

# RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY



**March 2016**

## **The Principal's Corner**

Dear Richards Families:

Are you ready for spring? Spring will be here soon so 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.

With spring right around the corner, it can be difficult to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Make attendance job #1. Let your children know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. Encourage your children to eat healthy and get plenty of rest. Take family vacations during school breaks. You could also reward your kids for great attendance for the month with a "Job Well Done" certificate or a coupon good for a family fun night.

Our teachers and students have been working hard to prepare for ISTEP+ testing which will occur March 1 through March 11 (Applied Skills) and again April 18 – May 6 (Multiple Choice). Spring testing 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. We will also have IREAD testing in grade 3 on March 7-9. Having your children here on time and ready to learn on test days will certainly improve their performance on ISTEP+ and IREAD. Please make sure your children have a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast especially during testing. Also, please try to limit routine doctor's appointments during testing times.

I would like to thank all of our players, cheerleaders, parents and coaches for an outstanding basketball season. The hard work and dedication by so many made the season fantastic. We also have many activities planned for the next few months to help your children grow and learn. Please check out the calendar for events coming in March.

Please feel free to call me at 376-4311 or stop by the office if you have questions, concerns, or comments. I enjoy talking with you at any time.

Mr. Sprong



## ISTEP

March 1-4

## Snow Make Up Days

School will be in session

March 23-25

## Dates to Remember:

Student Council

March 10

FCA

No Meeting in March

PTO Skating Party

March 7

## 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.**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Minds on Math:

Help ignite a passion for math in 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation.

Mentors donate one hour per week to work with a small group of students on problem-solving and activities that reinforce math concepts, 3:00-4:00 Mondays through Thursdays.

A one-hour training session will be scheduled with interested volunteers.

To volunteer, contact [mindsonmath@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:mindsonmath@bcsc.k12.in.us) or call Donna Fehribach at 812-378-4759.

### Book Buddies:

Volunteer with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# W.D. Richards Elementary Parent Technology Night

**When:** Tuesday, March 1st. 4:00-5:00 pm **OR** 5:15-6:15 pm

**Why:** To inform parents about BCSC's eLearning Days, ParentPortal, itslearning, and Google Drive.

**Schedule:**

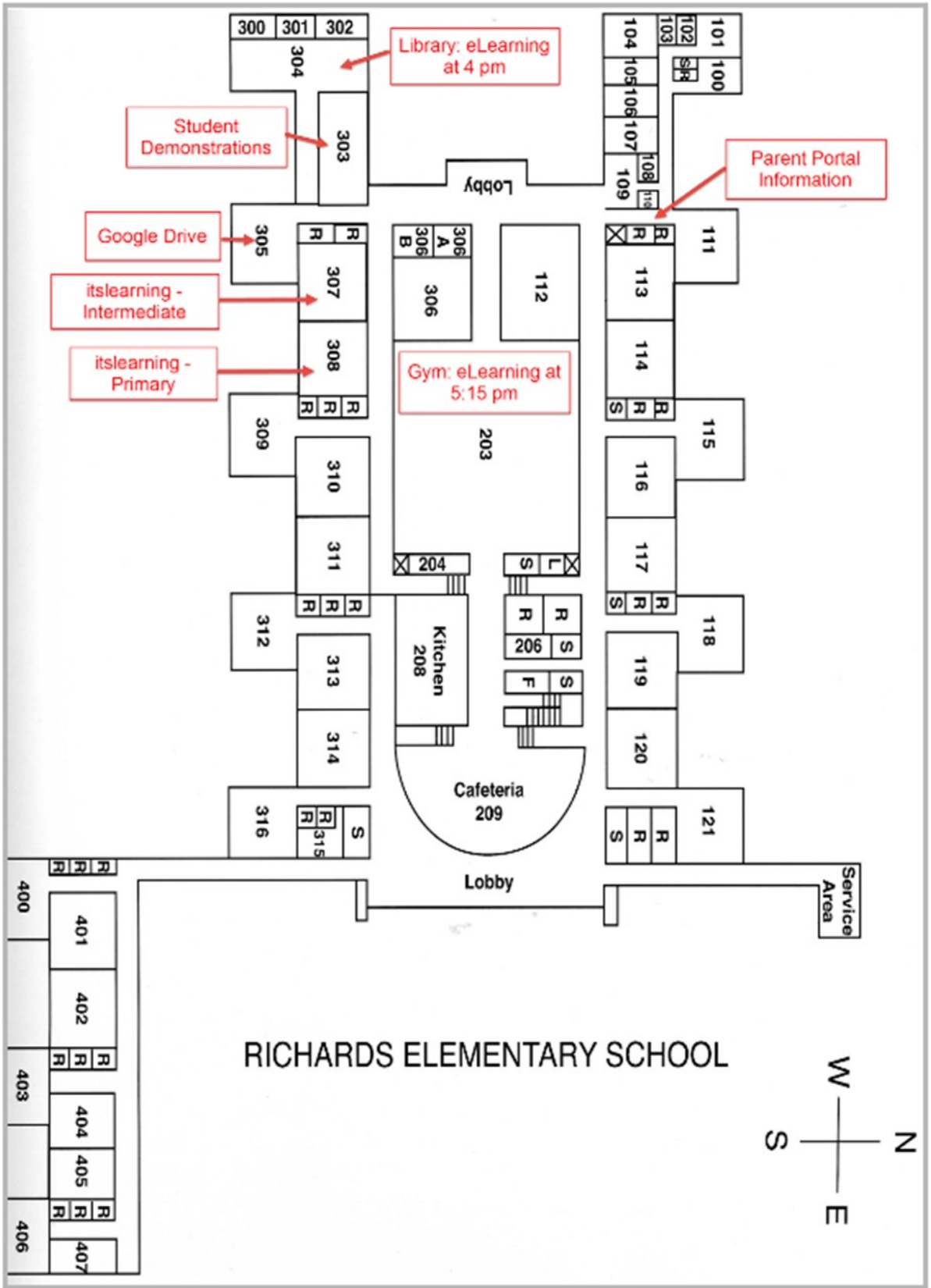
- There will be 3 sessions that will last 20 minutes each.
- You can stop by anytime during the evening to:
- See students demonstrate the technology (Computer Lab- Room 303).
- Sign-up for a Parent Portal Account in the hallway near the office .

**4:00-5:00 pm Schedule**

	Topic	Location	Presenters
<b>Session 1</b> 4:00-4:20 pm	eLearning Days	Library	Nick Williams and Darin Sprong
<b>Sessions 2 and 3</b> 4:20-4:40 pm 4:40-5:00 pm	<b>Choose which topics you want to attend</b>		
	itslearning Primary (K-3)	308	Julie Winters and Melissa Voils
	itslearning Intermediate (4-6)	307	Wendy Foster and Gail Koors
	Google Drive	305	Brelyn Critzer

**5:15-6:15 pm Schedule**

	Topic	Location	Presenters
<b>Session 1</b> 5:15-5:35 pm	eLearning Days	Gym	Nick Williams and Darin Sprong
<b>Sessions 2 and 3</b> 5:35-5:55 pm 5:55-6:15 pm	<b>Choose which topics you want to attend</b>		
	itslearning Primary (K-3)	308	Billie Park and Carolyn Harper
	itslearning Intermediate (4-6)	307	Wendy Foster and Gail Koors
	Google Drive	305	<u>Tami</u> Hebert





## **ENJOYING SEASONAL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

**Want your kids to enjoy the taste of fresh fruits and vegetables? Eat produce that is in season and locally grown! Eating vegetables that are in season allows your family to have fresh Indiana grown produce as part of your day.**

**Locally grown fresh produce is more nutritious since because the time from field to table is shorter, it helps our local economy, supports local jobs, and is makes a smaller carbon footprint because less gas is used to get the produce to our tables.**

**BCSC Schools serve locally grown fruits and vegetables each fall at all our schools.**

**Here are some produce tips to help you choose vegetables and fruits that are in season:**

**SPRING-Strawberries, Asparagus, green onions, lettuce, spinach, peas**

**SUMMER-Beans, Carrots, Broccoli, Peppers, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Potatoes, Corn, Cauliflower, Zucchini, Raspberries, Blackberries. Cantaloupe, Watermelon**

**FALL-Beets, Turnips, Brussel sprouts, corn, Potatoes, pumpkins,**

**To save your seasonal vegetables and fruits to eat at a later date, try to freeze or can them so you can enjoy them year round!**

### **KRISPY KALE CHIPS**

**Kale, raw     4 large bunches**

**Olive oil     ¼ Cup**

**Salt            1 teaspoon**

**Pepper        1 teaspoon**

**Preheat oven 300 degrees. Rinse kale, and dry thoroughly.**

**Tear kale leaves off the thick central ribs by hand.**

**Toss kale leaves into olive oil and coat leaves. Spread leaves evenly**

**On large parchment lined baking sheets in single layers. Sprinkle salt and pepper over leaves. Bake 12-15 minutes, tossing occasionally as needed.**

**When finished kale chips should be very crisp and delicate. Handle carefully. Enjoy!**

**BCSC Food Service....What are YOU having for lunch today?**



## *VEGETARIAN OPTIONS*

People choose vegetarian diets for a variety of reasons. Some reasons might include personal preference, health, ethnicity, religion, animal rights, environmental, etc. No matter the reason, BCSC Food Service has a variety of vegetarian entrée options to choose from, in addition to the wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and salads served daily.

Your student may request one of the entrée options below by 9am to their school cafeteria for lunch service that day.

Veggie Burger on Bun

Cheese Pizza

Specialty Salad w/sunflowers/cheese

Cheese Quesadilla

Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich

Soy Butter and Jelly Sandwich

Breadsticks & Cheese Sauce

Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/pizza sauce

Mini Cheese Bagels

Cheese Ravioli & Breadstick

Soft Pretzel & Cheese Sauce

Cheese Omelet

Breakfast Wrap

Breakfast Tac-Go

Cold Cheese Sandwich

Noodles/Marinara/2 oz Cheese

Graham Snacker & String cheese

Yogurt, Muffin & 2 oz String Cheese

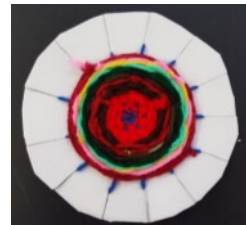
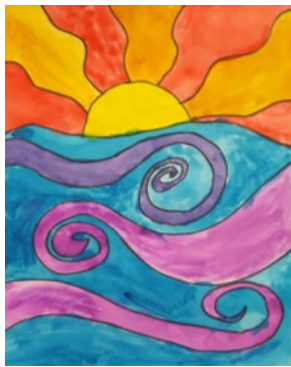
Cheese/Egg Pita Pocket (coming soon)

Baked Potato, Cheese Sauce & roll

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## Art Room News

Another busy month in the Art room!! We have been focusing a great deal of attention on art history lately. Students have been studying and creating art based on famous artists Vincent Van Gogh, Henri Rousseau, Paul Klee, James Rizzi, Faith Ringgold, and Jacob Lawrence. 2nd graders have been learning to weave and doing a fantastic job! 5th and 6th graders have been working on detailed perspective drawings and will be working on 3D projects next.





## Richards Music News

March is "Music in Our Schools Month!" Ask your child to celebrate by sharing what they are learning in music class!



Richards had several students participate in honor choirs around the state this winter. Sam Ferrenburg, Xandra Ellegood, Gavin Foley, and Anna Henrichsen represented Richards in the All State Honor Choir in Fort Wayne on January 14 & 15. They were joined by Kade Kikendall, Cameron Barr, Messiah Trapp, Katelyn Stetter, Madison Valentine, Kathryn Gilliland, Catherine Miller, and Alaney Parker at the Circle the State with Song choral festival at Columbus North on February 13. Congratulations singers!



### Mark your calendars and check out these upcoming music events

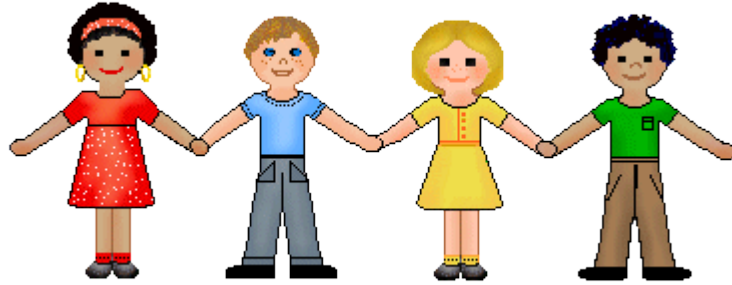
#### April 11-15 - First Grade Music Class Informances

- Monday, April 11, 12:45-1:35 – Mrs. Winter's class
- Wednesday, April 13, 11:45-12:35 – Mrs. Frasier's class
- Thursday, April 14, 12:45-1:35 – Mrs. Ingram's class
  - Friday, April 15, 1:40-2:30 – Mrs. Voils's class

Thursday, April 21, 6:00pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program

Thursday, May 5, 6:00pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program

# Pre K Registration



Pre K applications are currently being accepted for  
**Richards Elementary School**

- Children must be **4 years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** to participate.
- Programming will be Monday - Friday following the BCSC school calendar.
- Tuition is \$150/week with limited scholarships available to families receiving SNAP benefits or free lunch.
- Children are seen as curious, capable, and unique. Teachers facilitate learning using an emergent curriculum led by the child's interests and capabilities.

To apply go to: [www.bcsc.k12.in.us](http://www.bcsc.k12.in.us)

# Run Jump & Play Day



**ATTENTION!**

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Gold notes/permission slips were sent home with students on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Richards Roster. Please be sure to complete and return your child's permission slip no later than the morning of their event (per schedule in box at right).

It is a FUN time ~ I hope to see you there!

*Mr. Martin*

Richards' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RUN JUMP & PLAY activity nights will be coming soon!

Beginning immediately after school until 5:00 p.m. each day:

Kdg & 1<sup>st</sup> Grds - Tues., Mar. 01  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grds - Wed., Mar. 02  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grds - Thurs., Mar. 03





CJ FOUNDATION *for* SIDS



## Saturday April 30, 2016

8:00 Registration Opens  
8:30 Raffle Ticket Sales Open  
9:00 5K Start Time  
10:15 Kids' Fun Run

### Ceraland Park, Columbus, Indiana

5K Walk/Timed Race • Kids' Fun Run • Raffle Prizes  
\*Rain Time will be April 30, 2016 at 3:00

REGISTER ON LINE – [WWW.SIGNMEUP.COM](http://WWW.SIGNMEUP.COM)  
Events / Reid's Race

*On September 19, 2011, tragedy struck the Bozell family when Megan and Kevin Bozell suffered the heartbreaking loss of their beautiful and dimpled baby son Reid Clayton to the dreadful mystery that is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS.*

*To honor Reid, the Bozell family is working with the help of the CJ SIDS Foundation to organize the third annual Reid's Race 5K. Proceeds from the event will help promote research and awareness for the terrible mystery that is SIDS.*

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Reid's Race 5K has been an exceptional success:

- More than \$27,000 raised for the CJ Foundation for SIDS in the last 2 years!
- Family friendly event including kids' activities sponsored by Columbus East Key Club, DJ Sean, a balloon release in memory of Reid, raffle prizes, and a bouncy house!



Student Chapter at IUPUC and The Columbus Kiwanis

are proud to present:

# Science Saturdays

Join us on **Saturday, February 27th from 9 am to Noon** in Rooms CC107 and CC109 on the IUPUC campus where children K-6<sup>th</sup> grades will discover element of engineering through hands-on Technology activities.

## Hands-On Activities:

- Design, construct & test a robot arm
- Design, construct & test using Lego WeDo's
- Learn about Simple Machines

**Cost for workshop is \$15.00 per child**

**Registration can be completed at this link: <http://go.iu.edu/15Zt>**

Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. Please contact Dr. Kate Baird at [kabaird@iupuc.edu](mailto:kabaird@iupuc.edu) by Friday, February 26th to apply.

For further information, contact Tyler Benson – NSTA Student Chapter at IUPUC President at : [tybenson@indiana.edu](mailto:tybenson@indiana.edu)



# Free Dyslexia Seminar

Featuring dyslexia expert, Susan Barton



Find out why bright children struggle, first with spelling, then written expression, and eventually hit a wall in reading development by third grade — if not sooner.

Susan Barton will share:

- Dyslexia's inheritance patterns and the genetic link
- The classic warning signs in children
- The symptoms of mild dyslexia in adults
- Why most dyslexic children don't qualify for special ed
- Research-based "best practices" to improve spelling & reading
- Why tutoring alone is not enough – and much more

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This presentation is open to the public. Parents, teachers, reading specialists and other professionals are encouraged to attend.

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

(Doors open at 5:40)

**Cost:** Free

**Where:** Community Church of Columbus  
3850 N. Marr Rd.  
Columbus, IN 47203

**Contact:** Sarah 812-216-8311

**To register:** [www.MarrRoad.EventBrite.com](http://www.MarrRoad.EventBrite.com)

**Hosted by:** Foundations Dyslexia and Learning Centers

Susan Barton founded Bright Solutions for Dyslexia in 1998, to educate parents and teachers on dyslexia and assist them in finding the appropriate resources and support. Susan is trained in seven different Orton-Gillingham-based programs and teaches graduate-level courses through the University of San Diego. In 2009, Susan was inducted into the International Dyslexia Association's Hall of Honor for her work and dedication in the field of dyslexia.



# Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a healthy, creative fundraiser with Art to Remember. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form showcasing your son's or daughter's artwork.



- Over 30 keepsake products available – all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Don't forget about your family and friends for these gift giving occasions:



- Grandparent's Day
- Christmas
- Father's Day
- Birthdays
- Hanukkah
- Mother's Day



Your purchase captures a moment in time with your child and supports your school.

## THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not wish for your child to participate in this program.  
[www.ArtToRemember.com](http://www.ArtToRemember.com)



# MARCH 2016

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PBIS Focus: Hallway Procedures	Strings: Mondays - Advanced Wednesdays -- Beginning	1 ISTEP testing begins to- day! Parent Tech Night Session 1—4:00 Session 2— 5:15 Run, Jump Play (K and 1)	2 ISTEP testing Run, Jump, Play (Grades 2&3)	3 ISTEP testing Run, Jump, Play (Grades 4, 5 &6) Lego Club 2:45-4:00 Girls Open Gym 4:00-5:30 (Grades 4&5)	4 ISTEP testing RIF Distribution (Grades 1 & 3)	5
6 PBIS Focus: Restroom Procedures	7 I READ 3 testing Girls on Run (2:45-4) Kindergarten Round up 6:00 - 7:00 pm PTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00	8 I READ 3 testing Girls Open Gym 4:00-5:30 (Grades 4&5)	9 I READ 3 testing Girls on Run (2:45-4)	10 Student Council 2:45 Lego Club 2:45-4:00 Girls Open Gym 4:00-5:30 (Grades 4&5)	11	12
13 PBIS Focus: Cafeteria Procedures	14 ↓	15	16 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	17 ↑	18 ↑	19
20 PBIS Focus: Playground Procedures	21 Snow Make up Day # 5. (No school today as of March 1)	22 Snow Make up Day # 4. (No school today as of March 1)	23 School Today! Return from Spring Break Girls on Run (2:45-4)	24 Girls Open Gym 4:00-5:30 (Grades 4&5)	25	26
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