

# RAIDER NEWS

W. D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2014



## The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

Fall will soon be in the air! Cooler temperatures will be here before you know it. Remember that we go out to recess each day unless there is rain or the temperature is below 20 degrees. Please send students dressed appropriately. Fall is also the time of year for students to misplace jackets and coats. Our lost and found is located in the back lobby. Please encourage your child to look at lost and found if they have missing items.

Our teachers and staff have worked very hard this first grading period to provide your children with the best possible opportunity to learn to their potential. They continue to implement new, research based interventions and teaching strategies in order to improve student learning. I would like to recognize their efforts. I would also like to thank you for having your children here on time and ready to do their best everyday. Having students here every day on time and ready to learn is very much appreciated! Congratulations to Richards for excellent attendance thus far this year. Our attendance rate through the first eight weeks of school is 97.9%. Richards had the best attendance in BCSC for the month of August. A banner recognizing our efforts is located in the back lobby. Hopefully our excellent attendance will continue. We have wonderful students, parents and staff at Richards!

We will not be having traditional parent-teacher conferences this year. However, many parent-teacher conferences have already occurred and I know many more are planned in the coming weeks. Every parent who would like to conference concerning their child will have the opportunity to do so. Communication with classroom teachers is vital to the success of every student. If you have concerns about your child's needs and progress please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school.

October is a very busy month with the start of basketball, cheerleading and dance as well as many other activities. I hope students, parents and staff enjoy the two week fall break this year in mid October. Hopefully families will be able to enjoy the break from school and come back rested and ready on October 20. Please check the calendar for upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming school events this year.

Please feel free to call me at 376-4311 or stop by the office if you have comments or concerns. I enjoy talking with you and care about your kids.

Mr. Sprong

## Wear It Pink Day

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> we encourage you to wear pink in support of all those fighting/or who have lost their lives to cancer. This day is a day to show your support and honor them for their strength and courage. If you would like to also wear a hat, please bring in \$1 and give it to your teacher. All donations will go to the Cancer Center at Columbus Regional Hospital. We thank you for your support and donations!

Thank you!

W.D. Richards Student Council



## Student Council News

Student Council is pleased to announce its members for the 2014-2015 school year. These students work very hard to help make Richards and our community a better place. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to assist students of Richards and the residents of Columbus. If you have an idea for us, please grab one of the below members and share it with them! We are looking forward to another productive year here in Raider Territory!

Gwen Anderson  
Heidi Banaschak  
Claire Bugert  
Emma Burns  
Olivia Collins  
Matthew Cooper  
Whitley Fields  
Alaina Fox  
Riley Gaskill  
Gabby Grimes

Owen Hebert  
Morgan Humphrey  
Katy Jordan  
Macy Lambrecht  
Laura Latham  
Izabel Long  
Matina Maharjan  
Emma Martin  
Makyna Mullins  
Azzure Ozaeta

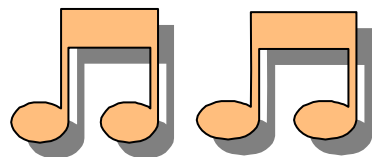
Samantha Thompson  
Cami Warren  
Ross Wenzler  
Reese Whitehead  
  
Sponsors:  
Mrs. Wenzler  
Mrs. Williams  
Mr. Porter

## News from the Library

Please be sure to mark your calendars now for our annual Richards Book Fair! The fair will begin on Monday, November 3 and end on Friday, November 7. Students will have the opportunity to shop the book fair during their regularly scheduled library time during that week and then on Friday evening, November 7, we end with a huge Family and Friends night during the Fall Festival. The library will be open on Friday evening beginning at 5:30 P.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M. All proceeds from the book fair go right back into our school to purchase new books for our library which benefits all Richards students. Flyers with information about the fair will come home soon in your students Richards Roster. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me here in the library. I hope to see you on November 7!

Mrs. Snider

## Music Notes



### Veteran's Day Information:

Richards will be holding its annual Veteran's Day program this year on Tuesday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. Students in grades 4-6 will present the program, which will be attended by the full school. Family and friends, especially our honored veterans, are welcome to attend the event to join our school in giving thanks to those who have served our country.

Please consider submitting a photo of a special veteran to be part of our Veteran's Day slide show. You may either e-mail the photo to [luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us) or send a hard copy in an envelope to Mrs. Lueken. She will scan it and return it to you. Please include the name of the veteran, military branch, years served, and their relationship to any Richards students in your e-mail or envelope.

### Recorder Time for 5th Grade!

5th grade classes have started using recorders in music class. If any 5th grade students need to purchase a recorder, please bring \$5 to Mrs. Lueken ASAP.

# Mark Your Calendars

## Kindergarten Dates:

October 2nd: the fire department here to discuss fire safety and see a fire truck

October 22nd: Whipker's Market field trip to ride in a wagon, go through a corn maze and pick out a pumpkin.



## 6th grade conferences

Student presentations: Tuesday, Oct 28 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, Oct 30 3-6 p.m.

# PTO News

The next PTO meeting will be held on October 21st at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in Room 305 next to the library. Free childcare is provided.

Save the Date: November 7, 2014

## W. D. Richards Annual Fall Festival

Carnival Games  
Silent Auction

Chili Dinner  
Bake Sale



# Tips for Parents and Other Adults For Teaching Pedestrian Safety to Children

**SafeRoutes**  
National Center for Safe Routes to School



TIP SHEET

Walking is a fun and healthy way to spend time with your children while teaching them skills that can serve them well throughout life. The walk to school is a great time to use these safety tips.

## Be a walking role model

Children learn through experience. Walking with parents or another caregiver is an important way for children to practice crossing real streets and picking safe places to walk. There is no magic age when children are old enough to walk without an adult. But, as a parent, you should decide when your child has the skills and experience to deal with traffic safely without you.

As you walk with your child, remember these safety tips:

- Wear bright-colored clothes, and carry flashlights or wear reflective gear if it is dark or hard to see.
- Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection. Be aware of drivers in parked cars that may be getting ready to move.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Cross the street safely:
  1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
  2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
  3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
  4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
  5. Walk, don't run across the street.



## Choose the safest route to school

Select a walking route with less traffic and intersections.

- Pick places where there are sidewalks or paths separated from traffic. If there are no sidewalks or paths, walk as far from the motor vehicles as possible and, if possible, on the side of the street facing traffic.
- Limit the number of street crossings. When available, cross at a location with an adult school crossing guard.
- Avoid crossing busy or high-speed streets.

## Understand your child's limitations

Children are not small adults. It will take time and practice for a child to develop the ability to deal with lots of traffic. Over time, children develop the ability to accurately judge the speed and distance of oncoming traffic. Young children may think that a car is able to stop, when in fact, it is not. Also, children may think that if they can see a driver, the driver can see them. But, children are smaller and harder for drivers to see. Get down to a child's height to experience their perspective and see what they see.

*The Girl Scout Leadership Experience helps girls discover what they can do, learn to connect with others, and take action to improve the world around them. At Girl Scouts, girls are always counting down to the next adventure they'll go on together. With us, you'll make a bunch of new friends and have a ton of new experiences that show you how exciting the world is, and how awesome you are, over and over again.*

## Girl Scout Troop options for girls at Richards

### Troop 3063

Elementary girls K-6 (each grade level meets separately) Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church

Contact: Kathleen Lewis | 812-343-8706 | [Kathleen.lewis@centerstone.org](mailto:Kathleen.lewis@centerstone.org)

### Troop 3637

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownies Sundays 2:00-4:00 pm at the United Way Building

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cadettes Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm at the United Way Building

Contact: Ashley Hamilton | 812-369-2293 | [arhamilt@indiana.edu](mailto:arhamilt@indiana.edu)

To learn about other troop options, contact: Sarah Crain, Membership Development  
317-924-6890 | [scrain@girlscoutsindiana.org](mailto:scrain@girlscoutsindiana.org)



# Richards Elementary Skating Party Dates:

## 2014

Monday, September 8  
Monday, October 20  
Monday, November 10  
Monday, December 8

## 2015

Monday, January 12  
Monday, February 9  
Monday, March 9  
Monday, April 13  
Monday, May 11

All of the skating parties fall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, except October which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to Fall Break. The October skating party is our costume contest, prizes are awarded to the Most Creative, Most Colorful & Best Book Character.

The skating parties are for Richards' students, their families and friends. This is a way to help raise funds for the Richards PTO. The PTO uses the proceeds to help with many needs within the school. Attending the skating parties is a great way to support your school and have fun with your friends.

Admission is \$3 and skate rental is \$2 (you may bring your own skates).  
Parents not skating are FREE!!  
Time is 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The class with the most students in attendance will receive a treat party from Mrs. Lambrecht, the skating party coordinator.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 376-7321 or [lambrechte@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:lambrechte@bcsc.k12.in.us)

I am looking forward to a GREAT year!!!



# Art Room News for October

Fall is a great time of year to use nature to inspire our student artists! Students have been busy making art related to nature, especially trees, of course! Please ask your child what they are learning and making in art class.

## Richards Art Exhibit at the Commons during October!

There will be student artwork on display at the commons downtown, Columbus, during the month of October. I hope that you will stop in and see the great work of some Richards students. Students exhibiting are: Drew Nay, Morgan Allen, Samantha Foley, Kabir Maharjan, Kaden Wise, Emmy Lehman, Karson Miller, Elizabeth Combs, Keegan Polazkowskyj, Raina Shibata, Anna Asher, Samantha Walker, Amy Henrichsen, Brianna Guthrie, Gwen Anderson, Samantha Foley, and Laura Latham.

What can you do to help your child with their art skills? Like any area of learning, making it important increases their willingness to put forth the effort needed to master the skill and concept. Give them time at home to create their own art. Emphasize the importance of art in our world which comes from our creative, right-brain side. Take them to museums, plays, musical events and support an arts-rich lifestyle.





# Starting With Chapter One

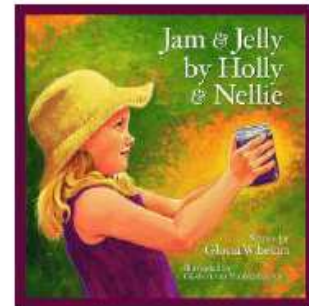
## October's Story:

Jam & Jelly by Holly & Nellie written by Gloria Whelan

Illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhoyzen

Permission by: Sleeping Bear Press

Read by: Jessica Bissey, Child Psychologist



*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!

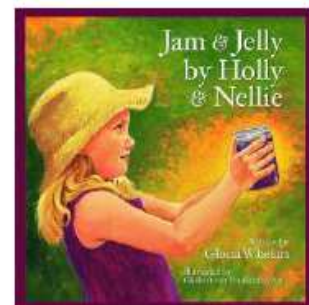
## Calendario de octubre:

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*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.

2014-2015 EBL Regular Season Schedule

Boys play first @ 5:30 p.m.

CSA Lincoln home games @ Central Middle

Week One / November 1st (Saturday)

Richards @ Taylorsville
Parkside @ Mt. Healthy
Smith @ CSA Fodrea
Rockcreek @ Schmitt
Southside @ CSA Lincoln
Bye- Clifty Creek

Week Two / November 5th

CSA Fodrea @ Schmitt
CSA Lincoln @ Mt. Healthy
Richards @ Clifty Creek
Taylorsville @ Southside
Parkside @ Rockcreek
Bye- Smith

Week Three / November 12th

Clifty Creek @ Southside
CSA Lincoln @ Rockcreek
Schmitt @ Smith
CSA Fodrea @ Parkside
Mt. Healthy @ Taylorsville
Bye- Richards

Week Four / November 19th

Smith @ Parkside
Rockcreek @ Taylorsville
Southside @ Richards
Clifty Creek @ Mt. Healthy
CSA Lincoln @ CSA Fodrea
Bye- Schmitt

Week Five / November 25th

Mt. Healthy @ Richards
Taylorsville @ CSA Fodrea
Parkside @ Schmitt
Smith @ CSA Lincoln (11/24)
Rockcreek @ Clifty Creek
Bye- Southside

Week Six / December 3rd

Schmitt @ CSA Lincoln
CSA Fodrea @ Clifty Creek
Mt. Healthy @ Southside
Richards @ Rockcreek
Taylorsville @ Smith
Bye- Parkside

Week Seven / December 10th

Southside @ Rockcreek
Clifty Creek @ Smith
CSA Lincoln @ Parkside
Schmitt @ Taylorsville
CSA Fodrea @ Richards
Bye- Mt. Healthy

Week Eight / December 17th

Taylorsville @ Parkside
Smith @ Richards
Rockcreek @ Mt. Healthy
Southside @ CSA Fodrea
Clifty Creek @ Schmitt
Bye- CSA Lincoln

Week Nine / January 7th

Mt. Healthy @ CSA Fodrea
Richards @ Schmitt
Taylorsville @ CSA Lincoln
Parkside @ Clifty Creek
Smith @ Southside
Bye- Rockcreek

Week Ten / January 14th

CSA Lincoln @ Clifty Creek
Schmitt @ Southside
CSA Fodrea @ Rockcreek
Mt. Healthy @ Smith
Parkside @ Richards
Bye- Taylorsville

Week Eleven / January 21st

Rockcreek @ Smith
Southside @ Parkside
Clifty Creek @ Taylorsville
Richards @ CSA Lincoln
Schmitt @ Mt. Healthy
Bye- CSA Fodrea

Important Dates

1st Regular Season Games: Saturday, Nov. 1st
Holiday Tourney: Possibly?
Snow Make Up Week January 26th-30th
Super Saturday Week February 2nd-7th
Super Saturday @ CEHS Feb. 7th starting at 9 a.m.
Dennis Pierce, EBL Coordinator

# October 2014



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>PBIS Focus:</b> Restroom Procedures	Mondays: Advanced Strings 7:30 a.m.  Wednesdays: Beginning Strings - 7:30 a.m.		<b>1</b> Children's Museum Fieldtrip (Grade 2) Touch-a-Truck Fieldtrip (Pre K a.m.) Dictionary Distribution (Grade 3) Girls on the Run 2:45-4:15 Basketball Open Gym (Boys) 4:30-6:00	<b>2</b> Fire Safety - 8:30 (Kindergarten)  Cheer Practice 2:45-4:30	<b>3</b> FCA 7:30 (Room 114) Hackman's Fieldtrip (Grade 1) End of Grading period	<b>4</b> Richards Art Exhibit at The Commons All month
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>FALL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>BREAK</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Cafeteria Procedures	<b>20</b> Girls on the Run 2:45-4:15 Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys) PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00	<b>21</b> Choir 7:25 a.m. Cheer Practice 2:45-4:30 Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys) PTO Meeting 7:00	<b>22</b> Whipker's Fieldtrip (Kindergarten) Girls on the Run 2:45-4:15 Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>23</b> Hackman's Fieldtrip (Pre K) Cheer Practice 2:45-4:30 Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>24</b> <b>Wear Pink Day</b> Report Cards go home Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys) iCare Family Fun Night	<b>25</b> <b>Make a Difference Day!</b>
<b>26</b> <b>PBIS Focus:</b> Playground Procedures	<b>27</b> Red Ribbon Week! Girls on the Run 2:45-4:15 Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>28</b> Choir 7:25 a.m. Cheer 2:45-4:30 Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>29</b> Girls on the Run 2:45-4:15  Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>30</b> Student Council Meeting 7:30 (Room 114) Cheer 2:45-4:30 Basketball Practice: 4:30-6:00 (Girls) 6:00-7:30 (Boys)	<b>31</b> "James Whitcomb Riley" (Grade 4) 1:30	Save the Date: Fall Festival Nov. 7