

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter, December 9, 2011

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Calendar of Events

- 11/20-12/20 – School Wide Holiday Food/Gift Drive
12/12 – Richmond Rec. Comm. Meeting 7:00pm
12/13 - PTO Meeting 5:30pm
12/13 – School Committee Meeting 7:00pm
12/16 – 7th-8th Grade Holiday Dance 6:30-9:00pm
2/3 - Blantyre raffle drawing (tickets avail in office)

Lunch Menu

Monday December 12

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef
Salad Bar

Tuesday December 13

Chicken Quesadillas
Rice, Corn
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami and
Cheese
Salad Bar

Wednesday December 14

No Hot Lunch
Soup & Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBF or Deli
Turkey Wraps

Thursday December 15

Fish Sticks
Tater Tots, Cole Slaw
Fruit
Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna

Friday December 16

Hot Dogs w/ Roll
Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Ham and
Cheese
Salad Bar

Notes from the kitchen:

Did you know that we sell our baked goods? Cookies by the dozen only \$3.25, our foot long sweet breads (pumpkin, banana, lemon poppy seed and more) are \$7.00, dinner breads (Irish soda, Challah baguette, roast butternut squash) range \$1.50-\$5.00. Call us and shop our store.

From the Principal's Office:

As a reminder the morning **drop off time is 8:10am**. Please do not drop off before that as there is no supervision until that time. Any parent who **picks up at the end of the day in the front of the school** please keep in mind that the buses need room to get in and out. If possible please plan on coming **after 3:05pm**. in order to give the buses time to leave the school. Thank you for helping out.

Student Council Holiday Dinner Baskets: Please help us add to our 7 turkey dinner baskets.

Items needed: Packages of stuffing, Packages of dried bean soup mix, Large winter squash (acorn or butternut), canned French style green beans, cans of black pitted olives, cans of pumpkin pie mix, pie crust mix, cream of mushroom soup cans, packages of brown and serve rolls, jars of bread and butter pickles, bags of carrots, packages of onions, packages of noodles or orzo, bags of apples, turnips and cans of cranberry sauce. Please bring your donations to the office before December 20th.

Lost : (2) two bags of student clothing lost at Counsel on aging Concert on Friday afternoon, (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

Musical Notes from Mrs. Mullen:

Congratulations to the following students who qualified and were selected to perform in the Western Massachusetts Music Education Association Western Junior District Ensembles.

Male Chorus: Theo Burns, Kyle Stasiewski

Treble Chorus: Elizabeth Bartlett, Alyssa Flood, Victoria Vittori

Jazz Band: Willie Serkin

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. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Student Council Local Food Pantry Food Drive:

Help us help others by sending in non-perishables for our local food pantries. The collection box is located outside the front office.

PTO NEWS:

BLANTYRE RAFFLE

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

www.blantyre.com

Tickets are only \$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 tolsencrawford@yahoo.com for more tickets.

RICHMOND RECYCLES

Thank you to everyone who participated on our Richmond Recycles Day. Help the school by recycling your used ink cartridges all year...there are 3 drop off spots in Richmond; bins are available in the school cafeteria, Richmond Town Library and the Post Office.

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

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!