



RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember!!

- 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

5/10—School Committee Budget Mtg—6:00
—School Committee Mtg—6:30

5/10—Richmond Rec. Committee Mtg—6: 30

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- May 27

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

RCS Community,

It was a packed week at RCS. We want to thank everyone who participated in Saturday's Pancake Breakfast and the P.T.A. Bike Race. Don't forget about tomorrow's hike at Tyringham Cobble at 10:30 a.m. Our Kindergarten, first, third and fourth grades began their drumming and dancing residency with Aimee Gelinias and Kim Waterman. This is a four week program.

We are in the middle of the Mathematics MCAS assessments. We made a few adjustments to the schedule to accommodate some special events. We are doing makeup MCAS assessments for students who need them when they are able to return to school.

Monday, May 9 th	Tuesday, May 10 th	Wednesday, May 11 th	Thursday, May 12 th	Friday, May 13 th
8 th Grade Math	7 th Grade Math 4 th Grade Math	8 th Grade Math 4 th Grade Math		½ Day
Monday, May 16 th	Tuesday, May 17 th	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 had an increase in COVID-19 cases this week. We continue to update our COVID-19 data each week. There is a link to this data on the richmondconsolidated.org home page. If you signed up for the test at home program. Please continue to use those tests each week.

If you have any questions if your student should come to school due to illness, please contact our school nurse, Cristina Lenfest. (clenfest@richmondconsolidated.org)

Have a great weekend!

Dan Weston

Monday, May 9 Turkey Hoagie Seasoned Potatoes Celery Sticks Fruit Sandwich: PBJ	Tuesday, May 10 French Toast w/maple syrup Hash Browns Hard Boiled Eggs Fruit Sandwich: PBJ	Wednesday, May 11 Spaghetti w/marinara sauce Garlic Bread Salad Fruit Sandwich: PBF	Thursday, May 12 Pizza Egg Roll Veggie Stir Fry Fresh Cucumbers Fruit Sandwich: PBJ	Friday, May 13 1/2 Day Chicken Mexican Lasagna Rice Corn Fruit Only Option
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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

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

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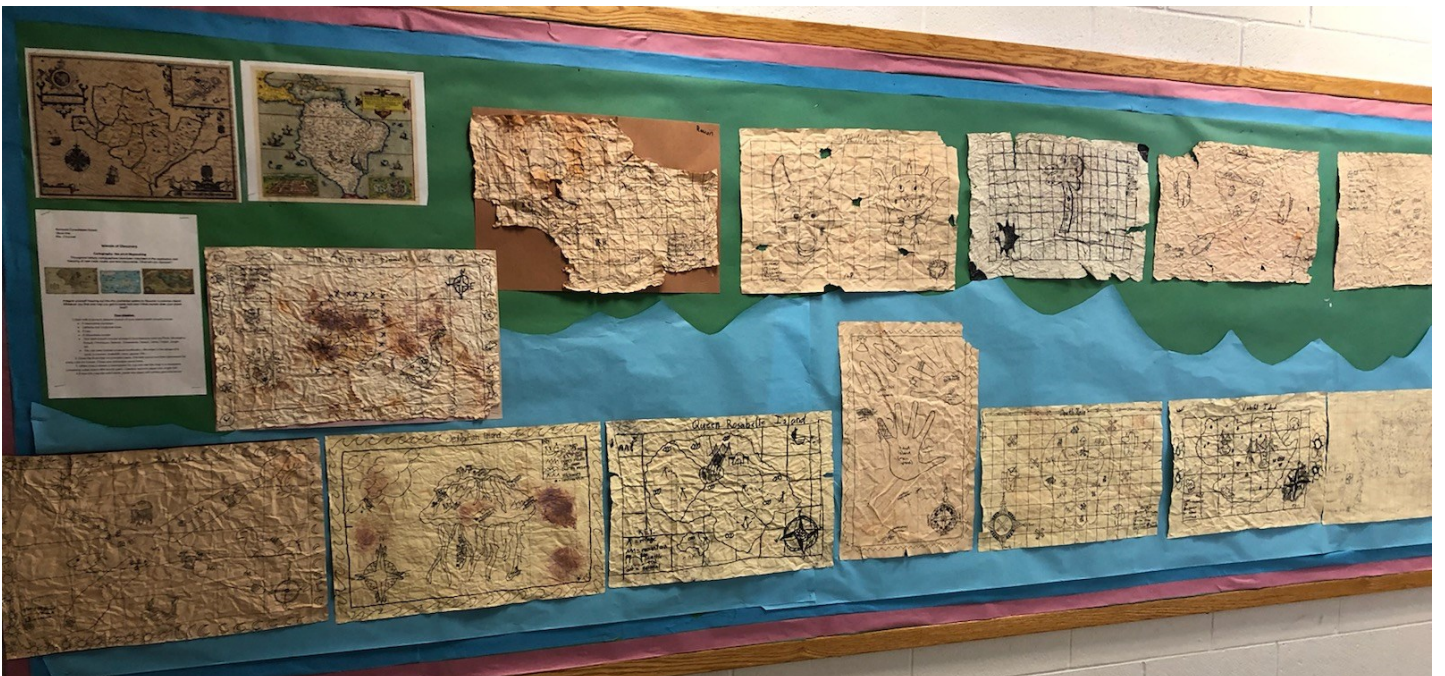
Click [here](#) to find the 2021-2022 Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

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.

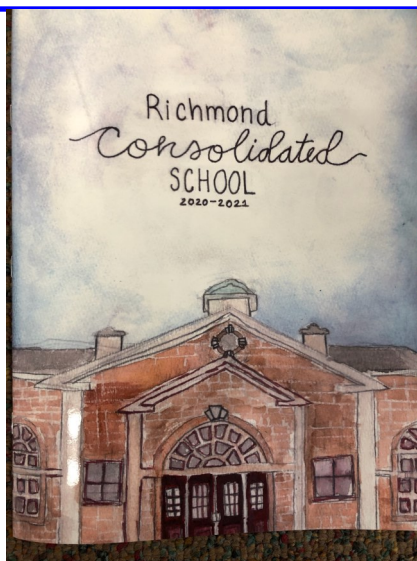
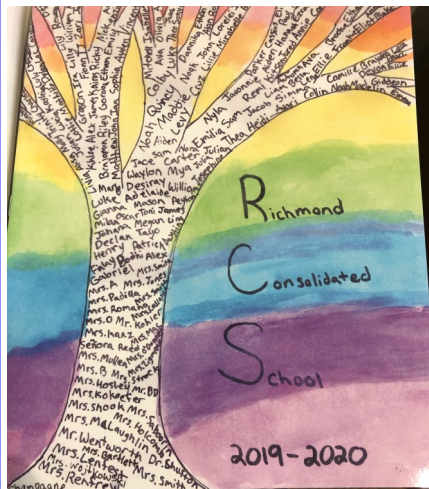


Lost and Found is located on the stage in the cafeteria.



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 out!

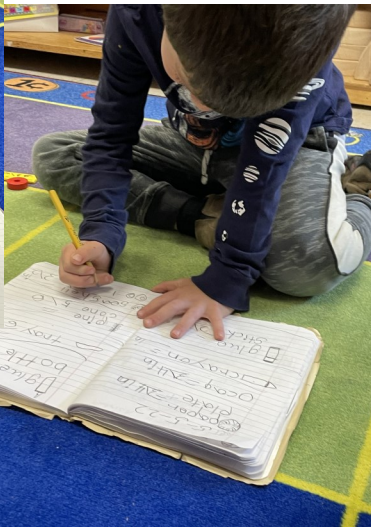
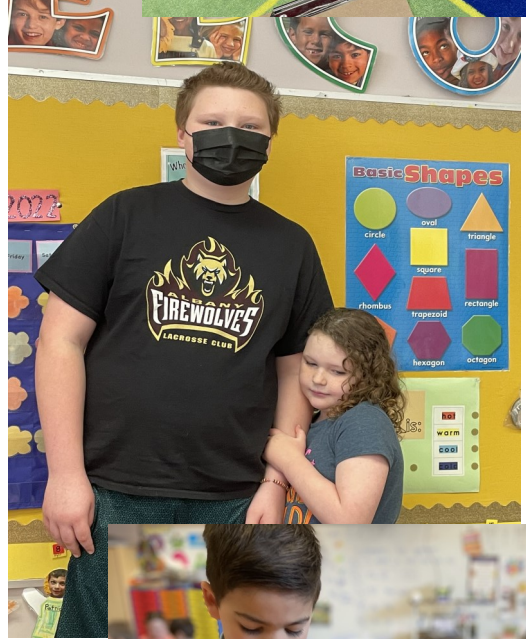
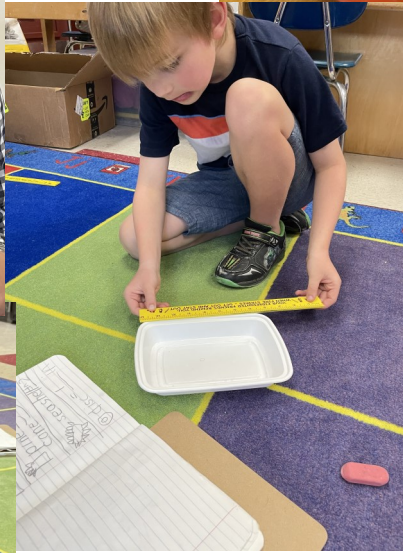
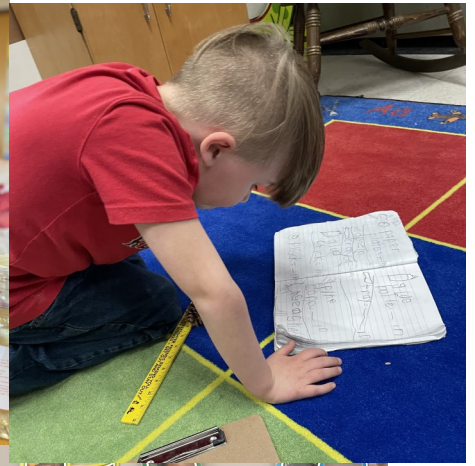
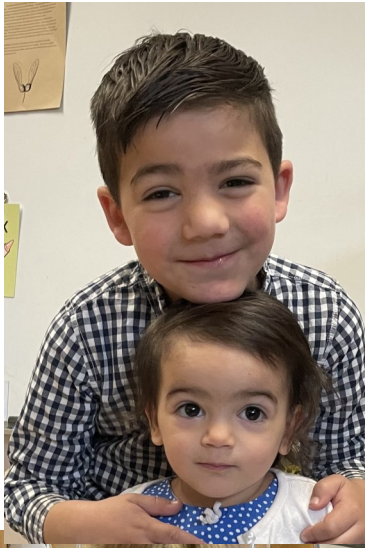


Thank you for your time and attention!!

Ronna E. Zigmand
Technology Teacher
Richmond Consolidated School

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

Kindergarten Fun



Richmond Consolidated School - School Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6:00 PM

Meeting to be held by conference call and in person due to the COVID-19.

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.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:00 PM

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/ebu-jafr-fut

Phone Numbers

(US)[+1 320-403-4624](tel:+13204034624)

PIN: 432 727 292#

Call to order

FY 2022-2023 Budget Hearing

Any unforeseen items

Adjournment



**Richmond School Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 -
Immediately after Budget Meeting
6:00 PM

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PIN: 432 727 292#

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Public Comments

Principal's Report

Superintendent's report
Preschool Pricing

Special Education Director's report

Policy – 2nd reading AC and ACAB
1st reading section F

Financial Report

Possible update on regionalization of Berkshire Hills and Southern Berkshire

Other unforeseen items

Adjournment





Richmond Recreation Committee
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:30 PM
Via Zoom

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

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Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83442121554?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83442121554?pwd=cEF1NmkoYWZuT1pldlhHR1dVVXRNUT09)
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Call to Order & Prior Minutes Accepted

Old Business:

Tennis court repair and pickleball lines. Updates?

Gym use. Update.

financial info.

new member search. Update Sue Sabo?

new weblink. Update.

Ping Pong Tourney Results

RichmondRunAround June 4th planning

h. Working with PTA for another event maybe fund-raising event Update

Trail clean-up and doggie bag dispensers Update

New Business:

Next meeting date:

Community Comments

Adjourn.



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

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

Rain date, June 5th @ noon.

Color Run planning meeting this Tuesday, 5/10

3:00 PM on the playground. The kids will play while the adults set out the remaining event tasks.

What is a Color Run?

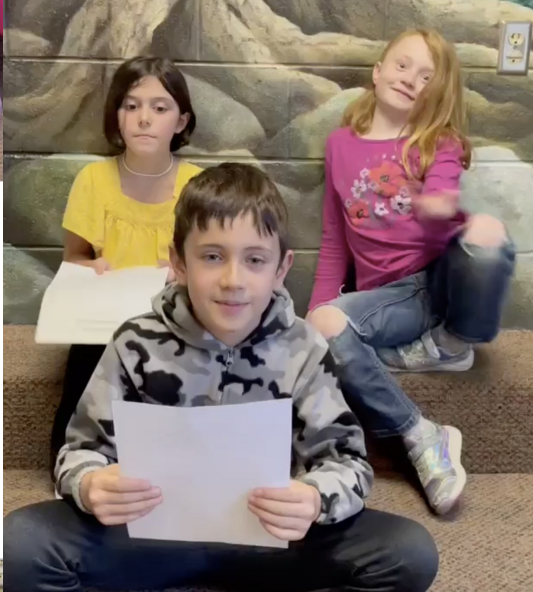
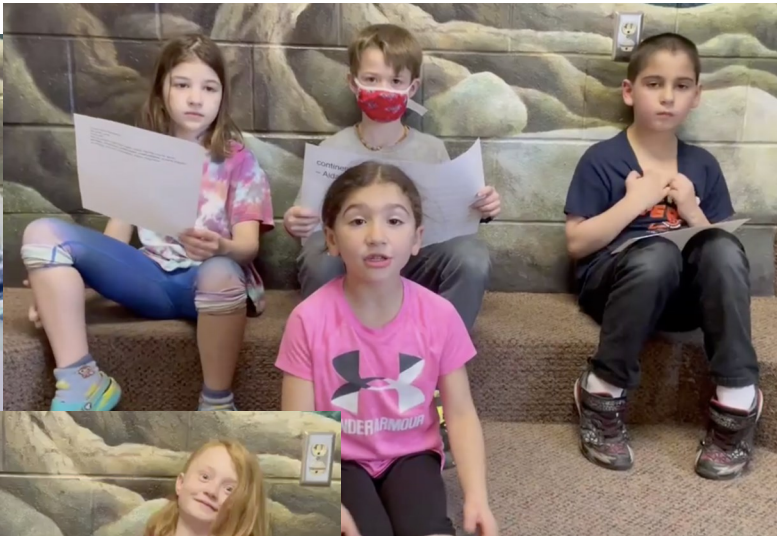
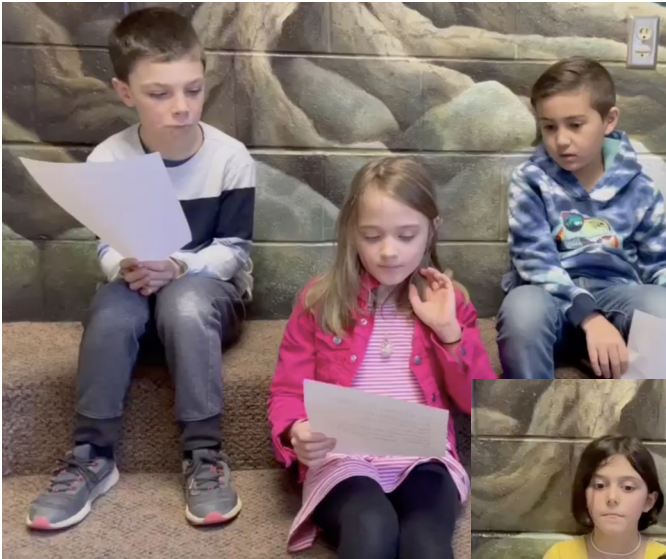
- This is not a traditional race! A Color Run is all about having fun and taking pictures!
- It is an untimed one-mile run/walk course around the RCS property. Along the way the kids and parents are doused from head to toe in a different colored powder.
- The powders are non-toxic, cornstarch powder colored with FDA-approved food dyes.
- Plan on wearing white! Though the color will wash out, the pictures will last forever.
- This event is perfect for RCS because it works for all ages and abilities!

We will need 15 volunteers to make this day a success. The volunteers will throw powder from four different stations around the course, host a water station at the 1/2 way point, help with pre-event organization and clean up when the day is through. The great news is all volunteers will have the same opportunities to be a part of the color blasts through the course! Help us hold a great event by signing up here: <https://signup.com/go/qQyrJid>



RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Our grade 2 students worked with 5 other grade 2 classes around the county to learn about a single continent and create clues for the other classes to try and guess that continent. Each class created a Google Slideshow with video clues given in the form of questions. Videos were shared to the other classes and the students in the other classes watched and listened to the clues and then researched the answers that matched the clues to identify the continent. Students needed to use online and print materials to develop their clues and then used other classes' clues to identify the other continents. Below are pictures of the students creating the videos:



Reminder — School wide hike
1st-8th grade students.

When: Tomorrow 5/7

Time: 10:30 am

Where: Tyringham Cobble Park

Address: 20 Jerusalem Rd, Tyringham MA
01264

Distance: 2.1 miles

Families **MUST** stay and hike with their
children. Hope to see you all!

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!



Seventh graders are bringing Ancient Greece to life in an interdisciplinary ELA/SS/Technology project. Next week, students will participate in a mock Olympics (think cotton ball shot putt) and student groups are responsible for creating a part of the Official 2022 RCS Olympics Opening Ceremony. Athens, Sparta, and democracy will be represented, and groups have spent the last week researching, writing, filming, and editing an opening ceremony skit designed to teach their classmates about the city-state or topic. Below are pictures of the filming process.



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.



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





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 04-July 08 _____

July 25-July 29 _____

Aug 08-Aug 12 _____

July 11-July 15 _____

Parent promise: 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 insurance coverage, a certificate of a recent physical examination and current immunization record with entering 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 state's 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.



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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.

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.