

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter- September 23, 2011

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Calendar of Events

9/28/11 School Committee Working Session
Mtg 6:45pm @ Richmond School
9/29/11 Shaker Mtn School Union Mtg 7:00pm
@New Ashford Town Hall
10/11 Craft Fair Mtg. 5:00pm
10/11 PTO Mtg. 5:30pm
11/5 Richmond Craft Fair 10-3pm

Lunch Menu

Monday September 26

Chicken Parmesan and Garlic Bread
Green beans
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef
Salad Bar

Tuesday September 27

Beef Taco (soft or hard shell) W/ tons of toppings
Rice
Corn
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami & Cheese
Salad Bar

Wednesday September 28

NO HOT LUNCH
Salad Bar & Soup of the Day
Sandwiches: PBF or Tuna Fish

Thursday September 29

French Bread Pizza (cheese or pepperoni)
Celery W/ Peanut Butter
Spicy Corn Bread
Sandwiches: PBJ or Deli Turkey
Salad Bar

Friday September 30

Hamburger w/roll (lettuce, tomato, pickle)
Seasoned Potatoes
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna & Cheese
Salad Bar

Note From The Kitchen: Did you know that we always cook our hotdogs & hamburgers outside on our Weber grill!!! Thank you PTO for buying the Weber Grill!!

From the Principal's Office:

Thank you to all staff and families for stopping by our Open House on Thursday September 22nd. Tammy's cookies were a hit!

Thank you to all Kiss and Ride drivers for staying in your cars for drop off and pick up. We are moving the process along so much faster.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE: Ballots will go home on Monday for an official election as we have several applicants!

Monday September 26th we will hold our elections for **STUDENT council**. Good luck to all students.

Congratulations to Mrs. B. Smith's 3rd grade class from 2010-2011 for ranking #8 in the state for MCAS scores. Congratulations to the entire school community for making AYP last year. While this is only one measure of our academics, but it is a state measure we are held to.

As a reminder all toys need to stay at home. Thank you for your attention to this.

News from our students!!!

Please send in any student news.

News from the Town Recreation Committee

The Richmond Recreation Committee is having its first meeting of the new school year next week on Wednesday September 21 at 7pm in the conference room at the school. Anyone from the community is invited to attend."

The 2011-2012 Basketball season will begin in November for girls and boys in grades K-6. For more information, please visit www.richmondbasketball.org or contact ruth@thehanavans.com.

News from the PTO

The winner of the Annual BBQ 50/50 raffle was Steve Nichols. Please contact the office for your prize.

From the Nurses Office:

There will be a free flu clinic sponsored by the Community Health Association on Thursday, October 6, from 3:15pm-5:00pm at the Richmond school. This clinic is specifically for Richmond school children and their family members. Those eligible for the flu shot at this clinic need to be at least 3 years of age and older.

If you have questions or plan to attend the clinic, contact Emilie Jarrett RN, Director, at [413.232.0122](tel:413.232.0122) or email Emilie@charws.com

Children will not receive the shot if they: Are sick with a fever, Allergic to eggs, thimerosal, gentamicin, polymixin, neolucin, or gelatin, Had GB syndrome

2 doses of influenza vaccine is recommended for children ≤ 8 years previously unvaccinated or for whom it is not certain whether the 2010-2011 seasonal vaccine was received. The child should receive two 0.5ml doses administered at least 4 weeks apart this season.

1 dose of 0.5ml influenza vaccine is recommended for children ≤ 8 years of age who have received at least one dose of the 2010-2011 seasonal vaccine and all children 9 years of age and older.

Keep Reading below....

From the Secretary:

Flip Flops

It is our school policy that flip flops are not allowed on students PreK through 3rd Grade. Although they are very cute, it is a safety hazard. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

Changes in your child's schedule

Please send notes with any changes in with your child. This is the best way to ensure that we have the information and can redirect your child. If you forget or a change occurs once your child is here please make every attempt to call me before 12 noon. As a parent I know things do come up and I understand that a last minute change can happen.

Protocol if your child is going to be late or miss a day

Please call school to let me know as soon as possible. We have an answering machine so you can call anytime and leave a message. It is very helpful to know first thing in the morning as I send attendance to the staff. Thank you

Pickup and Dropoff

Thank you to all parents who pick up and drop off their student(s) for your patience while we adjust to a new school year. As a reminder please stay in your vehicle as to allow a safe drop off or pick up. If you need to get out please park your vehicle in the parking lot and walk down to the school. Thank you.

PTO NEWS

Greetings from your PTO!

JOE CORBI FUNDRAISER

Our annual Joe Corbi fundraiser will kick off Monday! Make sure to check your child's backpack for the packets. Sales will end on October 11th and order pick up will be Monday, November 14th.

Joe Corbi's is a fund-raising food company which sells pizza kits, pretzel products, cookies, special desserts, cheesecakes and more. The funds raised will be used for field trips for the entire school...so pass along the catalog to family, friends and co-workers. Checks should be made payable to Richmond School PTO. Please remind your children to never to sell to strangers and have fun. Or if you prefer you may a direct donation, look for the donation form in the Joe Corbi packet. If you have any questions please contact Kara Smith at ksmith@jri.org or 698-2604. Thanks in advance for your support!

DINING TO DONATE - ARIZONA PIZZA

Dining to donate is back! If you eat (lunch, dinner or takeout) at Arizona Pizza on Sunday, October 9th and mention that you are "dining to donate to the Richmond School" 20% of your bill will be donated back to our school. Arizona Pizza is open Sunday from 11am to 10pm. It's also a great way to get ready for Sunday football...order your wings & pizza!

Arizona Pizza 395 Pittsfield Road, Lenox, MA #[413-442-9746](tel:413-442-9746)

Attached is the flyer...spread the word to all your family and friends.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS - Craft Fair Poster Contest

We are looking for RCS students to come up with the Richmond Craft Fair poster and program cover. The poster must be on 8.5 x 11 paper and this years theme is Holiday Gifts it must include the following information:

Name: Richmond Craft & Country Fair

Date: Saturday, November 5th 10am - 3pm

Location: Richmond Consolidated School, 1831 State Road, Richmond

Details: Crafters and Artisans, Silent Auction, Kid's Fair, Chinese Auction, Book Fair and delicious homemade food.

Entries must be submitted by Monday, October 3rd to the PTO mail box in the school office. Please make sure your full name and grade are on your entry. There will be two winners, one for the poster and one for the program. Good luck!

RICHMOND CRAFT & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, November 5 from 10am - 3pm

The Richmond Craft & Country Fair is currently looking for volunteers in all areas. For those of you don't know, the fair is not only the biggest fund raiser of the year, it is also a large school and community event. There are six main components to the fair; Crafters and Artisans, Silent Auction, Kid's Fair, Chinese Auction, the Book Fair and Tammy's delicious homemade food.

We still need a volunteer to create a program of the days events, this is a great job for a designer and shouldn't be too time consuming. We are looking for volunteers to work the day of the fair (most assignments are one or two hours only) whether it be working a table, or helping direct parking. If you can help out please send an email to binkyd@gmail.com or call Bianca at 698-8005, please include the time you are available to volunteer (i.e. 12-2...) We will contact you with specific volunteer assignments when the date draws closer.

CRAFT FAIR DONATIONS

We know there are many talented people in town and would like to ask for donated goods. We will have a "Richmond" table which will sell goods from our town. All products are donated and 100% of the profits will go to the school PTO fund. Items should be in the \$25 range, so people doing their holiday shopping can buy gifts at reasonable prices. Please let us know if you would be interested in donating new items to our Richmond PTO table.

SILENT AUCTION

We are also asking any parents that might have connections in the county to obtain items for the Silent Auction. We are looking for items that start around \$25 dollars. They can be restaurant gift certificates, a hair cut at a salon, or even a service like tutoring or babysitting. Please email Shannon at ssmith@leeregionalvna.com if you would be interested in donating an item or service, or contacting a local business for a donation.

CHINESE AUCTION

Finally, we will be bringing back the Chinese Auction this year and are asking for donations of new items from \$10-25 dollars, especially toys and items for kids. Please contact Michelle Smith at msmith@richmondconsolidated.org, or send the item in with your child marked "Chinese Auction/Michelle Smith."

PTO MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 11th, at 5:30pm, babysitting is available for a small fee. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CRAFT FAIR MEETING

Our next Craft Fair meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at 5pm at RCS, right before the PTO meeting.

We look forward to a hugely successful year. It's amazing how much can be accomplished with just a few small commitments from everybody. In the end, our students are the big winners. Money raised by your PTO pays for supplies the classrooms, field trips, events and, most importantly, support for our children. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

RICHMOND CULTURAL COUNCIL:

Richmond Cultural Council is seeking funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science projects. Grant applications must be postmarked by October 15.

The Council will also consider funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-aged children.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available on the web at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp or at Richmond Town Hall, Richmond Public Library and Richmond Post Office. PASS and grant applications will be available at Richmond Consolidated School.

Please send completed applications to Kathleen Basile, 41 East Road, Richmond, MA 01254. For additional information, contact Ms. Basile at [413-698-3143](tel:413-698-3143) or rbasile@berkshire.rr.com.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 23, 2011

Contact: Carole Raskin

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LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR RICHMOND

The Richmond Cultural Council has announced the award of 22 grants for fiscal year 2011 totaling \$3975 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 was distributed by local cultural councils in 2011. Grants supported 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 is seeking applications again this fall. Information and forms are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp. Forms are also available at Richmond Town Hall, Richmond Public Library and Richmond Post Office, all located on State Road. They are due Oct. 15.

Fiscal year 2011 grants include:

Name	Project	Amnt
Barrington Stage Company (BSC)	Youth Theatre	\$100

Bazaar Productions	The Berkshire Fringe	\$100
Bazaar Productions	Free Community Workshops	\$100
Berkshire Bach Society	Free Student Ticket Program	\$150
Berkshire Children's Chorus	Scholarships	\$100
Berkshire Lyric Theatre, Inc.	Concerts and Educational Program	\$50
Berkshire Theatre Festival, Inc.	BTF Plays! School Residency Program @ RCS	\$443
Berkshire Women for Women Worldwide	The Berkshire Festival of Women Writers	\$150
Community Access to the Arts (CATA)	I'm a Part of Art	\$150
MA Audubon/Berkshire Sanctuaries	Housatonic River Program	\$50
Richmond Free Public Library/Candy Mountain	Live Animal Show	\$495
Richmond School	Plimoth Plantation	\$372
Richmond School	Schenectady Museum	\$205
Richmond School	Norman Rockwell Museum	\$120
Richmond School	Boston Newspaper Day	\$100
Richmond School	Springfield Museums	\$224
Richmond School	Great East Festival	\$320
Richmond School	Eric Carle Museum	\$236
Richmond School	Historic Deerfield	\$210
Sculpture Now	Sculpture Now and Creative Youth	\$100
Stockbridge Sinfonia, Inc.	Free Community Concerts	\$150
Ventfort Hall Association	2011 Lecture Series	\$50