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 next Tuesday (May 30th) at 2:15 in the MPR. No invitation or RSVP is required.

We will have some special treats to say THANK YOU!

-Ricks Administration

EC and Primary Teacher Assignments for 2017-18

Next year the following teachers will be teaching at the following grade levels. We are excited about our strong teams! Parents will receive information in August about their child’s class placement (a reminder that we will not accept requests for specific teachers).

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Ms. Gay this week has announced her intention to depart Ricks at the end of the school year. We would like to commend Ms. Gay for her 24 years of service to the school, and recognize her for her hard work and dedication.

Middle School Trips

We would like to thank all those who attended our middle school trips this month and who helped to ensure that our students arrived home safely! Drew, Laura and our 8th grade students were fortunate enough to enjoy some great weather on the Washington, DC trip. However, those who attended the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade trips endured a rather harsh environment. Thank you to Barbara, Jason, and Whitney for getting our 5th grade students home safe on Friday, May 19th! The Yellowstone, WY trip turned out to be quite an adventure when the forecast changed from 1-2 inches of snow to 12-18 inches on Wednesday, May 17th. The staff and 6/7 students ended up spending an additional 2 nights in Rock Springs, WY. A special thanks to Kevin, Linda, Ted, and Mark (the bus driver) for arriving back safely on Saturday,
May 20th! Thank you also to the many parents and our Director, Anne Sweet, for providing a wonderful welcome home reception!

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-Hosted 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.

This Week in the Classrooms

Students in 1st and 2nd grade have been working on discovering their passion as part of a passion pursuit project. On Thursday, students got the chance to share those passions with the rest of the school.

Golf Field Trip

The 3rd and 4th graders learned how to play golf through the First Tee golf program during PE. In the program, Coach Jason worked with the golf pros from the DU golf team and the PGA to teach the students how to play. The students went on a field trip to Highlands Ranch Golf Course on May 24th.

• If you are interested in any summer golf programs please contact Mark.MCcarthy@du.edu

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Field Day

Early childhood field day is Tuesday, May 30th

We need parents to help volunteer on Monday, May 30; thank you for helping make Field Day special!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaba62aa1f85-ricks1

janet.london@gmail.com

Thank you to all those who helped volunteer and support the primary field day this week! It was a huge success and a lot of fun for the students to learn about games from all around the world.

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.

End of School Year Fencing Competition!

Cheyenne Fencing Society is hosting an end of the school year competition where Ricks students can compete against other schools in the area! There will be a team competition as well.

Individual Competition

- Start time: 10:30
- Saturday, May 27th
- All ages are invited to compete. Competitors will be divided into appropriate age groups.
- Competitors should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the competition to prepare.
There is a $15 registration fee.

School Challenge Championship
• Start time: 1:30
• Saturday, May 27th
• Bring friends from your school! Teams will be decided the day of the competition
• To register please click here.
• Alternative ways to register are either signing up in person at the front desk or calling Elaine or Calob to register over the phone.

We look forward to seeing you and helping you achieve your goals whatever they may be. Finding training time is very easy with our flexible classes that allow you to come as often as you like. Classes start every weekday at 4:00 PM, and Saturdays at 9:00. To see our full schedule go to www.coloradofencing.com, if you have any questions call Elaine at 720 838 4225.

RCA Happenings
Next meeting, June 14th @ 1:30-3PM @ Ricks

Save the Dates:
• Early Childhood (Preschool, PreK & K) Summer Playdates @ Observatory Park
  o Saturday, July 15th 9-11AM & Sunday, August 6th 9-11AM
• Ricknic (a Back-to-School family picnic) @ Ricks
  o Thursday, August 17th 5-7PM
• Crimson Classic 5k (Running/walking event for the DU Community) @ DU
  o Thursday, September 21st 3pm
• Gala @ Wellshire Event Center
  o 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 30  ECE Field Day (volunteers needed)
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaba62aa1f85-ricks1
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

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Around DU and Beyond...

Summer Basketball Camps at DU

- Join DU men's basketball coach Rodney Billups in his first annual basketball camps this summer
- Sharpen and expand on the fundamental skills that are required to be successful on the basketball court; it is the goal of the Rodney Billups Basketball Camp to help each camper in a similar fashion. Our camps will help you grow as a basketball player, improve your fundamentals, and hopefully have some fun at the same time. My staff and players will be on hand for skill instruction, game coaching, and lectures.
- Check out the website below for dates and details
- [https://rodneybillupsbasketballcamps.com/](https://rodneybillupsbasketballcamps.com/)

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 girls who code 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!

**Rodney Billups Basketball Camps**

Join Rodney Billups, head DU Men's Basketball coach, and the DU Men's Basketball team for their summer camps this year! For more information check out the attached PDF or follow this link: [https://rodneybillupsbasketballcamps.com/](https://rodneybillupsbasketballcamps.com/)

**Random Acts of Kindness Foundation**

Social Emotional Learning: Success for Life 2017 • Thursday June 8, 2017 • FREE
https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/for-educators/sel-forum

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