

RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2013



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 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 29. 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 finishing second in our division. 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. Also, the Parent Survey for 2012-2013 will be sent out electronically in April. If you do not receive a survey via e-mail please let your child's teacher know and a paper copy will be sent to you. Your input and ideas are appreciated. 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

sprongd@bcsc.k12.in.us

Big Dreams + Hard Work = Success

GREEN TEAM ANNUAL PAPER DRIVE

The Green Team Annual Paper Drive will be held from April 1st – April 24th. The contest is by grade level...we will measure by bins how much each grade level collects. The grade level that collects the most paper will win a prize. **We are going to meet you and measure the paper at the outdoor Paper Retriever bin this year.** The bin is located in the corner of the parking lot behind the school. Below are the dates and times we will be collecting paper.

Monday, April 1st 2:30p-3:30p

Wednesday, April 3rd 7:30a-8:30a

Friday, April 5th 5:00p-6:00p

Tuesday, April 9th 7:30a-8:30a

Thursday, April 11th 6:00p-7:00p

Tuesday, April 16th 2:45p-3:45p

Thursday, April 18th 5:00p-6:00p

Saturday, April 20th 9:00a-10:00a

Monday, April 22nd 2:30p-3:30p

Wednesday, April 24th 6:00p-7:00p

Thanks for all that you do to help the Green Team at Richards and the Earth!!

Start by recycling this paper



Art Room News- April, 2013

Dear Parents,

We have been very busy in the Art Room! Please remember to ask your child what they are learning in art class. Also, kindergarten and first graders are using a new self-reflection rubric. Please look for those to come home on their art day. The rubric is designed for students to think about their work and mark how they think they did with the skills.

Reminder to 6th grade parents: Please return your child's IMA permission slip and fee if you have not already done so. I keep extra forms in the box outside of my room if your child needs another one. Thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered to chaperone on our field trip (April 25th). I do have a limit as to how many parents I am able to take, so if you have not heard from me, then all of the chaperone spots are filled.

Please don't forget that there are many art activities located on the 'Student Activities Page' of the art room website. <http://www.bcsc.k12.in.us/160220114115612780/site/default.asp>

Did You Know? (From the "We Are Teachers.com website)

The Dana Consortium found that art education can improve attention skills?

California 3rd Graders who participated in a special art program saw their reading skills improve?

Questions? You can email me at larsone@bcsc.k12.in.us.

Thanks,
Mrs. Larson



Luke H.

BCSC Beacon's Got Talent Show will be April 19th, 2013 at
Schmitt Elem. 6:00 PM.

Notes From the Nurse:

- ◆ Please remember that cough drops are not allowed at school as they are a choking hazard. If at any time your child must not participate in recess and/or gym, a doctor's note is required.
- ◆ Also, with the anticipation of warm weather, please send your child to school in appropriate shoes. If a student wears flip-flops and they break, it will be the parent's responsibility to bring in shoes for the student.
- ◆ As a reminder, if your child has had to borrow any clothes from the clinic, please return the items once they have been laundered.

Thank You,

Mrs. Smith, School Nurse

Music



Spring Talent Show

Attention talented students of all ages! The Spring Talent Show will be held on Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm in the Richards' gymnasium. We are currently seeking talented students to participate. Auditions will be held in the music room on Tuesday, April 9 for grades K-3 and Thursday, April 11 for grades 4-6. All students who want to perform in the talent show MUST audition! If you are interested in auditioning, please pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Lueken in the music room.

Summer Music Camp Opportunities

Mrs. Lueken has information on the following summer music camps. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Mrs. Lueken at luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us for more information or see the camp websites listed below:

CIP Strings Camp: June 17-21, 2013 from 9am-4pm at Ceraland Park. This camp is for beginner through advanced string players. Some scholarships are available. Visit www.thecip.org for more information.

CICC Choral Festival: June 3-7, 2013 from 9am-noon at Central Middle School. This camp is for incoming 4th-8th grade students. Some scholarships are available and there is a discount for registering before May 3! Visit www.icchoir.org for more information.

Thank you!!!!

MOLLY LUEKEN

MUSIC TEACHER

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY

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Starting With Chapter One

April Schedule:

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS MONSTERS by

Steve Smallman (Permission by Good Books)

Read by: Brian Blair, Senior Staff Writer at the Republic

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:

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Steve Smallman (Permission by Good Books)

Leído por: Brian Blair, Senior Staff Writer at the Republic

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



Transmitido todos los días en el canal de cable 3 de BCSC
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BCSC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS RECEIVE USDA HEALTHIER US CHALLENGE AWARDS!

BCSC Schools are making national news by working to support and improve the health of our children & our community. As part of their effort, healthy items are featured on our menu, physical activity/education & nutrition education are emphasized in our schools.

The Healthier US School Challenge recognizes schools that are creating healthier school environments through their promotion of good nutrition, physical activity and it is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Lets Move Campaign to prevent childhood obesity.

Winners of the Healthier US School Challenge Gold Level Award are:

Clifty Creek Elementary
CSA Fodrea Elementary
Mt Healthy Elementary
Richards Elementary
Schmitt Elementary
Smith Elementary

This is an achievement that only 3 other schools in Indiana have received!

Winners of the Healthier US School Challenge Silver Level Award are:

Parkside Elementary
Rockcreek Elementary
Taylorsville Elementary
CSA Lincoln Elementary
Southside Elementary

This is an achievement that only 9 other schools in Indiana have received!

We hope that children who learn to make healthier food choices and are physically active at school will continue these habits into adulthood. We invite you to have lunch with your child often at these award winning schools, and encourage your child to try some of the new menu items being served in the cafeteria. **Congratulations HUSSC Award Winners!**

APRIL 2013 - MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD CELEBRATION EVENTS!

(Sponsored by Title I)

FREE Kick-Off Event!
THURSDAY, APRIL 4th
Columbus East High School
Auditorium

6:30 p.m.

Childcare Provided!

Barbara Coloroso:
"Parenting with Wit & Wisdom"

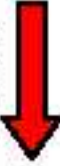


Barbara is an international bestselling author and for the past 38 years an internationally recognized speaker and consultant on parenting, teaching, school discipline, positive school climate, bullying, grieving, nonviolent conflict resolution and restorative justice.

She has appeared on Oprah, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and NPR and has been featured in the New York Times, Time, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek, and other national and international publications. She is the best-selling author of Kids are Worth It, The Bullied, the Bully and the Bystander, and Parenting Through Crisis.



Mark your calendars!



April 4th and

April 30th

Book Signing:

After the presentation, there will be a book signing. You will be able to purchase some of their best-sellers!

Childcare Provided:



"Pajama Party Theme" -Bring your child in his/her pajamas! (Snack provided.)

Door Prizes:

Prizes and gifts donated by: Cendland, Circle K, Kroger, Yes Cinema, McDonalds, Walmart, Parks & Recreation, Foundation For Youth, Texas Roadhouse, Columbus, Family Video, McDowell Cosmetology, Safe Kids and more!

Other great events in April You

Don't Want to Miss:

All Month: View the creative artwork provided by the PreK classes in Columbus. Artwork will be on display at the Commons and City Hall!

April 20th: McDowell Literacy Fair 10AM-12PM at McDowell Education Center

April 27th: Festival of the Young Child (Donner Center @ 10AM - 12 PM)

FREE Kick-Off Event!
TUESDAY, APRIL 30th
Columbus North High School
Auditorium

6:30 p.m.

Childcare Provided!

Cynthia Tobias:
"You Can't Make Me
(But I Can Be Persuaded)"



It's easy to recognize a strong-willed child. Difficult to discipline, at times impossible to motivate, strong-willed children present unique, frustrating, and often exhausting challenges to those who care for them. Cynthia Tobias, author and speaker offers practical advice and encouragement to frustrated parents of **strong-willed children**.

Cynthia is the best-selling author of The Way They Learn, The Way We Work, Every Child Can Succeed, Bringing Out the Best in Your Child, and Do You Know What I Like About You?

Northside Open House



Who: 2013-2014 Northside 7th Graders

What: Northside Activity Fair, Open House, Q & A, School Tours

When: Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Activity Fair opens at 6:00 PM. Open House presentation begins at 6:30 PM.

Where: Northside Middle School, Gym 1 and Gym 2, 1400 27th St. Columbus, IN

Come join the Northside staff for a glimpse into your child's middle school future on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. During your visit, you will learn everything from Northside's curriculum and expectations to the process of checking on homework. The schedule of the evening is as follows:

- **Activity Fair: 6:00 p.m. – Gym 2**

Club and athletic booths will be set up around the perimeter of Gym 2. Take time to meet the coaches and club sponsors. It is a goal of the Northside staff to have 100% of our student population involved in extra- curricular activities.

- **Session 1: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Gym 1**

Students and parents will meet in the large gym for a presentation from the school administration. Included in this presentation is a brief overview of Northside's class schedule, curriculum, club/athletic opportunities, expectations, and procedures.

- **Session 2: 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Families may attend a Q & A session facilitated by a student Peer Leader and classroom teacher. School tours will follow the Q & A.

The more often an incoming student can visit Northside, the more comfortable he/she will be on the first day of school. Please join us on Tuesday, April 2 to answer some of your questions, help your child feel confident in a change of schools, and see why Northside is a great place to learn!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Amy Dixon, Principal (812) 376-4403

or

Brett Findley, Assistant Principal (812) 376-4403



CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Incoming Student Orientation

Dear Incoming CMS Parents and Students,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Central Middle School as future seventh grade Chargers! Regardless of whether you will enter the seventh grade as a CMS or Columbus Signature Academy Student, it is important that both students and parents begin to know what Central Middle School can provide for both students and parents. Without question, the facilities at CMS are designed for developing 21st Century skills for all of our students. In addition, faculty and staff continue to provide CMS' students with ongoing opportunities to improve academic and social skills in order to be prepared for the 21st Century.

As a result of being prepared to be successful while at Central Middle School, it is important for both students and parents to attend the annual Family Night at Central Middle School on April 9th at 6:30. **Parents and students should begin arriving at CMS at 6:00 to pick up important information, sign up for PTO, speak with coaches, if interested, and report to the main gym prior to the 6:30 start time.**

The following is scheduled:

6:00-6:30: Enter through the main entry (pick up information, report to gym, etc.)

6:30-6:50: Main Gym General Session

6:50-7:30: Guided CMS Tours with CMS teachers, counselors and administrators

7:30-8:00: Question/Answer Sessions w/guidance, administration, athletics, CSA, AC in assigned areas within the commons/cafeteria

*Note: An additional CSA information night is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th @6:30 (doors open at 6:00).

Again, all of us connected with CMS are excited to welcome our incoming seventh grade students and parents. Let's begin our positive relationship Tuesday, April 9th @6:30!

Sincerely,

Randy Gratz



Early Childhood Integrated Pathway Three-Year Olds

Four-day-a-week (Monday-Thursday) program available half-day (am or pm)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

BCSC will be offering an additional Early Childhood Integrated Pathway for **3-year-olds** with and without disabilities, beginning the 2013-14 school year at Parkside Elementary School. The program will provide a language enriched environment, which includes activities such as circle time, learning centers, guided play and instruction for students with and without disabilities. The fee is **\$45 per week**, with **NO SCHOLARSHIPS** available for this program.

If your child will be 3-years-old **ON or BEFORE August 1st, 2013** (born on or before 8-1-10), **SAVE the Date!**

Save

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April 19th, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Parkside Elementary School,
1400 Parkside Drive

May 3rd, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Parkside Elementary School,
1400 Parkside Drive

Please bring the following **Registration Requirements**:

1. Proof of Residence (rental receipt, gas, electric or water bill, lease agreement, mortgage, etc.)
Cannot accept cable/phone bills!
2. Child's Birth Certificate
3. Updated Immunization Records
4. Financial information in regard to free/reduced meals will be collected at the beginning of the 2013/2014 school year.

To meet the educational needs of your child, the number of students in each class will be *limited to sixteen*, 8 students without disabilities and 8 students with disabilities. To ensure your child's placement, please enroll during the registration date and time. If you have any family or friends that have an "age eligible" child, please share this information with them. A *maximum of 48 students* will be accepted and enrolled on a first come basis.



4-days-a-week

(Monday-Thursday)

Half-Day

(8-11 AM)

-OR-

(11:40-2:30 PM)

**Two Way
Transportation
Available!**

Breakfast

*\$1.25

Free & Reduced
(NO charge)

&

Lunch

*\$2.25

Reduced (\$1.00)

*Subject to change for the
2013-14 school year.



April 2013

W.D. Richards Website:
www.bcssc.k12.in.us/richards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	1 Girls on the Run 2:45-4	2 2nd Grade Fieldtrip (Outdoor Lab) PTO Meeting 7:00pm (Room 305)	3 Girls on the Run 2:45-4	4 4th Grade Fieldtrip (Ag Expo) Middle School Counselors 1:30 (gr 6)	5 Report Cards go home!	6
7 PBIS Focus: Hallway Procedures	8 Penny Wars for Relay for Life Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00 PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00pm	9 Penny Wars for Relay for Life 3rd and 4th grade fieldtrip (Adventure Concert) Talent Show Auditions (Grades K-3) 2:45-4:00 Lit Mentors 3:30	10 Penny Wars for Relay for Life Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00 PTO Market Day Pick up 5:00-6:00 pm	11 Penny Wars for Relay for Life Talent Show Auditions (Grades 4-6) 2:45-4:00 ICT 3:00	12	13
14 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures	15 Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00 PTO Skating Party 6:00 -8:00 p.m. RIF Book Distribution Grades 1 and 3	16 Green Team 2:45-3:45 (Room 307)	17 Awards Convo. 8:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	18	19 Beacon's Got Talent Show at Schmitt 6:00 pm BCSC Science Fair Fair Oaks Mall 5:30-7:30	20
21 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	22 Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	23	24 6th Grade Middle School Visits 9:00-10:30 Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00	25 Student Council Meeting 7:30 am (Room 114) 6th Grade Fieldtrip (Museum of Art) ICT 3:00	26 Richards Talent Show 6:00 pm (Gym)	27
28 PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	29 Girls on the Run 2:45-4:00 ISTEP Multiple Choice Test Window through 5/8	30				