



RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MONICA ZANIN, PRINCIPAL

May 30, 2014

Dates to Remember!!

- 6/3-6/6/14 —
Grades 7 & 8 Class Trip
- 6/8/14 —Grade 8 Graduation — 6:30pm
- 6/16/14 — **LAST PTO MEETING** for the year...**All NEW** or interested members please come at 5:30pm
- 6/17/14 — **Beginners Band Concert** —9:15am
- 6/23/14 —1/2 day **Last Day of School**

Important Reminders

- Kiss & Ride — Prek & K—Be in line ready at 2:45 Grades 1-8—Be in line no earlier than 2:55
- Birthday Celebration Dates— May 22, June 13

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear RCS Community:

I'd like to thank everyone who wrote proposals for REEF grants this year. We received many wonderful grants to help enrich our programming for next year. Some new after school proposals that were funded include Flying Deer Institute After School Nature Connection Program, Early Childhood STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Saturdays, and a new addition to our YMCA afterschool program to include STEM curriculum weekly. If you are in need of afterschool care for your child the YMCA program is available everyday from 3:00-6:00. Now with the addition of STEM programming your children will be able to use the computer lab on specific days and also complete experiments that work into our own school-wide STEM curriculum. Sign up forms will be going home Tuesday afternoon for the YMCA after school program and they will need to be sent back by the end of this school year to reserve a spot.

I'd like to share this article with you along with a video on TED Talks featuring Ken Robinson, regarding the importance of the arts and technology in our educational system. At Richmond we highly value these programs making our school stand out around Berkshire County and beyond. Research has proven that educating the whole child increases achievement in all areas. I'm extremely proud of our exemplary programs and the work our staff puts forth making RCS a model school!

http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity

<http://steam-notstem.com/articles/our-education-system-is-not-so-much-broken-as-it-is-totally-outdated/>

Upcoming Events:

Grades 1 and 3 Historic Deerfield and Butterfly Museum - June 3rd

Grade K-4 Field Day - June 4th

Grade 7 and 8 to Washington, D.C. June 3 - 6

Grade 3 - Tour of Richmond with their senior friends

Grades PreK-2 Pool Day - June 11th

Grades 3-7 to the Pittsfield Suns, bag lunch today - June 11th

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Monday June 2	Tuesday June 3	Wednesday June 4	Thursday June 5	Friday June 6
Mac & Cheese	Turkey Roast w/Gravy	No Hot Lunch	Hot Dogs on a roll	Tammy's Pan Pizza
Peas	Broccoli	Sandwiches: PBF or	Seasoned Potatoes	(cheese, veggie, pepperoni)
Fresh Bread	Roasted sweet potatoes	Sandwich #1 Hot Ham & Cheese on a baguette	Baked Beans	Greek Salad
Fruit — Salad Bar	Fruit — Salad Bar	Sandwich #2 Turkey Wrap	Fruit — Salad Bar	Fruit — Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or	Sandwiches: PBJ or	Salad Bar - Homemade	Sandwiches: PBJ or	Sandwiches: PBJ or
Roast Beef	Ham & Cheese	Soup	Salami & Cheese	Bologna



Upcoming Events Cont.

8th Grade Graduation: Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00

Grades 3 and 4 to Mass MoCA and Natural Bridge State Park - June 12th

Grade 3 Colonial Day - June 13th

Grade 6 Trip to Springfield Museum - June 13th

Beginning Band Concert - June 17th at 9:15

Last day of school - June 23rd ½ Day Dismissal 11:55

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Zanin

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PTO URGENT REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS



THE RCS PTO needs YOU for the 2014/15 school year...

Our last PTO meeting for this year will be Monday June 16th at 5:30pm in the conference room.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HELPING SHOULD PLAN ON ATTENDING AS THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING BEFORE THE FALL. IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT TRACY CRAWFORD AT EMAIL BELOW OR NATALIE IN THE OFFICE.

Please contact Tracy Crawford at tracyolsencrawford@yahoo.com if you are interested.

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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 days are **May 22 and June 13**. 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 student

Musical Notes from Mrs. Mullen

Graduation, Wednesday, June 11

The Jazz Band will perform for graduation on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Warmups will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

The Concert Attire will be the usual black and white, with boys wearing ties. 8th Graders will wear their graduation attire.

Beginners' Band Concert, Tuesday, June 17

The Beginners' Band will perform a concert on Tuesday, June 17 at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The concert attire will be as follows: For the girls: A dress, or a skirt and blouse, or dress pants with a blouse; For the boys: Dress pants, and dress shirt with a tie.

Please contact me with any questions.

Mrs. Mullen

**PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED
FRACKED-GAS PIPELINE THRU
RICHMOND**

On Wednesday, June 4th beginning at 7:00 the Board of Selectmen will be holding a public meeting on the proposed expansion of Tennessee Gas/Kinder Morgan pipeline.

The meeting will be held at the Richmond Consolidated School. The meeting will include a presentation by Kinder Morgan followed by a question and answer period and a presentation by representatives from the Berkshire Environmental Action Team and No Fracked Gas in MA who are opposed to the pipeline followed by a question and answer period.

Without concerted effort from the registered voters of Richmond, this pipeline will go through with potential negative environmental and financial impacts on the Town of Richmond.

Well it's that time again.

The Richmond Rec Committee's 8th annual sponsorship of the Reach the Beach 5K Run/Walk will once again be on Father's Day June 15th 2014 . race time is at 9:30 with registration beginning at 8:30am.

This year we are trying online registration in conjunction with Berkshire Running Center. See form below for details and link. Hope to see lots of Richmond residents there running or rooting.

**8th Annual
RICHMOND REACH THE BEACH
5K RUN/WALK with DAD!
Sunday June 15, 2014**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ e-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age on Race Day: _____ Male/Female _____

Registration starts: 8:30 am Race Time: 9:30 am

___ \$20 Entrants over 18 *Tech shirts guaranteed to the first 75 entries
___ \$10 Entrants 10-17 Check shirt size: (adult sizes)
___ \$5 Entrants under 10 ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Strollers welcome, dogs must be leashed.
Checks payable to: **Town of Richmond**, c/o Rebecca Marzotto, 660 Osceola Road, Richmond Ma. 01254
Online registration: http://berkshirerunningcenter.com/?product_cat=registration Online registration will close on Thursday 6/12/14.

Course Information: A 5K Road Race/Walk through the beautiful Richmond Shores. Race start and finish will be at the Boys and Girls Club Camp. Enter via Boys and Girls Club Road (across from Bartlett's).

General Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement

"I _____ Intending to be legally bound, understand and agree that I am voluntarily participating in the following event at my own request and at my own risk. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in this event and certify that I am physically fit, have not been otherwise informed by any physician and know of no restrictions imposed on me by my own physician that would in any way prevent me from actively participating in this event. I hereby assume all risk of injury and/or death.

I hereby fully release the Town of Richmond, Richmond Reach the Beach 5k and any of its organizers and/or volunteers of and from any and all liability, claims, damages or causes of action for any reason including without limitation bodily injury, death, property damage or any other loss or inconvenience whatsoever suffered by me at any time hereafter occurring as a result of my voluntary participation in this event.

I also give permission for the free use of my name and picture in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of a parent or guardian of participant under 18 years of age, children MUST be supervised at all times)
NOTE: WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE PARTICIPATION

For more info go to: <https://www.facebook.com/richmondreccommittee>



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LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR RICHMOND

The Richmond Cultural Council has announced the award of 11 grants for fiscal year 2014 totaling \$4,824 for cultural programs in Richmond. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Richmond Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

Statewide, more than \$2.34 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2014. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities, such as concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, First Night celebrations, town festivals and nature and science education programs for families. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

The Richmond Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information and forms are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. They are due in October.

Applicant	Project Title	Decision
Ronald Barron	A Recital of American Music for Trombone and Piano	\$500
IS 183, Art School of the Berkshires	"Learning through Arts" program at Richmond	\$300
Richmond Free Public Library/Candy Mountain	Rainforest Reptile Show	\$400
Richmond Record	Community Monthly Newspaper	\$874
Richmond Council on Aging	A Look at Richmond: Then and Now	\$250
Berkshire Theatre Group	BTG Plays! School Residency Program	\$500
Joy Mullen	Great East Festival, Westfield Middle School	\$450
Elizabeth Smith	Plimoth Plantation & Mayflower II	\$500
Rachel Kanz	Crane Paper Museum	\$200
Rachel Kanz	Author Visit	\$350
Richmond Consolidated School	Theatre workshops and performances with gr K,1,and 2	\$500