Ricks Newsletter
Friday, January 20, 2017

RCA Ricks Night at DU Hockey

Ricks Community - We want to invite you to join the RCA for Ricks Night at DU Hockey on Friday, January 27th!

The RCA is sponsoring a Ricks Only Reception which will include food, non-alcoholic beverages, and fun starting at 6pm in the North Concourse of Magnus Arena before the game (which starts at 7:30pm).

How do you participate?

1) Purchase your tickets to the game by going to the denverpioneers.com/tickets, click on the "Promo Code" icon, Type in "RICKS" (all caps) then purchase discount tickets (only $10/ticket) in our Ricks Only section! We all get to sit together!

2) Sign-up via this link http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49acea2b0-ricks1 - letting us know the number of members of your family who will be attending then join us for the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact marianne.reaksecker@hotmail.com (RCA DU Liaison/Social Lead)

Reenrollment Contract Update

We will be sending out 2017-2018 reenrollment contracts the week of January 23rd. Contracts will be due on Friday, February 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Jacobs.

Kids and Animals: An Evening with Dr. Temple Grandin

The Ricks Community is invited to a presentation by the Institute for Human-Animal Connection, part of the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work - "Creating Opportunities for Kids in Kinship with Animals - A Special Evening With Dr. Temple Grandin" Monday, 1/23/17 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Craig Hall Boettcher Foundation Community Room 2148 South High Street, Denver, CO 80208. For more information and to RSVP, click here.

Ricks Handbook - Technology Section

Please see document attached to the email this came with.
This Week in the Classrooms:
During their "Myths, Folktales and Fairytales" unit, students in our first and second grade classrooms are integrating STEM into their fairytales. Students read *The Three Little Pigs* and then built structures that would hold the most weight.

Third and fourth grade students just started the "Business and Banking" unit. As part of the unit, students are doing research as to available resources in different places. During their search of our building- they found a special visitor. Can you spot the photo bomber?

One of the questions we often hear from prospective parents is whether or not there is any interaction between older and younger students. Here is just one example. Gay and Kim's class pairs with Inger and Suzanne's class for activities ranging a presentation for our Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day to weekly Reading Buddies.
Parenting Safe Children Workshop Registration

Parenting Safe Children Workshop The Parenting Safe Children workshop offers valuable information, ideas, and tools to help you prevent child sexual abuse in your home and community. The workshop covers three prevention areas and empowers you to discuss body-safety with children and caregivers in a positive and effective manner. This 4 hour workshop is for parents, relatives, educators, therapists—anyone who cares about children. The objectives are to identify what makes children vulnerable to sexual abuse, so they are empowered with the facts, and to learn body-safety rules so you can teach your children about personal body safety, in an age-appropriate, positive, and non-threatening manner. If interested, Please register using this link.

Why Ricks?

We have created a PowerPoint presentation for prospective Ricks families about how Ricks teaches the gifted child. If you are interested in viewing it, you can click on the link here.

Practicum Placement Student - Introduction

My name is Ann Collier and I will be working with your class as I complete my Master's in Gifted and Talented Education. I just moved to the Denver area the first week of January! I am excited to observe the wonderful learning in this classroom, as well as teach two lessons of my own. I have three years of teaching experience in a general education classroom. I worked in a multi-age public school in the Chicago suburbs and taught grades 3-4 and 1-2. I am eager to meet you soon!

Save the Date

- Bake Sale Jan 26, Jan 27 3:30pm
- Ricks Night at DU Hockey, Jan 27
- No school for students, Professional Development Day, Feb 3
- Chipotle grade 8 fundraiser, Feb 8, 5:00-8:00 pm
• 2017-2018 contracts due, Friday Feb 10
• Valentine's Day Social 5th-8th grade, Feb 10, 6:00pm-8:00pm
• Jump Rope For Heart final date, Feb 14
• No school, President’s day, Feb 20
• No school, Admissions Day, March 3
• Parenting Safe Children Workshop hosted by Fisher Early Learning Center, April 15, 2017