Ricks Newsletter
Friday, May 12, 2017

Grade 8 Dinner/Graduation

We are hard at work preparing for the annual Grade 8 Graduation events, and are looking forward to celebrating this accomplishment with the Grade 8 students and families. As is traditional, there will be four main events.

May 24-26, students will lead their Portfolio Celebrations. Parents have received a Sign-Up Genius where they can select a time for their child's celebration. Parents and students are welcome to invite other family, friends, teachers, etc. to attend.

On May 31 at 5:00 pm, the Graduation Dinner will take place at Driscoll Hall. This dinner is for Grade 8 students and their guests. Invitations were sent out outlining the details.

Graduation takes place June 1, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Frederic C Hamilton Family Recital Hall. This is a community-wide event and we welcome and encourage you to join! Students in Grade 3 and up will attend the Graduation, as well. Younger students will greet our graduates with cheers as they return to Ricks following the ceremony. Grade 8 students and guests are invited to attend the Graduation Luncheon at Ricks directly after the ceremony.

Willy Wonka

Congratulations to all our students and teachers who performed so brilliantly in Willy Wonka on Wednesday evening. The performance was great, the auditorium was filled up, and joy abounded! Special commendations go out to Kevin Walton who directed the performance and Carol Smith who was the entire orchestra in one accompanist. The talents here at Ricks are spectacular.
Lost and Found

Our lost and found is growing! We will donate all of the items in the lost and found on May 19th. So please come and check to make sure your child doesn't have anything in there.

Incoming 5th grade Information Session

The middle school team presented information about next year to parents on Wednesday morning. If you missed it or would like to review, the presentation is here. Feel free to contact Mr. Brooks or any of the teachers if you have additional questions.

This Week in the Classrooms

Not even a little rain could stop our Early Childhood students from exploring lands far away or right under themselves. The weather by the end of the week was delightful, and EC students took full advantage of it for playful learning.

There have been many opportunities for the 3/4 classes to learn about Passions with Purpose over the last few weeks. Students have had the opportunity to learn about Colorado’s legal system this week which was a huge hit.

Sports Update

Thank you to all of our sports teams for a successful season! The end of the year sports banquet will be on Wednesday, May 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Ricks multi-purpose room.

First Tee Golf Program at Ricks

The 3rd and 4th graders are learning how to play golf through the First Tee golf program during PE. In the program, Coach Jason works with the golf pros from the DU golf team and the PGA to teach the students how to play. At the end of the unit, the students will go on a field trip to Highlands Ranch Golf Course on May 24th.

- We need parent drivers for the field trip may 24th 11:30 – 3:00. Please contact coach Jason if you are able to take your child. Jason.mondragon@du.edu

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Chinese Yo – Yo in PE
Fencing was a huge hit with the students last week in PE. This week we had a great time learning about Chinese Yo-Yos!

Field Day
This year, we are separating Field Days for the Upper School and Early Childhood Education.

Upper School Field Day – Tuesday, May 23
ECE Field Day – Tuesday, May 30

We would love to see parents of ECE kids volunteering at the Upper School Field Day, and parents of Upper School kids volunteer for ECE Field Day. This not only provides more supervision for everyone, but it also creates a stronger sense of community for the entire school. So please consider volunteering during a time slot other than when your child will be participating (added benefit – it leaves you free to watch your child during their time!)

We need parents to help with set up on Monday, May 22, during the Upper School Field Day (Tuesday, May 23), and during the ECE Field Day (Tuesday, May 30). Thank you for helping make Field Day special!
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaba62aa1f85-ricks1
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EC Updates
Special thank you to Avery's parents for helping Tiffiny and Jordan's class create wooden cars and then build a sectioned ramp to test their cars at the end of their construction unit. If you are on the EC playground, stop by to see which track you think is the fastest.

Summer Fun at Ricks
Summer at Ricks blends fun summer activities with rich learning experiences for children ages 3-6. Click here for more information or to register.

RCA Happenings
REMAINING OPEN POSITIONS:

- Shop with Scrips Coordinator (familiarity with the program would be great. takes about 5 hours of computer work per month). If this position is not filled, the program will be cancelled.
- Gala Lead!

Save the Dates:

- May RCA Meeting
  - Friday, May 19th @ 8:45AM
- Early Childhood (Preschool, PreK & K) Summer Playdates @ Observatory Park
  - Saturday, July 15th 9-11AM & Sunday, August 6th 9-11AM
- Ricknic (a Back-to-School family picnic) @ Rick
  - Thursday, August 17th 5-7PM
- Crimson Classic 5k (Running/walking event for the DU Community) @ DU
  - Thursday, September 21st 3pm
- Gala @ Wellshire Event Center
  - Saturday, November 4th (evening)
RCA Meetings: The next meeting will be Friday, May 19 at 8:45 AM in the conference room behind the front desk. All are welcome!
Save the Date

May 15 – 19
MS Field Trips: Washington, DC; Yellowstone, WY; Keystone Science School - Walden, CO

May 23
Field day (Volunteers needed!!!)
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May 24
3rd and 4th grade Golf field trip

May 24 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Sports Banquet, Multipurpose Room at Ricks

May 26 6:30-8:30 pm
Upper School Social, 5th-8th grade

May 30
ECE Field Day (volunteers needed)
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May 31 5:00-9:00 pm
Grade 8 Graduation Dinner – Driscoll Hall (invitations to be sent soon)

June 1 9:00-12:00 am
Grade 8 Graduation - open to the entire community - Frederic C Hamilton Family Recital Hall, Lamott School of Music

June 1 12:00-1:30 pm
Grade 8 Graduation lunch for Grade 8 families and students

June 2
Last Day of School, half day dismissal (Preschool – 4th dismisses at 11:45 and 5th – 8th dismisses at 12:00)

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