housatonic

Lee / Tyringham

Richmond

Otis / Becket

*Please Note: In the Spring Season Only we welcome all soccer players from Southern Berkshire.*

Sheffield / Egremont

New Marlborough / Alford

Monterey / Southfield

Mt Washington


To participate in **SPRING 2020 TRAVEL LEAGUE**, the player must meet the following criteria:

- be in **Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** in the **SPRING of the 2019 - 2020** school year.
- **\*\*\*AND\*\*\***
- Have a **Date of Birth** that falls between: **January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2011.**
- **\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders with a Date of Birth between January 1 – July 31, 2012 are allowed to participate with a parent signed waiver. This waiver is mandated by BCYSL.**

The travel team is a serious commitment. We ask that all players who sign up, make the commitment to the extra time and work that goes into the travel team experience.

To register your player, you must go online to:

**[berkshireyouthsoccer.org](http://berkshireyouthsoccer.org)**

 Register Now

**FEES: \$135.00 per player** – online payment preferred, checks also accepted.

- If a family has more than one player, discounts will be calculated during the online registration.
- It is the mission of BHYSOC to make our soccer program available to all children. If the FEE posts a financial hardship for your family, financial assistance is available by contacting: **[berkshirehillssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirehillssoccer@gmail.com)**
- BHYSOC has a ZERO-REFUND policy. If your child decides not to play after rosters have been submitted to the league refunds will not be issued.
- **Online Registration DEADLINE is February 22, 2020.**
- **\$10 Late Fee will be applied to all registrations received after midnight on February 22, 2020.**
- **Late Registrations may not guarantee the player a roster spot. Please register BEFORE the Deadline.**

**When completing your ONLINE REGISTRATION** it is essential you select the correct division/age group for your child. Division is determined by GRADE (2019-2020 School Year). **Please select the correct GRADE for your player,** failure to do so, could jeopardize your child's ability to play.

Depending on the number of players that register, the Berkshire Hills Youth Soccer Club Board of Directors will make all final decisions on the number of BHYSOC teams, teams rosters, team tryouts (if necessary), and coaching staff.

Please direct any questions about BHYSOC or our Online Registration to: **[berkshirehillssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirehillssoccer@gmail.com)**



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**DEADLINE: February 22**

*Better Soccer, Stronger People, Bigger Dreams!*

NEW to BCYSL this SPRING 2020!

Boys and Girls

## **HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION**

Monument Mountain Regional High School

Lee Senior High School

Mt. Everett will be forming their own HS Division Teams.


To participate in **SPRING 2020 TRAVEL LEAGUE**, in the **HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION** the player must meet the following criteria:

- be in Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in the SPRING of the 2019 - 2020 school year.
- **\*\*\*AND\*\*\***
- Have a Date of Birth that falls between: January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2005.
- 8<sup>TH</sup> Graders with a Birth Year of 2005, must play in the Grade 78 Division.

Games will be played in a 7v7 format on Sundays from Mid April to Mid June.  
Participation in BCYSL High School Division will not interfere with other Spring HS Sports.

To register your player, you must go online to:

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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@SPECIALOLYMPICSMa.ORG



**Special  
Olympics**  
Massachusetts



Richmond Free Public Library  
2821 State Road  
Richmond, MA. 413-553-7795

## **Coloring Therapy**

**Tuesday, February 18th  
at 2:00**

**All materials provided**

**Two programs**

**One for adults  
One for children**

Richmond Free Public Library  
2821 State Road  
Richmond, MA. 413-553-7795

## **Board Games**

**Thursday, February 20th  
at 2:00**

**Two programs**

**One for adults  
One for children**