Parent Workshop – Executive Functions

Our school psychology team, Krista Klabo, M.S. and Karin Dittrick-Nathan, Ph.D., will be presenting on Executive Functions on April 20th 9:00-10:00 am. Executive functions consist of several brain-based skills that help the brain organize, act on information, initiate, and perform tasks. The team will define Executive Functions, review the biological basis and develop, and lastly discuss strategies to support the development of these skills in school and at home. We will be discussing the implications for all ages. Come learn about these fascinating processes that are responsible for regulation of cognitive functioning.

Latin Team Wins!

We want to recognize the hard work by the 8th graders and their teacher, Jen Kendick, who attended the Colorado Junior Classics League competition in Estes Park this week.

The students earned 38 total awards ranging from 1st place to 5th and competing against high schoolers in both creative and academic categories. They are so proud and excited to share the win with the school. Congratulations all around!

Colorado Future Problem Solving State Bowl

The best of luck to all of the competitors at the FPS State Bowl tomorrow here at Ricks. Three teams from 5th grade will be competing in the packet competition, and awards will be presented to teams as well as to scenario writers starting at 4 pm. We had 5 students submit scenarios for the competition from 3/4 as well. Skits for the packets will begin at 2:00 in the gym; parents and supporters are welcome to watch the skits and stay for the awards!
Giant Map of Colorado
We are hosting the Giant Map of Colorado through Wednesday of next week. If you would like to come by and see it, we will have the map open Monday afternoon until 6:00 pm. Do stop by!

Lamont School of Music Piano Preparatory Program
The Lamont School of Music Piano Preparatory Program is currently scheduling interviews for the 2017-2018 Beginner Level.

Parents interested in scheduling an interview should contact Mary Beth Shaffer, Piano Preparatory Program Coordinator, MaryBeth.Shaffer@du.edu. Limited openings are available.

DU Public Printers
We have arranged to install two DU Public Printers at Ricks. All students are entitled to have $75 dollars of printing per academic year using these or other print locations around DU. This primarily effects Middle School students, and who more regularly access the printers using their DU IDs. After using up the $75 balance, families can load additional money to their child’s DU ID either in the DU ID Office or online. The website is http://www.du.edu/pioneercard/yourcard/flex.html, please click ‘make deposits online’.

New Additions to the Ricks Team
At the end of this school year, we will say goodbye to our psychology team, Krista Klabo, M.S. and Karin Dittrick-Nathan, Ph.D., as they both move on. Krista has completed her internship, and Dr. Karin will move from active employment in a school. We would like to welcome our incoming psychology team, Betsy Cabell and Faryn Scarlett, who will begin at the end of the summer. We are lucky to have increased the time of our intern from part- to full-time, as well. Please read on to learn more about the team.

Betsy Cabell: "I have been a licensed school psychologist for over 40 years with a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the U. of Colorado at Boulder. I retired three years ago after spending most of my career in Denver Public Schools and Douglas County Schools and began working part-time for DU supervising school psychology interns. Over the years I developed a specialty in assessing and identifying gifted and twice exceptional students and supporting the social and emotional needs of these students. In DPS I worked with gifted and highly gifted students through the Gifted & Talented Office and several HGT sites, and in Douglas County I worked at a school with Discovery (highly-gifted) classes and provided mental health support for those students and teachers. I look..."
forward to getting to know staff, students, and parents at the Ricks Center next year."

**Faryn Scarlett:** Faryn is currently pursuing her Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology here at DU. She has a passion for social emotional development and student engagement in the classroom. Faryn was raised in Clarkston, Michigan and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and dog, Bella. Faryn will welcome her new baby this summer!

**Now Enrolling for 2017-18**

We are currently accepting new applications for the 2017-18 school year; please spread the news! Did you know that Independent School Management data indicates that approximately 80% of new independent school enrollments are due to word of mouth referrals from current students and families? Help us market Ricks by sharing the wonderful experience your child is having when you chat with other families. Thank you!

**2016-17 Yearbook Orders**

Congratulations to the Yearbook Committee and Photographers - the Yearbook is finished and on its way to print. We have a very short window to finish ordering. If you have not had a chance to order your yearbook, please follow these instructions:

1. Go to [Balfour.com](http://Balfour.com)
2. Search **Ricks Center for Gifted Children**
3. Double check the next page, upper left corner directly under Balfour logo to be sure you’re in Ricks Center
4. Click **Yearbook**
5. Click **Shop Categories** then go to **Yearbook and Accessories**
6. Select your preferred option and number of yearbooks, and follow the rest of the ordering process as directed.

**Yearbook Ads**

The ordering of the ads will be done in a similar fashion, but the option is not available just yet. Karie will let us know when it’s ready to go. As you see on the ordering, the deadline is May 1st so you have time if you want to order your ad along with your book when the option is available – no need for 2 separate orders.

Contact Karie Wyckoff ([karie.wyckoff@du.edu](mailto:karie.wyckoff@du.edu)) or Balfour directly (link available on the ordering site) with any questions. Thank you all for your support.

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EpiPen Recall-
https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm550170.htm

There has been a recall issued for Epi-Pen’s and Epi Jr. Feel free to come into the Ricks center and check if your child’s EpiPen has been one of those affected (please check this on your own, as well – Ricks does not presume liability for checking for the recalled units). For your information here are the affected units:

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Gifted Children
Many gifted children – and adults – suffer from procrastination. This article from the New Zealand Association of Gifted Children publication, Tall Poppies, offers some insight into why folks procrastinate as well as a few strategies to deal with procrastination in its various guises.

Giant Map of Colorado
The Giant Map of Colorado was here at Ricks on April 6 and 7 (Thursday and Friday). Enjoy some of the pictures...

This Week in the Classrooms
Ms. Jessica and Ms. Maddie’s class continued their ocean studies as they took a virtual reality journey underwater. Zack Rago, a scientist and documentarian who worked on "Chasing Coral," guided the class through his own scuba experience as the class got to see sharks, turtles, ship wrecks and more. Everyone was fascinated by the virtual reality goggles and the ability to feel like they were actually underwater.
As part of their study on Colonial America, Ms. Barbara's 5th grade students created four unique colonies focused on government, religious freedom and a private company. They are currently in the midst of a discovery simulation where they will set sail from Europe en route to the new world to set up their colonies. When they arrive, they will need to focus on leadership, laws and governance.

Summer Fun at Ricks
Summer at Ricks blends fun summer activities with rich learning experiences. Children ages 3-6 will get a chance to play outside, explore DU and the surrounding community, participate in special enhancements, and much more.

Camp will run from June 12-August 4, half day 8:30am-12:00pm, full day 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.

Camp is more fun with friends! 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.

RCA Happenings
Did you miss the open meeting on March 21st? No problem! We will have another one on April 21st at 8:45 AM. We are still looking for people to fill some big (not that big) and little roles for next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and donated to spring conferences' food, beverage, set-up/clean-up! Especially to Janet London for organizing everything and to Kerem Szczebak for all the extra help!

Save the Date
Apr 8 – Future Problem Solving State Bowl
Apr 15, 1:00-5:00 PM – Parenting Safe Children Workshop- sign up here
Apr 20, 9:00-10:00 AM – Parent Workshop at Ricks, Executive Function
Apr 21, 8:40-9:10 Assembly with theme of "courage"

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Around DU and Denver...

Storm Warning Exhibit
At DU, a climate change exhibit that’s thoughtful, shocking and sometimes even humorous...“Storm Warning: Artists on Climate Change & the Environment” continues through April 30, at the University of Denver’s Vicki Myhren Gallery. It’s free.

Let's Put the Femme in STEM with the University of Denver
Girls will visit labs and engage in activities that line up with research being done at the University of Denver and within STEM fields. The members of the Pioneer Leadership Program, Society of Physics Students, and Women in Computing invite you to come put the femme in STEM! ON: May 13th 10-3pm AT: University of Denver, Colorado Women’s College FOR: Girls aged 9-13 Please email femminstem@gmail.com or visit our website at femminstem.org to register.

School Days Off Sports Camp
Make sure to check out http://ritchecenter.du.edu/youth/school-days-off/ to learn about sports camps held on the days that there is no school for the Ricks Center.

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.