Crimson Classic
Thank you, families and staff, for your participation in DU's Crimson Classic! Ricks truly represented in the fun run!

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
Thank you for your participation in the survey to determine the upcoming parent workshop series listed below. Of note, the Parent Education Workshops will precede the RCA meetings, and all parents are welcome to attend both events. Many of the Parent Education Workshops will also be open to the public so we can share more of the wonderful things happening here at Ricks!

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A Note from Our Student Council
This month we are planning a bake sale on September 28-29. Please have your child(ren) bring money if you wish to purchase home baked goods. The profits earned will go to a school affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, so we hope you participate in our cause. This is an event targeted at primary and middle school students. If you wish to donate baked goods to our bake sale you can contact matthewjabrams@gmail.com for more information.

Hurricane Relief Update
The Ricks t-shirt drive earlier this month raised over $1000 which was donated to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey relief! Thank you so much for coming together as a community to assist those who are in need.
Extended Day Program

We are taking registration for September 25th – September 29th. Please click here to register for the Extended Day. In October, we will start Extended Day Clubs, where each day of the week has a different theme. More information will be sent next week.

- Monday – STEM
- Tuesday – Cooking
- Wednesday – Mixed Media Art
- Thursday – Mindfulness and Meditation
- Friday – Tech

Colorado Energy Day cancellation

In the summer, we were contacted to participate in Colorado Energy Day at East High School on 9/23/17. We agreed to do that, but have not received updated information or confirmation since school started. We do not want to have students working at a booth without clear parameters, so Ricks will not be participating this year.

This Week in the Classrooms

EC

Our NAEYC accreditation visit was today, and we were eager to show off our wonderful school. The initial feedback we received was positive; final results will be available in three (3) months. Thanks to Jessica Kennedy, our teachers and the rest of the staff for all of the help in the accreditation process!

Three construction companies were invited to come and view our site on Tuesday for playground construction. Bids for the project are due next Friday, 9/29.

1st / 2nd

1st and 2nd grade expanded their map skills to include learning about the tools on a map and using the compass rose to follow directions. Next week we will be using these skills to map out directions for a walking field trip. In writer's workshop we asked the question "Why do writer's write?" and spent time making lists and pictures of ideas to write about from their daily lives.
What makes a story great? What makes someone a good storyteller? Storytelling is something we all do naturally, starting at a young age, but there’s a difference between good storytelling and great storytelling. In this lesson students heard from Pixar directors and story artists about how they got their start and what stories inspire them, they then began to think about what kinds of stories they might want to tell.

Middle School
Science:
5th grade science - Students learned about diffusion-osmosis-active transport and capillary action and students designed a few additions to experiments with flowers and dyes to show these concepts.
6th/7th grade science – Students worked on their presentations about skeletal and muscular diseases-disorders-syndromes and conditions. Students presented a myriad of info about to their peers.
8th grade science - Students finished up their projects on the intricacies of the periodic table and did some demos with pH.
Math:
Geometry students have been constructing and bisecting angles during math.

Can you bisect a test tube of colored water?
Sports Update
This week the Ricks boys’ soccer team traveled down south to take on Skyview Academy. The older, more experienced Hawks were too much despite a valiant effort. The Abramson boys’, Noah and Lev, played solid defense as did Graham Lyons and Braedy Fitz in goal. Theo Eichberg continued his scoring spree of a goal in every game with a nice shot from 18 yards out, it was set up by some nice passing by Elan Sturtz and Blaine Anderson. Newcomers Brendan King, Malik Hamitouche, Henry Watts, Matthew Welch, Jack Edgar, and Jacob Trigg continued to show improvement. The boys take on Front Range Christian next Monday at DU.

The girls had a great week in volleyball. Both teams traveled the short distance to RMSEL and although they lost both matches these were by far the best matches the two teams played. The white team (younger girls) lost a heartbreaker in the third game 19-17, despite playing against girls who were almost all two years older. The red team played their best match of the year against a strong RMSEL squad but lost in two sets. On Thursday the red team girls hosted Denver Academy. After losing the first game 25-17 the girls rallied behind some strong serving by Carly Campos to win the second game 25-20. In a tight third match with the score knotted at 8, Caroline Berg reeled off four straight points and Ricks eventually took home the victory 15-11. Sarah Myers, Macy Quatrochi, Claire Mann, and Callie Baer continued to show steady improvement and Carly Campos and Caroline Erickson continued to lead the team.

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 them here: www.du.edu/ricks/support-ricks/2017gala.html
- Invitations will be sent next week. Please make sure the RCA email (communicationsrca@gmail.com) does not go to your spam.

Community Building
- 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.
  - DU Pio Palooza Saturday, Oct 21st @ 4pm to 7pm - Event will include, bouncy castles for kids and adult, games, face painting and balloon animals and food trucks. To purchase tickets ($5/person) go to: http://ev9.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventInfo?ticketCode=PR%3ADENVER%3AM18%3AHCS%3ADUHC&linkID=denver&shopperContext=&caller=PR&appCode=&prc=DUHC&ppc=DUHC

Volunteer Opportunities:
- Help with the Ricks Gala. We need both pre-event and help day-of setup. Please check out the needs via this link to see how you can help: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49aace2b0-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 or Anne Wolf 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.
Contact the RCA with questions, inquiries and interest! Thank you!

- Email: 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.

**Save the Date**

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