

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter, December 2, 2011

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Calendar of Events

12/2 - Richmond School Fundraiser at Barnes & Noble Winter

12/9 – Winter Beach Party 3-8 pm (sign-up sheet attached)

12/13 - PTO meeting 5:30pm

2/3 - Blantyre raffle drawing (tickets avail in office)

Lunch Menu

Monday December 5

Chicken Parmesan
Buttered Noodles
Green Beans
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef
Salad Bar

Tuesday December 6

Turkey and Broccoli Stir Fry
Cucumber Salad
Fruit
Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or Ham and Cheese

Wednesday December 7

No Hot Lunch
Soup & Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBF or Roasted
Veggies on baguette

Thursday December 8

French Bread Pizza
Greek Salad
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Deli
Turkey
Salad Bar

Friday December 9

Tacos –Hard or Soft Shell
Tons of Toppings
Rice
Corn
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna
Salad Bar

Musical Notes from Mrs. Mullen:

Chorus Sectionals on December 6th and December 7th

The Sopranos and Altos in the chorus have a sectional rehearsal Tuesday 12/6 at 7:30 am

The Baritones in the chorus have a sectional rehearsal Wednesday 12/7 at 7:30 am.

CONCERTS COMING SOON!

The Holiday Concert will be Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Performers will warm up at 6:15 p.m. The concert attire will be as follows: For the boys--black dress pants, white shirt with a tie and black dress shoes and for the girls black dress pants or a skirt, with a white blouse and black dress shoes. No jeans or sneakers please.

The middle school chorus will sing for the Richmond Council on Aging on December 9th at 1:00 p.m. here in the school cafeteria. Student will need to bring concert attire (same as for the Holiday concert) with them to change into.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Lost : (1) black Bousquet Race team softshell jacket, (1)black north face jacket

Please take a look in your child's things and if you find either please contact the office...thank you

FROM THE PTO:

RICHMOND RECYCLES DAY

Thank you to everyone who participated on our Richmond Recycles Day. Help the school by recycling your used ink cartridges all year...bins are available in the school cafeteria and the Richmond Town Library.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Friday, December 2, 10am-6pm at Barnes & Noble, 555 Hubbard Avenue in Pittsfield

Come do your holiday shopping and support our school, at our annual Barnes & Noble Bookfair. We will have storytelling, face painting and more!

Just stop by our table, pick up a voucher and present it when you check out, a portion of your purchase benefits the Richmond PTO.

Can't make it? Visit bn.com 12/2 - 12/9, shop online, and enter bookfair # 10617264 at checkout, on the payment page.

(See full instructions for online ordering below.)

Ordering Instructions for Online Bookfair Customers:

New To BN.COM?

Shop from the entire site 12/2-12/9 – almost everything is eligible for our bookfair

Set up a new account when you are ready to check out

On the very bottom of the Payment Page, check the box Check This Box If This Is a Bookfair Order

Type our Bookfair ID 10617264 in the space provided and continue with checkout

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BLANTYRE RAFFLE

A Sweetheart of a Raffle...you could win a mid week dinner for 2 at Blantyre!

www.blantyre.com

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00

Drawing February 3rd, 2012

This is an amazing raffle and a great way to help our school!

Tickets and information went home with each RCS student or contact Tracy Crawford at

tolsenc Crawford@yahoo.com for more tickets.

4H CLUB

The Shaker Lane Farm 4H Club is starting in December...meetings will be held the second Monday of every month. Meetings will take place at Best Western on Route 20 in Pittsfield, we can start our meetings at Best Western and always travel to the Farm if necessary.

Please contact Mark & Marcy Dallmeyer, Shaker Lane Farm Club at [413-443-1353](tel:413-443-1353) for more information and how to join.

Richmond Recreation Basketball House League Schedule

Grades K-1 start Dec 3, 9-10

Grades 2-3: Sat 10-11 and Tues 3-4

Grades 4-6: Mon and Thurs 3-4

You can register at www.richmondbasketball.org.

Birthday celebrations – 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 reduce the time spent off academics. Please contact the classroom teacher with coordination of sweet and healthy snacks. The following dates will be our monthly birthday celebrations: October 14, November 14, December 14, January 13, February 13, March 13, April 13, May 11, June 11

Note from the Nurse:

Health Reminder: If your child has a fever, please wait 24 hours before sending him/her to school.

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 413-698-2207 ext. 215, to schedule an evaluation.

The **Richmond Recreation Committee** is **looking for new members**. The RRC administers programs for the residents of our town, both young and not so young. We have programs of basketball right in our own school gym to the annual Ping Pong tourney in the winter and “Reach the Beach” road race in the Spring as well as many other activities. **If you have questions about the programs or are interested in joining us** contact Jeff Konowitch at 698-3415 or Konowitch@rnetworx.com Contact us if you have ideas as well.

The **YMCA After School** program is a go. The program begins on Monday, October 24th however, you can **sign up anytime**. For more information please contact Earl Persip at the YMCA, 499-7650 x37. There are forms here in the office if you need one.

Computer TidBytes:

All students K through 8 have **Big Universe** Accounts. They can access biguniverse.com on the internet anywhere, anytime! I have created usernames and passwords for each student as follows:

Username: firstname+lastname

Password: firstname.

For example, if my name were John Smith, my username would be johnsmith (note that all letters are lowercase with NO spaces); my password would be john (again, lowercase).

The group name for all students is rcs (again, lowercase).

Please let your student show you what Big Universe is all about! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 698-2207 x221.

Happy Reading! Mrs. M

The Zen Quest Martial Arts Center

55 Pittsfield Road

Lenox, MA 01240

[413.637.0656](tel:413.637.0656)

zenquestmac@sprynet.com

FREE Bully “D” Workshop

Every year, millions of kids are forced to deal with the reality of being a victim of bullying and it's unfortunate consequences. Statistics show that this problem is reaching epidemic proportions in our nation.

On December 3rd ZenQuest will be providing a Bully “D” workshop! The 90 minute clinic will focus on age-appropriate tools and strategies in bullying situations including: avoidance, seeking help, and effective escape techniques!

The event is open to children ages 5 to 15 and is free of charge. Please RSVP by email or phone so that we can get a feel for the number of participants and **SPREAD THE WORD!**

Pet Sitting Needed:

In need of a loving home to watch my puppy for 2 days at Thanksgiving and one week at Christmas. Neela is a 3-1/2 pound toy poodle who is 5 months old. She's gold and soft, loving and silly. She loves to go everywhere and she's very well behaved. She's mostly house trained and loves everyone, including other dogs (she hasn't met other animals yet).

If you want to add a little light to your life for a few days, please call the office and make a reservation!