

RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2015



The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

Are you ready for spring? The cold and snow have certainly hit us hard the last few weeks so it is exciting to know spring is just around the corner. Spring will be here soon so 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 cafeteria for missing items.

With spring right around the corner, it can be difficult to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Make attendance job #1. Let your children know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. Encourage your children to eat healthy and get plenty of rest. Take family vacations during school breaks. You could also reward your kids for great attendance for the month with a "Job Well Done" certificate or a coupon good for a family fun night.

Our teachers and students have been working hard to prepare for ISTEP+ testing which will occur March 3 through March 13 (Applied Skills) and again April 27 - May 15 (Multiple Choice). Spring testing 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. We will also have IREAD testing in grade 3 on March 10 and 11. Having your children here on time and ready to learn on test days will certainly improve their performance on ISTEP+ and IREAD. Please make sure your children have a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast especially during testing. Also, please try to limit routine doctor's appointments during testing times.

I would like to thank all of our players, cheerleaders, parents and coaches for an outstanding basketball season. The hard work and dedication by so many made the season fantastic. We also have many activities planned for the next few months to help your children grow and learn. Please check out the calendar for events coming in March.

Please feel free to call me at 376-4311 or stop by the office if you have questions, concerns, or comments. I enjoy talking with you at any time.

Mr. Sprong

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Raider Run , Jump & Play Activity Night

When : 3:00-5:00

K-1-2 Tuesday March 10

3-4 Wednesday March 11

5-6 Thursday March 12

Why : To raise money for Richards PE department and Big Brothers Big Sisters

Who : Richards' Students on their designated night with \$2.00 and signed Permission slip

Concessions will be available .

PTO NEWS:

Next meeting is April 7th at 7 pm in Room 305
Chuck E Cheese night on March 27th

Girls on the Run starts on
March 30th 2:45-4:00
Mondays and Wednesdays



Skating party is Monday,
March 9 from 6-8 p.m.



The play "Alice In Wonderland" will be
performed Friday, April 10th at 6 p.m. in the
gym by our drama club, "Curtain Call."

Music Room News:

TALENT SHOW

Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you play an instrument? Do you have a dramatic flair? If you answered yes to any of these, then the Richards Talent Show may be your opportunity to show your stuff! The Talent Show will take place on April 17th this year at 6:00 in the gym and will be hosted by Richards' alum Ben Walker for his senior project! Proceeds will benefit music program at Richards! Auditions are March 31st for grades K-3 and April 2nd for grades 4-6. Please see Mrs. Lueken if you are interested!

Circle the State with Song

Congratulations to Amy Henrichsen, Kade Kikendall, Morgan Humphrey, and Emma Burns who represented Richards at the Circle the State with Song choral festival held at Columbus North High School on February 14.



Columbus East Performing Arts

Proudly Presents:



Show Dates: March 6 and 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
March 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Columbus East High School Robbins
Auditorium

Tickets Prices: \$5 (available at the door before each
Performance)

Are you in elementary school or younger? Please consider wearing your favorite "Princess" dress or your "Hero" outfit/costume.

Contact Janelle Runge at rungej@bcsc.k12.in.us or call 376- 4396 for more information



Yee-Haw!

It's Kindergarten Round Up Time!

Who: Parents and their incoming kindergartner

What: An all new and improved kindergarten open house for registering your kindergarten aged student for the 2015-16 school year.

When: Monday, March 9, 2015, anytime between 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Why come Monday evening?

- ⇒ All children will receive a FREE gift bag full of fun and educational activities.
- ⇒ Meet other parents with their children signing up for kindergarten.
- ⇒ Have a "Trail Mix" snack as you tour the kindergarten classrooms.
- ⇒ Get the chance to talk with the kindergarten teachers and teacher assistants to ask questions about next year!

Kindergarten Round up Information



Kindergarten Round Up for the 2015-2016 school year will take place the week of March 9-13, 2015.

Monday, March 9, 6:00–7:00 pm, kindergarten rooms will be open for a *Sneak Peek at Kindergarten*. Registration will be in the W. D. Richards cafeteria during that time.

Registration continues to be open Tuesday, March 10th, through Friday, March 13th, in the school office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- You must bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residence.

**Additional staff you
may meet at
Kindergarten Round Up**



Mrs. Greene
Admin. Assistant



Mrs. Kushman
Secretary



Mrs. Shibata
Nurse

Readiness



Ask Yourself: Does my child . . .

- Sit still for 10 to 15 minutes?
- Have confidence to separate from a parent or caregiver and stay with another adult?
- Follow two step directions?
- Have an interest in reading, listening to stories, letters, and numbers?
- Count to 10 and understand simple number concepts?
- Focus on an activity?
- Name colors?
- Enjoy coloring and drawing?
- Speak in complete sentences?
- Answer open-ended questions?
- Ask questions?
- Know the correct way to hold a pencil, crayon, and scissors and work with them comfortably?
- Understand the idea of sharing and taking turns?
- Cooperate?
- Take care of his/her own toilet needs and wash his/her hands without assistance?
- Know how to roll, throw, and catch a ball? Also, run, hop, skip, jump, and gallop?
- Respect rights and belongings of others?
- Recognize his/her own name?
- Write his/her own name in D'Nealian letters?
- Recite ABC's (sing the song slowing down on L, M, N, O, P)?
- Know how to tie his/her own shoes and zip, snap, and button?

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Principal:
Mr. Darin Sprong

Home of the Raiders!





Mrs. Anderson



Mrs. Anderson has been teaching for fourteen years. This is her sixth year of teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Wang is the Kindergarten T.A. in this class.

Mrs. Gaddis



Mrs. Gaddis has been teaching for twenty three years. This is her fourteenth year of teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Price is the Kindergarten T.A. in this class.

Mrs. Park



Mrs. Park has been teaching for thirteen years. This is her ninth year of teaching Kindergarten. Mrs. Johnson is the Kindergarten T. A. in this class.

Full Day Kindergarten

- Two way transportation is provided for full day kindergarten
- Full Day Kindergarten provides more time for children to spend in teacher-directed work and learning centers.
- The full day schedule allows for more appropriate challenges for children at all developmental levels.



Sample Full Day

Kindergarten Schedule

*Each classroom's schedule will vary, this is just an example.

- 8:00 – 8:15 Arrival and Announcements
- 8:15 – 8:30 Circle/Calendar Time
- 8:30—10:00 Literacy Block ~Literacy Stations
- 10:00 – 10:25 Recess
- 10:30 – 11:00 Lunch
- 11:00 – 11:40 Writing
- 11:45 – 12:35 Related Arts Classes (Gym, Art, Music, Library, Computer Lab)
- 12:40—1:40 Math/Developmental Stations
- 1:40 – 2:00 Snack/Recess
- 2:00 – 2:25 Science/Social Studies Theme Work
- 2:25 - 2:35 Pack up for dismissal

2015-16 School Year Kindergarten Enrollment

Children who will be entering Kindergarten this fall (2015-2016) should register at their neighborhood school on one of the following dates:

Monday, March 9	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 10	9:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday, March 11	9:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday, March 12	9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday, March 13	9:00am - 2:00pm

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 - INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL KINDERGARTEN

Los niños que comenzarán el Kindergarten este otoño (año escolar 2015-2016) deberán inscribirse en la escuela más cercana a su vecindario en una de las siguientes fechas:

Lunes 9 de marzo	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Martes 10 de marzo	9:00am - 2:00pm
Miércoles 11 de marzo	9:00am - 2:00pm
Jueves 12 de marzo	9:00am - 2:00pm
Viernes 13 de marzo	9:00am - 2:00pm

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.

Starting With Chapter One

March's Story:

Bear Snores On written by Karma Wilson
Permission by: Writers House LLC
Read by: Nathan Larrison, Boys & Girls Club
Director



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

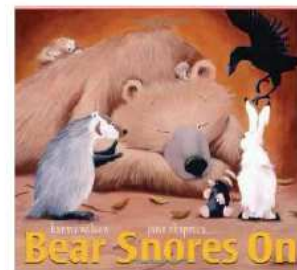
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5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.**

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¡Chapter One está de regreso!

Calendario de marzo:

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

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www.bcsc.k12.in.us/richards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PBIS Focus: Hallway Procedures	2	3 ISTEP Grade 3 - 6	4 ISTEP Grades 3 - 6 Open Gym 3:30-5 (Girls gr. 4,5) Market Day Pickup 5:00-6:00	5 ISTEP Grades 3 - 6 Lego Club 2:40-4:00 p.m.	6 ISTEP Grades 4 & 6 iCare Family Fun Night	7
8 PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	9 ISTEP Grades 4 & 6 IREAD Practice Test Kindergarten Round Up 6:00-7:00 p.m. PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00 p.m.	10 IREAD 3 ISTEP Grade 4,5,6 Run, Jump and Play Activity Day 3:00-5:00 Grades K,1,2 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-2:00	11 IREAD 3 Grade 4 Fieldtrip Run, Jump and Play Activity Day 3:00-5:00 Grades 3 &4 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-2:00	12 Run, Jump and Play Activity Day 3:00-5:00 Grades 5 & 6 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-2:00 Last Lego Club 2:40-4:00 p.m.	13 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-2:00	14
15	16	17	18 Spring Break	19	20	21
22 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures	23 No Book Buddies This week!	24	25 Students return to School!	26	27 Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00	28
29 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	30 Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	31 Talent Show auditions 2:45-4:00 (Gr 4-6)				

