Crimson Classic – September 20, 2017 - 2:00 Dismissal for all Students

Due to road closures and anticipated traffic issues, Ricks will close at 2:00 pm on September 20. Extended Day care will be available at the normal after school rate.

Registration is now open for the Crimson Classic at www.runsignup.com/crimsonclassic for 1.5 mile or 5k run
- Parents, you can sign your kids up as DU students and yourselves as "friends and family" for free.
- Pre-race packet pick up will be on Tuesday, September 19th from 11am - 1pm in Driscoll Room 127
- Registration will close on September 18th

Race Day Timeline:
- 1:30-2:30pm - Late registration and packet pick up
- 2:45 - 3:00pm - Stretching and race kickoff
- 3:00pm - 5:30pm - Race and Post Race Party with DJ West and local and university vendors

Extended Day registration for Crimson Classic – starts at 2:00 pm is here.

Spirit Wear
Ricks Center students and families, now is the time to show off your school spirit. Ricks Center now has its own section on the DU Shop Pioneers website. Check back often to look for new items. Let's see your Ricks school spirit!

Parent Education Workshops
We will be offering several workshops adjacent to the RCA meetings over the course of the school year. Half of the workshops / RCA meetings will take place in the evening, the other half in the morning after student drop off. To gauge interest and plan accordingly, please fill out this one-minute survey and indicate if these workshop topics are of interest to you (raising a gifted child, executive functioning development, social-emotional traits of gifted children, digital citizenship, anxiety in children, perfectionism in children, supporting your twice exceptional child). You are also welcome to make other suggestions at the bottom of the survey.

Extended Day Program
We are taking registration for September 18th – September 29th. Please click here to register for the extended day. Both Yoga with Peaceful Mind Yoga and Coding with Kids – Intro to Python enrichments will start next week.

This Week in the Classrooms
EC
Ricks PreSchool class went on their first campus nature walk with parents and their teachers. They explored trees, and collected sticks, twigs, leaves, flowers, and also discovered the waterfall features on our beautiful university campus. The Prekindergarten classroom read a book about friendship that they created as a class. The Preschool and Prekindergarten classroom played a mystery guessing game that with clues that included letter sounds to discover a new activity, Bubbles!

Students in the Kindergarten classrooms have been exploring the garden and writing stories about what they have seen growing.

1st / 2nd
For Unit students in 1st and 2nd have been answering the guiding question “What tools can we use to locate certain bodies of water?” They are making representations through mapping. They have mapped bedrooms, houses, or other places using a birds’ eye view. They explored with Google Earth to look at the DU campus, the Ricks playground and layout of the school.

3rd / 4th
Students in the 3 / 4 classes began to look at the different regions of Colorado, researching interesting facts about each region and locating significant landmarks, both natural & man made. The research is the first part of a larger project - each student will be creating his or her own topographic map of Colorado.
Middle School
Students in 8th grade are preparing to read the first novels of the year by researching the characteristics, ideas, and function of utopian and dystopian societies; they will then present to each other using coggle.it. In 7th grade, students completed their first analytical paragraph of the year, a close reading of the dystopian story, "Harrison Bergeron." In 5th and 6th grade, students are learning about how metacognition, neuroplasticity, and growth mindset can help us as students of language and literature.
Also, on Tuesday afternoon the 8th grade class hosted the 5th graders and worked on logic problems as they built cross-grade ties as well as new – or renewed – friendships.

Early Childhood Update
Sunscreen
Please apply sunscreen to your child before or during morning drop off. Teachers will reapply for afternoon outside times. If your child has their own sunscreen please make sure it is labeled and given to the teachers so it can be stored safely.

Ball boy / girl needed for DU basketball teams
The University of Denver Men’s Basketball Team is looking for ball boys/girls for the 2017-2018 season!
If your child is in 1st through 6th grade and is interested in being a ball boy/girl for a home game this upcoming season, please reply to this email as soon as possible. We will choose ball girls/boys on a first come, first serve basis. There are a very limited number of spots and the schedule fills up quickly. Ball boys/girls will NOT be able to select the game they attend. If selected, you will receive an email with your game assignment.
Once the schedule is full, an alternate list will be made with remaining requests in the case that someone is not be able to make their assigned game. NCAA rules state that ball girls/boys may not be in 7th grade or older. If your son is in 7th grade or above, please disregard this email.
Each ball boy/girl will receive 2 complimentary tickets for family members to the game they are assigned. Additional information will be sent out to those selected to be a ball girl/boy once the list is finalized.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Zach Ruebesam at Denvermhoops@gmail.com.
ParentsWeb

Have you signed up for ParentsWeb? ParentsWeb will give you access to your student’s information, make sure that you get all communication from the school, and is where you may update family information. We are including instructions as an attachment to this email to help you set up your ParentsWeb account. If you have questions, please call the front desk at 303-871-2982.

Wholesome Food Services

Ricks Center is pleased to offer Wholesome Food Service for the 2017-2018 school year for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Wholesome Food Service will provide lunches Monday through Thursday starting the first full week of school. The service offers convenient on-line ordering. Please remember to use your child’s classroom when ordering. The link is provided on Ren Web.

There is a separate Fall Pizza order form on RenWeb. In the fall, Pizza Hut will be the pizza vendor. The three choices are one topping cheese, pepperoni, or sausage.

Creative Recycling Center

The creative recycling center has a new home in the Innovation Lab! There is a shelf in the lab where specific recycling materials are being collected for students to use their creativity to create, build, and construct treasure out of trash. We are building these shelves from scratch, so the more materials you have to donate, the better! Feel free to drop the following washed and cleaned items off by the Innovation Lab:

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Parent Handbook

The Ricks Parent Handbook is available online and on our website. This has been updated for the 2017-18 academic year and is available for your reference.

RCA Happenings...

Ricks Gala – November 4th

- Tickets are on sale!!! Early bird pricing through October 10th - only $75 - after the 10th tickets are $100.
- Buy here: www.du.edu/ricks/support-ricks/2017gala.html
- Invitation will be sent next week, please make sure the RCA email (communicationsrca@gmail.com) does not go to your spam.

Community Building

- Join us us for Ricks night at DU Women’s Volleyball TONIGHT at 6PM at the Ritchie center. To purchase discount tickets go to: http://ev9.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/EVExecMacro?&DB_OEM_ID=18600&linkID=denver&evm=prmo&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR and enter promo code “RICKS”.
- Participate in DU Homecoming weekend Oct 20-22 with two great events:
  - **Ricks Night at DU Hockey** ($10 discount upper section tickets) Friday, Oct 20th @ 7pm - they will hang the 2017 National Champions banner! Tickets can be purchased via the same link above.
Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help with the Ricks Gala - we need both pre-event help as well as day-of setup. Please check out the needs via this link to see how you can help: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49ace2b0-ricks3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49ace2b0-ricks3)
- Help with our school library! If you are interested in either one-time or an ongoing scheduled opportunity, please contact our Parent Library Coordinator, Carrie Watts – [carrie@fivewatts.com](mailto:carrie@fivewatts.com) or Anne Wolf [anne.wolf@du.edu](mailto:anne.wolf@du.edu).
- We will hold a Scholastic Book Fair during Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 7 – 10. If you are interested in helping, please reach out Stephanie Peacock – [peacockbrd@yahoo.com](mailto:peacockbrd@yahoo.com).

Contact the RCA with questions, inquiries and interest! Thank you!

- Email: [communicationsrca@gmail.com](mailto:communicationsrca@gmail.com)

Parent Education Workshop
The Star Institute will be holding a parent workshop about relationships and sensory processing disorder on October 5, 2017. For more information, check out [this flyer](#).

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.

Sports Update
Fall sports started this week with both soccer and volleyball matches.

Monday the boys’ soccer team lost a tough match to Denver Academy 3-1. This year we have a talented but very young team comprised of mostly 5th/6th graders and they held their own against mostly 8th graders from DA. Theo Eichberg put Ricks on the scoreboard with a laser from the top of the box in the second half as Ricks played DA even in the second half 1-1. On Wednesday the boys traveled to Legacy Academy and took a 1-0 lead in the second half on another beautiful goal by Theo. Later in the half Legacy tied things up with a shot from long range but with only a few minutes remaining Ricks scored the winner on a series of passes by Jacob Trigg, Braedy Fitz, Theo and eventually Blaine Anderson put in the winner. Graham Lyons was stellar in goal and the Abramson boys, Noah and Lev, along with Braedy and Henry Watts played solid defense. Having only one sub that day, a brilliant effort was also put forth by Brendan King, Tristan Mills, Malik Hamitouche, and Matthew Welch. We may be young, but we are scrappy! Next week the boys travel to Skyview Academy on Monday for a match at 4:00.

Tuesday saw the girls take the court versus Legacy Academy in two volleyball matches. Both teams fought hard, but were defeated in both matches. Thursday the girls had their first home game vs. St. Mary’s Academy. The older girls lost he first game, but rallied back to win the second 25-20. After falling behind 9-0 in the deciding game the girls rallied back with strong serving by Callie Baer and Carly Campos to secure a 15-12 win and claim the match! Caroline Erickson played solid as always and was supported by red team newcomers Claire Mann, Macy Quatrochi, Caroline Berg, and Sarah Myers. All in all, this was a really great team effort! The younger girls showed great improvement from their first match, but lost to a more experienced and older St. Mary’s team. First time players include: Quinn London, Tilly Bauer,
Sophie Zotti, Willa Grimsley, Ella Parsons and Ava Lawton. The younger girls were supported by returning players Claire Anderson, Claire Mann and Caroline Berg. Claire Mann, Caroline Berg, Sarah Myers, and Macy Quatrochi do double duty and play on both teams. Next week the girls travel to RMSEL on Tuesday and play at home on Thursday vs. DA.

We hope to see you at the games!

"RICKS NIGHT" DU volleyball

Get your discounted tickets and enjoy a night out with the Ricks community Friday Sept 15th at 6:00. Use the link below to get your tickets for the volleyball game and use the promo code RICKS to get your discounted tickets.

http://ev9.eventone.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/EVExecMacro?&DB_OEM_ID=18600&linkID=denver&evm=prmo&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR

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