RAIDER NEWS





December 2015





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.

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



Winter Break December 21-January 4

No School

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a tremendous success. The PTO raised \$4,475 to spend for classrooms. Also, congratulations to Janine Ford and Amy Boettner for winning the \$50 Chili's gift cards as SCRIP winners.

Dates to Remember:

Student Council

December 10

FCA

December 10 & 17

Holiday Strings Concert

December 14

Elementary Band Concert

December 8

Car Rider Safety -

Please remind your children to always enter vehicles using the car door on the curb side of the back circle drive. It is also helpful to pull forward around the circle drive so more students can be picked up in a safe manner. Also, it is important to remember that students should not be dropped off before school in front of the building.

Outdoor Recess Reminder -

Fresh air and outdoor play activities are beneficial to students. We do go outside for recess whenever the weather permits. In the winter a combination of the wind chill factor and temperature is used to determine the possibility of going outside for play. Twenty degrees is used as the cut off for outside recess. All students should have appropriate clothing for outside play. Contact our school nurse if you need assistance in obtaining warm clothing. Students with health conditions that don't allow outside play must provide a doctor's statement. All students must participate in outdoor recess, unless a doctor's statement is on file.

Book Buddies:

Volunteer with 2nd and 3rd grade students in a way that will impact their lives for years to come. Book Buddies volunteer one hour a week to read one-on—one with two children. Book Buddies meets Monday through Thursday during the school day in all county public elementary schools. Choose the school site that works best for you. A one-hour training session will be scheduled with volunteers. To sign-up or to request more information call 812-376-4461

Make a

Difference

Today

'Tis the Season to be Healthy & Mindful

In the holiday season, baked goods are at our reach and holiday gatherings tend to focus on food. It may be easy to eat a large amount of food without realizing it. Here are some quick tips to avoid mindless eating and promote a healthy holiday season for your family;



- STORE TREATS TILL SNACK OR MEAL TIME. Your child is more likely to nibble throughout the day if treats are left out in an easy to access area. Keep them away in a cupboard or out of sight.
- OFFER REGULAR MEALS AND SNACKS. Try to offer healthy food choices at regular times throughout the day. This will help to satisfy your child's appetite so that they are content with smaller amounts of the holiday treats.
- SLOW DOWN AND TASTE THE FOOD.
 Encourage your child to fill his/her plate once and to sit down to enjoy foods before deciding if seconds are needed.
 Teach your child to savour special holiday foods along with healthy holiday choices.
- BALANCE OUT EATING WITH ACTIVITY. Join your child in some daily activity to help balance out eating. A walk after dinner, build a snowman together or play snow ball tag! Most importantly, enjoy your holiday together time!

"Join your child in some daily activity to help balance out eating."





Tuesday, December 8th at Columbus North High School

The combined BCSC elementary band will perform at this evening's concert.	This concert is a part of the curriculum for all band stu-
dents.	

6:10 PM Students begin arriving (drop off or park on the north side of the high school).

* The Auditorium is *closed* during the rehearsal.

6:30 PM Student rehearsal begins promptly at 6:30 on the auditorium stage. Please be on time!

* Parents may wait in the auditorium foyer.

7:30 PM Concert begins!

- * The auditorium doors will open for parents at 7:15 PM; concert will last about 20 minutes.
- * Students should dress up for the concert. Suggested attire: dresses, skirts, slacks, nice shoes, nice sweater or button-down shirt, tie. Please do not wear jeans, sweats, sweatshirts, or t-shirts with logos/text. Do *not* wear the band t-shirt for this event.

Parents, please detach here and send this permission slip back with your son or daughter by Mon., Nov. 30.

BCSC Elementary Band Concert Permission Slip

School:		
Student Name:	Instrument:	_
Parent Signature:	Date: / /	

Art Room News

More fun projects this month as we head toward the end of the semester! Kindergarten created clay wall hangings that will be going home soon as well as the adorable owls below! 1st grade worked on positive and negative space, 2nd graders created awesome snowmen out of clay, 3rd grade made themselves into superheroes, and 4th grade has been working hard on creating their own mandalas after learning about them in class. Our 5th and 6th grade classes have spent most of the second quarter working on scratch art animals and learning about drawing and texture.





















Richards Music News





Holiday Concert

The Richards choir, 6th grade band, and string classes will present a Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 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!

Choir End of Year Celebration

The Richards choir will celebrate the end of another successful season with a breakfast on Tuesday, December 15 from 7:25-8:00 a.m. in the Richards cafeteria. All choir members are invited to attend.



New Teachers

We have several new teachers this year at Richards Elementary School that we want to introduce you to. Our 6th grade students have been working hard to gather information about and interview all of our new staff members and a different teacher will be featured each month right here!

Interview With Mrs. Holl

There is someone at Richards Elementary that you may have heard of but never have seen, or the other way around. She is new to the school, but not the district. This is the astonishing Mrs. Holl. Mrs. Holl was definitely a good add to the Richard's staff. She is goofy, fun, caring, sweet, and above all, a great teacher. Mrs. Holl is a fourth grade teacher here at Richards Elementary. She is an amazing teacher and the students in her class have learned a lot from her. Below is an interview that we, Sammie Gilbert, Kenzie Acton, and Grace Wiltsey, conducted.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to Indiana University.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Reading and History are my favorite subjects to teach.

Q: What was your favorite subject in learn in school?

A: History and reading were my favorite subjects to learn.

Q: How are you liking teaching at Richards?

A: I love it! The teachers and parents are all great.

Q: Do you have any children, and what is your husband's name?

A: Steve is my husband, and I have 3 kids- Leslie, who is a junior at IU, Ben, who is a senior at East, and Megan, who is a freshman at East.

Q: As a kid, did you want to be a teacher or something else?

A: I always wanted to be a teacher. My grandma taught in a 1 room Schoolhouse, and I would always play school.

Q: How many schools have you taught at and which ones and what grades?

A: Columbus Christian, Clifty Creek, Clinton Young in Indianapolis, and I've taught every grade except for 1st and 6th.

Mrs. Holl,

Thank you so much for you dedication of time and support to become a teacher at our school. Welcome to W.D. Richards Elementary School. We hope you have a good experience as a Raider! Thank you for letting us interview you! We are glad we could learn more about you!

Sincerely,

Sammie Gilbert, Kenzie Acton, and Grace Wiltsey

News from the Richards Library



News from the Library/Media Center



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our annual book fair or allowed your children to purchase books from our fair this year. Because you and your family value reading and the joy of book ownership, our sales increased by nearly \$1,000 over last year's sales! Every penny made from our sale goes back into this library to purchase or repair books. Thanks so much for your generosity and support! I also want to thank everyone who volunteered during the fair, both parents and students. I could not have done it without you!!

Richards Raiders are awesome readers!

Mrs. Snider

RAIDERS

2015-2016 Basketball Schedule

Girls - 5:30 ~ Boys - 6:30

Date	Opponent/Place	Dress-up
10/24 (Saturday 9:00))	Taylorsville	Wear It Pink (on Friday)
10/28	@ CSA Fodrea	Dress Like a Raider!
11/4	Schmitt	Blue & White Day
11/11	BYE	Red, White, and Blue!
11/14 (Saturday 9:00)	@ Mt. Healthy	Blue & White (on Friday)
11/18	CSA Lincoln	Blue & White Day
12/2	@ Smith	Hat Day
12/9	Rockcreek	Blue & White Day
12/16	Clifty Creek	Pajama Day
1/6	@ Southside	Spectacular Sock Day!
1/11 (Monday)	@ Parkside	Blue & White Day

Holiday Tourney TBA

EBL 1st Round January 13
2nd Round January 20
Final Four January 22
Championship & Cheer January 23



Wed., Nov. 4 - Blue & White Day

Wed., Nov. 11 - Red, White and Blue Day!

Fri., Nov. 13 - Blue & White Day

Wed., Nov. 18- Blue & White Day

Wed., Dec. 2 - Hat Day

Wed., Dec. 9 - Blue & White Day

Wed., Dec. 16 - Pajama Day

Wed., Jan. 6 -Spectacular Sock Day!

Mon., Jan. 11 - Blue & White Day

Wed., Jan 13 - Tourney Begins - Spirit Days TBA



Show Your Support!



SCOUTING HAS A PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF VARIOUS AGES:

CUB SCOUTS: 1ST – 5TH **GRADE**

BOY SCOUTS: 6TH GRADE – 18 YEARS OF AGE

Scouting Opportunities

Scouts go on field trips to tons of cool places in the community. Boys of all ages in Scouting can go to summer camp, where they experience a variety of outdoor fun and special activities geared toward their age groups, such as archery, field sports, fishing, swimming, hiking, crafts, and epic adventures.

What do Scouts Learn?

Scouts have fun, make friends, and learn how to be great future leaders. Scouting is proven to increase family fun and involvement, interests in new activities, and will help boys build confidence and self-esteem. Aside from the fun and excitement of Scout activities; Scouting helps boys learn ideals they can apply to everyday life.

Why join Scouts?

Your family time is valuable. Scouting helps to support your family by providing readymade opportunities for you and your son to do things together. Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your son. Scouting activities can bring added value to the time you already have with your son. It also let's parents be kids again!

TROOP 491: THE ADVENTURES OF THE MUDDY LIONS

Is the story of Tristan, a boy coping with life in the inner-city projects. His mother enrolls him in Scouting in an effort to keep him off the streets. But when Tristan witnesses a homicide, a local thug demands his silence. Now he must learn, with the help of his new friends, that doing the right thing isn't always easy. Will he follow the code of the streets or the code of the Boy Scouts?

"Troop 491" is a movie by first time African-American filmmaker Praheme, who was a member of a real Troop 491.

COLUMBUS FAMILIES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th @ 6:30 YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE MOVIE AND INFORMATIONAL EVENING AT CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



LEARN HOW THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAS IMPACTED MILLIONS OF LIVES AND WHAT THE SCOUTING PROGRAM CAN OFFER YOUR FAMILY

VOLUNTEERS AND SCOUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, AND THE CO-ED VENTURING PROGRAM FOR AGES 14-21

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRIAN CAIN @ 812.371.3472/COUNTRY_GLASS@SBCGLOBAL.NET OR JON OCHELTREE@ 812.325.6831/JOCHELTREE@BSAMAIL.ORG



Richards PTO After School Party Friday, December 11th, After school-5:30pm Showing: Inside Out



Cost - \$5 includes popcorn and drink. Additional concessions/refreshments will be available during the movie-prices ranging from \$.25 to \$1.00. The DVD will be awarded to one of the students attending-tickets will be sold in the concessions area for \$.50 each for a chance to be the winner. The DVD will be newly purchased and used once for viewing at the After School Party. Please do not send concession money in with the party RESERVATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED NOT TO SEND MORE THAN \$5 WITH YOUR CHILD FOR CONCESSIONS AND/OR DVD TICKETS.

Please return completed reservation form along with \$5 per child in an envelope NO LATER than

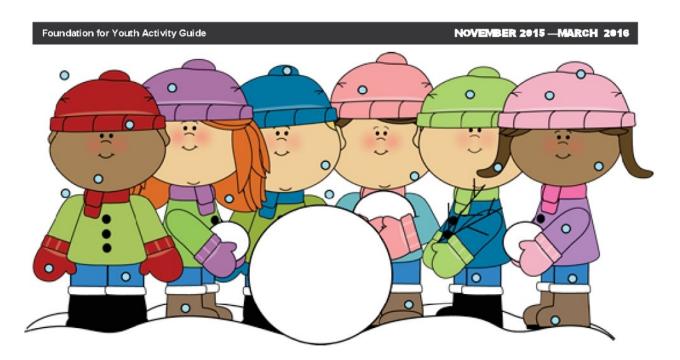
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^{*}DVD drawing ticket purchases unlimited. One winner will be drawn at the end of the movie. Must be present to win.





FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH IN THE WINTER 2015—2016



WARM UP WITH FUN ACTIVITIES AT FFY!















FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH IS A NON PROFIT CORPORATION
Our mission: To inspire and enable our youth, our community.

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Swimming at FFY

Foundation For Youth's indoor pool is open all year long for adults and youth!

Visit our website for details!

Flip & Dips!!!

Flip for 1 hour in the Gymnastics Center then Dip for 1 hour in the Pool - 1:00 - 3:00

Only \$6 - Must be registered, space limited

Monday November 23rd 1:00—3:00 Monday March 14th and Friday March 18th

Swim Lessons!

Session Fall/Winter 2015-2016

Nov 17-Dec 17 (4 weeks) no class 11/26

Jan 4-Feb 11 (6 weeks)

Feb 15-March 7 (4 weeks)

March 28-May 5 (6 weeks)

May 9-June 2 (4 weeks)

Registration Fees: 4 weeks-\$40 6 weeks-\$60

Parent/Tot (3 and under)

Wednesdays 10:00 am

Thursdays 5:30 pm

Preschool (4-5 years)

Wednesdays 10:30 am

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Youth Lessons 6 years +

Level 1 - Tuesdays 6:00pm

Level 2 - Tuesdays 6:30pm

Level 3 - Thursdays 6:00pm

Level 4 - Thursdays 6:30pm

Level 5/6 - Thursdays 7:00pm

Adult Lessons

Wednesdays 6:30 & 7:00pm

10th Annual Princess Ball

Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2016 5-8 pm

Cost: \$20 per couple \$10 each addl' princess

Ages: 3 and up
Theme: Paris Nights



Register: www.foundationforyouth.com

Senior Volleyball

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays

8:30am-10:30am

Open Gymnasium

Monday-Saturday

11:00am-1:00pm

Adult Pickleball

Tuesdays/Thursdays

1:00pm-3:00pm

Swipe Visit Pass or

\$5 Adults/\$3 Youth per visit

Private Lessons Available

\$25 per 30 minute lesson

\$20 for 2 or more in lesson (Limit 3)

Email to schedule:

aquatics@foundationforyouth.com

812-348-4558 ext 200





BIDDY BASKETBALL

K-2 SEASON: Oct 12 - Jan 27th
Grades 3-12 Season: Nov 3rd - Feb 18th
Come and watch a game!
Check our website for game days and time
Foundationforyouth.com

Open Gymnasium at Foundation For Youth

Basketball courts are open Monday-Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm for those wanting to play basketball.

The cost is \$5 per adult/\$3 per youth

PAAL Basketball Coming Soon!

SEASON STARTS LATE FEBRUARY AND RUNS THRU APRIL

REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY!

KINDERGARTEN THRU 12TH GRADE LEAGUE OPTIONS

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

MEN'S

MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:00 - 9:00

STARTING ON FEBRUARY 15th

WOMEN'S

MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY

STARTING ON FEBRUARY 15th

COST: \$300 PER TEAM

REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 10th

TOTAL PLAYERS ON ROSTER MAX, 12 AND MIN, 7

ROSTER FORMS AT

FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH FRONT DESK

Registration for Spring Volleyball will start in January until March 30th

Season starts April 5th!



Look for Foundation For Youth at the Christmas Village on December 5th And in the Holiday Parade.



After School Program



The **Positive** Place For Kids

The Boys & Girls Club offers weekday programs during the school year from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please see below for special dates and times. Programs consist of scheduled classes, recreational and educational activities, computer lab, swimming, and more. With a top notch facility and a dynamic staff, the Club programs can help youth of all ages learn and grow. The Boys & Girls Club focuses on five core program areas. These areas are as follows:

Character and Leadership Development **Education and Career Development** Health and Life Skills The Arts Sports, Fitness and Recreation School Year Fees

Annual Membership Fee - \$25/child

Weekly Participation Fee - \$17.50-\$35/member

Weekly Teen Fee - \$17.50-\$35/member

Day Pass \$10/after school (starting 1/1/16 fee \$12)

After school times: 2:30pm---6:30pm

Community Open House

December 10, 2015 3-6pm

FFY 405 Hope Ave

Learn about Teen Programs. See the NEW renovated Teen Center thanks to Cummins Foundation and meet our NEW Full Time Teen Programs Director

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SPRING BREAK!

Boys & Girls Club '15-'16 Calendar

November 13 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (swimming) November 23-25 Club Open 7:30-5:30 Thanksgiving Break

Club Closed Thanksgiving Break November 26-27

December 18 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (gymnastics) December 21-Jan 1 Club Closed for Holiday Break

January 4 Club Open 7:30-5:30

January 8 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (swimming)

January 18 Club Open MLK Day 7:30-5:30

February 12 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (gymnastics) March 11 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (swimming)

March 14 - 24 Club Open 7:30-5:30 Spring Break

March 25 Club Closed Spring Holiday

April 8 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (gymnastics)

April 17-18 B&G Club Overnight 7pm-7am

May 13 Friday Night Fun For Youth 6:30-9:30 (swimming)

May 25 Last Day of School Year programming REGISTER FOR ALL DAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OR COLUMBUS YOUTH CAMP

WEEKLY PARTICIPATION FEE FOR SPRING BREAK IS: \$25—\$100 (SLIDING SCALE APPLIES)

DAILY FEE: \$25

BREAK TIMES: 7:30-5:30 EARLY BIRD & NIGHT OWL ARE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS: WWW.FOUNDATIONFORYOUTH.COM

Daily Snack:

Thanks to the Indiana Department Of Education we are able to offer a free snack daily to all members without regard to race, national origin, sex, age or disability at the Boys & Girls Club.

HUMANS VS ZOMBIES TEEN NIGHT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH 7:00 TO 10:00 @ FFY \$4 FOR MEMBERS—\$5 FOR NON MEMBERS

Register now at the FFY for a night of brains and Nerf! Bring your favorite foam dart shooter and join the resistance or become part of the zombie horde!

Teen High Ropes Course Adventure

November 14th 12:30 PM shuttle from FFY to Columbus Youth Camp.

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful fall colors and some vertical challenges on our newly renovated high ropes course and zip line! Stay after for pizza!

Register by November 12th at FFY

7th Grade and up \$10 for FFY members and \$15 for non members



Registration is Open!

New Classes start in January

Ages: 4-12 Saturdays 9-11 am All levels welcome!

Cost \$140-classes \$25-Books/Supplies

Hands on Cultural Experiences * Native Spanish Teachers

* Teachers with classroom experience * Enriching Activities

SPANISH LEARNING CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 15TH 5:30 - 8:00

PARENT MEETING:

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM QUESTION & ANSWERS

CHILDREN:

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PARENT MEETING

NO PROBLEM - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IS OPEN!

Bring your child in as early as 7:30 am - pick up by 5:30 pm

Only \$10.00 for the day' for EVERYONE

Non Members of the Club will need to fill out a Visitors Registration

'Club members that have paid for the full week, no extra charge

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Columbus Youth Camp is the ideal setting for programs and rentals. Stay overnight in one of our cabins, rough it in a tent, use our commercial kitchen and dining hall, hike the wooded trails, hang out on the lake or utilize the beautiful and modernized Reeves Center.

Rentals: Parties, Family Reunions, Meetings, Weddings, Birthdays, Receptions, and Church Outings.

Programs: Day Camps, Zip Lines, Challenge Course, Environmental Education, Archery, Canoeing, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Gardening, Mentoring, ATOD prevention

Mtn. Bike/ Trail Run, Winter events and more!

CANDY CANE HUNT

*decorate a sugar cookie *drink some hot chocolate *make a winter craft *candy cane hunt

When: Saturday, December 12th, 2015

Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child (cash or check only- pay at the door)

Ages: 3-11

PARTY PACKAGES AT

Thours

Pool Party: includes 1 hour in the pool and 1 hour in the multipurpose room.



Billiards Party: includes 2 hours in the game room and the multipurpose room.



www.foundationforyouth.com or call 812-372-7867

SPORTS GYMNASIUM PACKAGES

includes: balls, equipment, tables, chairs, and staff to lead games!

◆Volleyball Party

***Bounce House Party**

• Nerf Party

Nerf guns and bullets provided

*Sports Party (pick 3 sports)

4 Square

Kick ball

Whiffle Ball

Dodgeball

Basketball



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Big Brothers Big Sisters





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BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE SATURDAY MARCH 5TH FROM 9:00 AM TO 5:30 PM

AT THE COLUMBUS BOWLING CENTER

KICK OFF EVENT ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH AT FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH **LUNCH PROVIDED**

LEARN HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP OR BECOME A TEAM CAPTAIN!

Responsibilities of the Team Captain

- Recruit at least 4 more people to be on your team. These can be family, friends, co workers, or anyone else interest ed in making a difference!
- ☆ Send in your team information form to let us know who is on your team and when you intend to bowl. Remember, fist come, first serve with the bowling times. *
- ☆ Distribute material among team members. Each bowler should receive a Pledge Form and two (2) pages of Dona * ₩
- Each team member (Captain included) collects a minimum of \$75 in pledges, donations for a team total of \$375. **☆** • Please make sure the pleage sheets are filled out completely, including addresses/email. Please under \$30 will NOT be invoiced. For online donations
 - Please arrive 15 minutes early of your assigned time, at the bowling alley. This will provide you time to register, turn in your donations, pick up your shirt, and snacks!

Remember, this is all about having FUN and helping kids!!

- Do you have an hour a week or six hours a month to volunteer?
- Do you want a fun experience with a new friend?
- Do you believe that little moments can make a big difference?

If you answered yes to all 3 questions, then Big Brothers Big Sisters is for you. If you are an adult looking for a unique, fun, volunteer experience or a child that wants a new friend in their life, then please call Laura Moses at 348-4558 x217 to inquire about getting involved in this program.



Providing and promoting inspiration, education, and opportunities for youth to live Above The Influence.



Mission Statement: The Communities that Care Coalition of Bartholomew County educates, supports, and rewards youth, parents, and community by implementing a strategic framework that prevents and reduce underage substance use.

When teens find themselves in crisis or need a place to stay, they should know how and where to get help. Our nation's young people deserve safety and shelter and many youth feel they don't have either. Thanks to Safe Place, immediate help is never too far away.

Safe Place provides access to immediate help and supportive resources for youth in need. As a community initiative, the program designates schools, fire stations, libraries, and other youth-friendly organizations as Safe Place locations, which display the yellow and black sign.

yellow and black sign.
Safe Place locations, like FFY, extend the doors of the local youth service agency or shelter to support teens in crisis situations, creating a safety net for youth.



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and products

Foundation For Youth 405 Hope Ave Columbus, IN 47201

(812) 372-7867

Registration Desk Hours:

9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Fridays

9:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturdays

Visit us on the web at:

FoundationForYouth.com

DONATIONS TO FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH HELP TO PROVIDE REDUCED RATES FOR LOW IN-COME FAMILIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD. PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TODAY!

Donate @ Foundationforyouth.com/ Donate

Inspire and Enable Our Youth, Our Community

Look for your Annual Campaign mailer in December, please help to support our youth, our community.

FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

"To Inspire and Enable Our Youth, Our Community"



Our 4 Cornerstones:

- Commitment to Learning
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Positive Identity
- Character & Leadership

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karina@foundationforyouth.com

LAST CALL FOR HOLIDAY **GIFT CARDS!!!**

Planning on buying gift cards as Christmas presents?? Why not purchase them through the SCRIP Program? Each gift card purchased donates a percentage back to Richards Elementary!

> For more information please contact Michelle Cochran at mcochran08@gmail.com Or Julia Stetter at stetterj@bcsc.k12.in.us Or order online at: www.shopwithscrip.com

> Richards Enrollment code: F978ADA224888

All orders for December must be submitted by December 9th.











AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS







Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bartholomew County

School-Based Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters operates in all **11** BCSC elementary and the **2** BCSC middle schools.

Bigs and Littles meet once per week to talk and have fun at school during lunch or recess. The match times are coordinated with the school schedule.

Thank you for allowing BBBS to serve the youth of our community through the School Base program.

The impact is of mentoring is observed by parents, teachers, and pupil services seeing an increase of confidence, competence and caring in each Little.

If a "Big" is not able to follow his/her match from elementary to Central Middle School, BBBS will refer the youth to the CYC peer mentoring program through the counselor's office.

To Refer a Student

Contact Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Support Specialist for questions and/or applications.

BBBS is a <u>NO</u> Fee base program. Our Revenue comes from **Bowl For Kids' Sake**, **United Way**, Private and Corporate Contributions and Grants



"...my Big Brother gives me good advice, he supme good advice, he supports me and I always ports me and I always feel as if there is somebody to talk to." LB-Gionanni- age 11

"I feel differently after having a Big Brother, I get to have "boy time" with my Big Brother. I actually feel like I am cared about, because at home I am invisible". -LS- Madison, age 10

Make a "Big" Difference in a Life today!

Volunteering to become a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding things you will ever do.

After expressing an interest, the volunteer goes through a thorough background check and careful interview. We then match based on location, personalities and preferences. We provide full support along the way so matches can grow into lasting friendships.

If you believe you do not have the time to volunteer to be a Big... let a friend or someone you know about our program, maybe he/she has some time to give a child in need.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bartholomew County A Program Of Foundation For Youth 405 Hope Ave., Columbus, IN 47201; (812)348-4558 www.foundationforyouth.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	Strings classes: Intermediate/ Advanced Mondays at 7:25 a.m. Beginning Wednesdays 7:25	1 Choir 7:25 Grade 2 Fieldtrip (Children's Museum)	2 Choir 7:25 Basketball (A) v. Smith 5:30 Hat Day!	3 Choir 7:25 LEGO Club 2:45-4:00	4 Choir Soloist Auditions 2:45-3:30	5
6 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures Daylight Saving Time Ends!	7 DARE Graduation at East 6:00	S Choir 7:25 Elementary Band Concert 7:30 p.m. at CNHS	9 Basketball (H) V. Rockcreek 5:30 Amazing Joe's Lunch (Mr. Bray's class) Blue and White Day!	10 FCA 7:30 a.m. Student Council 2:45 LEGO Club 2:45 Holiday Concert 6:00	11 PTO Movie 2:45-5:30	12
13 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	14 Holiday Strings Concert 6:30 at CNHS	15 Choir Party 7:25 Book Blizzard	16 Basketball (H) v. Clifty Creek 5:30 Pre K Party 1:00 Gingerbread houses – Kindergarten Spirit Day—PJ Day!	17 FCA 7:30 Polar Express Day! (Pre K) LEGO Club 2:45-4	18 Polar Express Day (Kindergarten) 1st Semester Ends	19
20	21	22	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK	24	25 E	26
27	28	29	30 CHRISTMAS BREAK	31	NAW YEAR 2016!	Students return Tuesday, January 5