Ricks Newsletter
Friday, Oct 21 2016

Morning Drop Off – Changes and Reminders

Middle School Drop Off
Students may enter the building starting at 8:00 am (8:45 am on Wednesdays) and are to be in classes by 8:15. We are struggling with a number of late students in the Middle school, which is impacting teachers’ ability to cover lessons and content. Please ensure your child arrives in time to unpack and get settled before school begins at 8:15.

Primary School Drop Off
In Grades 1 - 4, we are actively seeking to increase supervision of the students by having them in one area, rather than spread throughout the building.

Starting on Tuesday(10/25) we will send kids straight to the playground on arrival. Students may arrive from 8:15 am onward (8:45 am on Wednesdays), and will be sent to class by duty teachers when school begins.

Students may be dropped in the circle drive and will proceed directly to the playground through the outer gate (adjacent to the school entrance). If temperatures are below 28 degrees, or on rainy days, students may be dropped at the circle and they will proceed to classrooms rather than play outside.

EC Drop Off
There will be no changes to the EC morning drop off procedures.

All Students
Any students who arrive prior to the drop off times above will be sent to join Kids Adventures, and parents will be billed accordingly.

How can you help?
- Please have your child at school on time and observe the allowed drop-off times.
- Dress your child in clothing, shoes, and gear appropriate to the weather.

Conferences
Thank you for your participation in the fall Parent-Teacher conferences! We appreciate every opportunity to partner with you in supporting your child’s growth. Please give us your feedback so we can continue to improve our processes. Click here for a 5 minute feedback form on conferences. Thank you for your feedback.
Thank You, RCA!!
The teachers and staff send huge thanks to the RCA and parent body for the meals provided during conferences. We feel completely spoiled (and full)!

Registration for Ricks Gala is Open
Reach for the Stars! Registration is open for this year’s Gala, being held on Friday, November 11th. Register now! Fundraising efforts are targeted toward all three divisions (EC, LS, MS).

Early Childhood Parent Workshop
Please join us on November 3rd, from 8:45-9:30 for an Early Childhood Parent Workshop about National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAECY) and the importance of play in early childhood.
This is a parents only event. Click here to RSVP.

Early Childhood - Denver Preschool Program
The Denver Preschool Program helps Denver families pay for preschool during their child’s prekindergarten year. The amount of support a family receives is based on family size and income, the quality of the preschool chosen, and the child’s level of attendance. Denver Preschool Program tuition credits are available for all Denver families. Please go to http://www.dpp.org/for-families/main to apply.

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. Watch for invitations and more information to follow in the coming weeks.

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.

Grade 8 Graduation Planning
Grade 8 parents – please let us know if you would like to join a small committee to start planning for graduation. We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 9:15-10:00. Kevin Walton will join us as the experienced Graduation planner. Email Bobbie at the front desk if you would like to attend.
Advanced Ed Surveys
We will be sending the link again soon. Advanced Ed linked us to their brand new survey protocol, and the links were not working correctly. We are in contact with them and will receive a solution soon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Save the Date
Middle School Halloween Social run by Student Council, October 28, 5:00-7:30 pm (see below)
Parent Workshop: NAEYC and the Importance of Play, Nov 3, 8:45-9:30 am
RCA Gala, Nov 11
Parent Workshop: Traits of Gifted Learners with Norma Hafenstein, Nov 17, 8:45-9:45 am
Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov 21-25 (No school)
Grandparents and Special Persons Day, Nov 28, 9:30-11:00 am
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
October 28....

Upper School Social

From 5:30-7:30
$5 admission, including snacks.
If you want exclusive events, bring $5.
Murder mystery themed
Wear your costume!
Have any questions? Ask an 8th Grader!