~Thank you, RCA~
Warmest expressions of gratitude to all families and staff who attended the RCA "Reach for the Stars" Gala on Friday! Your dedication to helping the Ricks Center continue to improve its facility and service to the students is so appreciated. And an enormous thank you to the RCA for putting together such an incredible event! Well done!!

Morgridge Faculty Named to Ritchie Endowed Chair
Faculty member, and Ricks Center founder, Norma Hafenstein, Ph.D., has been named the Daniel L. Ritchie Endowed Chair in Gifted Education. The Chair reflects the University of Denver’s—and the Morgridge College of Education’s (MCE)—long history of commitment to gifted education through service to gifted children, training of teachers to serve children’s needs, and support of doctoral research around giftedness. Read more...

National School Psychology Awareness Week
We are celebrating National School Psychology Awareness Week, November 14-18, 2016, the theme of which is “Small Steps Change Lives.” On the bulletin board by the front offices, you will find small steps our students plan on taking to promote positive behavior. There are also resources and tip sheets for families. Come and check out the small steps we all can take as a community.

Grandparents and Special Persons Day
Help our students celebrate all of the amazing things going on at Ricks Center with their Grandparents or other Special Persons (adults only please) at our third annual "Grandparents and Special Persons Day" on Monday November 28th, 9:30-11:00am. RSVP to Amy Jacobs.

We would like to capture the moments from our special day. If you are a photographer or just love taking pictures, we would love your help taking pictures during the event. Please contact Amy Jacobs if you are interested.

2017-2018 Enrollment Planning
As we are in the process of creating the budget for the 2017-2018 school year, we would like to get an idea of your plans for next year. Please complete this very brief survey.
The survey is non-binding and anonymous, however it will give us a better idea of how to plan for next year.

Thank you!

**RenWeb Update**

The Administrative team attended an extensive training to better understand our student information system. Renweb has enormous potential, and we will spend the upcoming months setting it up for full use. As an initial step, we request that if teachers are using their child’s student email address ([first.last@du.edu](mailto:first.last@du.edu)) as their parent contact address that this be changed to a parent email address. This is particularly important for our Middle School students, who will be able to access Renweb’s learning management features. Student and parent access points are different, and the students will need to log on with their own email addresses. We will inform you when we are ready to make the switch from Edmoto, which has more limited capabilities.

**Save the Date**

Parent Workshop: Traits of Gifted Learners with Norma Hafenstein, Nov 17, 8:45-9:45 am

All-School Assembly, Nov 18: Monthly theme is Manners; Plus a preview of the Spring School Musical (Kevin Walton, Carol Smith and Upper School Students)

Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov 21-25 (No school)

Grandparents and Special Persons Day, Nov 28, 9:30-11:00 am

3rd Annual DU Night at Denver Zoo Lights (DU Event, register [here](#) - Nov 29, 5:30-9:00 pm)

National Geographic Giant Travelling Map of Europe, Dec 2-9

Parent Workshop: Reflection on the Ricks Center Mission, Dec 15, 8:45-9:45 am

Grade 8 Semester report cards distributed to families, December 23

Winter Holiday

Semester 2 begins, Jan 9

Preschool to Grade 7 report cards distributed to families, Jan 13
Outside Resources

*Ricks Center does not endorse these events/organizations. We are simply passing the information along to those who are interested.*

Western Academic Talent Search: WATS participants take the SAT, ACT or PSAT 8/9 examinations to evaluate their strengths, to gain experience, and to qualify for recognition and special programming. Read more at <www.centerforbrightkids.org>