Ding Dong!
Another successful start of the school year was (literally) rung in on Tuesday and Thursday as we welcomed our new and returning students as they rang the bell and entered the building for the first day! Welcome to each and every one of you!

Strategic Planning / Meet the Administrative Team Meetings
Please join us for one of the two sessions to review the Ricks Center strategic plan, and to meet the 2016-17 Administrative Team. The sessions have duplicated content, so you need only register for one.

Sept 1 from 8:45-9:45. RSVP here.

Sept 8 from 5:00-6:00 (Back to School Night will begin at 6:30). RSVP here.

Middle School
For grades 5-8, if you need to speak with a teacher about your child, an initial point of contact can be:

5th - Barbara
6th - Drew
7th - Linda
8th - Laura
Please do reach out with any questions or concerns or to schedule a meeting.

Back to School Night
Please join us for Back to School Night on Thursday September 8th at 6:30 p.m. This is a great chance to meet your teachers and learn more about what your children will be learning this school year.

Please note, there will be a Strategic Planning /Meet the Administrative Team meeting from 5:00-6:00 p.m. prior to Back to School Night. This event is for all families. There is not a separate or additional event for new families prior to Back to School Night. We hope to see you all there!
Family Photo
The incoming Admin Team would love to get to know all of you! Please scan and label a family photo with your names and email to Bobbie at Ricks.FrontDesk@du.edu, or drop it by the school when you are in the area. This will help us learn which parents and kids go together!

Early Closure Reminder- 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 2:00 pm dismissal for all students. After school activities will not be held on this day, however, Kids Adventures will run their program starting at 2:00 pm. 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. See below for more information.

DU Crimson Classic 5K/1.5 Mile Walk
Please join our Ricks Community for the Crimson Classic 5k & 1.5 mile walk on Wednesday, Sept 14th at 3pm.

- The race will start and finish on Campus Green (between Sturm Hall and the Law School) and for those participating from Ricks we will meet at Ricks and walk over together at 2:30pm.
- Here is a link to each of the course maps: 5K Route and 1.5Mile Walk Route
- School will be dismissed early that day at 2pm due to the increased traffic/road closures
- We understand that it may be hard for working parents to participate since the race is at 3pm. We are using this year as a learning year and we hope to have more ways to support participation next year.

If you plan to join us for this fun event, please do the following TWO things before Sept 12th:

1) Register via the race website BY September 12th. Registration is free for all students, faculty and staff, as well as family and friends!
   - The race coordinator will be opening up the registration for the 1.5mile walk to kids UNDER 8 years old over the next couple days. Since the 5k run and 1.5 mile walk are on the SAME course, they just ask that walkers stay to the side so runners completing their second lap can have a great race! Also strollers are NOT allowed at the race for the same reason.

2) Let us know you are participating via this Sign-up Genius by Sept 12th.
Starting next week Mr. Jason will display a shoe wall above the MPR door with names of all the students and their families as well as staff who are participating. Let’s make this a fun event!

Special offer for Crimson Classic participants

Boulder Running Company is excited to offer a VIP weekend Sept. 9–11 to DU Crimson Classic 5K participants at the Cherry Creek location. Participants can receive discounts for shoes, accessories, clothes and nutrition items for race day. Vendors will be in-store with raffles to win goodies. Please bring your DU ID card.

Ricks Center Communication and Resolving Problems (excerpted from Family Handbook)

Communication between the home and school is essential. Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher if they have questions or concerns about their child, the academic program, or the school. Resolving problems or concerns at school is always most effectively done when brought to the immediate attention of the appropriate faculty member. Ricks Center has established the following problem solving guidelines to ensure clear communication with everyone involved.

Parents/guardians should meet with the involved teacher(s). Please email or call the teacher to set an appointment to discuss the concern. If the concern centers on a special class, parents/guardians should meet with the Connections teacher and notify the classroom teacher of the concern as well. If the concern remains, parents/guardians should select one of the following options in continuing the problem solving process:

- Meet with the involved teachers again to follow up. If needed, establish a written plan and time line for working through the concern. A follow-up meeting should be scheduled and a communication system established to document progress.
- Notify an administrator in writing of the concern. Please be specific in describing the problem and the steps already taken to resolve the issue.
- Schedule a meeting with an administrator, possibly to include the involved teachers.
- The DU Morgridge College Dean, Provost, and Chancellor are involved primarily in school governance and only become involved in school operations if concerns are not resolved at the school level.
Welcome to School Days Off!

School Days Off is a sports-based day camp offered on days when RICKS is out of session. Campers participate in a variety of sports activities, including rock climbing, ice skating, aquatics inflatable island, field house sports and more!

September 23, 30
October 24-28
November 4, 11, 21-23
December 19-23, 26-30
January 2-6, 16
February 3, 20, 21
March 2, 3, 27-31
April 14, 17

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