

# RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

**Newsletter, January 27th, 2011**

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## Calendar of Events

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

2/3 – Ooey-Gooy Night (prek-4<sup>th</sup>) - 6-7:30pm (see below for more information)

2/10 – PreK- 4 - Valentine’s Dance – 6:00pm-8:00pm (see below for more information)

2/14 – PTO Mtg. – 5:30pm

2/14 – School Committee Mtg. – 7:15pm (agenda to follow)

3/10 - Dining to Donate at Arizona Pizza

3/14 - Yankee Candle Fundraiser

## Lunch Menu

### **Monday January 30**

Pizza Egg Roll

Vegetable StirFry

Celery w/Peanut Butter

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Pepperoni

& Cheese

Salad Bar

### **Tuesday January 31**

Beef Quesadillas

Rice

Corn

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna

Salad Bar

### **Wednesday February 1**

No Hot Lunch

Soup of the Day and Salad Bar

Sandwiches: PBF or Roast Beef

or Egg Salad

### **Thursday February 2**

Egg Sandwich w/Bacon &

Cheese on English Muffin

Hashbrowns

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Ham &

Cheese

Salad Bar

### **Friday February 3**

Mac & Cheese

Peas

Cornbread

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami &

Cheese

Salad Bar

**Notes from the kitchen: Richmond Students have influenced some changes in our menu such as on Wednesdays (soup and salad bar day) we will now offer two sandwiches; we will also have shredded lettuce and sliced tomatoes available to bulk up the sandwiches. Dr. Deyo suggested egg sandwiches and so...we are having them.**

**Richmond Consolidated Pre-School Program:** Our tuition-based preschool program is open to residents of Richmond as well as families in surrounding towns. If you have, or know of any preschoolers who would be interested, please contact the office for more information or come for a visit.

**School Council:** Dear Families and Community Members, The School Council is preparing the School Improvement Plan and we are embarking on a series of surveys to learn more about how our constituents feel about the work we are doing. Please log onto the RCS Website and see the following link (under “News” then click on “Survey”) please take a few minutes to complete either the parent or community survey. You being as candid and specific as possible will really give us a sense of how we are doing and the direction we may move towards. Many thanks for your participation.

**Student News:** Kyle Brogan (Grade 5) placed first in the 10 year old division of the Interclub race held at Blanford Ski Area on January 15th. Kyle was also the fastest racer on the mountain that day, earning a special award. Kyle belongs to the Bousquet race team. Michael Eurquhart’s Basketball team lost their game last night, 25-22. Michael made 4 points & was announced MVP, again, for the night for the best defensive player & most rebounds.

**Ooey-Gooley Night:** Ooey-Gooley Night is coming up on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7:30pm.** For those who are not familiar with Ooey-Gooley Night, it is a fantastically messy evening for our younger students (Preschool-4th). We will be playing with all kinds of tactile materials, including: play-doh, moon sand, wet spaghetti, goop, gak, shaving cream, and lots more. It is sure to be a great night for all! The RCS 3rd grade Brownies will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at Ooey-Gooley Night. Cookies are \$4 per box, and proceeds support the Girl Scouts organization as well as our own local troop.

**Richmond Consolidated School's Annual Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Valentine's**

**Dance:** (of course **any and all** family and friends are welcome to attend!)

Pre-K to 4th Graders Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 10, 2012

6 PM- 8 PM

Richmond Consolidated School's Cafeteria

**FOOD & DRINKS, FUN AND DANCING!**

Advanced Ticket Sales are: \$4.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (CAP)

Closing Date for Advance Ticket Sales is Thursday, February 9, 2012

Tickets will be purchased at the Door for \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per family (CAP)

Hope to see you there for a fun-filled night! We appreciate your support of this annual fundraiser for our school!

ANNUAL DANCE COMMITTEE 2012

**Wanted:** Many thanks to the Mullen family for the printer that they donated. It will be used in the school library.

**Richmond Consolidated School Year Books:** Richmond Consolidated School Yearbooks are available to all students. Students in every grade are represented in the yearbook as well as all the staff and special events throughout the year with special pages dedicated to each 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate. Whether your child is in Prekindergarten or in 8<sup>th</sup> grade this is a wonderful opportunity to have a piece of your child's school life in which you can look back at for years to come. Orders for year books are \$20.00 (checks are payable to Richmond Consolidated School/Yearbook) and can be handed in to either your classroom teacher or the office.

**Musical Notes from Mrs. Mullen:** The Jazz Band is preparing music to perform for the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Sunday, January 29th, from 4:30-5:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Pittsfield. The Jazz Band will perform two selections during that time slot. The telethon will be broadcast live on Pittsfield's local access Channel 16.

As in the past, the Jazz Band will fundraise for this event. On Wednesday, January 25th, the Jazz Band will sell hot chocolate during snack for 25 cents per cup. This money has to be brought in separately; it **cannot** be deducted from the lunch account. In addition, those who wish may make a separate donation to United Cerebral Palsy, but make sure that you make a notation that it is for the Richmond School Jazz Band. Pledges made over the phone should be put toward the Jazz Band account. The group that raises the most money will win a pizza party. We have won it the last three years--so keep it up!

The Jazz Band is asked to arrive at the Crowne Plaza at 4:00 p.m. We will meet upstairs in the boardroom to warm-up. The concert attire will be black on the bottom and white on the top. Boys need to wear a tie.

**More Important Musical Notes from Mrs. Mullen:** CHORUS CONCERT - Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

There will be chorus concert for Grades 3, 4 and 5 on Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria (snow date February 9). This will be the culmination of this section of CAP. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Grades 3 and 4 will perform together and Grade 5 will perform alone. The concert will be accompanied on piano by Kelly Smedvig. We have been rehearsing for awhile now, and the music is starting to come together. The students are asked to wear the following clothes: For the boys--nice pants, a plain shirt with a collar--no jeans or t-shirts. For the girls--a dress, or a skirt and blouse, or nice pants and a nice shirt. Again, no jeans or t-shirts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mullen

## **PTO NEWS:**

### **BLANTYRE RAFFLE**

It's almost time...you could win a mid week dinner for 2 at Blantyre! Drawing will be held on Friday, February 3rd just in time for Valentine's Day.

[www.blantyre.com](http://www.blantyre.com)

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

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

Tickets are available in the office or contact Tracy Crawford at [tolsenc Crawford@yahoo.com](mailto:tolsenc Crawford@yahoo.com). All tickets must be turned in to the office by Thursday, February 2nd.

### **DINING TO DONATE at Arizona Pizza**

RCS is hosting a Dining to Donate night at Arizona Pizza in Lenox on Saturday, March 10th. Dine in or take out and RCS will receive 20% of the entire bill. The fundraiser is from open 11 am to close at 11 pm. Sales for food and beverage for dine in as well as takeout at the Lenox location are counted for the fundraiser.

Please pass out the attached flyer, email to friends and family, post on Facebook, etc. and help spread the word!

### **YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

Raise money for our school with America's best loved candle. Catalogs will be going out on March 14th and orders will be due by April 5th for delivery in plenty of time for Mother's Day.

### **THE PTO IS LOOKING FOR SOME HELP**

Looking for a place where your hard work can be fun and appreciated? This is your chance to help our school and your PTO! We are looking for a volunteer to help prepare our 2011 tax return. If you can do your own taxes, you can do ours. It's not complicated our treasurer will print out all of the information you will need.

Please contact Jayson Tanzman if you can help at [jayson\\_tanzman@ml.com](mailto:jayson_tanzman@ml.com).

**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 14**, March 13, April 13, May 11, June 11

**Kiss and Ride:** 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.

**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 **YMCA After School** program is a go. You can **sign up anytime** and it can be 1 or 2 days a week or every day. 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](http://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