

RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2012



The Principal's Corner

Dear Richards Families:

Thank you to the parents, students, faculty and staff of Richards for a great start to the school year. Richards is a wonderful school thanks to the efforts of all of you. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Open House. We have certainly had a great start to the school year and I look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the year. We have many new faces at Richards this year! I would like to welcome all of our new students and parents to the Raider family. We also have many teachers new to Richards this year. We are glad to have many new members to the Richards team!

You may have noticed banners in the office and throughout the building highlighting How to ACT at W.D. Richards. Our expectations are: Always be Respectful, Care Enough to be Responsible, and Take Time to Be Safe. You may help by reviewing procedures located in the student handbook. Teachers and staff have been working hard to establish procedures and recognize positive behaviors of students during the first few weeks of school. We will continue to work throughout the year to recognize students and provide an environment that is conducive to learning.

Welcome back! Please feel free to call me at 376-4311 or stop by the office any time if you have questions or concerns. Also, please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's progress. I am sure we will have a terrific year at Richards. Go Raiders!

Mr. Sprong



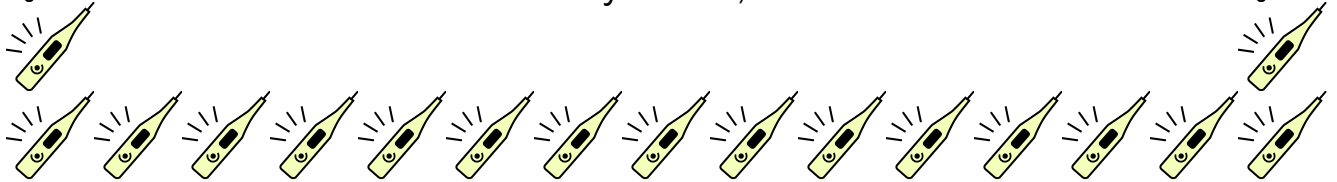
School Picture Day
Thursday, September 6th



Notes From the Nurse

- Parents of students not up to date on their immunizations should have brought a letter home with information as to what shots are still needed. If you have any questions about your child's immunization status please contact the school nurse.
- Cough drops are NOT allowed at school as they are a choking hazard.
- Any student in need of medication while at school, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must have a form filled out in the clinic.
- ALL medications must be brought to school by an adult.

Kathy Smith, RN

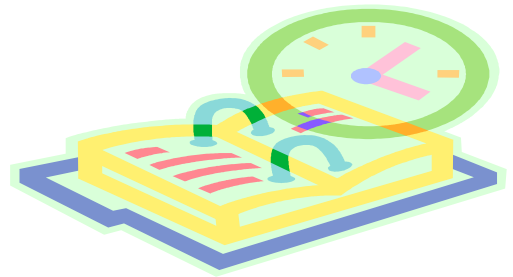


Fall Break is October
8th—19th.

Miss School and Miss Out!

- ◆ Attendance matters for doing well in school and life starting in kindergarten and even in pre-K.
- ◆ Absences can add up before you know it.
- ◆ Poor attendance is not just about unexcused absences or children willfully skipping school – excused absences can affect performance, too. Your children can suffer academically.
- ◆ As a parent you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance.
- ◆ If you are facing tough challenges related to access to health care, unstable housing, poor transportation or lack of food, you can and should seek out support from the school and community.
- ◆ Too many absences can slow down instruction for all students.
- ◆ By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.

Please help us reach our attendance goal of 98%.



PTO Welcomes YOU!

What is PTO?

*The PTO of Richards Elementary is simply a group of parents/teachers that work together for the benefit of our children/our teachers/our school. The PTO supports special requests in funding different items/events for the benefit of all. The PTO hosts several different events throughout the school year for FUN times for our children. This would include skating parties, movie nights, fall festival, and much more. Look for information on these FUN nights in the upcoming months.

How can YOU Help?

*There are lots of ways for you to be involved with the PTO and help to benefit your own children at school. The ideas below do NOT cost you any money to help out...

–Recycle paper in the green Abitibi bin in the back parking lot.

–Collect/Save box top labels and Campbell Soup labels to turn into the school.

–When shopping at Target, link your credit/debit card to “Richards” for a kickback to the school.

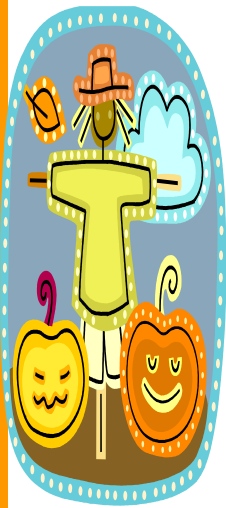
–When shopping at Marsh, use your Marsh Fresh IDEA card and link it to our school.

*Richards Rewards Program – This is a gift card program that can help you budget, while benefitting the school. You simply buy gift cards for yourself that you will use, such as gas cards, or restaurant cards. You purchase them one week and receive them within 4-5 days. You receive exactly what you purchase. If you spend \$20 for a gas card, you get a \$20 gas card. The program will give a rebate back to Richards because you bought a gift card.

*Attend a PTO Meeting and share your ideas. Each meeting is on the first Tuesday of every Month at 7 pm. Free Childcare is provided.

*Volunteer your time to help out. There are lots of events that occur throughout the year and we are always looking for people to help.

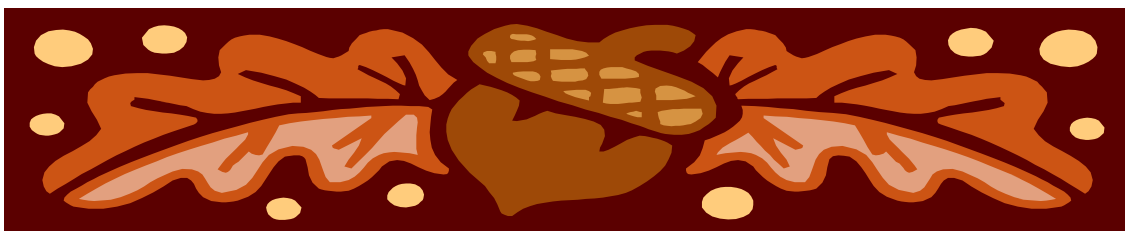
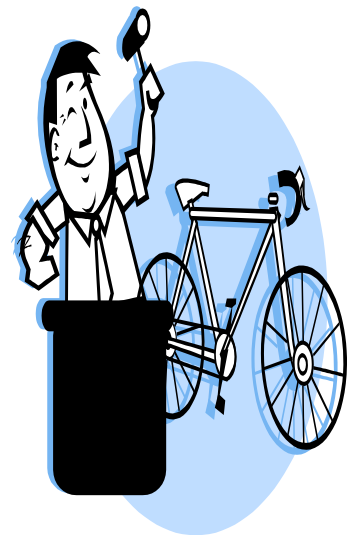
Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, September 4th at
7:00 p.m.



Fall Festival

Come join us for a night of fun on Friday, November 2nd. Games, food, silent auction, and much more. Plan on joining the fun!

SILENT AUCTION: The PTO is hosting a silent auction at the fall festival, which is being held on Friday, November 2nd. *We are looking for donations for the silent auction.* If YOU or someone you know would like to donate an item or service for this auction contact Kelly Harmon (579-9401) mikelly-harmon@yahoo.com



Book Buddy Volunteers Needed!

Book Buddies is a volunteer tutoring program supported by the Bartholomew County Literacy Task Force which helps second grade students improve their reading skills in order to get them reading on their grade level. Please consider spending one hour per week to help.



Contact Information:

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Spell Bowl Team

We are currently having practice for the Spell Bowl Competition each Tuesday and Thursday after school in Room 309. All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who enjoy spelling are welcome. The competition will be held on Thursday, November 15th. Coach Burnett





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 be for sale from now until the end of the first grading period (10/5/12) . 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.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

(Maximum of 16 characters per line)



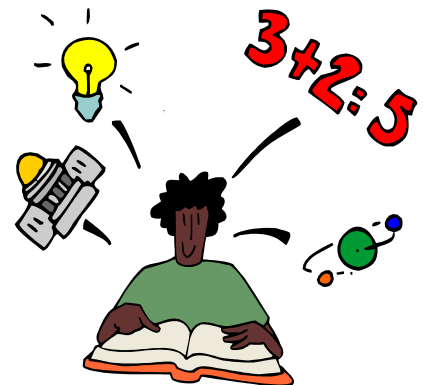
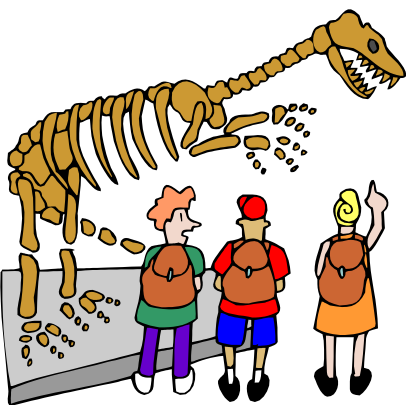
Beacon 2012- 2013

Welcome to the Beacon After School Program. It seems that everyone is new and learning, but all of us are dedicated and excited to get the Beacon Program started. W. D. Richards is still accepting registration forms for this school year. Please fill out and return the registration form. As soon as possible we hope to fill the rest of the spots for Beacon with your wonderful children and make their time with us a special learning experience mixed in with a lot of fun!

My name is Gina Perkins and I am the Beacon Site Coordinator for W. D. Richards Elementary. I have four children ages 25, 17, 15 and 11. I have been working with students in BCSC for six years now. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 376-4311 ext.1312 or at perkinsg@bcsc.k12.in.us.

I look forward to working with your children and I am sure they are going to teach me a thing or two along the way,

Ms. Gina Perkins



🎵 From the Music Department

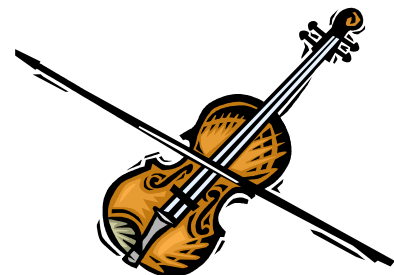
Call for Photos of Veterans:



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 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.

Violin Classes at Richards Elementary:

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic will be offering Beginning and Intermediate Violin at Richards this school year. Beginning classes will be before school on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:05 a.m. starting on September 5. Intermediate classes will be before school on Mondays from 7:30-8:05 a.m. starting on September 10. Tuition for the classes will be \$95 dollars per semester. Any student in grades 3-6 who is interested in participating in the classes should pick up a form from Mrs. Lueken in the music room.





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

<p>2 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures</p>	<p>3 Labor Day (No School)</p>	<p>4 Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. Fall Fund Raiser Kickoff Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) PTO Meeting 7:00 (cafeteria)</p>	<p>5 Cheer Tryouts 3:00-5:30</p>	<p>6 School Pictures Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) Cheer Tryouts 5:00 Parent Night (Mrs. Deckard/Mrs. Williams) 6:00- 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>7 Put Your Nose in a Book Day</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 PBIS Focus: Hallway Procedures</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Fall Fund Raiser Ends Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Student Council 7:30 (Room 114) Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Mill Race Race Mayor's Walk 10:00</p>
<p>23 PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures</p>	<p>24 Al the Can Man (Kindergarten Enrichment)</p>	<p>25 Choir Rehearsal 7:25 a.m. Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) Green Team 2:45-3:45 (Room 307)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Spell Bowl Practice 2:45-3:45 (Room 309) Science Night (Grade 5) 6:00-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>