

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter, February 17th, 2012

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Calendar of Events

2/22 – School Committee Mtg – noon @ RCS (see below for agenda)

3/2 – Blackbeard Island RCS play – 6pm(see flyer attached)

3/3 – Blackbeard Island – 4pm

3/10 - Dining to Donate at Arizona Pizza

3/13 –PTO Mtg. – 5:30pm

3/14 - Yankee Candle Fundraiser

3/16 –SAVE THE DATE- 3rd Annual Ping-Pong Tournament (see below for more information)

Lunch Menu

Monday February 27

Grilled Ham and Cheese

Hashbrowns

Celery w/ peanut butter

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Pepperoni

& Cheese

Salad Bar

Tuesday February 28

Spaghetti w/meat sauce

Garlic Bread

Greenbeans

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Turkey and

Cheese

Salad Bar

Wednesday February 29

No Hot Lunch

Soup of the Day and Salad Bar

Sandwiches: PBF

or Sandwich #1 Roasted

Veggies on Baguette or

Sandwich #2 Roast Beef and

Cheese on Baguette

Thursday March 1

Pizza Bagel (cheese or

pepperoni)

Greek Salad

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna

Salad Bar

Friday March 2

Hamburger on a roll

(lettuce, tomato, pickle)

Seasoned Potato

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Salami 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: Have a wonderful vacation and we will see you on Monday February 27th.

School Committee Agenda: February 22nd @ Noon RCS

1. Citizen's Concerns
2. Superintendent Search Update & Long Term Planning Discussion
3. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting
4. Adjournment

Richmond School Presents BLACKBEARD ISLAND: Mark your calendar for this years' spectacular presentation by RSC students from grades 4-8. Berkshire Actors Theatre directed by Clover Bell-Devaney and David Librizzi are staging this play by local playwright Juliane Hiam. **Blackbeard Island** is based on the Children's tale **Treasure Island**. The students have been working extremely hard and want everyone to come out on either Friday March 2nd at 6pm or Saturday March 3rd at 4pm and **ENJOY THE SHOW!!** (flyer attached)

Preschool News: Physical Education class requires the children to have sneakers. This protects not only the children from getting hurt but also the gymnasium floor. Please note that the children have Physical Education on Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you

7th Grade Homework/Study Time: 7th grade students will have a study/homework time from 3:00-4:00 every day after vacation. This will run through the end of the year. Notice will be given if we are unable to meet. This is for 7th grade students only. Students must get their own transportation at 4:00. Further information will follow.

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.

Student News: The Morgan House in Lee is bringing you the Morgan House Moment – which features a piece of good news each day, to break up the stream of negative stories we are all accustomed to hearing. Join Live 95.9 and the Morgan House everyday at 3:50pm to hear the good news of the day. The Morgan House would love to hear your positive and inspirational stories and feature them on the air. To submit your stories, please send them to morganhousemoment@yahoo.com.

Richmond Recreation Committee: (Save the date) **3rd Annual Ping-Pong Tournament** to be held Friday, March 16th. Registration will begin at 5pm. Play is open to all ages. Food including Tammy's Pizza will be available. Fun for the whole family!! More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

PTO NEWS

Thank you everyone who attended, donated, or helped organize our Valentine's dance! Especially Vicky Layden, Kara Smith, Michelle Smith, Michele Murphy and Bianca Daigle. Many thanks to Target, Walmart and Big Y for their generous donations. A big thank you to John and the custodial staff who cleaned up after us. Many thanks! The 2012 Dance Committee

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.

SIGN-UP OR RE-ENROLL YOUR GROCERY STORE CARDS

It's the start of a new year and another year to earn cash, points and rewards for our school. Please take a few minutes to sign-up or RE-ENROLL your cards. This is an easy way you can help our school earn money, please encourage your family and friends to sign-up too. Or just email your Price Chopper and/or Stop & Shop card numbers to Tracy Crawford and I will input them for you tolsencrawford@yahoo.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.