Ricks Newsletter
Friday, March 3, 2017

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 2 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](#).

EC Parent Workshop

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Parent Workshop on Early Literacy with Kris Yokley, our Reading Specialist. If you weren’t able to be at the workshop, we are attaching a link to her [presentation](#) and hope to be able to offer additional workshops in the future.

Parent Teacher Conferences, Mid-term Reports, Renweb Access, and Checking Student Progress

To learn how to check student grades, look at mid-term report cards, access ParentsWeb, and Parent Teacher Conferences, see the attached document to this email.

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.

Kids' Adventures Registration

Registration has been extended to Wednesday March 8th, 2017! Please see the attached document to this email.

The National Latin Exam

All 6th-8th grade Latin students will be taking the National Latin Exam on March 14th. The philosophy of the National Latin Exam is predicated on providing every Latin student the opportunity to experience a sense of personal accomplishment and success in his or her study of the Latin language and culture. This opportunity exists for all students since, in the National Latin Exam, they are not competing with their fellow students on a comparative basis, but are evaluated solely on their own performance on the exam. The basic purposes of the NLE are to promote the study of Latin and to encourage the individual student.

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Ricks students will take the Introduction to Latin exam or Latin 1 exam based on their current level. Students have been taking pre-tests throughout the year with the goal of either scoring higher than the national average on their respective level test or of showing improvement in their scores as compared to their pre-tests.

This Week in the Classrooms
During the month of February, students in Sara and Ali’s class have been studying Black History Month. Students each chose an individual to focus on and put together projects to share more about their contributions to society. The range of individuals varies from Maya Angelou to Tiger Woods- stop by the display board in the lobby to see what they discovered.

Students in PE got the chance to climb to new heights, literally, as they got to climb the wall at Ritchie Center. If you look closely, you can see Mr. Jason at the base of the wall to belay everyone to safety.

An Interesting Read
If ADHD affects your family, you may be interested in the ADHD Weekly. Check out the link for articles about sleep, food coloring, and scents.

Bobbie’s Blog
Thank you all for the recent flower delivery, generous gift card, and most of all- your kindness for all the years. I will miss this incredible community.

Follow Bill and me on our journey around The Great Loop. Our tentative schedule is to stay in Tarpon Springs during the month of March to learn the boat and have some work done on it before we "set sail." In April we will begin the journey. At an average speed of 8mph, it will be a slow process. Wonder Woman, a gift who sat on my computer, is packed and ready to sit at the helm with me. The blog is: https://firstfort.wordpress.com/.

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.

RCA Happenings
"Screenagers" Movie (free admission) | Thursday, March 9th from 6:30-9PM in Lindsey Auditorium (Rm 281) in Sturm Hall
- Please sign-up: https://goo.gl/c8sK0c
OPEN RCA Meeting | Tuesday, March 21st from 5:30 to 6:30PM @Ricks | All Encouraged to Come
- Please sign-up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A4BA9AD2CA0FD0-open

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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 Wednesday, March 22nd. Items left behind will be donated to a homeless shelter.

Sports Team Tie-Ins
There are two tie-ins with professional sports teams here in Denver in which students at Ricks may participate. The Denver Broncos “Broncos Bunch Kids Club” information is below. Students receive promotional material from the Broncos while raising money for Ricks.

Below that is information about the Denver Outlaws Reading Program where students may record their reading to receive a free ticket to an Outlaws game.
JOIN BRONCOS BUNCH KIDS CLUB NOW through March 31 and help support Ricks Center for Gifted Children! Select Ricks Center for Gifted Children from the drop down during registration and $5 from each membership will be donated to the school.

ONE-TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE INCLUDES:

- BRONCOS BUNCH T-SHIRT
- NFL TRADING CARD PACK & STICKER BOOK COURTESY OF PANINI
- FREE KIDS TICKET TO THE DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM
- ONE FREE 5oz ICE CREAM CONE COURTESY OF DAIRY QUEEN & ORANGE JULIUS
- BRONCOS MAGAZINE FOR KIDS DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR MAILBOX!
- INVITATIONS TO EXCLUSIVE EVENTS INCLUDING: MOVIE NIGHT, SUMMER KICKOFF, AND TRICK-OR-TREAT PARTY
- BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM MILES

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

One-time membership of $20 covers each member until the age of 12. No minimum age to become a Broncos Bunch member.
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Save the Date
MARCH 9 - REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND SCREENAGERS! [https://goo.gl/c8sK0c](https://goo.gl/c8sK0c)

SCREENAGERS is a multiple award-winning movie being sponsored by RCA

It's all about OUR kid's screen time!
Are YOU wondering if our children are spending too much time in front of the screen? Or if they're being desensitized to the world or violence?
Are THEY wondering if you're crazy and wrong to think such a thing?
Does ANYONE have any science to back-up their claims?
What have REAL FAMILIES done to work together on a solid plan?

SCREENAGERS is a balanced film that intends to answer just those kinds of questions. Told from the perspective of students, teachers, parents and scientists, you'll walk away with a better understanding of the issues.

[Click here for more information](https://goo.gl/c8sK0c) from the producers.

There will be refreshments before and a short, moderated discussion afterward.

**WHEN Is It?**
Thursday, 3/9 from 6:30pm-9:00pm. The movie is only 68 minutes.

**WHERE Is It?**
Denver University, Sturm Hall, Lindsey Auditorium (Room 281)

**WHO Should Attend?**
This is open to all Ricks parents, staff, faculty and middle school students (or younger, if you feel it's appropriate). The broader DU community may also attend.

**WHY Register?**
This has proven to be a popular movie in other venues. We want to make sure you have a seat and we want to make sure we have enough refreshments!

APRIL 15 - Parenting Safe Children Workshop hosted by Fisher Early Learning Center

Around DU...

Denver Gymnastics
Get up to 6 (six) free tickets to gymnastics meet in Magness Arena

Must redeem online at denverpioneers.com/tickets prior to meet. Up to 6 free upper level admission tickets per coupon. Valid for 2017 Magness meets only. Limited quantities available.

Redeem tickets online at denverpioneers.com before meet
- Go to denverpioneers.com/tickets
- Click on "promo code"
- Enter promo code: elemgym

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• Select the meet you would like to attend and the quantity of tickets (up to 6)
• Confirm tickets, information and complete the online order process
• Print your e-ticket and present upon entry
• Take a seat in the upper levels and cheer on the pioneers!

Tickets must be redeemed online prior to the meet, coupons will not be accepted at the box office. For help redeeming coupons or for other questions, contact the du marketing team at 303-811-7973.