

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JILL POMPI, PRINCIPAL



Dates to Remember!!

Like us on Facebook:
RCS PTA

2/28/20 — Ooey-Gooley
Night — 6-7:30

3/13/20 — Half Day of
School— PD Day for
teachers

3/13/20 — Jennifer Daily
Lecture—5:30-7:00

3/27/20 — Half Day of
School— PD Day for
teachers

4/3/20 — Ping Pong
Tournament

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— March 27

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Hello All,

We had a wonderful week back from February vacation. The next few weeks are certain to fly by as we have so many fun events planned, including tonight's Ooey Gooley night.

Paws Read-A-Thon

The Paws Read-A-Thon kicks off this weekend! Please email me if your child wants to participate but didn't receive the packet. This is such a wonderful cause to support.

Wellness Challenge

Our Wellness Committee has worked together to plan fun activities to support and encourage healthy living. This month we kicked off a "Wellness Challenge" for staff and provided a calendar with fitness activities for staff to complete. This was totally optional and many staff joined in the fun. For the month of March we are extending a "Fitness Challenge" to students. We have a calendar of activities for Grades K-3 and another for Grades 4-8 that will be distributed next week. Mrs. Bovard will explain the different activities during physical education class. Directions are provided on the calendars. It is totally optional to participate and any child who chooses to participate can return the calendar at the end of the month to be entered in a raffle.

Save the Dates:

- Beginning on March 6, artwork chosen from students in grades 1-8 will be exhibited at the 4th Annual *Spotlight on the Arts in the Berkshire County Schools Art Show at the Berkshire Museum. The Art will hang in the Crane Room at the Berkshire Museum from March 6 to the 31st. There will be an opening reception on Friday March 6th from 5-7PM with music and refreshments. The artists from RCS who's work will be featured are Dylan Conuel, Mathew Fawcett, Luke Naventi, Sophia Peckham, Rosie Rotenberg, Tessa Baldwin, Hanna Roller, Tessa Gamberoni and Camille Kenny.*
- On March 13, from 5:30-7:00 Jen Daily, LICSW will be here to give a presentation to parents and guardians. The title of the presentation is "Parenting in the Age of Anxiety: Raising Resilient Kids." Jen has provided professional development for the staff this year and has proven to be engaging to listen to and filled with many practical tips. Please consider spending the evening listening to Jen and please invite other Berkshire County parents and guardians to join you. This event (planned by the School Council) is open to the public thanks to the generosity of our PTA.

Yearbook:

Please consider buying a yearbook by either filling out the flyer and returning it to Mrs. Zigmand or purchasing online at www.JostensYearbooks.com. The deadline for purchases is April 3rd.

CO-VID 19

Yesterday a letter from Mrs. Lenfest regarding the CO-VID 19 virus was sent to all families to inform you of the preventative measures at school. Please be assured that Richmond Consolidated School is receiving updates from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the (CDC). We are staying well informed regarding this situation and will share pertinent recommendations with you immediately. You are welcome to call the Health Office with any questions.

If I don't see you at Ooey-Gooley night, have a wonderful weekend!

Jill

Monday March 2	Tuesday March 3	Wednesday March 4	Thursday March 5	Friday March 6
Mexican Lasagna	Pizza Egg Rolls	No Hot Lunch	Sloppy Joe on roll	Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Rice and Beans	Veggie Stir Fry	PBF	Cole Slaw	Green Beans
Corn	Fruit - Salad bar	Sandwich #1 Buf-falo Chicken Sub	Fries	Garlic Bread
Fruit - Salad bar	Sandwiches: PBJ or Egg Salad	Sandwich #2 Tuna Boat	Fruit - Salad bar	Fruit - Salad bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef		Fruit — Salad Bar —Soup	Sandwiches: PBJ or Turkey Wrap	Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami and Cheese

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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 March 27. 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.

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: _____

**Crane Room
Berkshire Museum
29 South Street
Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

**Reception
Friday, March 6
5 pm to 8 pm**

***An exhibit of art
by county art students from
Berkshire County public
schools***



Ten artworks were chosen from grades 1-8 to be exhibited at the 4th Annual Spotlight on the Arts in Berkshire County Schools Art Show at the Berkshire Museum. The Art will hang in the Crane Room at the Berkshire Museum from March 6 to the 31st. There will be an opening reception on Friday March 6th from 5-7PM with music and refreshments.

The artists from RCS who's work will be featured are Dylan Conuel, Mathew Fawcett, Luke Naventi, Sophia Peckham, Rosie Rotenberg, Tessa Baldwin, Hannah Roller, Tessa Gamberoni and Camille Kenny.

Thank you,
Anna O'Donnell
Richmond School Visual Art Educator



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

PARENTING IN THE AGE OF ANXIETY: RAISING RESILIENT KIDS

with
Jennifer Daily, LISCW

Richmond Consolidated School

March 13 | 5:30-7:00
school cafeteria

Join us for a
dynamic presentation
rooted in the
latest research
in neuroscience.

**free & open to all Berkshire
residents**



Jen will share
evidence-based strategies
to help parents,
caregivers & the community.

**FREE CHILDCARE
available for RCS
students (\$5 for
others)**

The Speaker Series is
brought to you by the RCS School Council &
PTA

A RECITAL OF AMERICAN MUSIC FOR TROMBONE

by

RONALD BARRON

RETIRED PRINCIPAL TROMBONIST

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

assisted by

Larry Wallach, piano; Allan Dean, trumpet;

Ian Striedter and David Kidd, trombone



**RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1515 STATE ROAD-ROUTE 41
RICHMOND, MA**

**SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020
3 P.M.**

**SPONSORED BY RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AND IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE
RICHMOND CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**A LOCAL AGENCY WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL
A STATE AGENCY**



**TICKETS NOT REQUIRED
PROGRAM IS PRESENTED IN SUPPORT OF THE
EMERGENCY FUEL ASSISTANCE FUND
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED WITH CHECKS WRITTEN TO
RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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

A green background featuring a large black ping pong paddle on the right and a cluster of white ping pong balls on the left. A large white circle is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, containing text.

**Eleventh Annual Richmond
ping pong
tournament**

Friday, April 3rd 2020
Registration 5pm Games Begin at 6pm
Richmond Consolidated School Gym
\$5 or \$15 for Family
Play for all ages
Pizza and Refreshments available

<https://www.facebook.com/richmondmassrec>
for more info

SPONSORED BY THE SMITH COLLEGE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

FREE!

The logo features a teal background with a large yellow question mark on the right. To the left, the word 'a' is in black, followed by 'GIRL' in large black letters with a yellow gear behind the 'I'. Below this, 'ENGINEERING' is written in large, teal, outlined letters. The word 'Day' is in black to the right of 'ENGINEERING'. A small sun icon is above the 'I' in 'GIRL'.

**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 ****

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



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

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