Richland Newsletter

October Edition



Hello Richland Families! This is a monthly newsletter to keep you up-to-date on the latest news, events, and important information for your Richland student(s). Always reach out if you have any additional questions and/or need more information. - Mr. Livigni, K-8 Principal

September's Important Dates

Anti-Bullying Day - Wear Blue	**October 5th**
Early Dismissal	**October 9th**
CHFD Fire Drill and Fire Prevention Presentations	**October 9th**
No School - Columbus/Indigenous People Day	**October 12th**
Camping Out with Books 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Media Center (K-4)	**October 15th**
End of the 1st Quarter	**October 16th**
PreACT 8/9 (8th Grade only)	**October 19th**
Iron Eagle Celebrations for Perfect September Attendance	**October 21st**

Principal's Message From Mr. Livigni's Desk

Dear Richland Families,

As October begins, we are approaching the end of the 1st quarter! It has been wonderful to see our students settle into their routines, build friendships, and grow in confidence as learners. The end of the first quarter gives up an opportunity to celebrate their progress and set goals for the quarter ahead.

To begin October we will be recognizing students for positive behavior, academics and perfect attendance. Students that were practicing the our 3R's Respect, Responsibility, and Resourcefulness will be celebrated with Soaring Eagles Awards - there will be 3 per grade. For students that had an amazing month in academics and behavior will become the Student of the Month - there will be 1 per grade. These students will also receive a plaque at an end of the year ceremony. Students with perfect attendance will attend an in-school social with a cold treat and games to play with their friends. It is so

important that we have your child in school and we appreciate your partnership with their attendance each day! Our Virtue of the Month for September was Respect. Any student that was observed displaying this virtue was given a Eagle Virtue Buck to placed in a raffle that we will pulling this month as well. Our October Virtue is responsibility.

I also want to recognize the great work of our teachers. Their thoughtful planning, creativity, and dedication create meaningful learning opportunities every day. Across our classrooms, students are asking questions, collaborating with classmates, explaining their thinking, and developing new skills. It is exciting to see the learning taking place and the care our teachers bring to supporting each student.

As the quarter comes to a close, please take time to talk with your child about what they have learned, what they are proud of, and where they would like to improve. Reviewing grades and assignments together can help students finish the quarter strong and prepare for a successful second quarter. Please reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions or need support.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping your child come to school ready to learn. We look forward to another month of learning, growth, and celebration at Richland!

Warm regards,
Mr. John Livigni
Richland Principal

Important Reminders

Arrival and Dismissal

The entrance for car riders will be Door # 5 for Junior High this year. This door is located around the corner from the Junior High Office. **Please pull all the way up to drop your child off and leave the area immediately so we don't have a traffic back up in the parking lot.** This procedure will be the same for dismissal. Please pick your child up at Door 5 as well. Students will not enter the building until 7:52

Elementary Entrance for car riders will be Door #6. Staff will open the doors at 8:25 am please remain with your child until school personnel has opened the doors. For dismissal, please meet at Door 6 at 3:13 pm- all elementary students must be released to an approved adult. **Adults should be within a reasonable range of Door 6 and not in the parking lot or near Doort 5**.

Staff and Student ID's

All staff and students are required to wear an ID while in the building. This is for Safety and Security purposes. Students will also need their ID if they are getting lunch or checking out materials from the Media Center. Students will leave their ID at school so they don't have to worry about remembering it each morning. They will leave ID's in their locker at the end of the day and it will be there the next morning before going to first period.

Chromebooks

Students have been instructed that the Chromebooks need to be kept in the case at all times. Please help us in reminding your child about the importance of making sure nothing Chromebook or case before closing their Chromebook or putting it in their case. We have had several students break their screens already this year because a pen, pencil, or some other device was still inside when they close it. Students and families are responsible for any damages to these devices. Please remind your child of the importance of taking care of their device.

Attendance

Attendance is very important! Attendance is taken every class period. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the attendance line (815-744-6166), listen for prompts, and press 2. We ask that attendance be called in by 9am at the latest. Please report all symptoms when reporting your child's absence. If your child is marked absent and we haven't heard from you, calls will be made to make sure your child is home and safe. If your child is late to school, a parent must come into the building and sign them in at the office.

Cell Phones

We completely understand if your child needs to bring a cell phone to school. However, students are not permitted to have their cell phone or other electronic device (smartwatches) on them during the school day. These devices need to be powered off and kept in their locker. They should not have them out until after exiting the building or have permission from a coach/club sponsor if in an after school activity. We also understand you might have to get in contact with your child during the school day. If that is the case, we ask you call the office and we can either relay a message to them or you can talk to them directly. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

Skyward

At Richland Jr. High, we use Skyward (online database) to track student progress, attendance, and more. Parents have a login to Skyward. With this login, you can track how your child is doing in all of their classes 24/7. Teachers will update grades as often as possible. If you have any immediate concerns about grades, please contact your child's individual teacher. If you are having trouble accessing Skyward, please contact the office.

Communication

Communication between home and school is important! If you have had a change in phone number or email, please contact the junior high office so we can update this information in our system. When we send emails, phone messages, etc... the information comes directly from Skyward.

Nurse’s Office Reminder

When sending in medications for either short-term or long-term use, please be sure to provide all required paperwork fully completed. Students are not permitted to administer medication to themselves without a medical plan that has been created by the Nurse’s Office in conjunction with a medical practitioner. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe and healthy.

Visitors

All visitors, including parents, MUST present their ID before being allowed in the building. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter as we work to maintain the highest level of safety and security in our buildings.

Lunch

Students may have a lunch dropped off for them by a parent, guardian, or someone listed on the emergency contacts. Food delivered to school by UberEats, DoorDash, Grubhub, or any other delivery service is not allowed.

Here to Support You

If you believe that you may qualify for free or reduced lunch please contact the Junior High Office for information and an application.

Have you lost housing and need assistance? Richland 88A has resources to assist you. Please contact Kristen Bonie (815) 744 - 7288 x4045

Assistant Principals' Messages...

K - 2 Mrs. Collins

As September comes to a close, I am incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work learning about and practicing our Virtue of the Month, Respect. From showing kindness to others to using respectful words and actions, our littlest Eagles have been working hard to put this virtue into practice each day! I cannot wait to watch our students continue to grow as they learn how to be responsible and what it means to take ownership of their choices, care for themselves and others, and do their part to make Richland a wonderful place to learn as we jump into learning about Responsibility.

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3 - 5 Mr. Berard

Hello Eagle Families!

As we begin October, we want to reflect on our many September successes! Last month, our students demonstrated respect by showing others that they matter through their words, actions, and positive choices. This month, our character focus shifts to responsibility. In upper elementary, responsibility means taking ownership of our actions, keeping our promises, and taking pride in our learning environment. You can help reinforce this at home by encouraging your child to charge their school device nightly and check their take-home folders. We are also continuing our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! During daily announcements, we've been highlighting inspiring figures such as athlete Lionel Messi, artist Frida Kahlo, and astronaut José M. Hernández. Here is an example of one of the slides our students see each day:



Justin Berard

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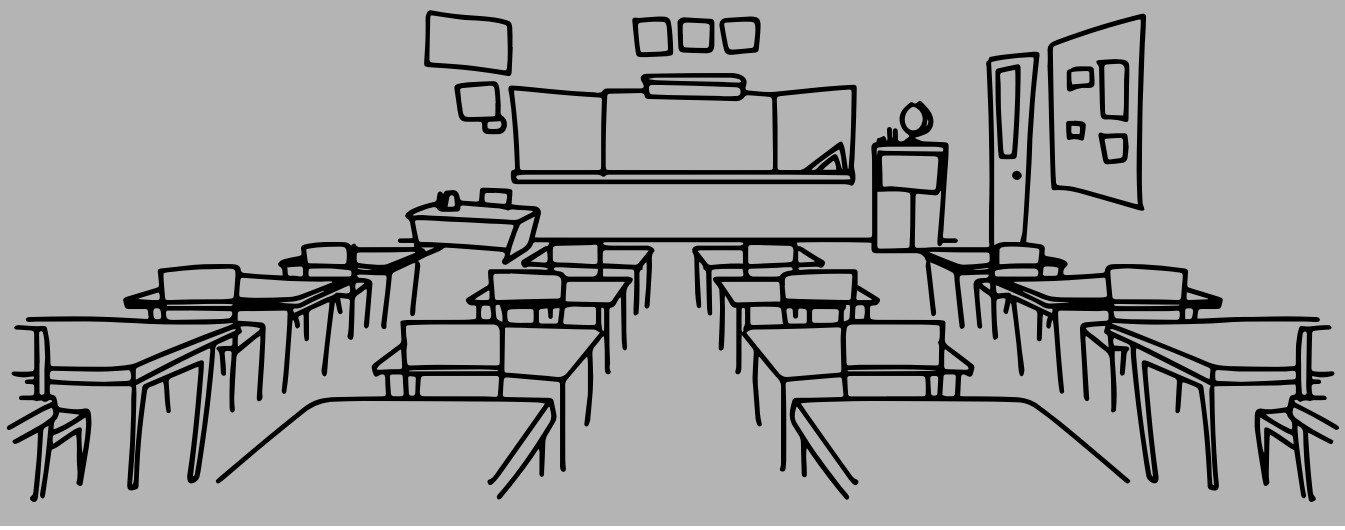
6 - 8 Mr. Kikos

Richland Families,

Happy October! As we settle into the school year, it has been wonderful to see our students learning, growing, and building strong classroom routines. This month, our teachers and students are continuing to dive deeper into their academic content while developing the skills and habits that support success throughout the year. We are proud of the hard work happening in our classrooms and look forward to all that October has in store!

Jim Kikos

In The Classrooms



This section will have updates about the learning inside the classroom for each grade, K - 8.

Kindergarten Curriculum Updates

Really Great Reading (ELA): Students are using the beginning Countdown Units to build foundational reading skills through rhyming, syllables, letter recognition, and sound awareness, preparing students for early reading and decoding.

Arts and Letters (ELA): Students are building foundational literacy skills through engaging read-alouds, meaningful discussions, and hands-on learning experiences. They practiced asking and answering questions, and ways to start expressing their ideas through drawing, speaking, and writing.

EnVision Math: Students are learning how to write and identify numbers 0-10. Next up is comparing numbers! They are able to practice writing their numbers in their new purposeful play centers. This month's theme in Ms. Prosise's class is Apples.



1st Grade Curriculum Updates

Really Great Reading (ELA): Students are continuing to build foundational reading skills through phonemic awareness, letter-sound relationships, blending, decoding, and encoding, helping students become more confident readers and spellers.

Arts and Letters (ELA): Students have been working on their ability to ask and answer questions, identify key details, explore new vocabulary, and make connections between texts and their own experiences. Students in 1st grade are well on their way to being School Scholars!

EnVision Math: Students are learning more about numbers by fluently adding and subtracting within 20.

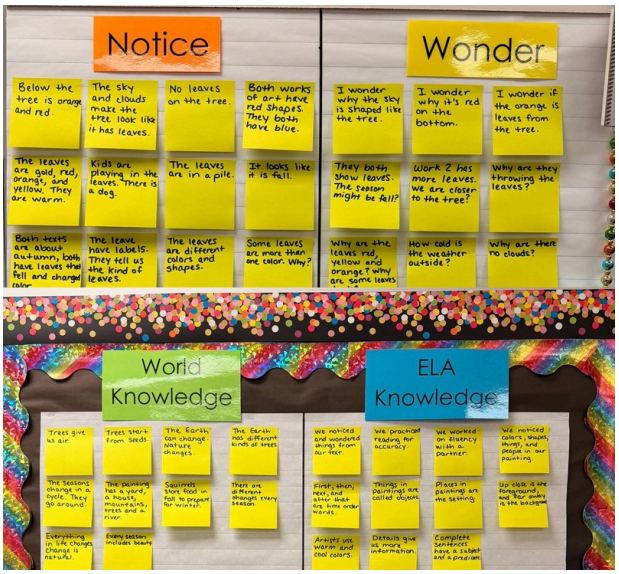


2nd Grade Curriculum Updates

Really Great Reading (ELA): Students are strengthening their foundational literacy skills through phonemic awareness, decoding, encoding, syllable patterns, and word analysis to build reading fluency and spelling accuracy.

Arts and Letters (ELA): Through collaborative conversations and written responses, our 2nd grade students have been practicing supporting their ideas with evidence, expressing their thinking clearly, and developing greater independence and confidence as readers and writers.

EnVision Math: Students have worked on adding and subtracting within 100, while learning multiple strategies.



3rd Grade Curriculum Updates

ELA

3rd Grade Arts & Letters 📚

Our 3rd graders are diving into Module 1 of Arts & Letters (The Sea)! After exploring the power of nature through Hokusai's famous artwork, The Great Wave off Kanagawa, students just started reading the exciting book Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster.

Here is a collage that third grade created together:



Math

Our 3rd graders recently wrapped up EnVision Topic 2, where they dove into multiplication! Throughout the unit, students explored how numbers work together when multiplying by 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10. Rather than relying purely on memorization, they focused on spotting helpful strategies and connections to build a solid foundation and boost their math confidence.

You can help your child practice these skills in everyday life! Try asking them to skip-count by 5s or 10s while setting the table, or look for "equal groups" together using egg cartons, toy cars, or snack packages. Learning math is always more fun when we do it together!

4th Grade Curriculum Updates

ELA

Our 4th graders are exploring Module 1: "A Great Heart" in Arts & Letters! We're learning how the human heart works scientifically alongside uplifting stories like Love That Dog to discover how kindness, courage, and poetry show up in everyday life.

Skills We're Practicing:

- Literal vs. Figurative Meaning: Comparing the physical organ to traits like bravery and compassion.
- Poetry & Writing: Using details from our texts to express big feelings and craft strong paragraphs.

Math

Our 4th graders are taking on multi-digit multiplication! Students are learning how to estimate products using rounding to check if their answers make sense, and using visual arrays and partial products to break big numbers into smaller, manageable steps.

5th Grade

Math

Our 5th graders are getting hands-on with data and shapes! We're learning how to collect measurements and organize them on simple line plots to easily spot patterns. We're also becoming "space detectives" by learning volume—discovering how much room fits inside different 3D shapes using quick math strategies.

ELA

Our 5th graders are diving into Module 1 in Arts & Letters, studying the history, culture, and traditions of the Nimíipuu (Nez Perce) Nation. Through literary texts and historical sources, students are learning how

geography, heritage, and storytelling shape a community's culture over time.

Skills We're Practicing:

- Analyzing Multiple Perspectives: Understanding how background and environment influence an author's or historical figure's point of view.
- Evidence-Based Writing: Using details from non-fiction texts and historical maps to support written responses.

Setting the Foundation for Success 6 -8

6th Grade

Math: Students are finishing Topic 1, focusing on positive rational numbers. They are practicing adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals, whole numbers, fractions, and mixed numbers.

Science: Students have explored the history of microscopes and the important scientists behind the development of Cell Theory. They have learned microscope parts and functions and are gaining hands-on experience by observing and drawing specimens such as the letter "e" and cork.

ELA: Students are beginning the Arts & Letters curriculum and learning about the Great Depression through the analysis of historical texts and photographs.

7th Grade

ELA: Students are reading *Good Masters, Sweet Ladies*, exploring characterization, point of view, narrative writing, and vocabulary.

Social Studies: Students have completed a foundational overview of the founding stories of the thirteen English colonies. They are now beginning to explore life in the colonies, including the development of self-government.

Math: Students are mastering operations with rational numbers, including positive and negative integers, fractions, and decimals. They are also applying these skills to multi-step, real-world problems.

8th Grade

ELA: Students are exploring the power of poetry through the reading of "Exile" and comparing it with the artwork *The Block*. They are also strengthening reading fluency and annotation skills.

Math: Students are working through Topic 1: Real Numbers, including rational and irrational numbers, square roots, cube roots, and scientific notation.

Science: Students are studying chemical reactions, including the structure of matter, physical and chemical properties, and synthetic materials.

Social Studies: Students began the quarter reviewing key social studies concepts and terms before studying the Illinois State Constitution. They will soon transition into Westward Expansion and examine how the United States changed during the 1800s.

Sports, Arts, & Clubs

Girls Basketball

- 10/1 - vs. Taft @ 4:15
- 10/2 - @ Fairmont @ 4:15
- 10/5 - @ Rockdale @ 4:15
- 10/8 - vs Washington @ 4:15
- 10/14 - vs. Elwood @ 4:15
- 10/15 - vs. Laraway @ 4:15
- 10/16 - vs. Kelvin Grove @ 4:15
- 10/19 - @ AVM @ 4:15
- 10/21 - @ Gompers @ 4:15
- 10/22 - vs. Monge (Disney Theme) @ 4:15
- 10/26 - @ Elwood @ 4:15
- 10/28 - vs. Rockdale @ 4:15

Boys Soccer

- 10/1 - @ Troy @ 4:30
- 10/2 - Soccer Party & Uniform Return @ 3:00 - 4:30

Cross Country

- 10/6 - @ Oak Prairie Invite @ 4:30
- 10/10 - Regionals @ TBA
- 10/17 - State @ TBA

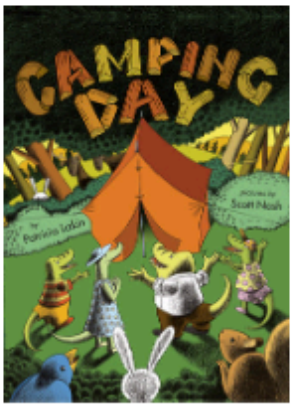
Camping Out with Books!!! K -4 Students

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 15, 6:00-7:00 pm

"Camping Out With Books" Family Literacy Night

Kindergarten-4th Grade Richland Students



In the Media Center. The whole family is welcome!

This will be a great time to read with your child.

You may bring blankets, camping gear,

flashlights, pop-up tents, folding chairs, etc.

We'll have Tents, Victor E. Eagle,

Photo Booth, Story Time, Free Books & Campfire Songs

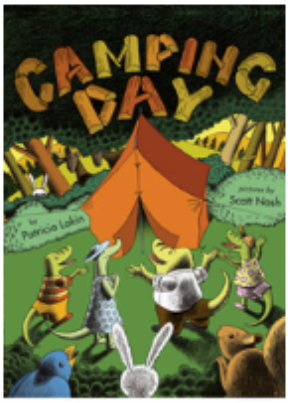
We Hope To See You There!

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

Acampar con libros Noche de literature

Jueves, 15 de octubre, 6:00-7:00 pm

Estudiantes de Richland del kinder a quinto grado



En el Centro de Medios de Comunicación. Toda la familia es bienvenida!

Este será un buen momento para leer con su hijo.

Puede traer cobijas, equipo de campamento,

linternas eléctricas, carpas emergentes, sillas plegables, etc.

Tendremos Carpas, el mascota de la escuela Victor E. Eagle,

Fotos, hora del cuento, canciones y libros gratis

¡Los esperamos!

Miles of Smiles (All Grades)

Attention Parents!!!



Miles of Smiles provides preventive dental services at school. Services include an exam/screening by a licensed dentist or licensed public health hygienist, a fluoride varnish application, and sealant replacement if needed.

This also satisfies the dental requirement mandated by the State of Illinois for school children in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade.

Information is being sent home this week for this **wonderful service with no cost to your family!** Please read over the information being sent home and and see if this a fit for you child.

Staff Members of the Month

We are proud to recognize our Staff Members of the Month, who were nominated by their peers for demonstrating Richland's Core Values and consistently going above and beyond!

These incredible staff members make a difference each day—not only in the lives of their students, but also by supporting, encouraging, and uplifting their colleagues. Their dedication, kindness, teamwork, and commitment to our Richland community are just a few of the many reasons they are so deserving of this recognition.

There is something extra special about being recognized by the people you work alongside each day. Thank you to our Junior High Secretary Ms. Leal, 3rd Grade Teacher Ms. Talent, and Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Prosise.







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