School Start Dates
August 23 for K-8
August 25 for PS and PK.

*Please excuse the error in last week's message to parents.*

Early Closure Notification - September 14, 2016
Due to the 3:00pm start time for the Crimson Classic walk/run and anticipated traffic/parking issues, and as advised by Campus Safety, Ricks Center will hold a 2:00pm dismissal for all students. After school activities will not be held on this day, however, Kids Adventures will run their program starting at 2:00pm. Normal policies / prices will apply. We do caution parents that student pick up will likely be cumbersome during the event.

Additionally, Ricks supports families who wish to participate and run/walk together in the Crimson Classic, however supervision of students will be the responsibility of parents, and students will need to be collected by caregivers at dismissal.

Room Parent Coordinators
We are looking for those interested in serving as Room Parent Coordinators to reply express their interest. Please respond with your interest by Wednesday, August 26th. Please see the description about the role of Room Parent Coordinators found in the Family Handbook. There will be one Coordinator per room PS - 5, and one per grade 5 - 8. Click [here](#) if you would like to apply. After selections are made, all parents will be notified.

Staffing Updates
We are excited to welcome a number of new teaching, administrative, and support staff to the Ricks team this year. Dean Riley has been announcing new hires as they have occurred, and we are happy to provide these to you if you missed them –just let us know. In addition, we have two staff members who have decided to leave Ricks. Jan Bronson resigned from her Tech Integrator position at the beginning of the summer. And last week, Leslie Jones announced her retirement
from Operations. We would like to thank both and Leslie for their service and commitment to Ricks, and wish them both well in their new ventures.

**Strategic Plan Workshop**
We invite parents/guardians to review the Ricks Center strategic plan during either of the following one-hour workshops. Please click to sign up.

Thursday, September 1, 8:45-9:45 am – Click [here](#) to RSVP

Thursday, September 8, 5:00-6:00 pm (followed by Back to School Night at 6:30) - Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Girls on the Run...**
...is back at Ricks this fall -- with two programs one for 3rd & 4th graders and a NEW middle school program for Ricks 5th - 8th graders.

Both programs will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00. Program start date is September 12 - November 16th. Registration is $170 and opens on August 15th at [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org).

Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan.

We are looking for volunteers coaches. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Johnson - Ricks parent - at [lisa.johnson@girlsontherun.org](mailto:lisa.johnson@girlsontherun.org)

For more information about the program go to [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org). Questions or want to coach? Contact: Lisa Johnson at [lisa.johnson@girlsontherun.org](mailto:lisa.johnson@girlsontherun.org).

**Picture Day...**
Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 14. Make-up Day will be October 7. More information regarding picture day will come out in early September.

**Classroom Websites...**
Teachers are working on their classroom websites this week. This year, Welcome Letters will be posted on classroom websites. Look for an email from your child’s teacher with directions for accessing their class websites.

*Parent Handbook is being sent to families along with the Newsletter. See you at the Ricknic!*