

The Richards Report



ACT...Raiders know how to ACT....
Always Respectful....
Caring to be Responsible...
Taking time to be Safe....



W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3311 Fairlawn Dr. Columbus, Indiana 47203

February 2011

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Dear Raider Families,

Greetings! Hope this finds you all safe and warm....as I write this we are under yet another “weather warning”....what a winter! The students have held up remarkably well with all of the indoor recesses....but will welcome the great outdoors when we finally make it out for some fresh air!

Moving into February, *the short month*, there are many happenings behind the **Big Blue Doors** that will be occurring. First of all, teachers will be contacting you about scheduling a conference between now and April 15. This will give you the opportunity to discuss the academic strengths and concerns of your student; summative test data; Acuity Predictive test results; Everyday Math updates; homework strategies; family involvement. If a face to face conference is not possible due to a family’s schedule, then a telephone or email conversation can be made to share information.

Given the snow delays and busy schedules of both teachers and families along with ISTEP+ testing... ACUITY testing... IRDA testing....field trips....ball games...class projects...and Spring Break... extending conferences to April 15 was an easy decision. We want teachers and families to be able to schedule conference times that are satisfactory to all. Conference schedule letters will be coming your way within the next week.

Another exciting opportunity for our school....we have been selected to receive a mini-grant in the amount of \$4,100 to create a nutrition and physical activity environment such that we can successfully apply for the healthier US School Challenge. This will give us unique opportunities to impact the health and well being of students, staff, and stakeholders. More will be known after a special training on February 25....so stay tuned!

Thank you for all you do every day!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Frost, Principal

Dates to Remember

Feb 7 - BCSC Tourney Games Begin
Feb 8 - Grade 1 and Grade 4 Hearing Screenings
Feb 9 - Tournament Basketball game #1 at Taylorsville
Feb 11 - Beacon Family Night
Feb 16 - Gold Bar Store, Parent Volunteers Welcome
Feb 22 - Grade 6 Chuck-E-Cheese Fundraiser Night



Notes from Music

There is a team of talented vocalists who have provided the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" for all of Richards' home basketball games this season. I would like to congratulate and thank the following sixth grade girls on an outstanding job this year: Darby Coles, Megan DeBolt, Allissa DeGroot, Bethany Fulkerson, Megan Newton, Kim Schneckenberger, and Bailey Western.

Please note the following important dates:

April 15, 2011 Fifth graders will be attending the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's 2011 Discovery Concert.

April 19, 2011 Third and fourth graders will be attending the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's 2011 Adventure Concert.

April 29, 2011 W.D. Richards Talent Show

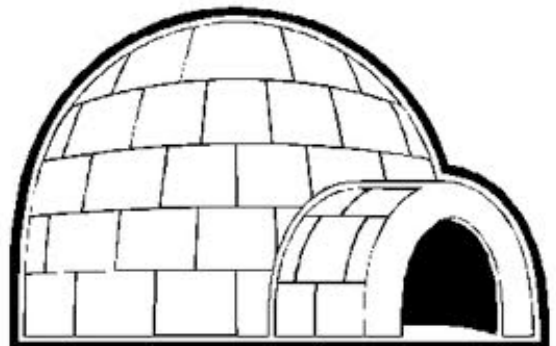
Mrs. Debbie Turner, Music Teacher

What is Mrs. Deckard's 5th grade class up to?

Mrs. Deckard's class is building an igloo reading room!!! We are using math skills such as math facts, graphing, and estimating. We are asking for 1 gallon milk jugs. So far we have 50 milk jugs, but we need 300. The best part is that we are recycling, and your child can earn a chance to read in the igloo. Students just need to follow the A.C.T. rules to be entered in the drawing.



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News from the W.D. Richards Media Center



Have you ever wondered what some of the most popular books in the library are? There are several books and subjects that may surprise you!

The most requested fiction book at Richards for grades 2 and up is: Diary of a Wimpy Kid! (You may have guessed that). Also the Percy Jackson Series as well as 39 Clues are always in demand. What about fiction books in kindergarten through grade 2? Holiday books are incredibly popular as well as Skippyjon Jones, Fancy Nancy and of course, Dr. Seuss.

Are you a non-fiction lover? The most requested books in this category for grades 3 through 6 are: Sharks and Snakes and the ever popular Guinness Book of World Records! Popular non-fiction requests for kindergarten through grade 2 are: military books and anything about dogs, cats and other animals.

You can be an "explorer" each time you come to the library.
Check out something new today!

Pennie Snider, Media Specialist

Circulation Numbers

November 2010	4571
December 2010	2801
January 2011	3186

5-2-1-ALMOST NONE

The Physical Education Department, led by Mr. Martin, has been promoting **5-2-1-ALMOST NONE** this school year. It is an ongoing, easy and fun way to keep track of students' efforts to eat better, exercise more, and feel great!!!

5= SERVINGS OF FRUITS OR VEGETABLES
2= LESS THAN 2 HOURS OF SCREEN TIME (TV, VIDEO GAMES, COMPUTER)
1= AT LEAST 1 HOUR OF EXERCISE
ALMOST NONE= SUGAR SWEETENED DRINKS

*Each and every day we have 223 students who are or have been active in this program.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.*

The active students listed below have turned in *double digit* figures each week since we started back in September. Students receive charms or Gold Bars for their efforts...plus a healthier lifestyle!

THANK YOU ALL FAMILIES FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM!

KINDERGARTEN

HUZEFA SAIFUDDIN
LANEY RUIZ
HALEIGH HOFFMAN

1ST GRADE

EMMA MARTIN
KATY JORDAN
GRACE WILTSEY
ADRIANA TREJO
RHETT HARMON
IZABEL LONG

2ND GRADE

MURTAZA SAIFUDDIN
ASHLEY STURGEON
REESE HARMON
EMILY WALKER
HAYLEE ACTON
ROSS WENZLER

3RD GRADE

KAYLYN BATES
ABIGAL JORDAN
CHESNEY LOEHR
REAGAN MEDARIS
ELIZABETH KRELL
JASPER GAETZ
CHELSEA HOWELL
BECCA TRENT

4TH GRADE

NIKITA NEVILLE
ROSE SARDINA
HOLLY ROTHROCK
ASHLYNN PERRY
MOLLY NEWTON

5TH GRADE

NICHOLAS STEVENS
SARA KRELL
ASHLEY GILPIN

HOOP SHOOT MANIA FUNDRAISER...

is coming in the end of February and the first of March!!!



Pre-School and Kindergarten Enrollment is Coming!!!

Enrollment will be open Monday, March 21 – Friday, March 25, 2011 in each BCSC Elementary School.

To enroll in Kindergarten, students must be five (5) years of age by August 1, 2011. New enrollees for Pre-School must be four (4) years old by August 1. You must register in your neighborhood district school, even if you are requesting a transfer to another school building.

Please contact the Richards office if you have questions – 376-4311.



Have you had family information changes or updates?

Please remember to update your contact information with the Richards' office ... you may send a note with your student, or contact either of our office staff.

**Mrs. Michelle Emmert (emmertm@bcsc.k12.in.us)

**Mrs. Debbie Greene (greened@bcsc.k12.in.us)

812-376-4311

Ext 1535 for Mrs. Emmert Ext 1109 for Mrs. Greene

Contact Mrs. Greene to "go green"

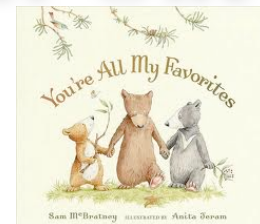
... it's not too late to have your name added to the e-mailing list for the Richards' Report! Just e-mail, call, or send a note to Mrs. Greene including your e-mail address, and your family will join the other Raider families who are supporting a greener earth for the generations to come!



Starting With Chapter One

(A televised storytime for families.)

February's Story:



YOU'RE ALL MY FAVORITES

By Sam McBratney - Illustrated by Anita Jeram

Read by: Diane Robbins, Community Relations Director at
Kidscommons

with permission from Candlewick Press

Airing every day in February on the BCSC Cable
Channel #3 at

7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30
p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Provided by Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation's Title I Program
and

the TV Production Classes at Columbus East High School.



Book Buddies Volunteers Needed

The Book Buddy program is still in need of volunteers to read with a 2nd and 3rd grade child for 1 hour a week. We still have some students who aren't able to read with an adult each day because of this need. Book Buddies meets for one hour each day Mon. –Thurs. and all materials and supplies are provided. If you are interested in becoming a Book Buddy, or know of someone else who might be interested, please contact Lori Cash, Book Buddy Program Coordinator at: cashl@bcsc.k12.in.us or call 812-376-4461.

SCHOOL	Number of Volunteers Needed			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Smith				1
Schmitt	1 from noon to 1pm 1 from 1 to 2 pm	2 from noon to 1pm	2 from noon to 1pm 2 from 1 to 2 pm	1 from noon to 1pm 1 from 1 to 2 pm
Southside			1	
CSA Lincoln	1	1	1	1
CSA Fodrea	1			1
Rockcreek		1		
Taylorsville			2	
Clifty Creek			3	
Parkside	1 from 1:15 to 1:45	1 from 11:30 to 12:30 2 from 1:15 to 1:45	1 from 11:30 to 12:30	2 from 1:15 to 1:45
Mt. Healthy		1		
Richards				1

February Nurse's Notes



***W.D. Richards has met the 100% mark with student inoculations!!**

Thank you, parents, for making appointments and getting students immunized. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! As you continue to keep your children current, please remember to send in a copy of immunizations to the Health Clinic at W.D. Richards. This way we can keep your student's file up to date. Each year there are small changes in immunization requirements. Watch for letters to come home when this happens. Most recently students 11 years of age need a Tdap, Varicella and Menactra inoculation prior to 6th grade.

**Unfortunately, flu season continues through March. It is not too late to get your flu shots at the Health Department or your doctor's office.*



*BSCS is not able to administer cough drops to students K-6. Cough drops are a choking hazard and BCSC employees are not able to dispense. Another method used for a sore throat or cough - salt water gargling. If cough syrup is needed, please administer to child prior to school.

*A stomach virus has been going around our community. If your child is ill, please follow the guidelines when deciding if your child is too sick for school:

Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducer medication.



“Share the Love”

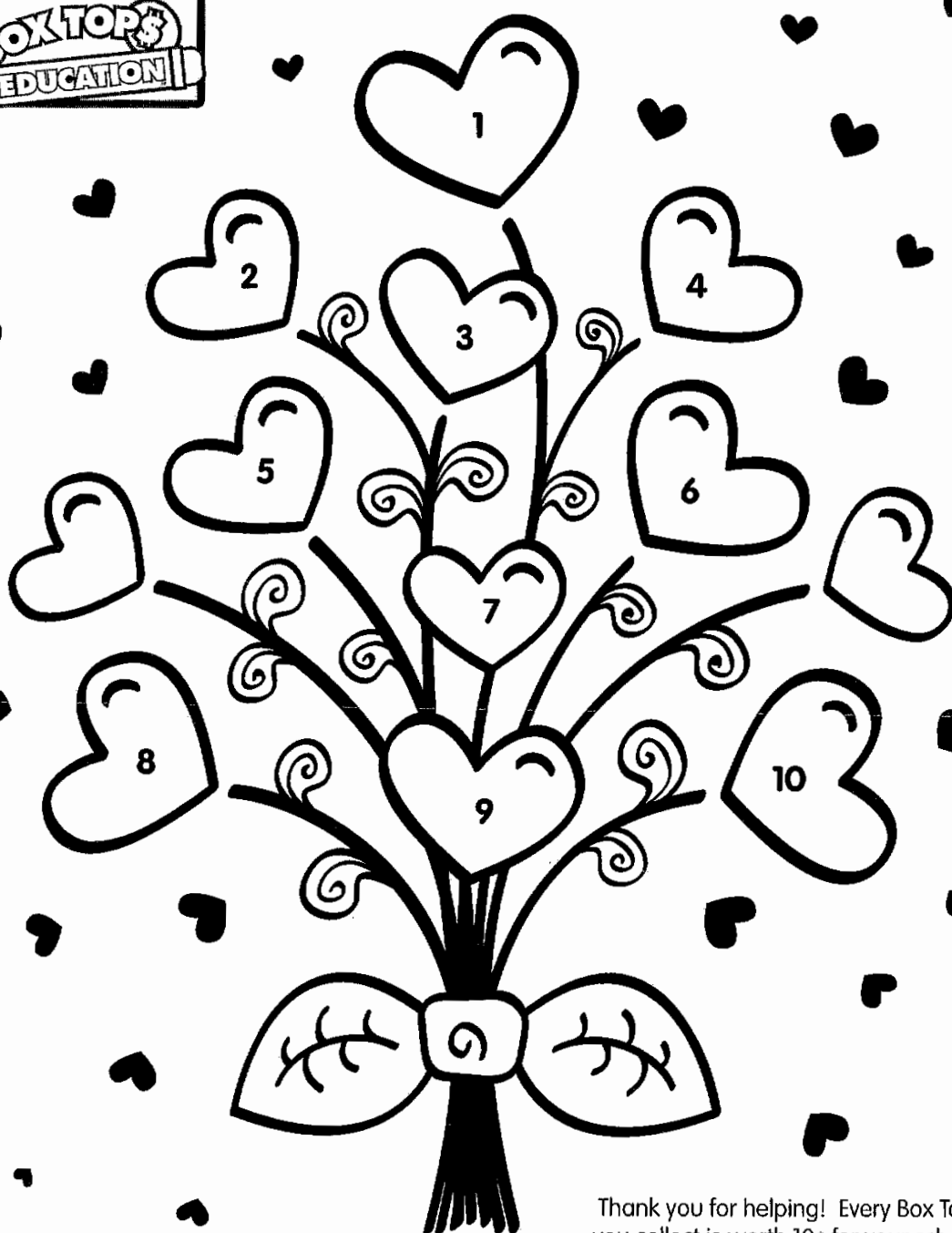
It's that time again! Richards' PTO is collecting box tops and Campbell's UPC codes -- collection dates are February 7th through February 11th. We are working to see which classroom can bring in the most box tops and UPC codes. Box tops and UPC codes will be combined and counted for this contest. There will not be individual student prizes; however, the class donating the most box tops/UPC codes will receive an ice cream treat.

Please remember to send in the soup UPC code (***not the whole label***). In addition, please trim and check the dates on your donations ... it is greatly appreciated by the Box Tops coordinator and parent volunteers counting the labels/codes!

Have your child(ren) bring their box tops and UPC codes in an envelope or baggie with their teacher's name and grade level on it. They may submit it to the teacher or drop it in the soup can bins at the front and back entrances of the school.

Let's “Share the Love” and earn some money for W. D. Richards Elementary School!!!

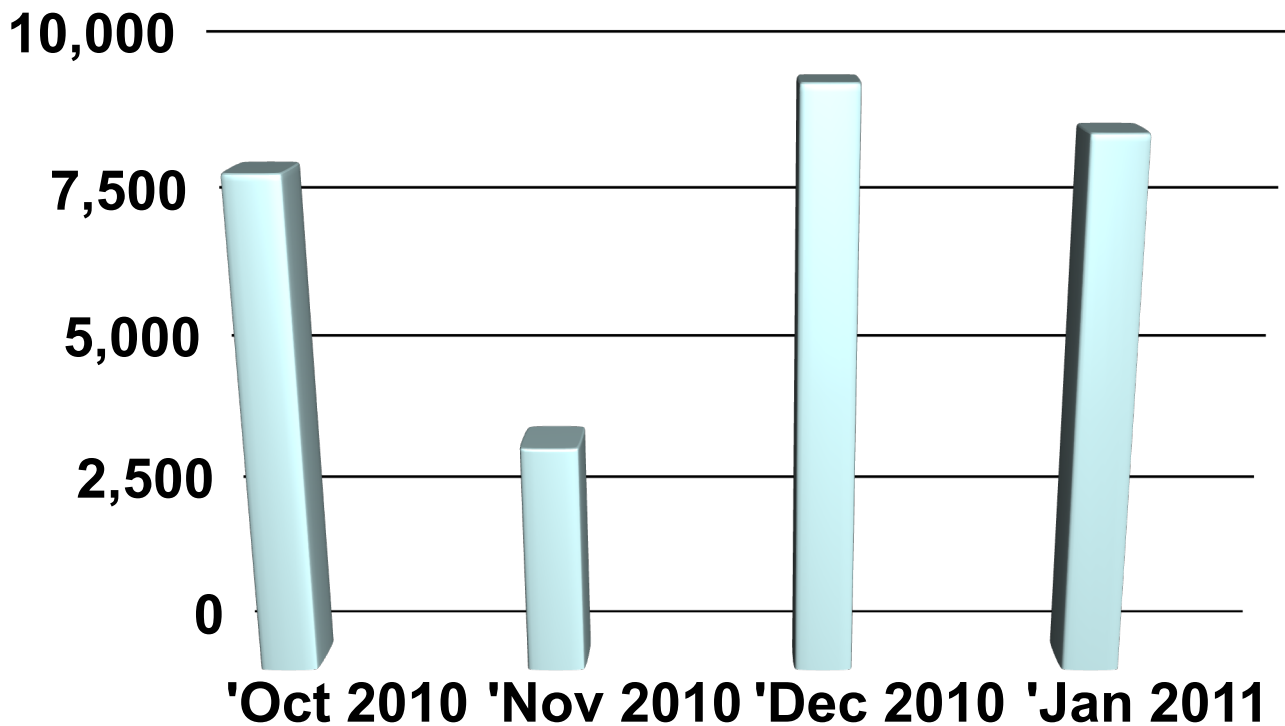
Show your school you care
with a bouquet of Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top
you collect is worth 10c for your school.

Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

Gold Bars Collected 2010-2011



Gold Bars

Positive Behavior is something we actively encourage and reward at W.D.Richards Elementary School. When students are "caught" doing something respectful, responsible, or safety minded....they are rewarded with "GOLD BARS". You may have found these small gold paper reward coupons tucked into pockets, book bags, and books. As you can see from the above graph....students are being praised....and enjoying the benefits of their good choices.

Students collect these "gold bars" then spend them on reward items at the Gold Bar Store. The next Gold Bar store will be open Wednesday, February 16. Family members are welcome to volunteer at the store....exchanging reward bars for precious items. Please send Mrs. Ewert a note if you would like to help on February 16, any amount of time, between 10:45 and 12:30.

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