

# RAIDER NEWS

W.D. RICHARDS ELEMENTARY



**November 2015**

## **The Principal's Corner**

Dear Richards Families:

I can't believe it is already November! We have enjoyed so many successes during the first nine weeks of school. It has been very enjoyable to watch your children grow and learn. November and December are very busy months with the start of basketball and cheerleading as well as holiday activities. Please check the calendar for upcoming events. As the weather changes, please encourage your child to wear appropriate clothes for the colder temperatures. We go outside each day at recess unless it is below 20 degrees. Students have been doing a good job of being responsible for their coats and jackets but we still have several lost and found items located in the back lobby by the cafeteria. Also, as we approach weather changes, please listen to the radio or television for delay or snow day information. You may also check the BCSC website. With weather changes it is also important to remember that students cannot enter the building until 7:45 for breakfast or 8:00 to go to classrooms every morning. Please try to drop your children off closer to the designated times so they will not have to stand outside in the cold weather.

Congratulations to the members of our basketball and cheerleading squads. I know the players and coaches have been working hard preparing for the upcoming season. It takes a lot of hard work to keep up with schoolwork and attend practices and games. I would like to thank the parents of these student athletes for making sure school work comes first. Congratulations to Richards students for excellent attendance for the first nine week grading period. Our school attendance thus far this year is 97.5% which means we are on pace to meet our goal for attendance this school year. Hopefully our excellent attendance continues.

I continue to be amazed by the contributions of so many parents and staff members. Richards is a wonderful school thanks to your efforts. I welcome your participation in your child's school and look forward to seeing you at the next PTO meeting or school event. 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. Darin Sprong



## Thanksgiving Break November 23-27

No School

### Spell Bowl

Thurs., Nov. 19th

Southside Elementary 5:00 PM

Fifteen students in grades 4-6 have been practicing since September in order to represent Richards in this competition. Admission is free for anyone wanting to support the Raider Spell Bowl Team.

### Dates to Remember:

Fall Festival

November 6

Student Council

November 12

Spell Bowl Competition

November 19

FCA

November 19

### 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

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# Richards Elementary



## Fall Festival



**Friday, November 6**

**5:30-8:30**

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Including...

American Girl Doll "Grace"	Northside Sport Passes
Grade Level Baskets	Central Sport Passes
Disney Tickets	Cosco Ladder
Children Museum	Cosco Card table and chairs
Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame	Cosco step stool
Mega Caverns	Pampered Chef
Cincinnati Reds Tickets	GarbArt
Indianapolis Indians Tickets	Living Will

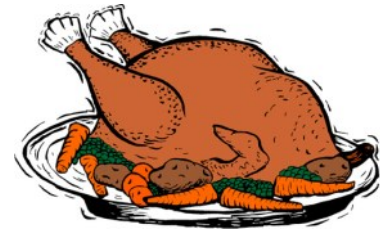
BAKE SALE

## **Cafeteria Corner**

**We invite you to come and have a Thanksgiving meal with your child on November 19th!**

For only \$3.10, you can get

- Homemade Turkey and Noodles
- Warm Roll
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Fruits and Pumpkin Pie!



A great way to start off the following Thanksgiving week with your child!! :)

A reminder that the new 5 week rotation menu begins November 2. The new menus can be found on-line at the bcsc website

under Food Service. Some of the items featured November thru February will be Fish Sticks, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crazy Walking Taco, Nachos and Cheese, Ravioli, Corn Dogs and many other delicious entrees! We invite your child to come and check out these items if they haven't before!!

We hope you have a great Thanksgiving! We love seeing your child/children come through the line each day and strive to bring them delicious tasting meals each day!

Janealis Brandsma and the Richards Cafe Staff



# Veterans Day



The annual Veteran's Day program will be  
Wednesday, November 11  
at 8:30 am in the gym.

Grades 4-6 will be performing, along with the choir. All other grades are invited to attend.

Students are welcome to invite veterans that they know; there will be a special part of the program when we honor the veterans that are present.

Also, students and staff are welcome to submit a photo of any special veterans in their lives.

They can email Mrs. Lueken at [luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:luekenm@bcsc.k12.in.us) the photo or send in a hard copy in an envelope to be scanned and returned. We need the following information along with the photos:

Veteran's name

Military branch

Years of service

Relationship to Richards student or staff

# United Way Week

## November 2-6

Our student campaign will include **Dollar Days** again this year!

Monday: Popsicles at lunch for \$1

Tuesday: Students can wear a hat for a \$1

Wednesday: Popsicles at lunch for \$1

Thursday: Students can wear pajamas for a \$1

Friday: Popsicles at lunch for \$1



### Make a Difference Day!

Kindergarteners collected 1164 items for Make a Difference Day this year!

## Art Room News

Fall is in the air in the Art Room!! Here are some of the wonderful things students have been making!! K made leaf resist paintings, 1st made Leaf bowls out of clay and leaf resist paintings, 2nd made self portraits with shadows, 3rd made clay pumpkins and spider resist paintings, 4th made spooky house silhouette paintings, 5th and 6th grade are working on scratch art animals.





## **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 The Wonderful Mrs. Winters by Gwennie Anderson and Olivia Collins**

Today Gwen and Olivia are interviewing Mrs. Winters, the wonderful first grade teacher." How are you doing today?" We asked. She said " Doing well" which we responded "great." "What is your full name?" Julie Nicole Winters" What a beautiful name. "How long have you been teaching and where have you taught?" She replied "5 years and I have taught at Hope Elementary and this is my very first year at W.D Richards". Next, we asked " Do you like teaching at Richards." and she fortunately replied " Yes, I love it." Adding to the previous question, " Why do you love it here?" I knew that was coming" she responded. " I love the staff and how kind and helpful they are. And I love the kiddo's because of how friendly and kind they are. Also how so very smart they are. I especially like the community. What a nice comment to say about W. D. Richards and the community. Thank You Mrs. Winters.

Continuing the interview, the next question was, "Where are you from?" She responded, "Columbus, where I was born and raised and I went to Indiana University." Following up that question we asked, "What degree did you get?" She replied, "I got a bachelors for science and education and minored in music, health, and reading. Mrs. Winters has a black pug named Lucy. She has a family of her husband, Michael and her daughter, Ellie. She lives in Columbus and has a funny story to tell, too. One day she was helping a little girl with her hair and some others with homework and one of her shelves fell. While all that happened, she had to help a little boy put on a band aid. "You have a lot of jobs" said the boy. Mrs. Winters replied, "Yes, I do, I'm a teacher, nurse, doctor...." Right then she was interrupted by the boy. The boy said, "Well everyone knows you're a doctor." Mrs. Winters looked confused and responded, "They do?" "Yeah," the boy responded. So now Mrs. Winters is known as a leader, doctor, teacher, and friend. Thank you for your time.

## News from the Richards Library



### Annual Book Fair! Begins Monday!



Monday, November 2  
thru Friday, November 6  
Students will be able to shop  
throughout the week during their scheduled library  
time. We will have a variety of books, posters and  
other items for students to purchase.

We will then wrap up the sale on  
Friday night, November 6, with  
**Family Night during the Fall Festival**

The book fair will be open during the  
Fall Festival from 5:30 – 8:00 P.M. for you to shop  
with your student. Make sure you stop in for a minute  
to see what we have to offer.

Books make GREAT Christmas gifts!

Can't make it to the fair this year or your student  
didn't see the title he/she wanted? No problem.

You can order online through Scholastic  
from October 25 through November 14.

Richards will receive credit for your order and all  
books will be delivered to Richards. Check it out at:

[http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/  
richardselementaryschool1](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/richardselementaryschool1)

## 2015-2016 Boys Basketball Roster

#	PLAYER'S NAME
35	Carson Allen
33	Armani Campbell
20	Devon Flores
23	Luke Harmon
30	Rhett Harmon
11	Quintin Marquis
15	Chase Martoccia
21	Chase Sams
25	Jaxson Scruggs
53	Gavin Steward
42	Trent Tyree
12	Cheyton Wise
MGR	Carter Howell
COACH'S NAME	
Barry Turnbow	
Jeff Turnbow	
Blake Turnbow	

Go Raiders!



## 2015-2016 Girls Basketball Roster

#	PLAYER'S NAME
31	Carly Colglazier
11	Koryn Greiwe
44	Alexia Heafner
51	Emalee Heafner
50	Emma Jenkins
33	Katy Jordan
32	Maddi Rutan
15	Alivia Steinkoenig
45	Reece Whitehead
25	Grace Wiltsey
34	Jaida Wise
43	Jolie Wolfe
MGR	Heidi Banaschak
MGR	Matina Maharjan

### COACH'S NAME

Richard Macy

Brandon Macy

Hayden Shuffett

Alex Barbera



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# RAIDERS



## 2015-2016 Basketball Schedule

Girls – 5:30 ~ Boys – 6:30

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Opponent/Place</b></i>	<i><b>Dress-up</b></i>
10/24 (Saturday 9:00))	Taylorville	Wear It Pink (on Friday)
10/28	@ CSA Fodrea	Dress Like a Raider!
11/4	Schmitt	Blue & White Day
11/11	<b>BYE</b>	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

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



# Spirit Days!

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



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## 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.

**“research shows that both parents and kids are more emotionally fit if they eat regular meals together.”**

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.

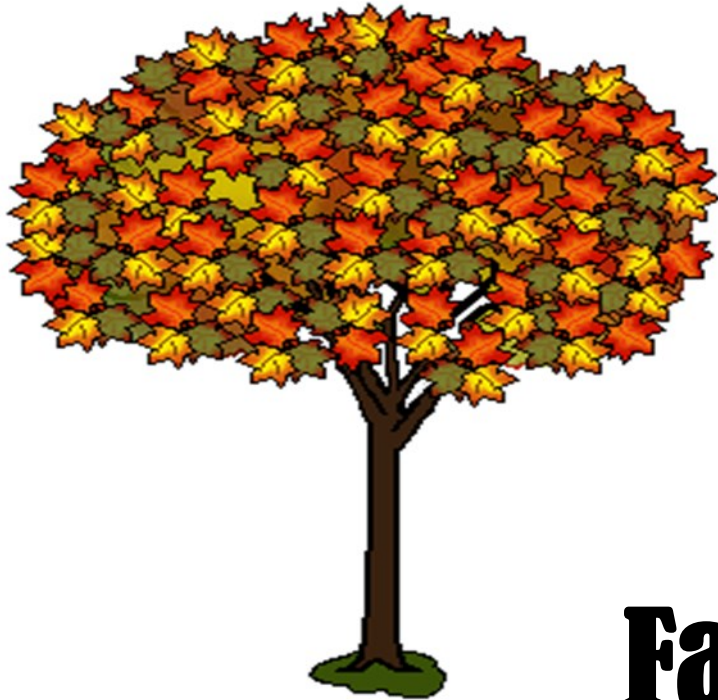
Try to schedule a meal time a few times a week where everyone can get together to share a meal...it may be breakfast rather than dinner, or lunch on the weekends. Easy meals with minimal preparation will help as well as using a crock pot. Set the mood and model good manners and patience. Keep interactions 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



### 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.



## **i-CARE** **Family Night**

**Friends and families of the W.D. Richards' i-CARE program are welcome to join the i-CARE staff in room 310 from 7 to 8 PM, the evening of the Richards' Fall Festival.**

**In 310 we will be serving bottled water and coffee as well as a snack or two!**

**Room 310 would be a great place for families to meet up and relax during the festival or just stop in and grab a drink and chat.**

**The Richards' i-CARE staff hopes to see you on the evening of November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8 PM!!!**



# HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY WITH SCRIP!

**Start your holiday shopping early by ordering Scrip Gift Cards! Each gift card purchased donates a percentage back to Richards Elementary!**

**For more information please contact**

**Michelle Cochran at [mcochran08@gmail.com](mailto:mcochran08@gmail.com)**

**Or Julia Stetter at [stetterj@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:stetterj@bcsc.k12.in.us)**

**Or order online at: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)**

**Richards Enrollment code: F978ADA224888**

**All orders for November must be submitted by November 11th.**



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