

# RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2012



## The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

Fall is in the air, and so is cooler weather. After a warm, dry summer it is difficult getting use to the cooler temperatures. 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 near the cafeteria. 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 six plus weeks of school is 98.4%. Richards had the best attendance in BCSC for the month of August. A banner recognizing our efforts is located in the main 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 and cheerleading 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 22. 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



# Fall Break is October 8th–19th.



## Notes From the Nurse

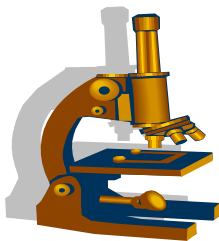
Please remember that ALL medication must be brought to school by an adult. This includes any over-the-counter and prescription medications. Prescription medications must be accompanied by a note from the doctor. Please contact the nurse for further information if your child will require prescription medications at school. Also, cough drops are not allowed at school. DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL! As cold and flu season is here, please remember that a child must be fever free (temperature less than 100) for 24 hours WITHOUT medication, before they can return to school. If unsure, please contact the nurse.

Kathy Smith, RN



Plan on attending the Math and Science Night at W. D. Richards Elementary School on November 8th from

6:00-7:30 p.m.





WD Richards Elementary School



# Donate a Brick Project To Benefit The Walking Track

**Who:** All members of the WD Richards family; former, present, and future, Can buy an engraved brick to be laid as part of the neighborhood walking track.

**What:** The walking track will be built during the 2012/2013 school year. Phase one will be approximately 1/3 of a mile long and will surround the playground. Personalized bricks will be part of the start area of the track. Bricks may be engraved with 3 lines of approximately 16 characters per line. Each brick costs \$75.

**When:** The bricks will now be for sale until the night of the Fall Festival (11/2/12) . Make checks payable to WD Richards.

**How:** Please fill out the bottom of this form and return to Karen Weaver at WD Richards with your payment.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

(Maximum of 16 Characters per line)

# PTO News

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday,  
October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Free  
childcare provided.



## Fall Festival Friday, November 2nd

Come join us for a night of family fun.

- ◆ Games
- ◆ Food (chili, hot dogs, nachos, drinks)
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Silent Auction (including tickets to Disney World)



## We need your help!

- ◆ If YOU or someone you know would like to donate an item or service for the silent auction please contact Kelly Harmon 579-9401 or [mikellyharmon@yahoo.com](mailto:mikellyharmon@yahoo.com).
- ◆ We are also in need of volunteers to work the festival and baked items are needed for the bake sale. Please contact Diana Wang at [INDdianaW@aol.com](mailto:INDdianaW@aol.com).

**WALK**  
TO SCHOOL DAY

**October 3, 2012**

**W.D. Richards Elementary School  
is participating in Walk to School Day on  
Wednesday, October 3rd**

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate  
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

**About our event:**

Please join Mayor Kristin Brown and Mr. Sprong, Principal at the  
intersection of 29<sup>th</sup> and Fairlawn Drive at 7:45 a.m. to walk to  
school.



Learn more at

**walkbiketoschool.org**

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by  
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





# Athletics in the News



## BASKETBALL TRYOUT INFORMATION

It's that time of year again ... BASKETBALL SEASON!!!!!! Below is some much needed important information about tryouts at W. D. Richards:

- Any 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl or boy interested in playing basketball is welcomed and encouraged to tryout.
- A current physical **(dated April 1, 2012 or later)** MUST be submitted to the Richards' Main office before the first day of tryouts, or may be brought to the coach the first day of tryouts. If you got a physical for football or soccer, that physical is good but paper work for Richards must be completed before you can tryout for the Raiders' teams. So, get them done now!
- Remember, coaches and athletic directors will be checking with your teachers about grades and behavior. This could prevent you from making the team.
- Below are the tryout dates:
  - Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Boys, 4:30 - 6:00  
Girls, 6:00 - 7:30
  - Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Girls, 3:00 - 4:30  
Boys, 6:00 - 7:30
  - Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Boys, 4:30 - 6:00  
Girls, 6:00 - 7:30

❖ ALL TRYOUTS AND PRACTICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [wiset@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:wiset@bcsc.k12.in.us).

Tracy Wise

Richards A. D.

# 2012-2013 Cheerleaders

Morgan Blair

Faith Briggs

Anna Emmert

Danielle Greene

Abby Jordan

Ashlynn Perry

Jozie Pyatt

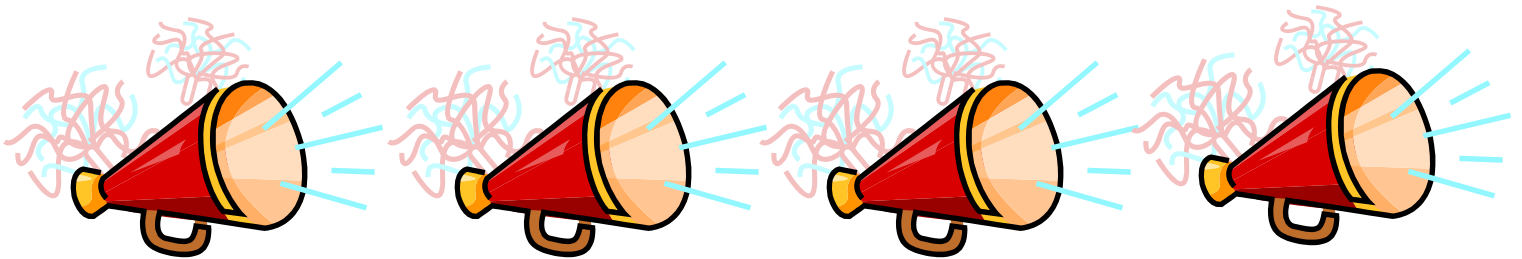
Madelyn Rohlfs

Holly Rothrock

Molly Shafer

Suzanne Ward

Kayley Weddle



## Note From the Cafeteria

If your child wants to buy extra food, water, or milk Mrs. Brandsma, Cafeteria Manager, needs a note or phone call (one note or call per year is fine) from the parent or guardian stating that the student has permission to purchase the items.



# 2012-2013 Student Council Members

## 3rd Grade

Morgan Allen

Emma Martin

Katy Jordan

Gwennie Anderson

McKenzie Acton

Olivia Collins

## 4th Grade

Ross Wenzler

Haylee Acton

## 5th Grade

Tyler Allen

Annie Anderson

Abby Jordan

Kayla Jones

Allison DeBolt

Hannah Grimes

## 6th Grade

Hannah Wenzler

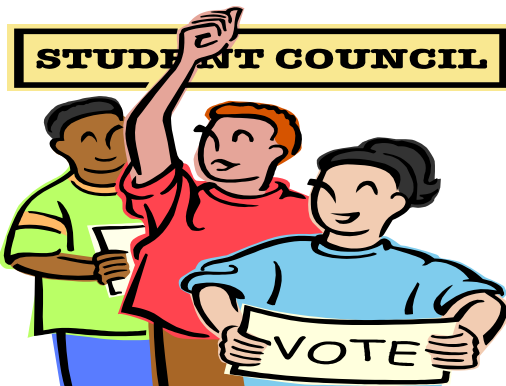
Elise Beverly

Kyra Harris

Danielle Greene

Matthew Frost

Bailey Steward



## [The Richards Book Fair is coming!](#)

Beginning Monday, October 29 thru Friday, November 2, your child will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair, which will be located in the library, during their regular library class time. Flyers will be coming home with students in the near future with more details and a listing of just some of the exciting new books available for purchase this year. On Friday evening, November 2, the Book Fair will be open for parents, grandparents, students and friends during the Richards Fall Festival. The hours open will be from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Be sure to stop in and see what we have to offer this year. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of more books for our Richards Library. See you there!



# From the Music Department

## Call for Photos of Veterans:

Richards' annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Friday, November 9. Mrs. Lueken is putting together a slideshow of Richards family members and loved ones who are veterans. If you would like to submit a photo to be part of the show, you may either e-mail it to Mrs. Lueken at [luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us) or send a hard copy of the photo 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.

## 2012-2013 Choir Members

### 4th Grade

Adria Cox  
 Kalli DeHart  
 Shaelynn Scruggs  
 Brooklynne Smith  
 Chasyti VanHoosier  
 Leyton White  
 Haylee Acton  
 David Beesley  
 Reese Harmon  
 Taylor Hollen  
 Devonte Thompson  
 Megan Vetter  
 Emily Walker  
 Naomi Argueta Ventura  
 Matthew Cooper  
 Madelyn Fear  
 Jacob Gibson  
 Annaleigh Matzar  
 Halima Nkrumah  
 Jakob Shafer  
 Maddy Sullivan  
 Ross Wenzler

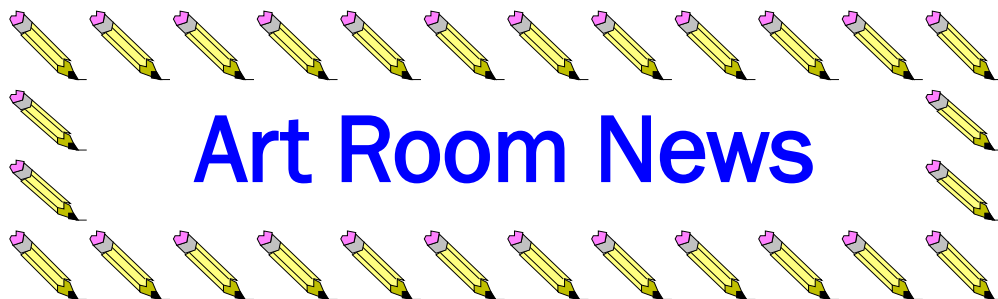
### 5th Grade

Mattisyn Davis	Keandre Watson
Allison DeBolt	Mazey Wilson
Anna Emmert	Tyler Allen
Ella Goddard	Faith Briggs
Jada Harris	Joshua DeGroot
Malerie Hendershot	Kylie Dunbar
Chesney Loehr	Sara Groover
Sam Moyer	Chelsea Howell
Alexa Navarro	Maria Wade
Madelyn Rohlfes	
Keysha Whaley	
Emily Buickel	
Alma Cambron	
Andrew Gates	
Morgan Helton	
Chloe Jackson	
Kayla Jones	
Elizabeth Krell	
Wyatt Albertson	
Enrique Matzar	
Maycie Porter	
Riley Repp	



### 6th Grade

Jasmine Austin	Molly Shafer
Skyla Beesley	Kayley Weddle
Holly Rothrock	Elise Beverly
Kyndra Thomas	Julian Greenwell
Kailee Wubben	Luke Harpring
Morgan Blair	Christina Soto
Tia Fathauer	Suzanne Ward
Gabe Foley	
Barbara Martinez	
Jozie Pyatt	
Brook Snyder	
Bailey Steward	
Brooke Benefiel	
Taylor Brewer	
Ravynn Fulkerson	
Danielle Greene	
Zoie Hendershot	
Madison Holmes	
Naim Nkrumah	
Emily Perkins	
DJ Rhodes	
Traci Roe	



# Art Room News

## Pinwheels for Peace 2012

Fall is a wonderful time of year to introduce new art concepts to Richards students! We have been very busy in art class using the time of year to inspire our artwork! The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will soon begin their unit on Egyptian art in preparation for their field trip to the Children's Museum. Please ask your child what they are learning in art class as this helps to reinforce their retaining the lesson concept.

All of the students will have artwork hanging outside of their teachers classrooms, (kindergarteners artwork is in the long hallway by the recess doors), for Fall Conferences. If you have any questions, or would like to meet with me to discuss your child's progress in art, please call me at the number below to set up a time.

Some parents have asked how I assess student artwork. First, I use a Discipline-Based approach in instruction. DBAE includes the four components of art instruction which include: art history, production, aesthetics and criticism. Our art lessons include the elements and principles of art. The projects also have concepts and skills that are either introduced or reinforced in a lesson and are given to us from the IDOE as standards for the visual arts. Any relationships to other subject areas are included during a lesson. Assessments are based upon the application of skills and concepts included for the lesson, effort, craftsmanship, creativity and the inclusion of the elements and principles of design. Book illustrations are sometimes used as inspiration and writing is also now a part of the visual arts curriculum and is included as part of an "Artist's Statement" of their work.

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. Let them practice looking at their environment and encourage their imagination. If you show an interest in their artwork, they will want to put more effort in creating it! Art enriches our lives and gives an outlet for the creativity within us all. I am always happy to answer questions and can be reached at school or through email- ( [larsone@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:larsone@bcsc.k12.in.us)) or by phone (376-4311#1112) and there is also more information on the Art Room website <http://www.bcsc.k12.in.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=6583>

Have a wonderful Fall Break!

Mrs. Larson

## Beacon News

Beacon Fall enrichment Camp will be October 8th - 12th from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Free Breakfast and lunch as well as bus transportation to our host site, L.F. Smith Elementary.

# Recycle Paper Here!



Dear Parents,

Did you know that our school has a paper recycling program called the Paper Retriever? You can recycle all of your newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers and mail 24 hours/ 7 days a week right here in our green and yellow bin.

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects like playgrounds, landscaping, books, and other school needs. By recycling paper, not only do you save water and energy, but our school earns money for every pound of paper you help us collect.

Please put all of your magazines, mail, newspapers and office papers in the green and yellow bin in our parking lot; but do not include cardboard or phone books.

Thank you for your continued support of this important fundraising effort.



*Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week — help your school and the environment!*

**FREE**



**Early  
Childhood  
Screening**

## FREE Early Childhood Screening

*Bring your 3-5 year old child to the following FREE screening located at:*

Taylorsville Elementary School  
9711 Walnut St., Taylorsville, IN  
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

-OR-

Foundation for Youth  
405 Hope Avenue, Columbus, IN  
Thursday, February 28, 2013  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



**A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY EACH CHILD.**  
*Don't forget to bring your child's current shot records so they can be reviewed by a school nurse.*

**GRATIS**



**NIÑEZ  
TEMPRANA**

## Evaluación GRATIS de Niñez Temprana

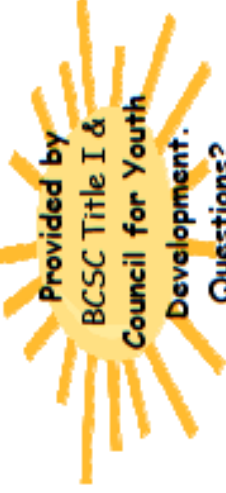
*Traiga a su hijo de 3-5 años de edad a cualquiera de las siguientes Evaluaciones GRATIS:*

Taylorsville Elementary School  
9711 Walnut St., Taylorsville, IN  
Martes, 13 de noviembre, 2012

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

-OR-

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405 Hope Avenue, Columbus, IN  
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6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Please call 375-6747.

**Uno de los padres o guardián debere acompañar a cada niño.**  
**No olvide traer el historial de vacunas a la evaluación.**





A **FREE** program for children and their families held on the first Friday of each month, November through April, 6:00 PM at The Commons.

- November 2, 2012 **Harry the Dirty Dog**, presented by ArtsPower Theatre, tells the wonderful children's story of Harry the dog who runs away and gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him when he returns home.
- December 7, 2012 **Babaloo**, a one-man musical comedy act, is a high-energy, over-the-top, fun-filled show for kids of all ages. It's a bit of carefully controlled chaos.
- January 4, 2013 **Jason Huneke**, well known for his dance routine on America's Got Talent, brings his magic, comedy, and juggling act to Columbus. His live show will leave children of all ages mesmerized.
- February 1, 2013 **Rumpelstiltskin**, presented by ArtsReach Theatre, a Cincinnati-based theatrical troupe, is a light-hearted play that captivates children with its imaginative retelling of this well-loved story.
- March 1, 2013 Program TBD
- April 5, 2013 **Fractured Fairy Tales** presented by Columbus' own Dancers Studio finishes the season with a mix-up of some of children's favorite parables.



For more information visit [www.artsincolumbus.org](http://www.artsincolumbus.org) or call 812.376.2534.





# October 2012

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>PBIS Focus:</b> Cafeteria Procedures		Choir Rehearsal 7:25a.m. Utopia Wildlife-Gr.5 PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00 at Skateland Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) PTO (Room 305) 7:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Bush's Market Walk to School Day	M.R.E. -Gr. 5 Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:30 (Room 309)  Cbeer Practice 7:00-8:30	Kindergarten Fire Prevention Day End of Grading Period	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Beacon at Smith			<b>Fall Break</b>			
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
			<b>Fall Break</b>			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>PBIS Focus:</b> Playground Procedures	Delivery of Fall Fund Raiser Items Basketball Tryouts Dental Lessons - (Gr.2) <b>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</b> And RED RIBBON WEEK!	Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) Basketball Tryouts	Basketball Tryouts	Student Council 7:30 (Room 114) 4H Enrichment (Gr. K and 2) Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)	J.W. Riley Portrayal 1:00 (gr 4)  <b>Report Cards Go Home!</b>	<b>Make a Difference Day!</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Save the Date: Math/Science Night Nov. 8 6:00-7:30
<b>PBIS Focus:</b> Hallway Procedures	<b>BOOK FAIR</b> (all week)	Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. <b>Picture retakes</b> Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)		Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) Basketball Parent Meeting 5:30	PTO Fall Festival and Book Fair Family Night	