



Dates to Remember!!

RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DAN WESTON, PRINCIPAL

3/11/22— 1/2 day of school for professional development

FROM PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear RCS,

I hope everyone has a safe and restful vacation. We will continue to post our Covid-19 data weekly on the RCS home page. This week we had all negative testing pools and no new COVID-19 cases! If your family participates in the home testing program, please remember to test the morning of Monday, February 28th.

Afternoon Pickup

We have had some congestion at the afternoon “Kiss and Ride” student pick up. The congestion is forcing waiting cars out on route 41. We would like to enlist everyone’s help with this situation.

Please do **not arrive before 2:55 if you are not picking up a Pre-K or Kindergarten student.** Families of Pre-K and Kindergarten students are getting caught in the back up and are unable to pick up their students on time. The **families of Pre-K students should arrive by 2:45** so that we can clear the circle for the families of older students.

If you are coming south on route 41, and the driveway is full, please proceed down the post office to turn around and join the line waiting in the northbound lane. This is safer than waiting in the southbound lane.

Thank you in advance for your help with this situation.

Have a great vacation!

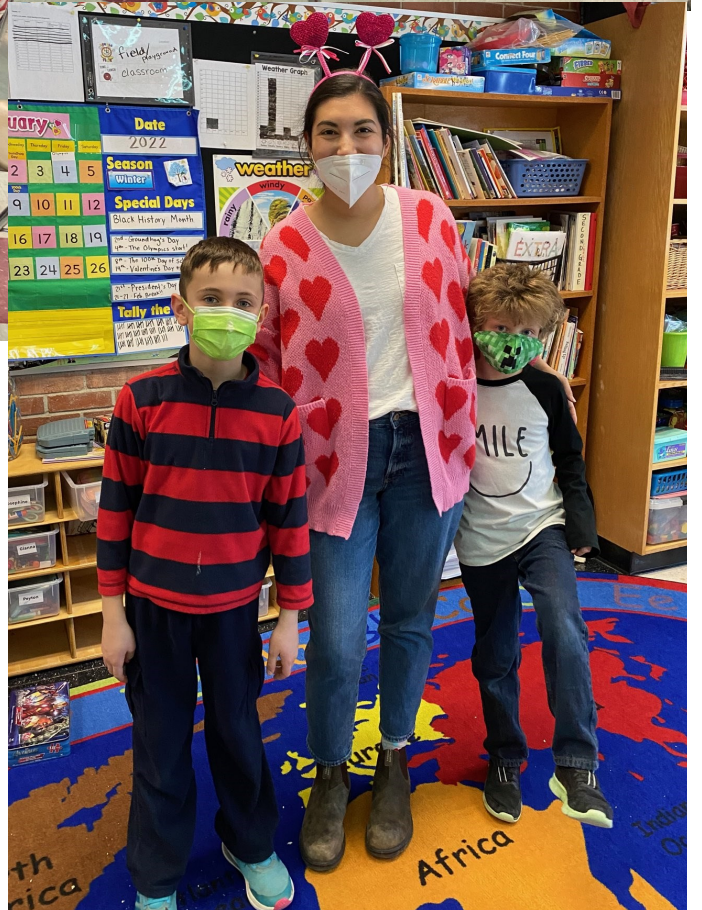
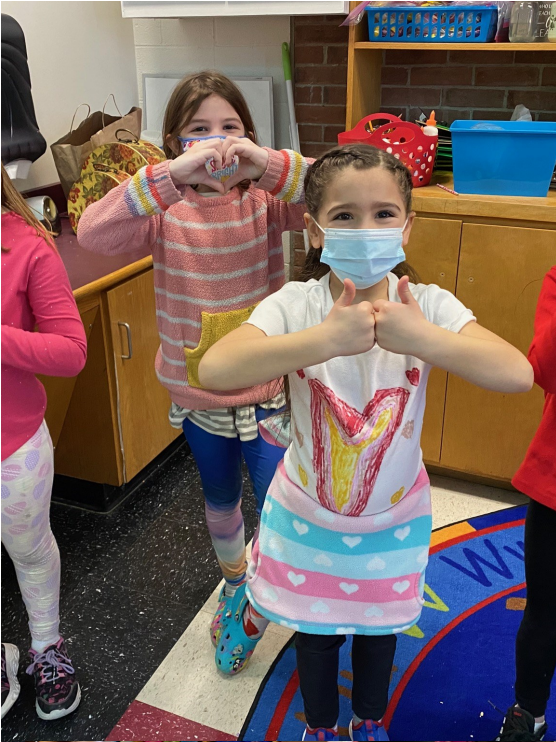
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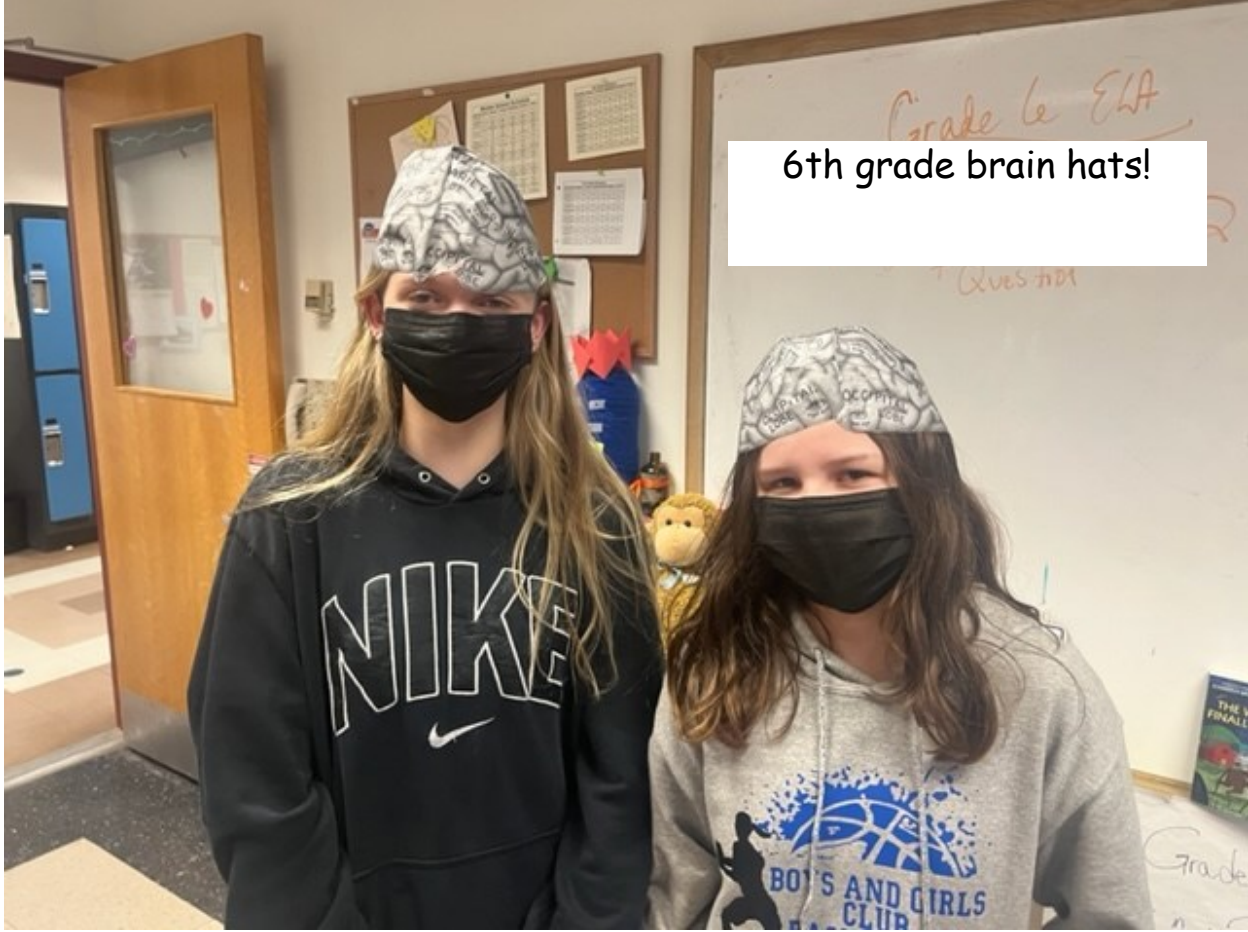
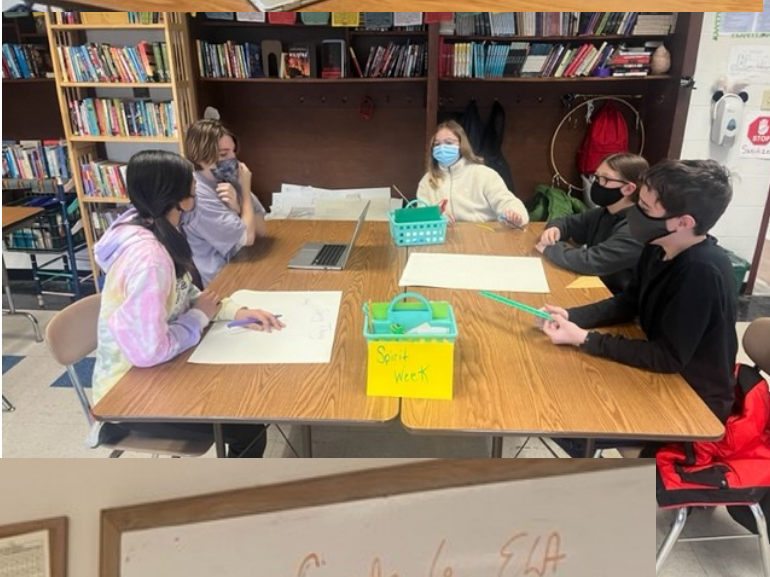
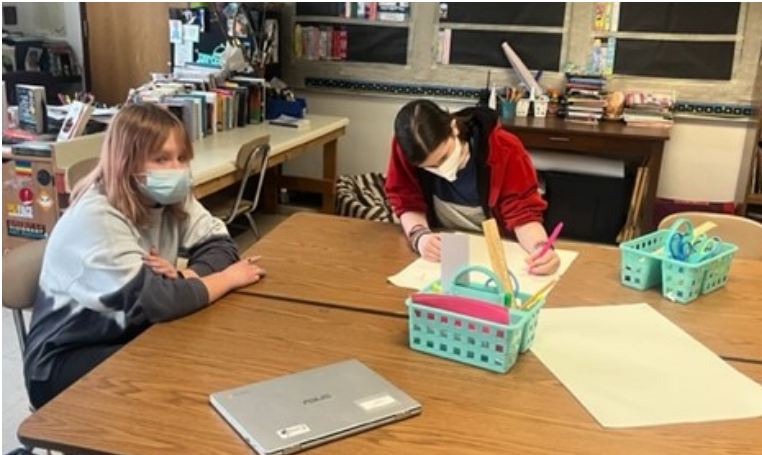
Important Reminders

- 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—March 25

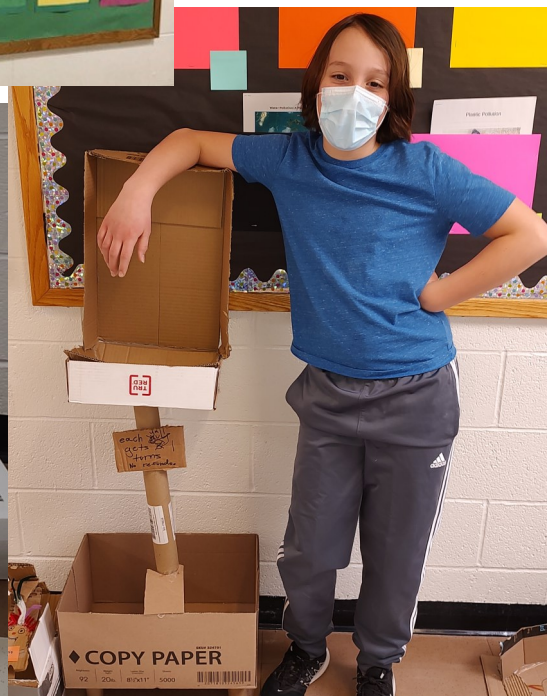
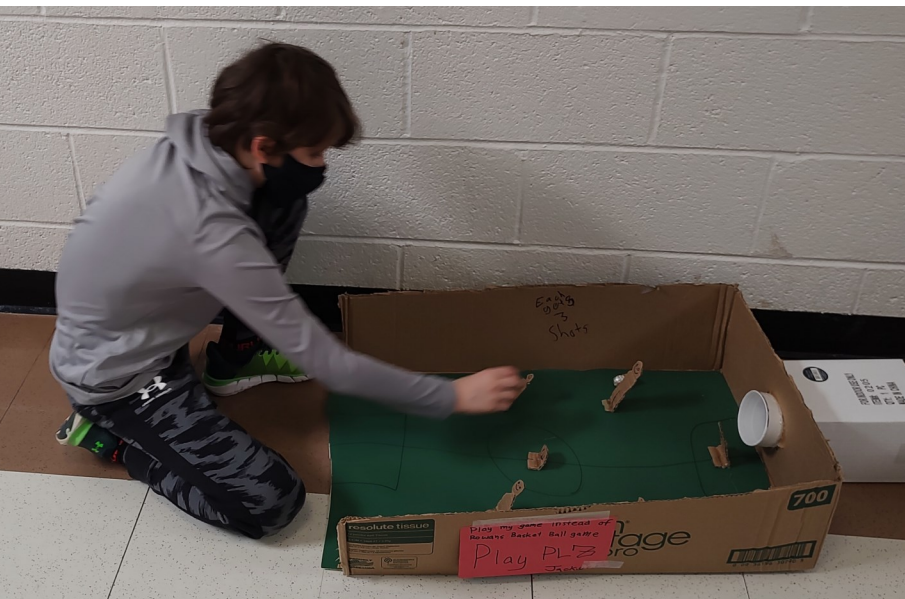
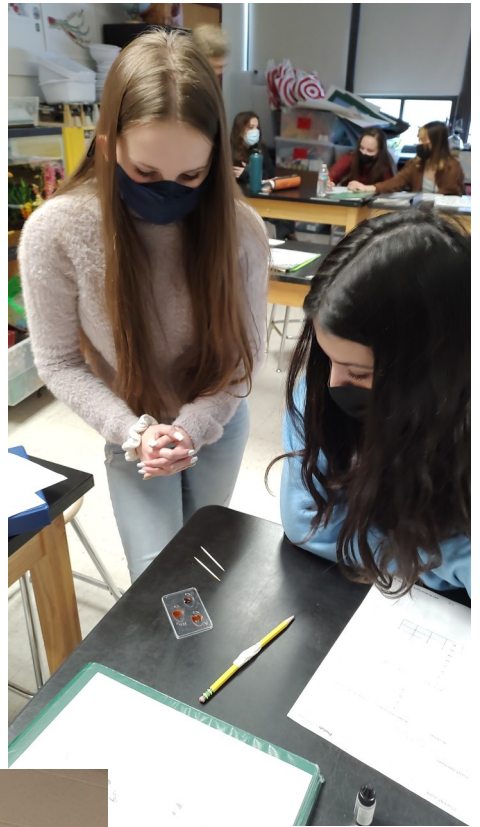
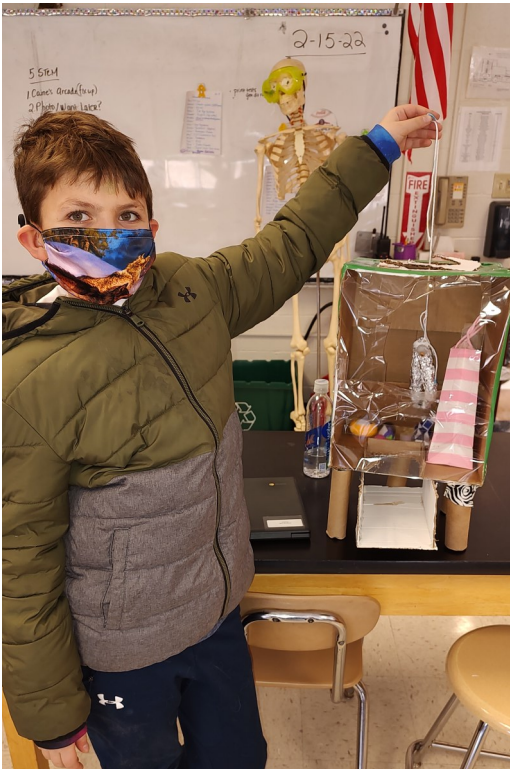


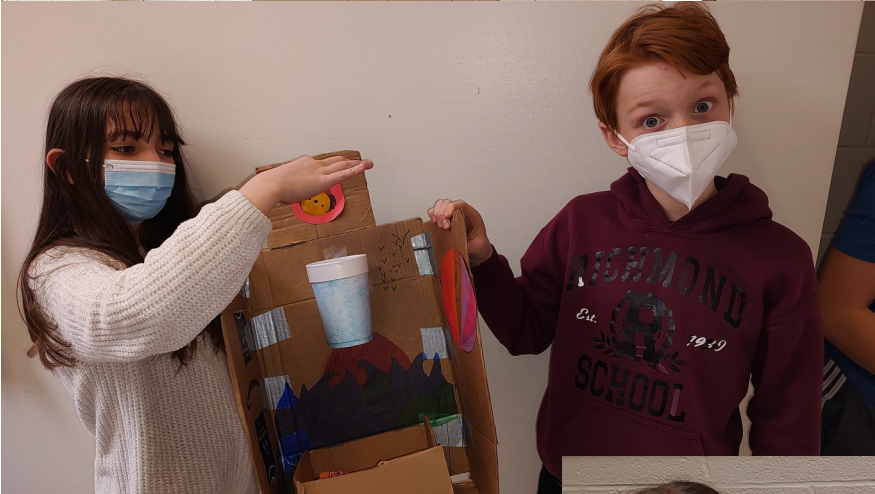
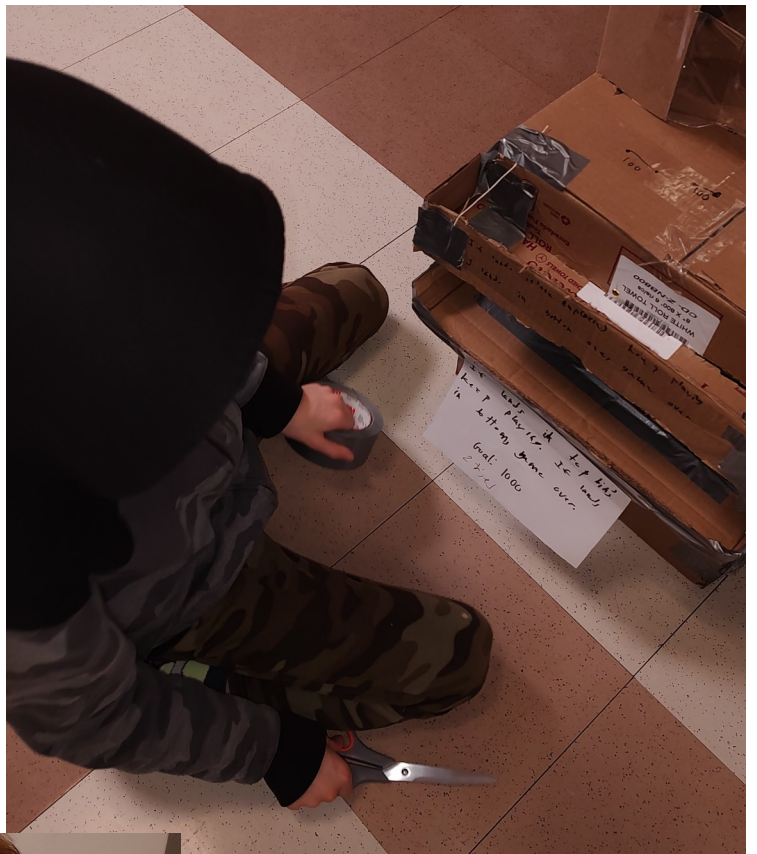


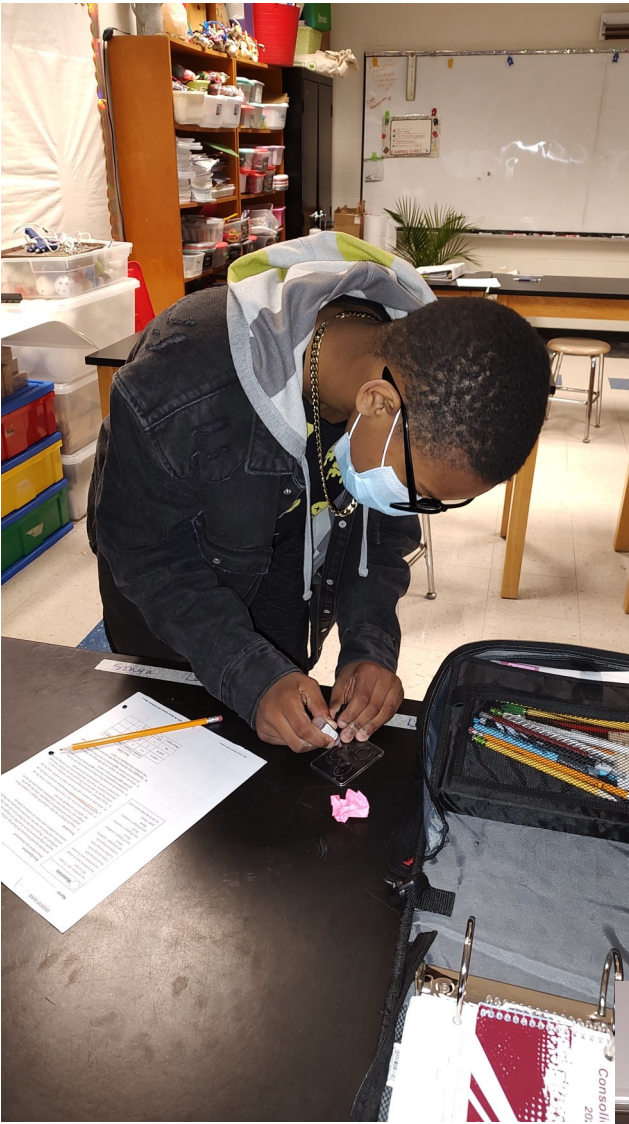
Student Council Volunteer Corps met to plan our next school event!



6th grade brain hats!



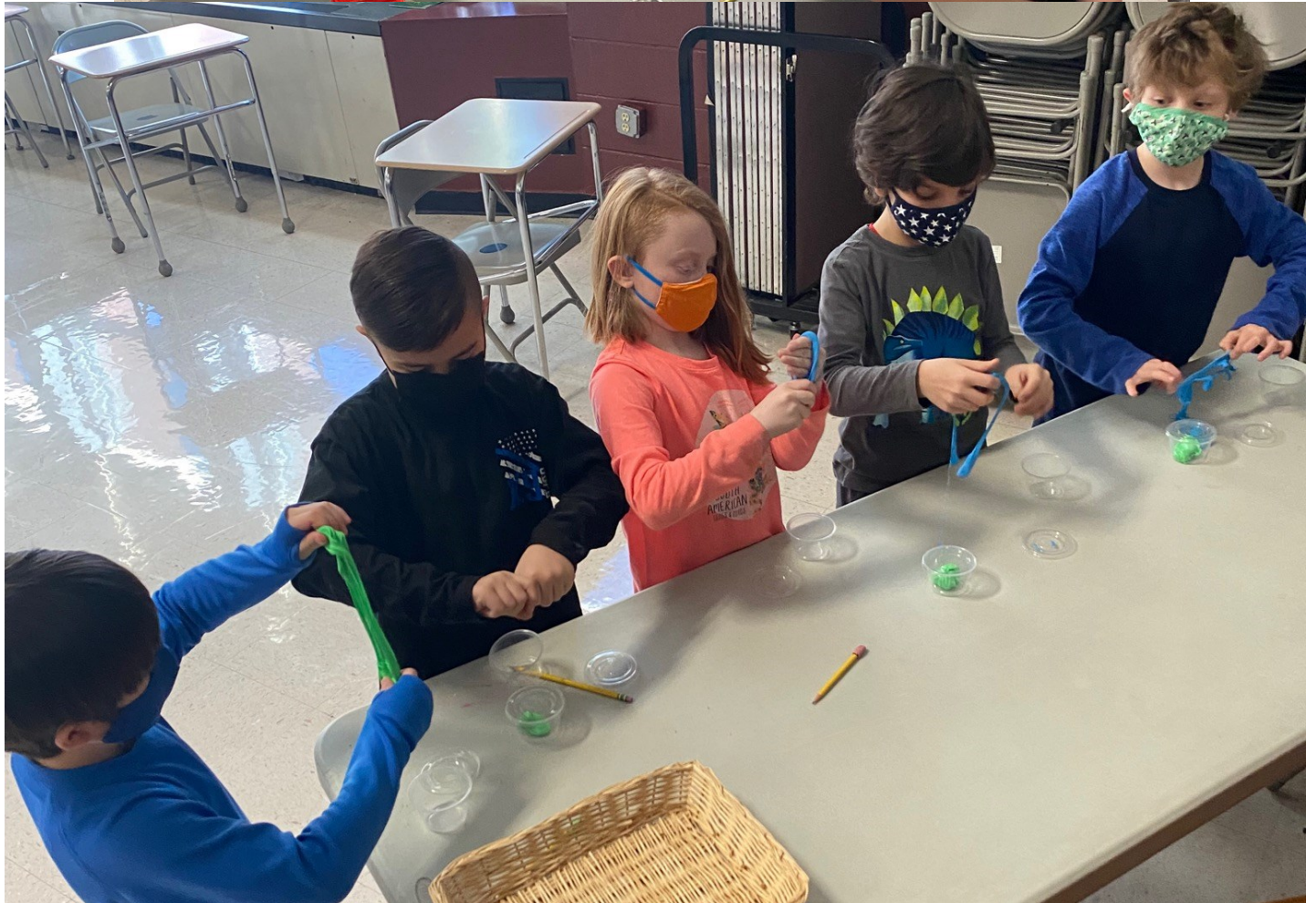
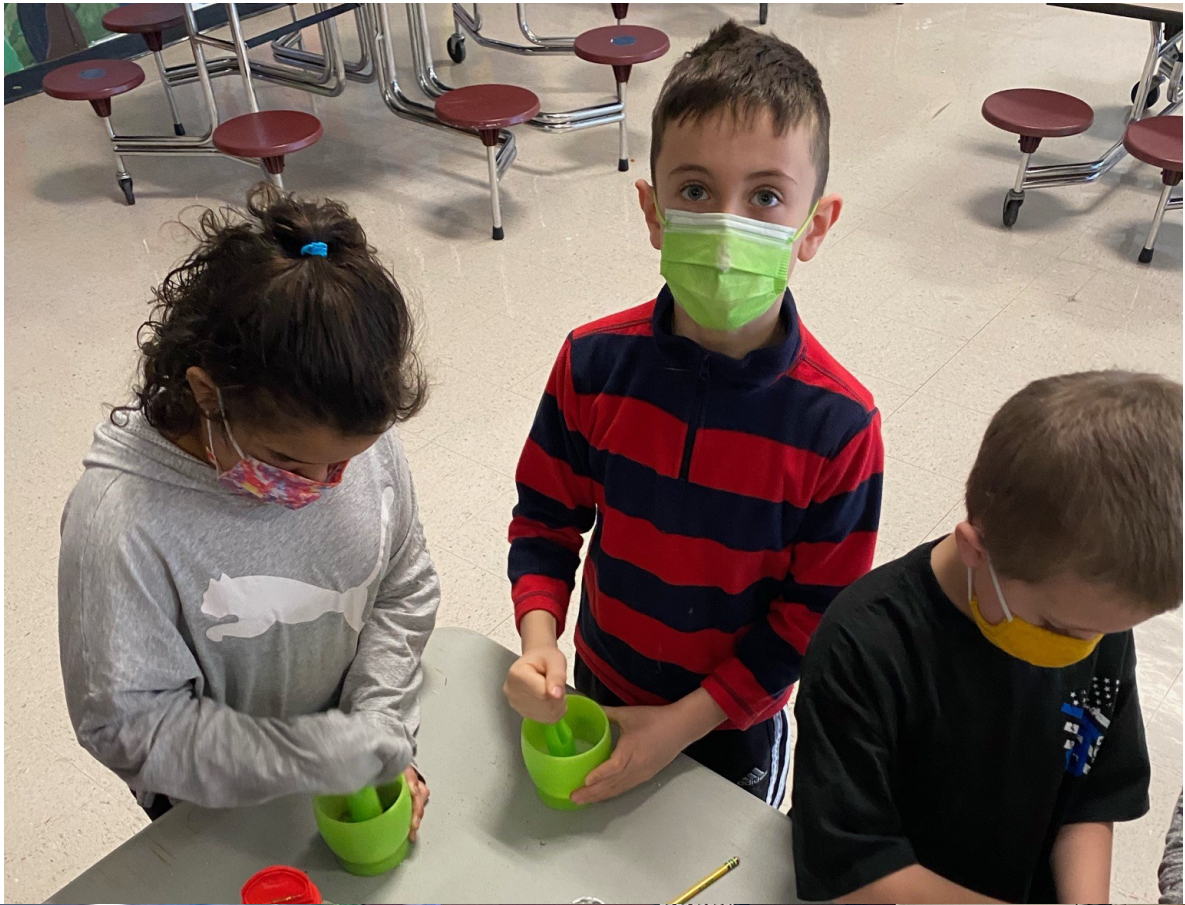






Grade 2 works with Berkshire Museum learning about animal skulls and teeth.





Please see our website for menu Have a wonderful Break!

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)

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.

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

Basketball is Back.Saturdays and also it is not too late to join in!!! All kids are welcome. forms will be available on Saturday from the coaches.

Grades K-3 9 ==>10am
Coach- Erika Dubuis

Grades 4-8 10==>11am
Coaches-Pat and Errin Roney



The Flower Power fundraising materials will go home March 4th. All orders will be due by April 1st. All orders are placed online.

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Dan Weston, Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Keeping your students safe and in school is our top priority at RCS. We are writing to let you know, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), our district is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program. We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#). The at-home testing option will begin during the week of February 7th. In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with routine COVID safety checks and symptomatic testing during the week. As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. We strongly encourage you to fill out the form today to opt-in. If you have questions, please contact the school's nurse.

[COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:](#)

1. **At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing** on **Monday morning before school**. (*NEW* opt in form <https://forms.gle/qiZRYyeusXnp36QP6>)

Routine COVID Safety Checks every Thursday (*If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#)*)
Symptomatic Testing (*If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#)*)

Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program

About the Test: [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test

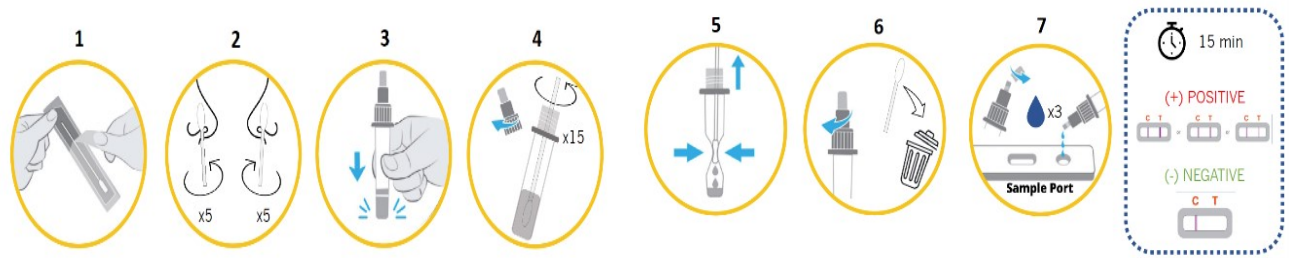
- **Opt-In:** To participate, you must opt in by completing the opt in form. By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the tests according to RCS's guidelines.
- **Weekly:** Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on Monday morning.

Reporting Positive Test Results: If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result by emailing our school nurse at clenfest@richmondconsolidated.org. The school will keep the results confidential and will not make individual results public. **In addition, it is strongly recommended that you inform your healthcare professional of the positive result.**

Easy, Free, and Flexible: This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.

How do I administer the test?

[Click here](#) for a full "how to" written guide in various languages



[Click here](#) for a **video** of an individual self-testing

How do I submit results?

- **Submit Results:** You must submit positive test results to your student's school. Please email the school nurse at clenfest@richmondconsolidated.org
- **Confidentiality:** Positive test results are shared with your school district for informational purposes only. Individual results will remain confidential, and they will never be made public.

Sincerely,

Dan Weston, Principal





Join us for this weekly Zoom program for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall 2022. Each week we will be working on different Kindergarten readiness skills (letter and number knowledge, listening, print awareness, concept words) and reading books about going to school!

**Every Wednesday in February @ 10:00am
(February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd)**

To Register:

Email Jessica @ southberkshirekids@gmail.com to sign up and receive the zoom link.



****South Berkshire Kids is funded by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Lee Public School District by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).**



Mark your calendars!
Join us from the comfort of your home!
Parent Workshops with
Scott Noyes on ZOOM!!!

***Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Topic: De-escalation with Children

De-escalation is the reduction in the intensity of a conflict. Unlike escalation, which often occurs rapidly and unintentionally, de-escalation tends to be slow and only happens intentionally through much effort. This workshop will explore multiple approaches to support caregivers and children.

***Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Topic: Parent/Child Interactions & Self Esteem

By evaluating the phrases children are being told daily, parents and care providers understand the impact of their words. This workshop looks at ten common expressions adults use with kids. Discovering language flaws and finding ways to better express ourselves supports healthy relationships with children. Avoiding the pitfalls in communicating with children is the primary focus of this exciting session.

***Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Topic: Children's Rivalry

Stop the fighting!! We will learn how to help children with rivalry, competition, resentfulness, envy, and conflict. This workshop is free and open to all caregivers...parents, grandparents, and early educators. Bring your concerns and leave with a few helpful parenting tips!!

****Each night we will raffle off a collection of Scholastic books! If you attend the workshop your name will be entered into the raffle and the winner will be announced at the end of each workshop!**

****Registration required to receive the Zoom link.**

Email Jessica: southberkshirekids@gmail.com





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Great Barrington Little League

2022 Registration Info



All students AGES 4-12 (as of August 31, 2022) residing in Great Barrington, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Richmond, Sheffield, Monterey, Mount Washington, Alford, New Marlborough, Egremont, Tyringham, Lee, Otis and Sandisfield are welcome to join the Great Barrington Little League (GBLL).

GBLL serves the youth of Southern Berkshire County by providing 4 levels of youth baseball:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 28th, 2022.

Division	Cost	Participants	Description
Tee-Ball	\$50.00	Ages 4-6	Tee-Ball is an instructional program focused on fun, fitness, and baseball fundamentals.
Coaches Pitch	\$50.00	Ages *6-7 (*Age 6 must have completed a year of T-Ball)	Coaches Pitch is a non-competitive program that puts emphasis on skill development, participation, and fun!
Minor Division	\$95.00	Ages 8, *9-11 (*9-11 not selected to a Majors team)	Minor Division is a non-competitive program that continues to focus on the fundamentals of baseball while exposing players to more in-depth teachings of the game. Preseason skills evaluation required.
Major Division	\$95.00	Ages 9-12	Major Division is a competitive program that builds on the skills learned in Minors and begins teaching players position-specific skills, base-running, stealing, and bunting. Preseason skills evaluation required.
MAX FAMILY COST \$160.00			

Registration is EASY!

1. **ONLINE:** <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/greatbarrington/>
 - a. Go to Registration Info
 - b. Select Division, complete registration
 - c. Pay
2. **By Mail:**
 - a. Complete the attached registration
 - a. Mail with a personal check, to GREAT BARRINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE, PO Box 671, Great Barrington, MA 01230



All players aged 8 and 9-12 who did **NOT** play on a GBLL Majors team last year **MUST** attend a preseason skill evaluation in order to be placed on a Minors or Majors team.

*If there is an extraordinary conflict (i.e. Pine Wood Derby) we ask that you please contact us to register players for another Group.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us @ GreatBarrington.LL@gmail.com

SKILL EVALUATION	
TBD	Location: TBD
Group	Time
GBLL	



South Berkshire Kids
CFCE Grant
February 2022
Program Schedule

* If you have further questions, please contact Jess at 413-464-5095

southberkshirekids@gmail.com



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**Department of
Early Education and Care**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In Person ➔	*StoryWalk Downtown Lee during the month of February! <i>A Loud Winter's Nap</i> by Katy Hudson	*Otis Explore & Play @ Otis Town Hall 10:00am-11:30am, Drop in. *Richmond Reads @ Richmond Library, 10am 1 st Tuesday of every month, Feb 1st Drop in.	*Lenox Play @ Lenox Community Center, 10:00am. Registration Required.	*Brain Builders @ Lee Library, 10:30am-11:30am Registration Required. *Monterey Play @ Monterey Library, 10am Drop in.	*Ages & Stages screenings, February 4 th & 18 th . Registration required.
Virtual ZOOM ➔	*Baby Zoom 10:00am. Email Jess for Zoom link.	Virtual Puppet Shows with Tom Knight, zoom @ 10:00am. Email Jess for zoom link.	*Virtual Wednesday Storytime, pre-recorded stories posted on Facebook, 10am *Getting Ready for K 10am 4 zoom classes. Email Jess for zoom link	*Sing with Kim! Zoom @ 10:00am. Email Jess for zoom link.	

*Program info can be found on our website: www.SouthBerkshireKids.org *All programs are free & open to the community!

In Person Programs

- **Otis Explore & Play with Anina** @ Otis Town Hall, 1 North Main Road, Otis. Tuesdays 10am-11:30am. This weekly caregiver/child playgroup will include play, songs, stories, and crafts. Drop in.
- **Richmond Reads with Michelle** @ Richmond Library, 1st Tuesday of every month, Feb. 1st @ 10am. Story, songs & craft. Drop in.
- **Ages & Stages with Jess** February 4th & 18th 10am-noon. We will meet you at any library in South County! Learn more about your child's development by signing up for an in-person screening visit. Screenings are available for ages 2 month-5 years old. Registration required to reserve a 30-minute family slot. Email Jess @ southberkshirekids@gmail.com
- **Lenox Play with Michelle** @ Lenox Community Center, Wednesdays @ 10am-11am. This weekly, parent-child program will include social play, stories, and craft. Limited spots, registration required for the Jan/Feb session, 8 classes.
- **Brain Builders/Lee with Michelle** @ Lee Library, Thursdays 10:30. This weekly, parent/child program will include a circle time & craft. Limited spots, registration required by emailing Jess at southberkshirekids@gmail.com Jan/Feb session, 8 classes.
- **Monterey Play with Anina**, @ Monterey Library, Thursdays 10:00am. This weekly, parent/child program includes free play, stories and a craft. Drop in.
- **StoryWalk** Pages of the Children's story, *A Loud Winter's Nap* will be posted throughout downtown Lee through the month of February. Park at the Lee Library, pick up a free learning packet, while supplies last.

ZOOM *Check website for online sign-ups or email Jess and Zoom links will be sent to you.

- **Babies & Books with Jess**, Mondays 10:00am. Join us on zoom for this weekly program that includes singing with the children and chatting about the joys and challenges of parenting. Great for babies & toddlers! Email southberkshirekids@gmail.com for zoom link.
- **Puppet Show with Tom Knight!** On zoom! Tuesdays 10:00am. This was a favorite program last year, join Tom with puppets, singing and dancing! Email Jess for the zoom link: southberkshirekids@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Storytime on Facebook** Visit us on our Facebook page for pre-recorded stories!
- **Getting Ready for K!** with Jess, Wednesdays @ 10am. This program is great for children who will be starting Kindergarten in the Fall. 4 zoom classes Email southberkshirekids@gmail.com to register.
- **Sing with Kim!** Join Kim on zoom for songs and a story, every Thursday @ 10:00am. Email Jess for the zoom link: southberkshirekids@gmail.com



Visit us online for additional resources & information
www.SouthBerkshireKids.org www.Mass211.org





**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:

MAL 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 05-July 08 _____

July 25-July 29 _____

Aug 08-Aug 12 _____

July 12-July 15 _____

Parental Consent: Please check the 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 which covering 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.

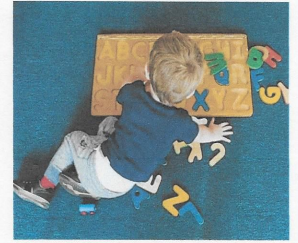
*Eden Hill Summer Day Camp is in compliance with regulations of the Mass Dept. Of Public Health and is licensed by the local Board of Health.

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.

Richmond Reads!

1st Tuesday of every month
10:00am-11:00am
Starts December 7th
Richmond Library
2821 State Road/Richmond



*Join South Berkshire Kids at the Richmond Library for a storytime and craft! This monthly, parent-child program is free and open to the community! Best for families with children ages 2-5. Masks will be required.



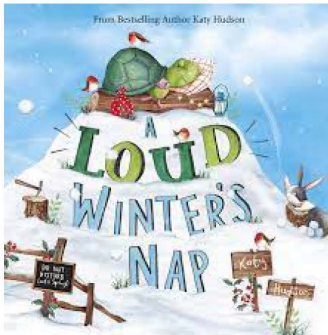
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South Berkshire Kids and the Lee Library

welcome you to enjoy a

STORYWALK[®] through downtown Lee!



*Pages of the children's book ***A Loud Winter's Nap*** by Katy Hudson will be posted in store front windows along the main street in Lee.....enjoy taking a walk and reading this book along the way!

February 1st-28th

The Storywalk will remain up during the month of February. Stop by the library during open hours to pick up a free learning packet, while supplies last.

*Park at the Lee Library, the storywalk starts and ends at the library.

*After completing the walk, fill out the form below, and drop it in the Lee Library's book return. You will be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Name: _____

of children who participated _____

Email or
phone# _____

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

RUTH BASS

Reading & Discussing Her New Book

“ SARAH MEETS SILAS ”



The fourth book in the series.

Set in the 1870s in rural New England

Saturday, February 26th @ 11:00 A.M.

Downstairs at the

Richmond Congregational Church

1515 State Road, Richmond, MA