

RAIDER NEWS

W. D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2013



The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

I can't believe it is already December! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and had an opportunity to relax. I can assure you that our staff and your children have been working very hard and were very deserving of a few days off!

As we approach weather changes, please listen to the local radio or Indianapolis television stations for delay or school closing information. The BCSC web page will also post weather related information. You can access information at www.bcsc.k12.in.us.

Your child must know where to go in the event of an emergency school closing. Families are encouraged to discuss plans ahead of time so children know where they should go in the case of an early dismissal. Please complete the early dismissal plan on the back page of the newsletter and return to your child's teacher in order to assist us in determining what needs to be done when students are unsure of their plans in the case of an early dismissal.

I am so blessed to serve in a school with a dedicated staff that is committed to improving instruction for our children. It is also very rewarding to see so many dedicated parents who are willing to volunteer for Richards in so many ways.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the school year! Please feel free to call or stop by if you ever have questions or concerns about your child's education. I would love to hear from you. Enjoy the Holidays!

Mr. Darin Sprong

Richards' Rowdies in Action



Richards' Dance Team Entertains



SPELL BOWL NEWS

W.D. Richards competed in the twenty-first annual Spell Bowl Competition sponsored by Purdue University. The competition was held at Southside Elementary School on Thursday, November 21st. We won our division in the regional competition! Although we did not place among the top five teams in our regional event among all divisions, our team posted their personal best performances that evening. We spelled thirty-eight out of fifty-six words correctly. These words were selected from a list of 750 words we had been studying since August. Those students spelling for the team included T.J. Barkhimer, Megan Vetter, Kade Kikendall, Timothy Moyer, Reese Harmon, Davi Carvalho, Leyton White, and Ross Wenzler. Our alternates were Grace Wiltsey and Blaine Humphrey. Well done Team Richards!

Mrs. Deborah Burnett, coach



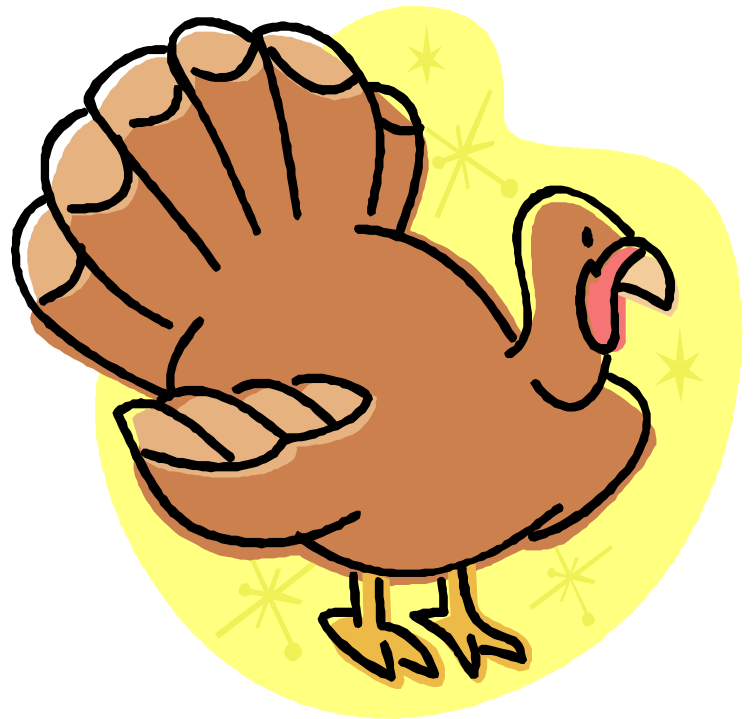
Holiday Concert

The Richards choir, 6th grade band, and string classes will present a Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Richards' gymnasium. All are welcome to attend to hear our students perform music sure to get you in the holiday spirit! The Student Council will be selling cookies and hot chocolate at a reception in the cafeteria immediately following the concert.

Choir End of Year Celebration

The Richards choir will celebrate the end of another successful season with a breakfast on **Tuesday, December 17** from 7:25-8:00 a.m. in the Richards cafeteria. All choir members are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Feast in Kindergarten



Notes from the Library



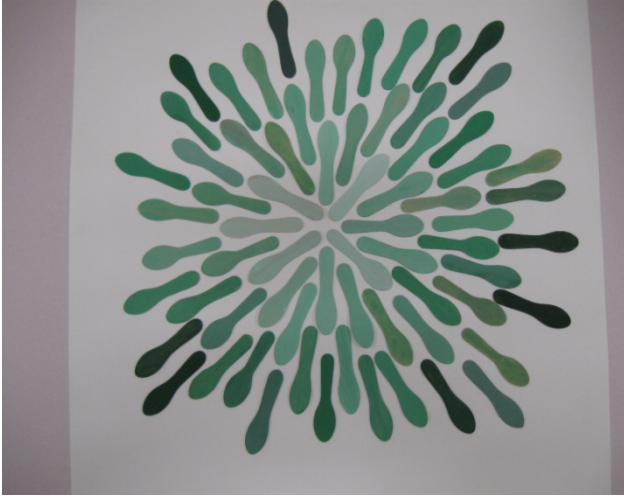
A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came or allowed your students to come and purchase books or other items during our annual book fair! Because of your support, our total sales for this year surpassed what we have done the last two years. Richards made over \$1,700.00 which goes right back into our library in the form of new and exciting books.

Are you giving books to your students for Christmas this year? If you are unsure if your purchases are AR books, be sure to go online to www.arbookfind.com and check it out. Just type in the title or author's name and this web site will inform you of the book level and number of points for reading the book.

My wish is that you and your family will have a wonderful holiday season!

Pennie Snider
Media Center Assistant





Art Room News December 2013

"Green Explosion"

Created by Mr. Brown's and Mrs. Day's 6th grade classes.

Hello Parents! We love this time of year in the art room as it lends itself to exploring art and cultures related to the winter season! Students have been busy creating and using their art to demonstrate their understanding of the art elements and principles. Please remember to ask your child what they are learning in art class!

Thank you to the parents who supported the PTO Fall Festival and fundraiser by purchasing the artwork that was being auctioned. It meant a great deal to the students who had their hard efforts appreciated and purchased!

I hope you all have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season! Remember to point out the various ways in which the arts are infused into daily life during this time of year.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached by email: larsone@bcsc.k12.in.us, or phone: 376-4311.

Mrs. Larson

Notes From the Nurse



If your child has borrowed clothes from the clinic, please return those items as soon as they have been laundered. As the clinic is running low on clothing items, students in Pre-K and Kindergarten are encouraged to bring a change of clothes to school in their backpack.

Vision screenings have been completed for grades 1, 3, and 5 as required by the State of Indiana. If your child brought home a referral or you have questions, please call the nurse, Mrs. Smith, @ 376-4445. Financial resources are available.

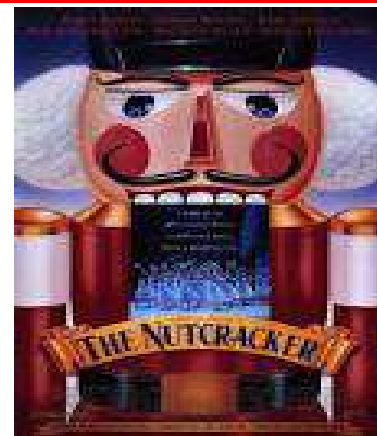
Hearing screenings have been completed for grades 1 and 4 as required by the State of Indiana. If your child brought home a referral or you have questions, please call the nurse at 376-4445.

Please encourage your child to cover his/her nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and to wash their hands as needed.

A student must be fever free for 24 hours, without any fever-reducing medication, before they should return to school. If a student has 2 or more episodes of diarrhea and/or vomiting in a 24 hour period, they need to be kept home until symptoms are gone. Health policies may be found starting on page 15 of the student handbook. When in doubt if your child should come to school or not, please call the nurse at 376-4445.

Reminder to parents that all medication **MUST** be brought to the nurse by an adult. Children are not allowed to bring medication to school. This includes pills, creams, sprays, etc. **COUGH DROPS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL!** They are a potential choking hazard.

6th graders will see
The Nutcracker at 9:30 on
Friday, December 13th



Starting With Chapter One

December's Story:

ONE CHRISTMAS NIGHT written by Christina Butler and Illustrated by Tina MacNaughton

Permission by: Good Books

Read by: Harry McCauley, Assoc. Editor

The Republic

Parenting Tips by Lori Erfmeier, BCSC PreK Parent/Child Specialist.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Strings: Mondays - Advanced Wednesdays -Beginning	3 Choir 7:25 a.m. PTO 7:00 p.m.	4 Basketball at Southside 5:30 Girls 6:30 Boys Spirit Day - Twin Day	5 Student Council 7:30 a.m.	6 i-Care Family Night 6:00-9:00	7
8 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures	9 PTO Skating Party 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	10 Choir 7:25 a.m.	11 Basketball at Mt. Healthy 5:30 Girls 6:30 Boys Spirit Day - PJ Day	12 Holiday Concert 6:00 p.m.	13 Nutcracker Fieldtrip (6th Grade)	14
15 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	16 4-H "Germ" - Grade 3	17 Choir 7:25 a.m. Simmons Schoolhouse Fieldtrip (Morris) Green Team 2:45-3:30 (Room 305)	18 Pre K - Holiday Party Simmons Schoolhouse Library Aides Party Fieldtrip (Wenzler) Basketball v. Rockcreek 5:30 Girls 6:45 Boys Spirit Day—Blue/White	19 Student Council 7:30 Simmons Schoolhouse Fieldtrip (Grimes) Pre K Polar Express Day	20 End of First Semester	21
22	23 Christmas Break (School resumes January 7)	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR 	Holiday Tourney January 3 and 4		School Resumes January 7

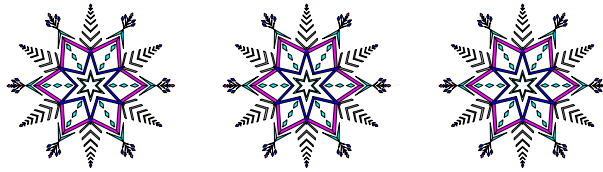
Dear Parents:



As the winter season approaches we need to be prepared for unexpected early dismissal due to snow/ice. Please complete this form in order to help in case inclement weather occurs while your child is at school. **ALSO PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IF THEY ARRIVE HOME ON THE BUS FROM SCHOOL AND YOU ARE NOT THERE.**

The Richards School phone line (376-4311) will be kept open in the event of early dismissal to receive calls from parents with messages for their children. Please be brief with your message and be very specific with any change of plans you might have for your child. We will deliver messages to classrooms up to 10 minutes before any early dismissals that might occur. We will follow normal dismissal transportation procedures unless we hear otherwise from you.

Thank you,
Richards Staff



Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Child's teacher: _____

Where would you normally be in the event of an unexpected early dismissal?

What phone number could we reach you if you are not at home?

Where should your child go in the event of an unexpected early dismissal?

Please return this sheet to your child's teacher by Friday, December 6th. Thank you.

