

# RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter, January 6th, 2011

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## Calendar of Events

1/10 – 5:30pm - PTO Meeting

1/10 – 7:00pm - School Committee Meeting (see agenda below)

1/14 – 10:00-12:00 - Richmond Recycle Day (see info below)

1/25 – During Snack – Jazz Band Fundraiser - Hot Chocolate .25cents

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

## Lunch Menu

### **Monday January 9**

Baked Rotini w/meat sauce

Garlic Bread

Green beans

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef

Salad Bar

### **Tuesday January 10**

Cheese Quesadillas

Rice

Pico DeGallo

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Ham &

Cheese

Salad Bar

### **Wednesday January 11**

No Hot Lunch

Soup of the Day and Salad Bar

Sandwiches: PBF or Roasted

Veggies on a baguette

### **Thursday January 12**

Sloppy Joe on a roll

Sweet Potato Hashbrowns

Celery w/peanut butter

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna

Salad Bar

### **Friday January 13**

Half Day of School

Snack Only

**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:** Welcome Back! We hope you had a restful break.

**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.

**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.

**STUDENT NEWS:** Michael Eurquhart's NBA Basketball team, Citizen's, played 2 games over the Holiday vacation and won both. In the second game, Michael made 6 out of the 37 points for his team. Their record is now 5-3. GO CITIZEN'S!!!

**PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN REQUEST:** We are looking for fronts of holiday cards. We will use them for crafts so rather than throwing them out, please send in to the office. Thank you

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA:** January 10, 2012 7PM

Call meeting to order: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Citizen's Concerns
2. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2011 and January 4, 2012
3. Current Financials
4. Special Education Update
5. Principal Update
6. Policy: Field Trip (first reading)
7. Field Trip Update
8. Technology Update
9. Budget Update
10. Other
11. Adjournment

## **PTO NEWS:**

**RICHMOND RECYCLES DAY** -Turn your trash into treasure for our students!

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2012

Location: Richmond School Front Circle

Time: 10am to Noon

Richmond School will get a rebate for each item recycled, this money will be used to help fund our kid's field trips and events!

The following items will be accepted:

-Toner cartridges (NO TUBES) from your offices

-Ink jet cartridges from printers in your homes

-Empty soda cans or bottles that you hate to return for the deposits

-CAPRI Sun pouches – all monies from this goes directly to Tammy in the Kitchen

There are 3 drop off spots in Richmond to recycle all year; bins are available in the school cafeteria, Richmond Town Library and the Post Office.

## **BLANTYRE RAFFLE**

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

[www.blantyre.com](http://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](mailto:tolsencrawford@yahoo.com) for more tickets.

## **4H CLUB**

The Shaker Lane Farm 4H Club is starting...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.

**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

**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