# WEEKLY UPDATE

Families 1.12.24



## Message from the PTA:

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting this week! If you would like more information about Revere PowerPack or the preschool program discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to Erin at <u>richfieldptapresident@gmail.com</u> and we will get your questions answered.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with testing this week! We say it all the time but we are so thankful for all of you for consistently stepping up and volunteering when asked. We Don't forget to purchase your tickets for next Saturday's Mother/Son Wild Safari Night! <u>Tickets can</u> <u>be purchased here</u>. We are still seeking donations and volunteers as well. If interested, <u>please click</u> <u>here for the signup</u>.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy the extra long weekend!

# Message from STEM:

Dear Richfield Elementary Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a wonderful winter break filled with joy and relaxation. As we take on the new year, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the generous families, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to our school community before the break. Your dedication and involvement truly make a positive impact on our students' educational journey.

#### Upcoming Highlights by Grade Level for STEM: 2nd Grade: Exploring Endangered Animal Species

Our second-grade students are diving into an exciting project centered around endangered animal species. They will be conducting research to understand the challenges these creatures face. In the coming weeks, they'll be planning and creating models showcasing the animals both before and after human impact. This hands-on project not only enhances their scientific knowledge but also encourages critical thinking and creativity.

## 1st Grade: Embracing the Plant Life Cycle

Our first-grade students are currently immersed in the fascinating world of plants. They are learning about the plant life cycle and applying their knowledge by creating plant prototypes. Additionally, the students will be germinating seeds, allowing them to take ownership of nurturing living organisms while practicing observation and measurement skills. This hands-on approach brings the classroom to life, fostering a love for learning in the natural world.

## Kindergarten: STEM Challenges and Problem Solving

In kindergarten, our young learners are continuing their exploration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts. They will be engaging in STEM challenges and problemsolving activities, integrating these skills with stories and topics from their curriculum. Through collaborative small group work, the students will practice critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity. Our focus is on resourcefulness, encouraging them to use only the materials they need, differentiating between wants and needs in creating their projects.

Donations Needed: Plastic Cups and Clothes Pins

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. Wishing you a fantastic start to the new year! Best, Katie Petridis STEM Elementary Teacher at RES



# CURIOUS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN?????

Curious about K presentation and tour: A-L March 6th 6:30-8 M-Z March 7th 6:30 - 8

**Registration - in the Kindergarten atrium at Richfield Elementary** March 13th 2:00pm-7:00pm

March 14th 7:00am-1:00pm

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