



Dates to Remember!!

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

12/14/21—Richmond School Comm. Meeting 6pm

12/22—1/2 day of school

12/23-12/30—Winter Break

We are in the first full week of December already. Report cards were distributed via email this week. If you did not receive your student's report card please contact me. While we are in a bit of a mild stretch right now, please continue to send your student with winter clothing so that they can make full use of the opportunities at recess. Next week is Spirit Week. Please see the listing of opportunities to join in on fun on page 5.

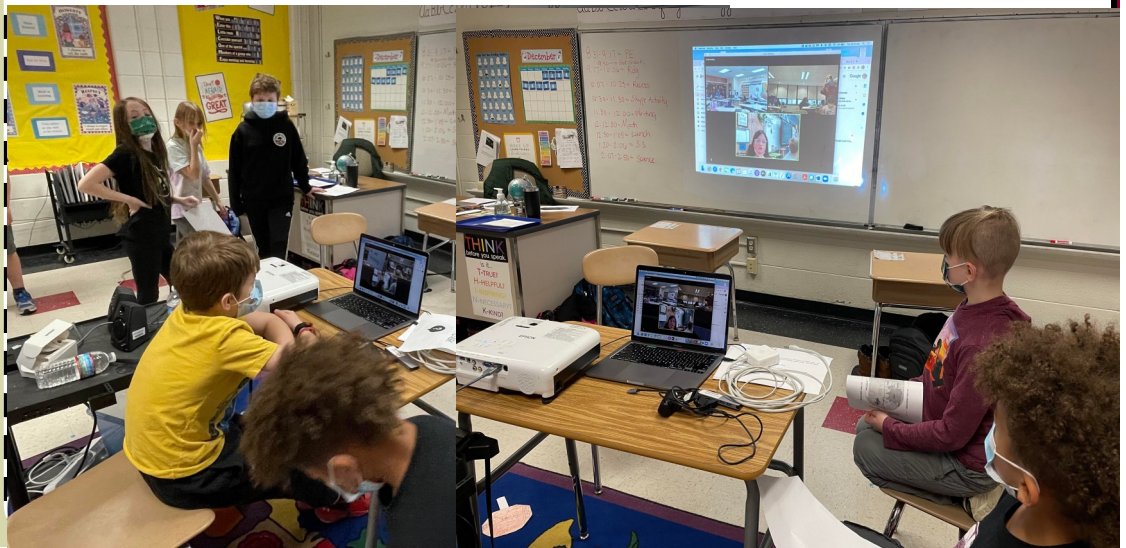
The seventh grade is in the midst of an interdisciplinary unit based on the book *World Without Fish* by Mark Kurlansky. The seventh graders are using this text to guide instruction in ELA, Science, and Math. This week, I had the opportunity to follow the seventh graders through parts of their day and see how the book study is woven in across the curriculum.

On Thursday December 9th, our 4th grade class met virtually with a 4th grade class in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a "Mystery Skype". The purpose of the event was for students to use geography skills to find out the location of the other class by asking a series of yes or no questions. A follow up activity is planned with this same class and meets the ISTE technology standard of students being global collaborators. This was a collaborative activity with Mrs. Zigmand, Mrs. Romano and Mrs. Jezek.

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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- Dec 17



Monday Dec 6

Tuesday Dec 7

Monday Dec 8

Monday Dec 9

Monday Dec 10

Please see website
for menu

*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.

Before



After



Richmond Consolidated School

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

Dan Weston,
PRINCIPAL

Richmondconsolidated.org

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.

We have a coach for the K-3rd grade basketball program
The new coach is Erika Dubis she is the mother of a kindergartener Billy Rider. Additional help is always welcome. They will begin on Saturday 12/18 at 9am.

The 4-8th grade kids will begin this weekend 12/11 at 10am..

Volunteers can contact me at 413-698-3415 or wj@konowitch.com

RICHMOND YOUTH BASKETBALL 2021-22 K-8TH GRADE

House League Age Groups– All Groups are Co-Ed

- Grades K,1,2,3: Program time is Saturday 9:00-10:00am (Program to begin on Dec 18)
 - Grades 4,5,6,7,8: Program time is Saturday 10:00-11:00am (Program to begin Dec 11)
- The fee is \$25.00/child, with a \$50.00 maximum family fee.

Please mail this form and your check to:

RRC or drop off in RCS Main office. **Checks made out to “Town of Richmond”**

Town of Richmond
1529 State Road
Richmond, MA 01254

REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD(REN) NAME(S): _____ M ___ F ___

GRADE(S) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ / ____ / ____

EMAIL _____ PHONE # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

SHIRT SIZE YOUTH (XS) 4 _____ (S) 6/8 _____ (M) 10/12 _____ (L) 14/16 _____

Yes, I'd love to volunteer to help with my child's age group! _____

\$25.00/ CHILD (\$50 MAX PER FAMILY)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOWN OF RICHMOND

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO THE ABOVE – MENTIONED PERSON TO ENGAGE IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND BASKETBALL PROGRAM. TOWN OF RICHMOND AND THEIR VOLUNTEERS SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR INJURIES RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON WHILE ENGAGED IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ SIGNED DATE _____

Please return this registration form & your check by the first practice or drop it off in the main office!

Questions and volunteers call Jeff Konowitch 698-3415 or email: wj@Konowitch.com

**Richmond School Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 -
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.

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/czh-zadg-sih

Join by phone

(US) [+1 419-969-2182](tel:+14199692182) (PIN: 950690867)

Call to order

Public Comments

Building Project

Review and approve minutes: 11/9/2021

Recreation Committee's schedule for outside persons to use gym during Covid

Report of MASC webinar re: Recovery Learning

Principal's Report

Request for one year permanent sub position

Assessment updated

Superintendent's report

Covid-19 Update – data, 5-11 vaccination update

Special Education Director's report

Policy – 2nd reading section B, 1st reading Section C

Financial Report

Other unforeseen items

Adjournment

Principal Pen Cont.

In math with Mr. Kohler, the students are doing math warmups each day with a theme that supports the work. A great example of this is the math that looks at the ratio of productive catch to by-catch, using the curriculum in a real-world math application.

In science, they focused on the content of the book. In Friday's class, they looked at food webs and at how the depletion of one species impacts other species as well as what sustainability is and the costs and benefits of that practice. Students used *World Without Fish* in ELA to look at the content they studied in science and analyze it for connections. On Friday, they were looking at main ideas and supporting evidence. Rich vocabulary is emphasized and practiced in classes and questions to ask a commercial fisherman are being compiled. In addition to the science and math content. *World Without Fish* also has a graphic novel told in installations at the end of each chapter. These installations are read, and reflected on, in ELA.

Have a nice weekend
Mr. Weston

The RCS Middle School Student Council is proud to announce....

RCS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, December 13 -- Pajama Day

Tuesday, December 14 - Crazy Mask Day

Wednesday, December 15 - Hat Day

Thursday, December 16 - Decades Day

Friday, December 17 - School Spirit Day

You are invited to help shape the vision and future of our school by joining Richmond Consolidated School Council. This group is a representative, school-based committee composed of the principal, parents, community members and teachers. The council meets a few times each year, and plays a vital role in shaping our School Improvement Plan. If you are interested, please contact me at dweston@richmondconsolidated.org.

"Sounds of the Season"

Our very own Paul from the Kitchen and his wife will be performing. Show your support and enjoy a night of holiday sounds.

A Christmas Concert

Friday, December 17
Saturday, December 18
7:00pm
at the

Lee Congregational Church
25 Park Place, Lee, MA

Featuring the
Christmas Angels Chorus
under the direction of Jim Morrison,
Director & Musical Director of the Earth Angels

Special Visit
From
Santa Claus



Special performance by the
Lee Bell Choir at 6:20 pm

Admission is **FREE**
Church is handicap accessible
Masks will be required

website- ucc-lee.org
413-243-1033



The next PTA meeting will be January 12. Meetings are held virtually on the second Tues. of each month @ 6:30PM. Each grade should have a Class Parent join this meeting to discuss their class Social.

Reminder: Holiday food basket drop off days are Wed. 12/15 & Thurs. 12/16. — This will ensure the perishables will not expire before basket delivery.

RCS GEAR UPDATE: Peace train has informed us of a delay in their shipments. Our RCS gear order will be ready on Monday afternoon. The students will bring the orders home on Tuesday. If you don't want your student to bring the order home for any reason just let us know and we will hold it for you separately.

Thank you to our Student Council for hosting Spirit Week next week!

Shirt Pass Around

If you have any too-small RCS shirts around the house, feel free to send them into school and we will pass them on to a student who can wear them.

If your student needs a new RCS t-shirt, fill out the form below (or write this on a piece of paper) and send it in with your student. All orders received on or before Thursday morning 12/16 will be filled and returned home with your student. Please make your check out to RCS PTA.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

T-shirts

Youth Mens Ladies

____ Small ____ Small ____ Medium
____ Medium ____ Medium ____ Large
____ Large ____ Large
____ XL

____ # shirts @ \$15 = ____

Double walled stainless steel water bottles

____ # bottles @ \$10 = ____

RCS magnets

____ # magnets @ \$5 = ____

Kindergarten Sledding



The Middle School Challenge this month, was to decorate a book spine from a favorite book from this year. All of the entries were creative and thoughtfully designed. Faculty judges had a hard time deciding on the winners!

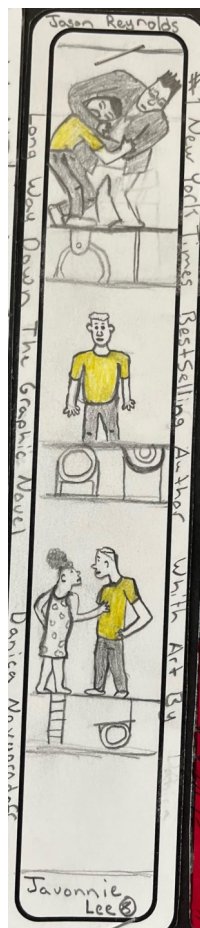
(Left to Right)

Khloe 'Amankwah''s interpretation of the graphic novel, *Oh My Gods* won **Most Creative Use of Materials!**

Jay Lee's visual interpretation of *A Long Way Down*, a story by Jason Reynolds told in verse, won **Best Book Representation.**

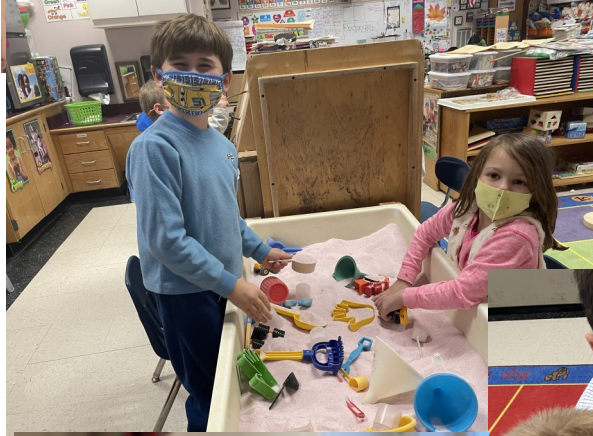
Giselle Cormier's compelling artwork showcased Alice Hoffman's book "Night Bird" and won **Best Art!**

Winners can collect their \$10 Amazon gift cards from Mrs. Kanz on Monday. We would like to give PTA a big **thank you** for the sponsorship!



Check out all their thoughtful work...





Kindergarten fun





After-School Art Program
at Richmond Consolidated School
for 2nd-5th

Register NOW online at is183.org!



ARTcentric: Berkshires (Edition 2)

8 Wednesdays, January 19th-March 16th (No Class 2/23)
3:00-4:30pm in the Richmond Consolidated Art Room
Tuition: \$95

In Edition 2 of ARTcentric, students will be introduced to the work of two local Berkshire artists: Karen Arpsandel and Michael Rousseau. We'll dive into the life and work of each artist, virtually visit their studios and use their passion and mastery as inspiration for engaging, multi-media art projects. Learn all about these inspiring artists and explore the creativity of the Berkshires after-school at Richmond Consolidated School!

Spaces are limited so register early! Open to new or continuing students! Bring a snack!
Needs-based scholarships available. For more information, please email brielle@is183.org.



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