Volunteer Appreciation Tea

We want to show families how grateful we are for all that you do to make Ricks great! If you have volunteered this year – perhaps you helped in the classroom, chaperoned a field trip or set up for a special day, or done something else to contribute – please come join us on May 30th at 2:15 in the MPR.

We will have some special treats to say THANK YOU!

-Ricks Administration

Grade 8 Graduation

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!

DU-Located Graduations

While on the subject of graduations, please find the attached list of graduations which will be held at DU this year. Many high schools other programs host their graduations at DU and most will use the Ritchie Center for the ceremony. As such, we will see an increase in traffic around the school and in the L lot. If you have any questions, more information can be found on the parking website.

River of Words

Congratulations to the students from Gay’s and Kim’s class who entered poetry in the River of Words contest this year. The awards ceremony was on Friday afternoon; we had 4 winners from Ricks! Congratulations to the Category I (K – 3rd...

**This Week in the Classrooms and beyond**

While not currently in a Ricks Center classroom- our 8th graders have spent the week with Mr. Drew and Ms. Laura learning in Washington DC.

The 5th graders have been in the Colorado State Forest with Ms. Barbara, Ms. Whitney, and Jason, and 6th and 7th graders have had an extended trip to Yellowstone with Mr. Brooks, Ms. K and Kevin. Pictures will follow next week!

3rd and 4th had a great visit from the folks from Access Gallery who worked with the classes on creating beautiful and functional objects.

**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

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 setup 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
janet.london@gmail.com

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.
May Days—May 22-26
May Days are not just for undergraduate students! The Undergraduate DU Planning Board (DUPB) and the OneDU Implementation Team invite everyone from the DU community to join in on activities next week. This is an annual celebration that our entire campus can enjoy together!

RCA Happenings

Save the Dates:

- 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)
Facebook

Have you liked our Facebook page? Please take a moment to visit, and like, the Facebook page. It's another great way to see what is going on in the school and in the Ricks Center Community.

Save the Date

May 23  Field day (Volunteers needed!!!!)
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)
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. No lunch will be served (Preschool – 4th dismisses at 11:45 and 5th – 8th dismisses at 12:00)

Around DU and Beyond...

Girls Who Code

This summer, the University of Denver Colorado Women’s College is delighted to pilot a Girls Who Code Campus Program.

The Girls Who Code Campus program will be a two-week immersion program for middle school girls to learn computer science fundamentals, gain exposure to tech jobs and join a supportive sisterhood of tens of thousands of across the US! Plus, no experience needed to apply!

Girls Who Code Campus programs offer:

- **Condensed Learning for Busy Summer Schedules:** Campus programs are immersion courses that use project-based learning to equip and inspire your daughter with the confidence and skills necessary to pursue computer science; condensed into a two-week time frame to accommodate your summer plans.

- **Research-based Curriculum:** The introductory coding curriculum is centered on Girls Who Code’s Core4 computer science skills, career exposure and community building.

- **Trained Educators:** Girls Who Code hires and trains Technology Instructors and Teaching Assistants to facilitate the program on campus at an 8:1 student to teacher ratio.

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• **Results:** Girls Who Code is a nationally respected brand with tens of thousands of alumnae across all 50 states! Our alumnae are attending the top Computer Science universities in the U.S. and are getting jobs from our 80+ corporate partners.

• **Fun and Friendships:** Your daughter will learn to code alongside 25 other girls and will join an alumni network of tens of thousands of girls across the country who are using computer science to solve problems they care about.

**Beginners welcome; no experience required!**

*APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2017!*

**Cost $2,000 | Scholarships available to those who qualify!**

Questions? Contact Kayon Morgan at kayon.morgan@du.edu or check out some frequently asked questions in the flyer attached. We hope to see you this summer!

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