National History Day
We send our best wishes along with the seven middle school students competition in the National History Day Regional competition on Saturday! Good luck to Emily A, Jackson S, Nathan R, Rachel W, Alex H, Sadie M, and Angelica A. Thanks also to Barbara Washington for her work as mentor and coach.

Future Problem Solving
Congratulations to all of the students who competed in Future Problem Solving this year. Five fourth graders wrote short stories in scenario writing, and all of the fifth graders competed in the team competition. Three of the fifth grade teams qualified for the Colorado FPS State Bowl which will be held on April 8; scenario competition winners will be announced then as well. Good luck to Graham, Claire, Francesca, Lev, Kasia, Beau, William, Mia, Malorie, Tristan, Macy, and Eliana! And thanks so much to Barbara Washington for her help with coaching this year.

Summer Fun
We are excited to invite you to join in the fun year round at Ricks! For the first time, we will be offering camp for children ages 3-5 years old.

Camp will run from June 12-August 4 from 8:30am-3:30pm. You can register by the week or by the session (4 weeks.) Click here for more information or to register. For questions, please call 303-871-3715.

You do not need to be a current Ricks Center student to attend camp, so feel free to share with anyone who might be interested.

Parent Education – Nutrition Workshop
March 14, 2017 6:00-7:30 PM

Is your family in a lunch or snack rut? Join registered dietitian and mom of two for a fun and informative workshop on how to pack the most flavor and nutrition in your lunches and snacks. The workshop will include, a lunch checklist to ensure your child is meeting nutritional needs, tips for picky eaters, simple tasty recipes, and tools to cut down on prep and food waste. Please sign up here.
Mr. Brook's New Location

In order to better support the middle school students and teachers, our Associate Director, Mr. Brooks, has moved his desk to the upper school commons area. Feel free to stop by and say hello, or email him at edward.brooks@du.edu.

This Week in the Classrooms

Students in first and second grade are busy studying Myths, Folktales and Fairytales. Throughout their unit, the classes have integrated STEM, character studies, problem solving and more. While preparing for their culmination today students got the chance to participate in a character meet and greet, learn about simple machines and even participate in a protest around Jack’s Beanstalk. To learn more about their unit, please see the display as you walk up the Primary hallway.
Bobbie's Blog
The blog is: https://firstfort.wordpress.com/
Instagram: firstforty

Front Desk
Bobbie will definitely be missed! Please be patient as Jake, Bernadette and Alaina transition the position over the next couple of weeks and learn the tricks of the trade.

School Days Off Sports Camp
Make sure to check out the attached flyer to this email to learn about sports camps held on the days that there is no school for the Ricks Center.

RCA Happenings

**Big thank you** to Craig Lachman for organizing and promoting "Screenagers" last night. There was a good turnout, and the discussion after the movie was engaging and thought-provoking.

**Please sign-up** to provide food and beverages for our teachers during spring conferences (March 23-24) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0544A8A72BA2F85-spring

Open RCA Meeting & Call for Volunteers

**Tuesday, March 21st** from 5:30 to 6:30PM @Ricks (Snacks and Parking Passes for those who RSVP will be provided)

- Please RSVP: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A4BA9AD2CA0FD0-open
- Positions looking to be filled:
  - Fundraising Chair
  - Social Chair
  - Secretary
  - Gala Lead
  - Room Parent Coordinator
  - Room Parents (this role will be filled each September)
  - Classroom Funding - King Soopers Program Coordinator
  - Classroom Funding - Shop with Scrip Program Coordinator
  - Parent Ambassador Coordinator (supporting admissions)
Students Playing at Dismissal
To ensure safety of all children at dismissal, please observe the following guidelines:

- After a child is dismissed to their caregiver, the caregiver assumes full responsibility for the child
- Middle School children may self-dismiss, however they must leave the school grounds after doing so
- Gentle play in the grassy area in front of the Primary playground is fine under a caregiver’s supervision; please no games which might result in children running in front of cars (for example, fast tag or ball games)
- Children should not climb the fences or fence posts

Thank you!

Unattended Vehicles in Circle Drive
Please do not leave cars unattended for any reason in the circle drive. The cul-de-sac is a dedicated roadway for passenger loading only.

- EC students are to be signed in -- do not leave car in circle drive when doing so
- Parking permits can be purchased at Parking Services
- Pick up at the curb only -- no double parking
- Denver Police Department may ticket unattended vehicles

Lost & Found Reminder
Please pick-up personal items from the Lost & Found rack at front entrance by Tuesday, March 28nd. Items left behind will be donated to a homeless shelter.

Summer Reading Skills classes
We have received information about Summer Reading Skills classes for children in PreK – rising 11 grade being offered through Regis University. Each child received a flyer about the program; here is the link to the information as well.

Save the Date
APRIL 15 - Parenting Safe Children Workshop hosted by Fisher Early Learning Center
(See attached flyer)
Around DU...

DU Hockey

Currently ranked #1 in the nation, the DU hockey team will be starting their playoff run this Friday March 10th against Colorado College at Magness Arena at 7:30 pm. Call the box office for ticket availability. Go, Pioneers!