# Weekly Update Families 3.8.24



# Message from the PTA:

Thank you so much to everyone who has participated in the Read-a-thon this week! We are off to such a great start, with the students reading over 50,000 minutes in the first few days! The fundraising portion has also been super successful so thank you so much for everyone's support. We are so excited to be able to support the updates to the playground! Remember to keep logging your minutes daily as we will continue to do daily prize drawings next week.

We hope you will be able to join us this Tuesday for our next PTA meeting at 9:15. Our special guest speakers will be Mrs. Knafel (Kindergarten Teacher), Mrs. Bird, and Mrs. Yoder (Second Grade Teacher). As always, PTA meetings are a great way to hear directly from our district administrators, school principals, and PTA board members about what is going on at Richfield Elementary. We hope to see you there!

#### Youth Soccer:

Please see the links below! Academy flyer and Gear Swap!

# Academy flyer.pdf

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# RSC Gear Swap 4\_6.pdf

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# Message from STEM:

Dear Richfield Elementary Families,

I'm excited to share the wonderful STEM activities happening in our K-2 classes for the month of March!

## Second Grade: Story-inspired STEM Challenges

In second grade, they are working onSTEM challenges inspired by literature. Each story we read aloud serves as a springboard for creativity and problem-solving. Through these challenges, students are honing their teamwork, diversity appreciation, resilience, and problem-solving skills. It's a refreshing change of pace, allowing them to re-establish these crucial abilities while reinforcing the engineer design process.

## First Grade: Boxitects at Work

Our first-grade students are embracing their inner "boxitects" as they engineer innovative creations using simple cardboard boxes. Many students have chosen to transform their boxes into game boards or carnival-inspired games. They are excited for everyone in their class to interact with these imaginative creations once they're completed!

## Kindergarten: Musical Instruments in the Making

In kindergarten, we are collaborating with Mrs. Wolske's music class. Students will be diving into the world of sound by creating their own musical instruments. They'll learn about vibrations, movement, and beats while exploring their creativity.

## A Shoutout to Our Wonderful Kindergarten Family Members

A big thank you to all the kindergarten family members who joined us in the first week of March to showcase their everyday jobs. Your insights into real-life skills, problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration were truly inspiring for our K classes. I greatly appreciate your involvement in enriching our students' learning experiences.

#### **Donations Needed:**

- Bottle caps
- Rubber bands
- Solo cups
- Pipe cleaners

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our STEM endeavors at Richfield Elementary!

Best,

Katie Petridis (STEM Elementary Teacher)

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