



RICHMOND SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MONICA ZANIN, PRINCIPAL

June 6, 2014

Dates to Remember!!

- 6/3-6/6/14 —
Grades 7 & 8 Class Trip
- 6/8/14 —Grade 8 Graduation —
6:30pm
- 6/12/14 —
Richmond School Committee Mtg
7pm
- 6/12/14—
Richmond Rec. Comm Mtg.
7pm
- 6/16/14 — **LAST PTO MEETING** for the year...**All NEW** or interested members please come at 5:30pm
- 6/17/14 — Begin-ners 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— 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http://steam-notstem.com/articles/our-education-system-is-not-so-much-broken-as-it-is-totally-outdated/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:

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

8th Grade Graduation: Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30

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Monday June 9

Pizza Egg Roll
Vegetable Stir Fry
Fruit — Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Roast Beef

Tuesday June 10

French Toast w/maple
syrup or berry sauce
Hash browns
Hard Boiled Eggs
Fruit — Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Turkey

Wednesday June 11

**Prek-2 -Berkshire
Hills -Cook-Out**
**Grade 3-7 -
Pittsfield Sun's
Game- Bring bag
lunch**

Thursday June 12

Chicken Quesadillas
Rice
Pico DeGallo
Fruit — Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Salami & Cheese

Friday June 13

French Bread Pizza
(cheese, veggie, pepper-
oni)
Greek Salad
Fruit — Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or
Ham & Cheese



Upcoming Events Cont.

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

PTO meeting - 5:30 Monday, June 16th

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

Richmond School Committee Meeting Agenda
June 12, 2014 7:00 PM in RCS Conference Room
(NOTE: This is Thursday rather than our
regular Tuesday)

- Call to order
- Public concerns
- Correspondence
- Review and approval of May 13 minutes
- Principal's report
 - Playground repair project - bid process
 - June activities
 - Summer schedule
 - PARCC v. MCAS
 - Other
- Superintendent's report
 - Regionalization meeting with Smitty Pignatelli - update
 - Fingerprinting
 - School electrical service evaluation
 - Other
- Special Education Director's report
- Town long-term planning project report
 - Report on 4/19 LTP presentation
- Policy
 - Field Trips policy - second reading
 - Acceptable Use / Social Media policy - second reading
 - Student Activity Fund
 - Employee Handbook
 - Town personnel policies
- Financial report
- Cafeteria report
 - Cafeteria Review
 - Cafeteria pricing for FY 2015
- Other unforeseen items
- Adjournment

Richmond Recreation Committee
Thursday June 12, 2014
7:00 PM
Richmond Consolidated School

- I. Call to Order & Prior Minutes Accepted.
- II. Old Business:
 - a. Finance updates – Jeff
 - b. Additional requests for gym time.
 - c. Reach the Beach final preparation
 - d. Tennis ladder progress
 - e. New member search
 - f.
- III. New Business:
 - a. Year end purchase – Tennis court enclosed bulletin board
- IV. Next meeting date:
 - a.
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Adjourn.

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

Dear RCS Families & Staff-

Thank you to everyone who has responded about volunteering for the RCS PTO next year. We are still looking someone to coordinate the Fall magazine drive, the Back to School BBQ in September and Dining to Donate throughout the year. Also we are still in need of a Secretary and Class Parent coordinator.

I would also like to extend a huge thanks to our current RCS board Kara Smith and Grace Daley as well as all the members and volunteers who give so much time and energy to our school. From the very top, with Principal Zanin to the great teachers, and the current RCS family of students and their families, a lot of hard work and dedication go into making RCS such a great school.

Please join us at our next PTO meeting MONDAY, JUNE 16th at 5:30pm in the RCS conference room. Babysitting will be available for \$2 per child.

At the meeting we will be going over the budget and plans for the next school year as well as meet our new board members. We will also meet over the summer to coordinate the Back to School BBQ in September, the Fall Fund-raiser and the Craft Fair which is Saturday, November 1st.

Congratulations and welcome to our new PTO Board and committee chairs for next year.

President - Danielle Mullen

Vice President - Vicky Layden

Secretary -

Treasurer - Erin Laundry

Class Parent Coordinator -

Rewards Coordinator - Melissa Roller

Teacher Representative - Michelle Smith

Craft Fair Committee - Tracy Crawford

Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator- Tracy Kenney

Richmond 250th Committee - Penny Saupe, Monica Zanin

Back to School BBQ -

Fall Fundraiser - Melissa Roller

Fall Magazine Drive -

Fall Tag Sale - Pam Glass

Dining to Donate -

Barnes & Noble Day - Vicky Layden

Spring Dance (Pre-K - 5) -

Spring Fundraiser -

Regards,

Tracy Crawford, Outgoing PTO President



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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

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>