

# RAIDER NEWS

W. D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



APRIL 2015

## The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

Are you ready for spring? Signs of spring have certainly been enjoyable after a long winter. Our students came back from break refreshed and ready for the last quarter of the school year. Please encourage your children to dress appropriately for the changing weather. It is an easy time of year to forget coats and jackets with the cooler mornings and warmer afternoons. Please check lost and found in the back lobby near the cafeteria for missing items.

Our teachers worked very hard preparing students for the applied skills portion of ISTEP testing during the first week of March. All of our students made a tremendous effort during testing. Our primary students were extra quiet in the hallways making the testing environment the best it could be during testing. Students taking the test gave maximum effort and did their very best. Parents did a wonderful job by having their children to school on time and ready to go during testing. We will be testing again the week of April 27. The last round of ISTEP testing for this year will cover current grade level standards and will measure what students know and are able to do at each grade level in core academic standards.

Congratulations to the members of the Richards Math Bowl team. Our students did an outstanding job and represented Richards well. I appreciate the efforts of the students, Mr. Morris, and all of the parents who helped contribute to the team's success.

Please check the school calendar for school events during the month of April. Our teachers and staff have many wonderful things in store for your children this month. Please feel free to call me at 376-4312 or stop by the office if you have questions, concerns, or comments. I enjoy talking with you at any time.

Mr. Sprong

# School Safety Week

Dear Parent/Guardians.

Although each month we practice emergency drills at Richards Elementary in order to ensure we are doing all we can to keep all students and staff safe, we are deeming the week of March 30 **School Safety Week**. During this week, we will practice a fire drill, a tornado drill, a lockdown drill, and an evacuation drill. Many students will be practicing the evacuation drill for the first time. Prior to the drills, teachers will discuss with students when we would use such procedures. The evacuation drill will take place on April 3 around 1:30 p.m. Our **evacuation site** is First Baptist Church across the street. *If your child has an appointment in the afternoon on April 3, please pick him/her up before 1:15 or after 2:00 as we will be unable to dismiss from the church during the drill.*

In the event of an actual fire, after a tornado, natural gas leak, or similar event, we would evacuate to our **evacuation site**. If an actual emergency were to occur, students would be picked up from our **parent receiving site**, which is L.F. Smith Elementary School. We are only practicing an evacuation drill on April 3 and **will dismiss from Richards at the regular dismissal time**.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Darin Sprong  
Principal



## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten will be having In-Class Programs through the Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District.

April 13th- Recycling Superheroes

Students will learn how to recycle by sorting through a pile of solid waste and separating materials into the correct bin.

April 20th- It Leaks to Creeks

Students will learn the importance of preventing pollution by taking part in an interactive story.

April 28th- Students will get an introduction to Earth's natural method of waste disposal

## Dates to Remember

Girls on the Run: Mondays and Wednesdays

2:45-4:00 pm

Roller Skating Party: Monday, April 13th

PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th



## Music Room News:

### **Richards Receives First Lady Grant**

On March 10, the Richards' music program was awarded a grant from the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase 2 new glockenspiels for our music room!

### **Richards' Got Talent!**

The Talent Show will be held in the Richards gym on Friday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. All Richards' families are invited to check out the amazing talent of our students! There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be accepted to benefit our school music program. Refreshments will be available for purchase. This year's Talent Show will be hosted by Richards' alum Ben Walker for his senior project!

### **Grades 3 & 4: Adventure Concert Field Trip**

On Tuesday, April 7, Richards 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as Mrs. Branaman's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, students will have the wonderful opportunity of attending the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Adventure Concert to explore Emotions in Music. The concert will be held at Columbus North High School's Erne Auditorium. We will leave from Richards at 8:30 am and will arrive back to school at 10:00 am.

### **First Grade: Bring-Your-Parent-to-Music-Class Day**

First grade parents are invited to join their child for a day of fun in music class! You will be treated to performances by the children and learn to play our classroom instruments along with them! The dates are as follows: Tuesday, April 14 - Mrs. Voils' class; Wednesday, April 15 - Mrs. Frasier's class; and Thursday, April 16 - Mrs. Ingram's class. All classes meet from 11:45-12:35 in the music room. See you then!

### **Fifth Grade:Elementary Band Sign-up Night**

The sign-up night for next year's 6th grade band will be held in the Richards cafeteria on Monday, April 20 from 4-7. Any 5th grade student interested in participating in band next year should stop by to try out instruments and receive important information about band. If you are unable to attend that night, please contact Mrs. Lueken at

[luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us)

### **3rd Grade: Earth Day/Love Chapel Benefit Concert**

On Tuesday, April 21, Richards' 3rd grade and the CICC Descant Choir will present a concert in honor of Earth Day. The concert will be a benefit for the Love Chapel food pantry. Canned food items will be collected in place of an admission fee. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. All 3rd grade students are encouraged to perform and all Richards' students and families are invited to attend. See you there!



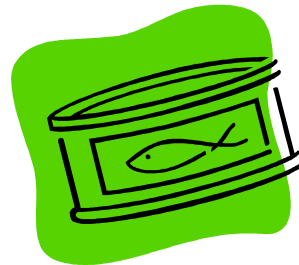
# LOVE CHAPEL BENEFIT CONCERT

**Featuring:** Richards Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classes/  
CICC Descant Choir

**Where:** Richards Elementary Gym,  
3311 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus, IN 47203

**When:** 6:00 pm Tues. Apr. 21, 2015

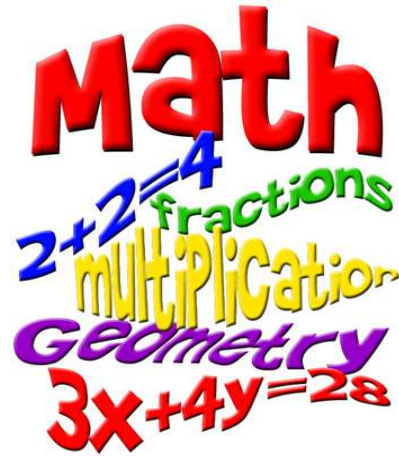
**Admission:** Donations of non-perishable food items



# Math Bowl Results

We finished 2nd in our area on February 26th. Statewide results were just released, and we finished **12th in the state** with over a hundred schools in our division. We missed by ONE question of finishing in the Top 10 statewide. Be sure to let the kids on the team know how proud we are of them if you see them in the hallway. Team members for 2014-2015 are:

Gwennie Anderson	Makyna Mullins
Cam Barker	Grace Simpson
Kaylee Cole	Cam Stattenfield
Olivia Collins	Alex Vanest
Sam Ferrenburg	Megan Vetter
Riley Gaskill	Ross Wenzler
Ethan Glaid	Leyton White
Taylor Hollen	Grace Wiltsey
Kade Kikendall	Kaden Wise
Kabir Maharjan	
Alina McNeely	
Tim Moyer	

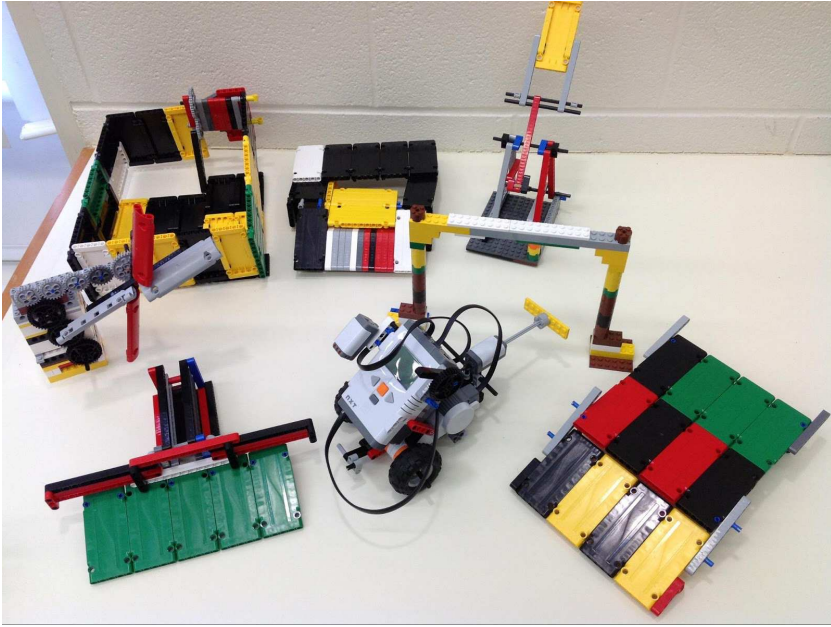


**News from Mrs. Coles' classroom:** Congratulations to Cam Barker and Emma Martin for winning the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Students wrote essays of 250 words or less titled "What Freedom Means to My Family." Both students won a \$20 prize in addition to a certificate of participation. Thirteen other students in Mrs. Coles' class also received certificates of participation and were praised by the Auxiliary representatives for their hard work. **Way to go, Raiders!**





# Lego Club



The Lego Club just ended for the school year. The 4th-6th graders that participated used their imaginations and programming skills to program a Lego robot and create an obstacle course for the robot to use.

Here are some examples of the items built by Lego Club members. The members used only their imaginations to create original Lego designs.



# 2015-16 School Year Kindergarten Enrollment

Children who will be entering Kindergarten this fall (2015-2016) should register at their neighborhood school.

A parent/guardian must enroll the child. A Kindergarten student must be age 5 by August 1, 2015 (born on or before August 1, 2010) for the 2015-2016 school year. Please call Chanda Welsh with Kindergarten questions at 812.376.4392.

The following items are required to register for Kindergarten and should be brought to the Roundup:

The child's birth certificate.

The child's updated immunization record.

Proof of residency for the family with whom the child resides. Acceptable items to use as proof of residency are a gas bill, a water bill, an electric bill or lease agreement. **Cable bills, home phone and internet bills and cell phone bills are not acceptable as proof of residency.**

If you do not have proof of residency, you will need to schedule an appointment with Becky Schwantes at 812.376.4280 to complete an Affidavit of Residency form. Her office is located in the Information Services Center located at 2650 Home Avenue. To complete this form, parents/guardians will need to bring a picture ID, and, if living with someone else, a utility bill with the homeowners name and address on it.

## Required Immunizations

The parent **MUST** have provided an immunization record to the school by the first day of classes. Kindergarten and first grade children who do not have the required immunizations within thirty (30) calendar days from time of school enrollment may be withdrawn from school. Such withdrawal shall be in compliance with Indiana Code 20-8.1-7, as amended.

- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis)
  - 4 doses of Polio
  - 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
  - 2 doses MMR (measles, mumps, & rubella) vaccine
  - 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine

Complete physical and dental exams are recommended, *but not required*

If the parent requires assistance with immunizations, the school principal should be contacted immediately. It is recommended that children receive the required immunizations prior to Kindergarten enrollment week.



# AÑO ESCOLAR 2015-2016 - INSCRIPCION PARA EL KINDERGARTEN

Los niños que comenzarán el Kindergarten este otoño (año escolar 2015-2016) deberán inscribirse en la escuela.

Uno de los papás/guardián legal deberá inscribir al niño. Un estudiante de Kindergarten deberá tener 5 años cumplidos al 1o. de agosto del 2015 (haber nacido el 1o. de agosto del 2010 o antes) para poder ser inscrito en el año escolar 2015 - 2016. Para cualquier pregunta sobre Kindergarten, favor de comunicarse con Chanda Welsh al 812.376.4392.

Por favor traiga los siguientes documentos requeridos para la inscripción de los niños en el Kindergarten:

Acta de nacimiento

Registro actualizado de vacunas

Verificación de residencia de la familia con quien vive el niño. Los documentos aceptables para la verificación de residencia son: Recibo de gas, agua, electricidad o contrato de renta de la casa.

**Los siguientes documentos NO serán aceptados como verificación de domicilio: Recibos de cable, teléfono, internet o de teléfono celular.**

Si usted no tiene un documento de verificación de residencia, necesitará programar una cita con Becky Schwantes al teléfono 812.376-4280 para completar el formato de Affidavit de Residencia. Su oficina está localizada en el Centro de Servicios en el 2650 de la Avenida Home. Para completar esta forma, los padres/guardianes necesitarán traer una identificación con fotografía, y, si viven con alguien más, traer además un recibo de servicios con el nombre y dirección del dueño de la casa.

## Vacunas Requeridas

Los padres DEBERAN haber proporcionado una copia del registro actual de vacunas a la escuela a más tardar el primer día de clases. Los estudiantes de Kindergarten y primer grado quienes no cumplan con los requisitos de vacunación dentro de los treinta (30) días calendario de la fecha de su inscripción a la escuela podrán ser dados de baja de la escuela. Estas dadas de baja de la escuela serán en cumplimiento al Código de Indiana 20-8. 1-7, según sus modificaciones.

- 5 dosis de DTaP (difteria-tétanos-tos ferina)
  - 4 dosis de Polio
  - 3 dosis de la vacuna contra la Hepatitis B
  - 2 dosis de la vacuna contra la MMR (sarampión, paperas y rubéola)
  - 2 dosis de la vacuna contra la Varicela
- 2 dosis de la vacuna contra la Hepatitis A

Un examen físico y dental completos son recomendables, pero no son requeridos.

Si los padres necesitan asistencia con las vacunas, se deberá notificar al director de la escuela inmediatamente. Se recomienda que los niños reciban las vacunas requeridas antes de la semana de inscripción al Kindergarten.



# i-CARE

## Family Night

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Room 310

Family and friends of W.D. Richards' i-CARE are encouraged to join some of the i-CARE staff on the evening of Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 PM to talk, have a snack and relax. We will have your children's 'passports' to look at as well as some of their Enrichment activities from other countries. During our world tour the children will learn about France, Greece, Egypt, India, Japan, Australia and Mexico. We hope you can join us for a fun evening!

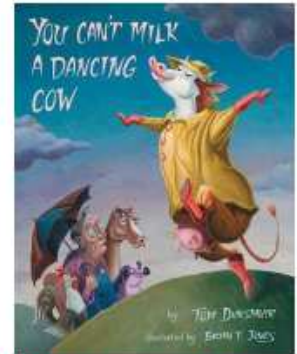
# Starting With Chapter One

## April's Story:

You Can't Milk a Dancing Cow, written by Tom  
Dunsmuir

Permission by: Tanglewood Books

Read by: Mark Osowick, Cummins Vice President of  
HR Operations



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

**Airing every day on the BCSC Cable Channel 3 at  
7:00 a.m., 7:30 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

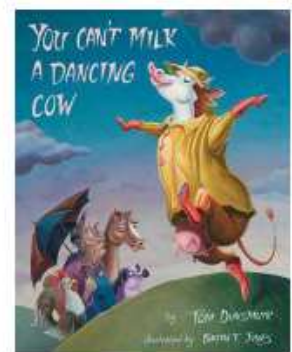
# ¡Chapter One está de regreso!

## Calendario de abril:

You Can't Milk a Dancing Cow, written by Tom  
Dunsmuir

Permission by: Tanglewood Books

Read by: Mark Osowick, Cummins Vice President of  
HR Operations



*Consejos para padres de Lori Erfmeier, BCSC PreK Parent/Child  
Specialist.*

**Transmitido todos los días en el canal de cable 3 de BCSC a 7:00  
am, 7:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 p.m. y 7:30  
p.m.**

Proporcionado por Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation's Title I Program y las  
clases de producción de televisión en Columbus East High School.



# April 2015



W.D. Richards Website:  
[www.bsc.k12.in.us/richards](http://www.bsc.k12.in.us/richards)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>PBIS Focus:</b> Playground Procedures	School Safety Week !	Strings: Monday - Advanced Wednesday - Beginning	<b>1</b> No Strings class today!  Market Day Pickup 5:00-6:00	<b>2</b> Ag Day Fieldtrip (Grade 4)  Talent Show Auditions 2:45-4:00 (Gr.4-6)	<b>3</b> Report Cards go home  iCare Family Fun Night	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Hallway Procedures	<b>6</b> Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	<b>7</b> Adventure Concert Fieldtrip (Gr. 3 and 4)  PTO Meeting 7:00 (room 305)	<b>8</b> Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00  Market Day pick up 5:00-6:00	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> FCA 7:30 Room 114  iCare Family Night 7:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Restroom Procedures	<b>13</b> Recycling Superheroes (Kindergarten) PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Bring Your Parent to Music (grade 1) 11:45	<b>15</b> Awards Program 8:30  Bring Your Parent to Music (grade 1)	<b>16</b> Student Council 7:30  Bring Your Parent to Music (grade 1)	<b>17</b> East Jazz Band 9:00 (gym)  Grade 2 Fieldtrip  Talent Show 6:00	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Cafeteria Procedures	<b>20</b> It Leaks to Creeks (Kindergarten) Band Sign Up (grade 5) 4:00-7:00 Café Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	<b>21</b> Earth Day Concert 6:00	<b>22</b> Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Playground Procedures	<b>27</b> ISTEP testing begins (through May 15) Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Denim Day  Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	<b>30</b>		