

RICHMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter, February 3rd, 2012

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Calendar of Events

- 2/3 - Blantyre raffle drawing today..Good Luck!
2/3 – TONIGHT--Ooey-Gooey Night (prek-4th) - 6-7:30pm
2/10 – PreK- 4 - Valentine’s Dance – 6:00pm-8:00pm (see below for more information)
2/14 – PTO Mtg. – 5:30pm
2/9 – School Committee Mtg. – 7:15pm (agenda to follow)
3/10 - Dining to Donate at Arizona Pizza
3/14 - Yankee Candle Fundraiser
3/16 –SAVE THE DATE- 3rd Annual Ping-Pong Tournament (see below for more information)

Lunch Menu

Monday February 6

Bean Burrito
Rice
Pico Degallo
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Roast Beef
Salad Bar

Tuesday February 7

French Toast w/maple syrup or
berry sauce
Hash Browns
Hard Boiled Eggs

Fruit

Sandwiches: PBJ or Pepperoni
and Cheese
Salad Bar

Wednesday February 8

No Hot Lunch
Soup of the Day and Salad Bar
Sandwiches: PBF
or Sandwich #1 Ham and
Cheese or
Sandwich #2 Roasted
Veggies on Baguette

Thursday February 9

Tam’s Pan Pizza (cheese or
pepperoni)
Celery w/PB
Fruit
Sandwiches: PBJ or Bologna
Salad Bar

Friday February 10

Half Day
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.

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: Michael Eurquhart’s NBA Basketball team, Citizens Bank, won their game Monday night, January 30th, 39-26. Michael made 10 of those points and led a strong defensive team. **Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Erikka M. Dallmeyer**, daughter of Marcia and Mark Dallmeyer alongside approximately 5,500 Sailors on the USS George H.W. Bush recently returned to their Norfolk, Va homeport after a seven month deployment. Welcome back Errika.

Ooey-Gooley Night: Ooey-Gooley Night is tonight **Friday, February 3rd from 6-7:30pm** 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

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.

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 8th grade graduate. Whether your child is in Prekindergarten or in 8th 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: 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:

4H CLUB

The Shaker Lane Farm 4H Club is starting...meetings will be held the second Monday of every month. Please contact Mark & Marcy Dallmeyer, Shaker Lane Farm Club at [413-443-1353](tel:413-443-1353) for more information and how to join.

BLANTYRE RAFFLE

The drawing for a mid week dinner for 2 at Blantyre is today, good luck to all who entered! You will be notified by phone if you win.

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.

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.