



Dates to Remember!!

Like us on Facebook:
RCS PTA

2/28/20 — Ooey-Gooley
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,

Happy Vacation Week! We had such a fun and busy week with the 100th day of school, Card Making, a Dance, Valentine's Day and Celebration Day. Phew!

100th Day of School

Thank you all for supporting our 100th Day events. Staff and students donated a total of 237 canned goods that were given to the Christian Center in Pittsfield. If you don't know about the Christian Center, this is from their website:

Our stated mission is "uplifting the community by empowering individuals with dignity, nourishment and hope". For more than one hundred and twenty-five years, the Christian Center has been helping individuals and families in need. It is a secular nonprofit serving people from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, in total more than 2,000 people annually.

Staffing Update:

I am happy to announce that we hired Phoebe Chestna as a Speech Language Pathologist. She will begin on Feb. 26. Have no fear, Tracy Holcomb is still here!

Paws Read-A-Thon:

If your child would like to participate in the Paws Read-A Thon, please be sure to hand in your signup slips when we return from break. Packets will be handed out to students on Thursday or Friday after we return from break.

Gentle Reminders:

If your child participates in Mighty Milers, we are now offering running sessions 5 days per week. Please remember that you can drop your child off at 8:10 but not before as we do not have supervision.

Please remember that Cell Phones are not permitted during the school day beginning at 8:10. If you need to contact your child, please call the school at 698 2207.

Half Day Reminder:

Students will have a half day on **March 13, March 27** and **April 10** to allow teachers to participate in Professional Development

Students will have a half day of **May 15** when we will hold Student Led Conferences.

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

Have a wonderful week! Whether you have a vacation or stay-cation planned, enjoy! I look forward to seeing everyone on February 24. (And don't forget that Ooey Gooley Night will take place on February 28 from 6:00-7:30.)

Jill

Monday Feb 24

Grilled Cheese
House Cut Fries
Celery w/pb
Fruit - Salad bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Roast Beef

Tuesday Feb 25

Chicken, Biscuits
and Gravy
Scallop Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Fruit - Salad bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Turkey Wrap

Wednesday Feb 26

No Hot Lunch
PBF
Sandwich #1
Crispy Chicken
Caesar Wrap
Sandwich #2
Meatball Sub
Fruit — Salad Bar
—Soup

Thursday Feb 27

Beef Chili
Rice, Corn
Corn Bread
Fruit - Salad bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Egg Salad

Friday Feb 28

French Toast w/
maple syrup or ber-
ry sauce
Hard Boiled Egg
Hash Browns
Fruit - Salad bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Pepperoni and
Cheese
*This institution is an
equal opportunity
provider*



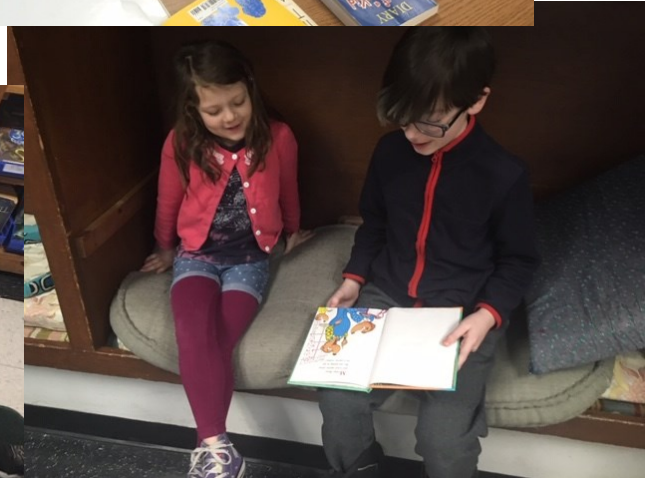
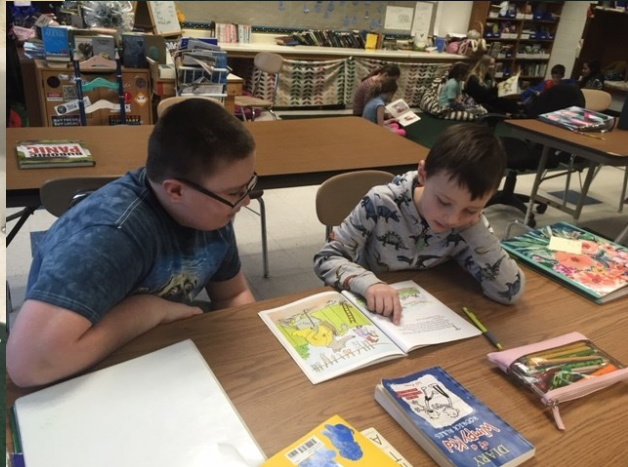
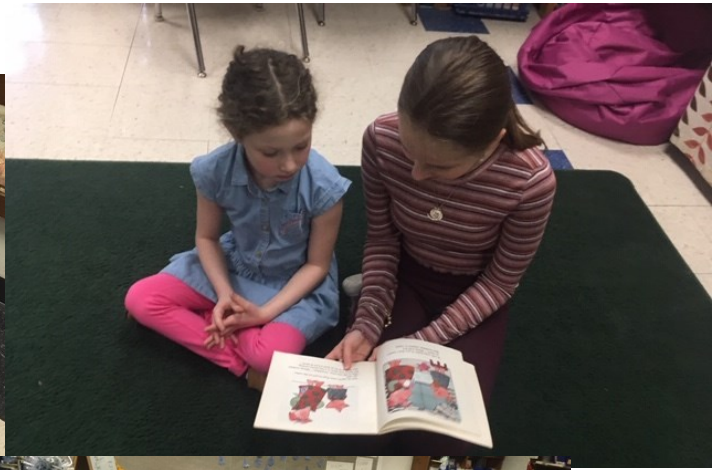
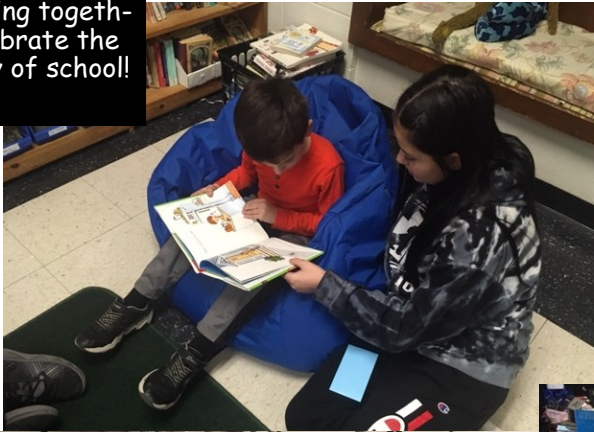
**Richmond
Consolidated
School**

1831 State Road
Richmond, MA 01254
413-698-2207
413-698-3199(fax)
JILL POMPI,
PRINCIPAL
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 .

6th grade and 1st grade CARES buddies reading together to celebrate the 100th day of school!



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

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

5TH 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: _____



RCS LEGO ROBOTICS!

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 or call the school at 698-2207



Drop-In Art Program – Journeys, Perspective, and Storytelling with Images
Monday – Friday, February 17 – 21, 1 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy this fun-filled week of drop-in art activities for all ages. Each day will feature close looking at images, style, and technique of an artist on view starting with Rockwell's *Day In The Life of a Girl*. Explore the themes, journey, and perspective; then create an image that tells a personal story. Free for Members, children/teens 18 and under, or included with admission.

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Sketch Club – Digital Days: Personal Geographies
Monday – Friday, February 17 – 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Ages 7 and up.

Create images with digital technology inspired by images from the *Finding Home* exhibit. Who are we, where are we going, and how can we show it in an image? This class encourages experimentation and skill development using iPads (provided). Check out #nrmsketchclub online. \$8, \$5 members.

SPONSORED BY THE SMITH COLLEGE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS



Introduce
a GIRL TO
ENGINEERING Day
 GRADES 6-8

MARCH 7TH, 2020
SESSION 1: 9:00AM – 12PM
SESSION 2: 2:00PM – 5PM
FORD HALL, SMITH COLLEGE

REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 14

Session 1 - [igted2020morning.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/igted2020morning-tickets-111111111111)
 Session 2 - [igted2020afternoon.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/igted2020afternoon-tickets-111111111111)

**** PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS TO**
smithigted@gmail.com ******



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
Housatonic

Stockbridge
Lee / Tyringham

West Stockbridge
Richmond

Sandisfield
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 2nd – 8th** in the **SPRING of the 2019 - 2020** school year.
- *****AND*****
- Have a **Date of Birth** that falls between: **January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2011.**
- ***** 2nd 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

 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**
- 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**



SPRING 2020 TRAVEL SOCCER PLAYER REGISTRATION

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 9th – 12th 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.
- 8TH 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.

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berkshireyouthsoccer.org

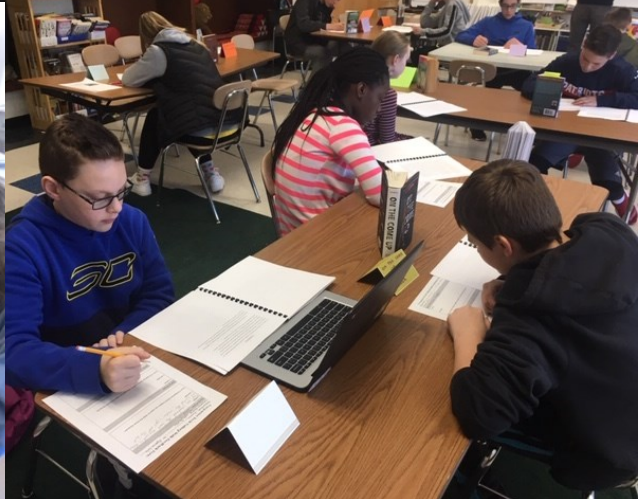
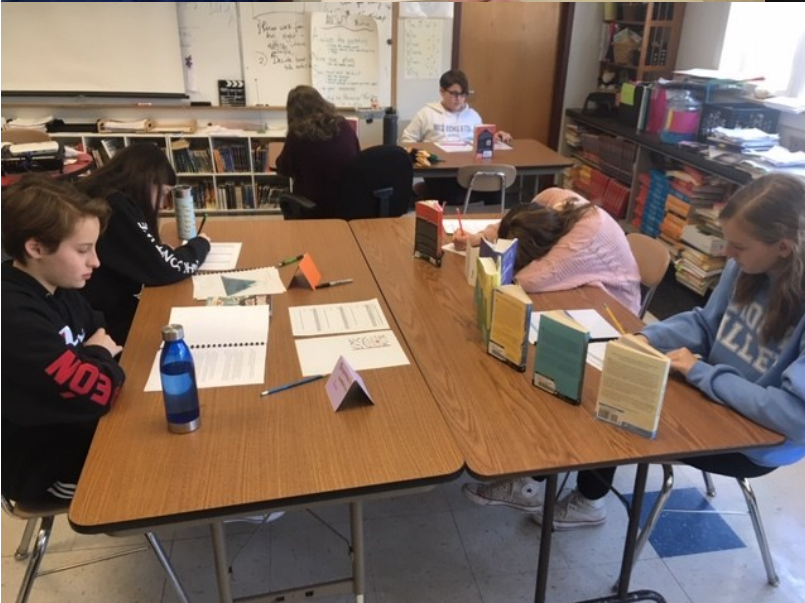
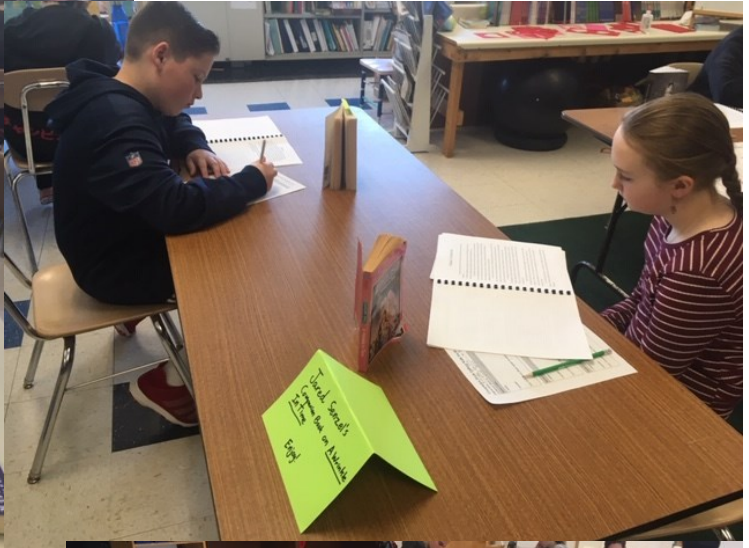
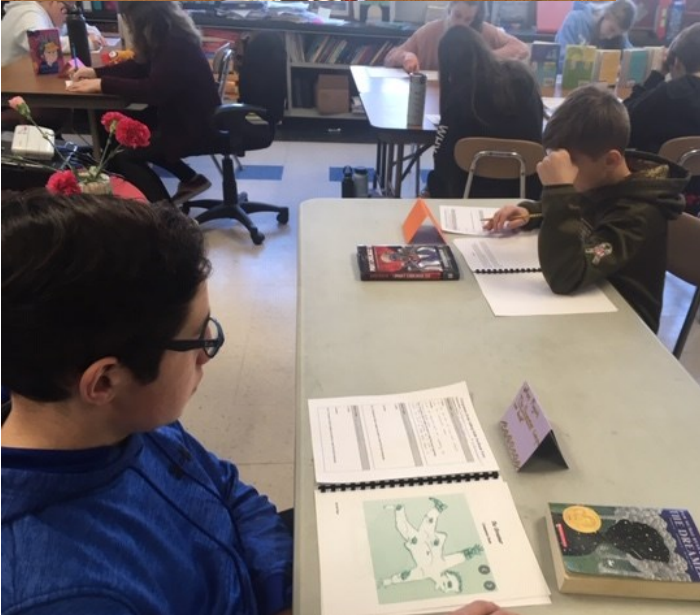
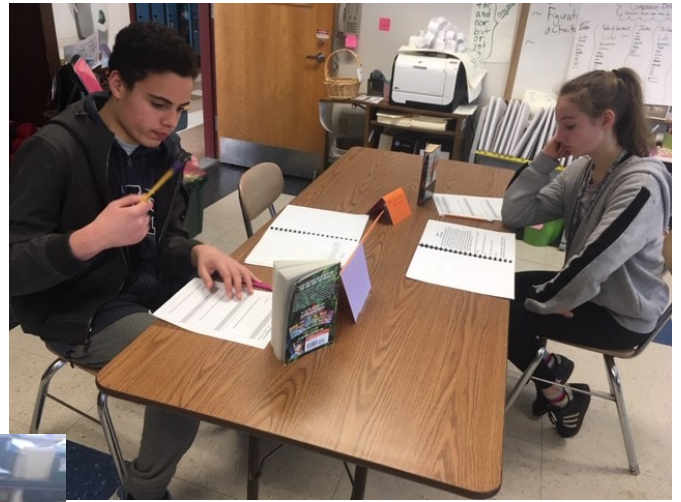
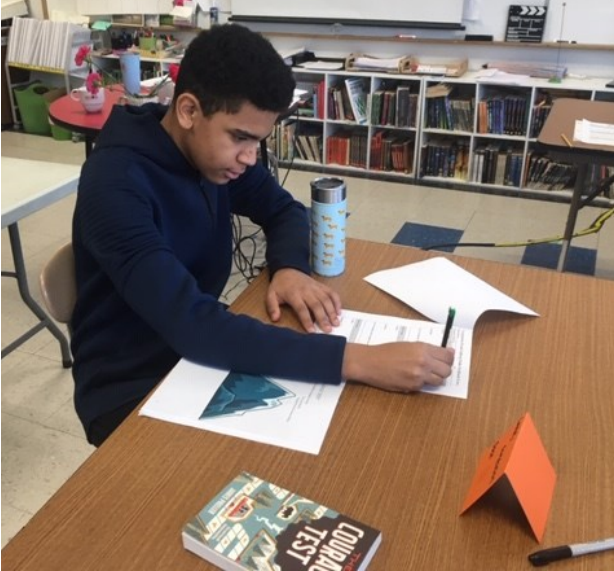
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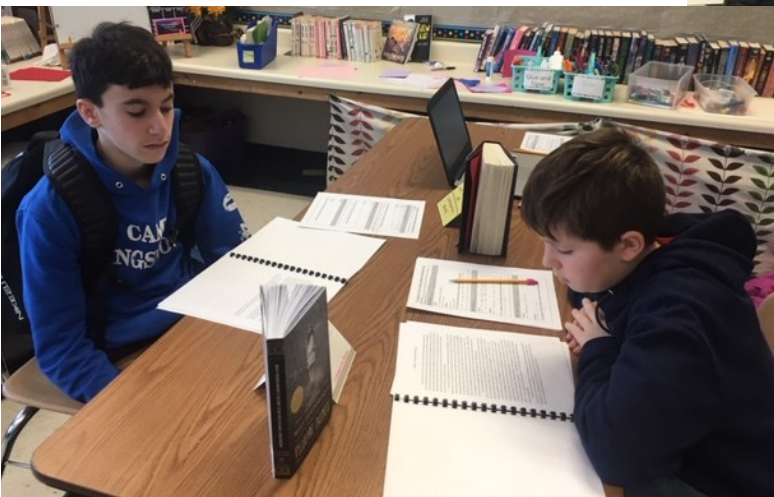
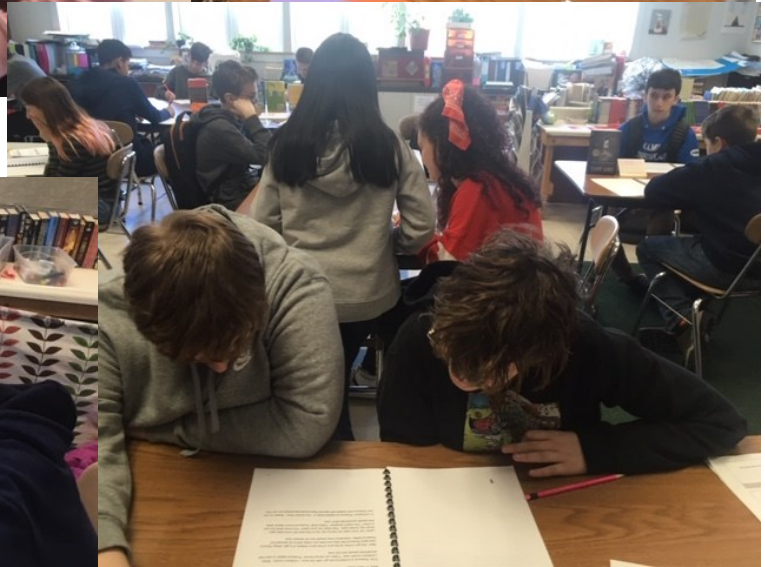
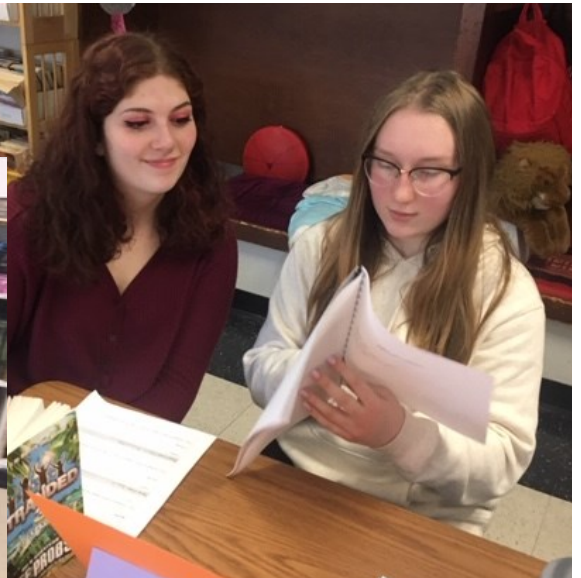
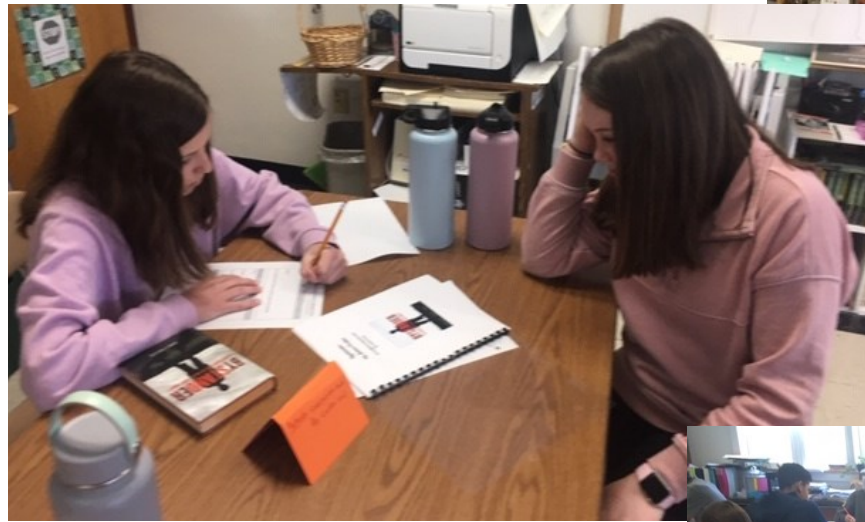
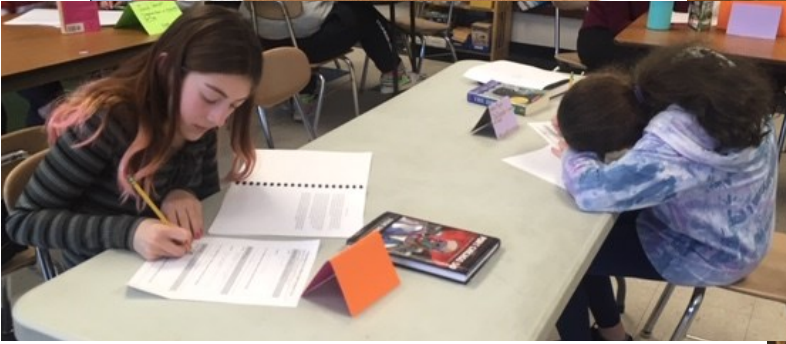
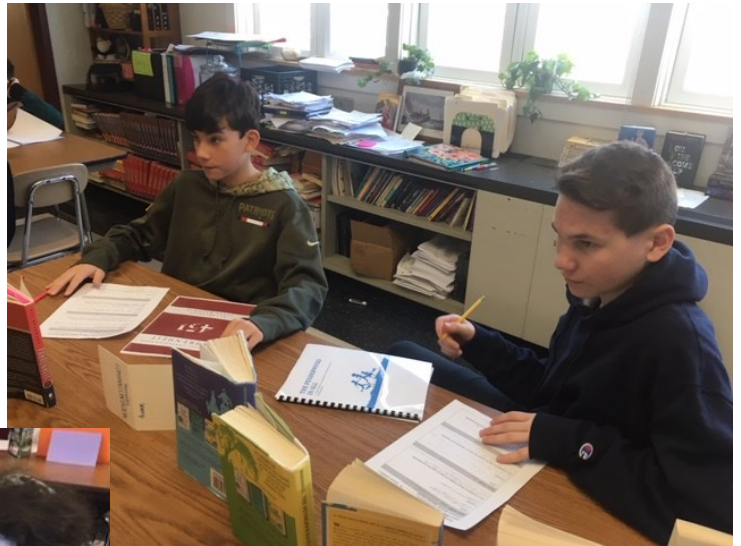
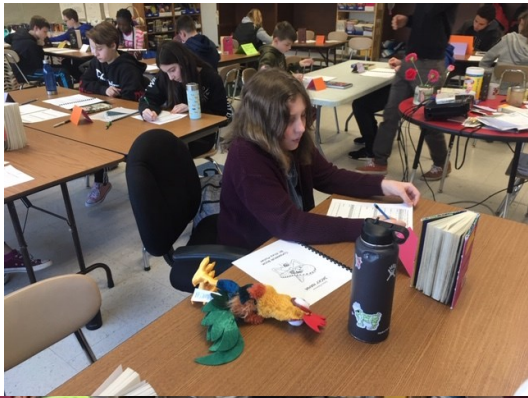
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7th graders hosted a Gallery Walk for their Companion Books they just published!





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@SPECIALOLYMPICSMASMA.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**

OOEY-GOOEY NIGHT IS COMING!!!

Friday, 2/28 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For those of you unfamiliar with Ooey-Gooey Night, It is a fun-filled night designed for the younger students of our school. It is recommended for children from Preschool through 4th Grade, but older students are also welcome, should it still interest them. The cafeteria will be filled with many different tactile sensations, including: sand, water, playdough, shaving cream, slime, crafts, make your own ooey-gooey snack, and much more! We are in need of many supplies that parents can help with, to keep the cost of the night down. **If you are able to donate items, please sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/EKQXKZT>** . We also need adults to help supervise areas, and to clean up. Please only sign up, if you have another adult that will be with your child. **If you are available to work a station, please go to: <https://signup.com/go/cgSCudh>**



Children returning the slip below, with payment, by Monday 2/24 will be entered into a raffle for theme related prizes. If you are in need of a scholarship, please contact Mrs. Pompei.

Please remember, THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT; ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A CHAPERONE TO SUPERVISE THEM FOR THE EVENING.

Cut and return the bottom portion only, keeping the top for your reminder ☺



My child(ren), _____ grade(s): _____ will be attending Ooey-Gooey Night on Friday, 2/28. Cost is \$4 per child, if paid in advance (\$5 at the door). If writing a check, please make it out to "Richmond School PTA".

*** Photo Permission ***

Please check and sign below regarding Mrs. Smith's use of your child's photo(s) from the evening, on a poster presentation at an early childhood conference, and also on Facebook.

_____ I GIVE PERMISSION for my child's photo to be used for the above purposes.

_____ I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION for my child's photos to be used for purposes listed above.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

\$4 is attached with cash or check (circle one)

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.rcscares.org/pta/ and click the link to donate

Thanks to all the RCS families for your continued support!



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Support RCS by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com