

RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2012



The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

I can't believe it is already December! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and had an opportunity to relax. I can assure you that our staff and your children have been working very hard and were very deserving of a few days off!

As we approach weather changes, please listen to the local radio or Indianapolis television stations for delay or school closing information. The BCSC web page will also post weather related information. You can access information at www.bcsc.k12.in.us.

Your child must know where to go in the event of an emergency school closing. Families are encouraged to discuss plans ahead of time so children know where they should go in the case of an early dismissal. Please complete the early dismissal plan on the back page of the newsletter and return to your child's teacher in order to assist us in determining what needs to be done when students are unsure of their plans in the case of an early dismissal.

I am so blessed to serve in a school with a dedicated staff that is committed to improving instruction for our children. It is also very rewarding to see so many dedicated parents who are willing to volunteer for Richards in so many ways.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the school year! Please feel free to call or stop by if you ever have questions or concerns about your child's education. I would love to hear from you. Enjoy the Holidays!

Mr. Darin Sprong

Big Dreams + Hard Work = Success

Richards Coat Drive

Do you have gently used coats for children that no longer fit, and you aren't sure what to do with them?

Bring them into school! There will be a box in the front lobby where you can place them.



Richards' PBIS committee is continuously looking at data and articles that can help us support our Students and Parents. Here are a couple links to what we have found recently, and thought were worth sharing:

What's Up with Boys?

<http://www.parenthood.com/directory/article/whats-up-with-boys.html>

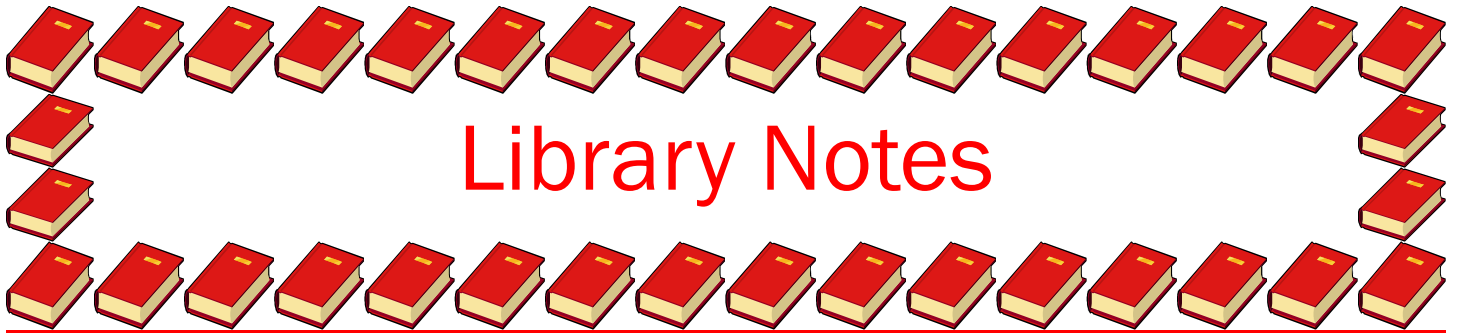
10 Principles of Good Parenting

What are the 10 principles of good parenting? (<http://www.medicinenet.com/parenting/page2.htm#what-are-the-10-principles-of-good-parenting>)

Single Parenting your Boy?

<http://www.parenting-boys.com/Single-Parenting.html>





Library Notes

There are many great resources available from the Richards' Library catalog!

Log in to the BCSC webpage: <http://www.bcsc.k12.in.us>

Pull down from Select a School: WD Richards Elementary

Select Library from the tabs across the top

Click on Library Catalog System

Select WD Richards again

You should be seeing the HOME tab in the Destiny library program

Click on NetTrekker. The login is: Richards1, the password is: raiders. This is a great web search program with teacher approved websites in the elementary/young adult reading levels.

Click on WebPath Express: No login or password is needed. This is a wonderful web search program also designed for children/young adults to use.

World Book Encyclopedia: User ID is: bcscworldbook, the password is: allabouta2z. This is set up in three reading levels for you to use.

Thank You!

The 2012 Richards Book Fair has come and gone and was a tremendous success! We want to thank everyone who attended or allowed your children to participate. All monies made from the fair will be used to purchase new books for the library. We are so fortunate to have so many students who love books and are great readers here at Richards. This year we held a student drawing for three prizes of items from the book fair. The winners were Sam Brown in Mrs. Park's class, McKenzie Acton in Mrs. Stevens' class and Zion Hughes in Mrs. Koor's class. Congratulations! Every reader truly is a star here at Richards Elementary!

Jan Hackman and Pennie Snider

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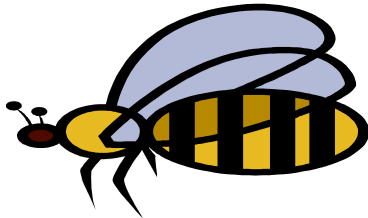
Holiday Concert



The Richards' choir, 6th grade band, and string classes will present a Holiday Concert Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richards' gymnasium. All are welcome to attend to hear our students perform music sure to get you in the Holiday spirit! The Student Council will be selling cookies and hot chocolate at a reception in the cafeteria immediately following the concert.

Choir End of Year Celebration

The Richards' choir will celebrate the end of another successful season with a breakfast on Tuesday, December 18 from 7:25-8:00 a.m. in the Richards' cafeteria. All choir members are invited to attend.



Spell Bowl Team News

On Thursday, November 15th, W.D. Richards Spell Bowl Team competed in the regional competition at Southside Elementary School. Our team was third in the Blue Class Division. The Blue Class Division is for students in grades 4 - 6 who have a school enrollment of 187 or more students. We correctly spelled 46 out of 56 words in our competition and placed 20th in the state in our division out of 94 teams competing. Eight students competed for our team. They included Briana Crowley, Matthew Frost, Claire Kilbarger-Stumpff, Keeleigh Kikendall, Kara Peetz, Carson Whitehead, Luke Harpring, and Alma Cambron. Briana Crowley spelled all 7 words in her round correctly to finish her career with a perfect score of 21 out of 21 words! Students spelling near perfect rounds (six out of seven words) were Matthew Frost, Carson Whitehead, Luke Harpring, Alma Cambron, and Keeleigh Kikendall. Thanks also goes to the alternates, who practiced diligently! They included Austin Bailey, Ross Wenzler, Leyton White, T.J. Barkhimer, Chad Sims, Elise Maschino, Megan Vetter, Alexa Navarro, and Mikayla Frenzel.

Congratulations to our Talented Musicians!

Congratulations to **Luke Harpring** and **Elise Beverly** on excellent performances of the Star-Spangled Banner at our November home basketball games. Congratulations also to violist **Claire Kilbarger-Stumpff** and violinists **Maika Shibata** and **Yuka Deere** on their performance at First Church of the Nazarene's Christmas program on December 2.



The Raider boys and girls continue to soar above the competition in the elementary basketball league.



Raider Writer's Corner

The Stars

In the sky, as one can see,
Fires of light.
Above trees, drawing down their light
Soon its night.
They come out to play.
Like the sun, stars are far away.



By: Owen Hebert
Mrs. Harper's Second Grade

Art Room News- December, 2012

Dear Richards Parents,

Richards' art enrichment classes have been busy creating "Houses with HeART" and "Seascapes for Sandy Relief" refrigerator magnets! The 4th-6th grade students will be selling these with the proceeds to go to the Red Cross-Hurricane Sandy Relief. Along with the refrigerator magnets, there are also hand-crafted "Houses with HeART" lapel pins and "Nautical-motif Pencil Holders". All items will be available for purchase during the week of December 10th-14th in the front and back lobbies between **8:00 am** and **8:10am only**. This process has allowed the art students to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy, as well as learn about giving to those in need. They gained some valuable experience in marketing, design, packaging, as well as all of the art skills necessary to create these tiny pieces of art. It also gives them a chance to be able to get a great gift for someone for Christmas! Please help the students be successful in this endeavor by supporting their efforts and purchasing an item.

Pricing:

"Houses with HeART" Refrigerator magnets: \$.50 each

"Nautical-Motif Pencil Holders": \$.75 each

"Houses with HeART" pins: \$3.00 (a limited quantity are gift-boxed on a first come, first served basis).

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season!

Mrs. Larson



The students surpassed their goal and raised **\$1,571.00** for United Way. Mr. Sprong, true to his word, was duct taped to the school's flagpole at dismissal time to celebrate the achievement!



"Seascape for Sandy"
Refrigerator Magnet



"Houses with HeART"
Refrigerator Magnet



"Houses with HeART Pin"



Key Club's 12th Annual Aluminum Tab Collection Contest to Benefit Ronald McDonald House

The Key Clubs from North and East High Schools hereby invite you to participate in our 12th **ANNUAL** Aluminum Tab Collection Contest. The official rules are listed below.

Last year, all together, students collected 2,402,714 pop tabs. Our top 3 schools were **Schmitt Elementary, Rockcreek Elementary, and Mt. Healthy Elementary**, in that order. **Through the first 11 years of collecting, we have recycled over 9 TONS of aluminum tabs!!!** And...more importantly this has enabled us to donate \$11,266 to the Indianapolis Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to all who participated! If every school, every class, every student pitches in, we can do even more in 2013. The need is great, and many Bartholomew County families have, and will continue to benefit by using the Ronald McDonald House. Your only cost is a little effort to pull a tab and save it for your school.

Contest Official Rules:

- 1) The school which collects the most tabs per student will be awarded possession of the traveling trophy with their school name added as the 12th year winner in the annual "Aluminum Tab Collection Contest". Traveling trophies will also be presented for second and third place schools.
- 2) Every school in BCSC and local private schools are eligible to participate.
- 3) Every school has an equal chance to win, regardless of size, because the total tab collection will be divided by the number of students in the school to determine the winner.
- 4) The contest begins immediately and will conclude on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

The Ronald McDonald House, near Riley Hospital, serves families whose children require care at any Indianapolis area hospital. Guests stay at the House regardless of their ability to pay the requested \$15 per night donation. The House depends on the support of other organizations, such as Key Clubs, to maintain operation.

Rebecca Burbrink (burbrinkr@bcsc.k12.in.us)
Or Dan Marsh (marshd@bcsc.k12.in.us)
North H.S. Faculty Advisors

Michelle Burnett (burnettm@bcsc.k12.in.us)
Or Kelly Stilson (stilsonk@bcsc.k12.in.us)
East H.S. Faculty Advisors

John Asel (john.h.asel@cummins.com)
North Kiwanis Advisor

Jeff Blasdel (jeffblasdel@gmail.com)
East Kiwanis Advisor



Pop Tab Totals for Richards Elementary School

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>11 Year Total</u>
162,114	171,340	228,014	3,745,301



FAMILY MEALTIME

Nancy Millspaugh, RD,CD

Does this dinner time sound familiar to you? One child has soccer practice; another has band practice; Dad is working late and Mom is busy running errands. The meal will either be fast food or even if she did have time to prepare a meal, it will be eaten at different times and possibly in different rooms.

This is the typical scenario for many households these days. Our fast paced lives leave little time for family meals but this is not necessarily a good thing for families with children. Family meal times can be a great source of family time, a way to slow down and keep your family connected.

Recent research shows that both parents and kids are more emotionally fit if they eat regular meals together. Kids who eat regularly with their families also eat more nutritious foods, have higher grade averages, are less likely to get involved with smoking, alcohol, drugs, sex, and eating meals together is also linked with kindergarteners being better prepared to learn to read.

Try to schedule a meal time a few times a week where everyone can get together to share a meal...it may be breakfast rather than dinner, or lunch on the weekends. Easy meals with minimal preparation will help as well as using a crock pot. Set the mood and model good manners and patience. Keep interactions positive and let conversation flow. One important reminder is the T.V is not a family member. Turn it off and enjoy each other! The benefits of eating together will last long after your meal ends-especially if you make family mealtime a regular activity.

CROCK POT ROAST

**1 Rump Beef Roast
3 cans cream of mushroom soup
½ c. water
1 package dry onion soup mix
Carrots
Potatoes**

Place peeled, quartered potatoes and carrots in bottom of crock pot. Place Beef Roast on top of vegetables. Mix together cream of mushroom soup; water; and dry onion soup mix. Cover Beef with soup mixture. Place lid on crock pot and cook on low 8-10 hours.

Get Motivated Tutoring Services

Does your student need help with reading? What about Math? Are they falling behind and need to get caught up? Get Motivated Tutoring Services can help. We provide you with one to one tutoring in your home. Our certified tutors are thoroughly screened and trained through our Tutor Secure program. Our goal is to give every student the necessary learning skills and confidence to **succeed on their own**. Using our time tested program, our tutors will help your student develop specific study skills and habits that can be used in any subject. Personalized tutoring plans start out at \$35 per session. **Call: 812.552.3393** for more information or Visit: www.getmotivatedts.com

Starting With Chapter One is back!

December's Story



HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY by Carol McCloud

Read by: Diane Doup, Republic's 2011 Woman of the Year and Outreach Coordinator for the Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center.

Parenting Tip 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



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

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	3	4 Choir Practice 7:25 a.m. Schoolhouse Fieldtrip (Wenzler) PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Room 305) BCSC Band Winter Concert at North 7:30	5 Schoolhouse Fieldtrip (Morris) Basketball: Parkside at Richards Blue and White Day	6 Schoolhouse Fieldtrip (Harden)	7	8
9 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures	10 PTO Skating Party 6:00 –8:00 Col. Philharmonic Strings Holiday Concert North 6:30	11 Choir Practice 7:25 a.m. Library Aides/Tech Team Holiday Party 2:00	12 PTO Staff Lunch Mix/Match Day Polar Express Day (Mrs. Wenzler's class)	13 Student Council 7:30 a.m. (Room 114) Holiday Music Concert 6:30 p.m.	14 Gingerbread Houses (Kindergarten)	15
16 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	17	18 Choir Celebration 7:25 a.m. Green Team 2:45-3:45 (Room 307)	19	20 Basketball: Smith and Richards Blue and White Day	21 Polar Express Day (Kindergarten) First Semester Ends	22 Christmas Break through January 6
23	24	25 	26	27	28 Basketball: Holiday Tourney	29 Basketball: Holiday Tourney
30	31 					Classes Resume for students January 7

Dear Parents:

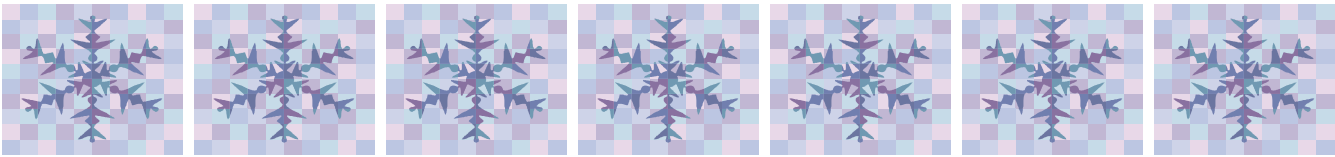


As the winter season approaches we need to be prepared for unexpected early dismissal due to snow/ice. Please complete this form in

order to help in case inclement weather occurs while your child is at school. **ALSO PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IF THEY ARRIVE HOME ON THE BUS FROM SCHOOL AND YOU ARE NOT THERE.**

The Richards School phone line (376-4311) will be kept open in the event of early dismissal to receive calls from parents with messages for their children. Please be brief with your message and be very specific with any change of plans you might have for your child. We will deliver messages to classrooms up to 10 minutes

before any early dismissals that might occur. We will follow normal dismissal transportation procedures unless we hear otherwise from you.



Thank you,

Richards Staff

Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Child's teacher: _____

Where would you normally be in the event of an unexpected early dismissal?

What phone number could we reach you if you are not at home?
