Back to School Night
It was wonderful to see so many of you for Back to School Night yesterday. The year has started out on a positive, collaborative note and we look forward to a continuing this work.

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

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.

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.

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.
Extended Day Program
The following enrichment sessions will be held this fall:
- Monday – Spanish, Young Rembrandts, Coding with Kids (starts 9/18)
- Tuesdays – Chess (K-3), Violin
- Wednesdays – Fencing (1st - 3rd), Science Matters (PS/PK), Girls on the Run, Play Well Legos
- Thursdays – Coding with Kids (Beginner Games), Sticky Fingers, Chess (4th - 8th)

A Note from our Student Council
The Ricks Administration would like to thank Student Council for their assistance at Back to School Night!! You were a great help!

Morning Drop Off – Wednesday Late Start Reminders
- Every Wednesday morning is a late start; classes begin at 9:00am.
- Middle School students may enter the building at 8:45am and proceed to lockers.
- The Primary playground will open at 8:45am for primary students only. Due to equipment standards and safety regulations, we are unable to have EC students on the Primary playground.
- Parents / guardians may supervise their child's play on the early childhood playground until school begins. The EC playground is only open to Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten students. At 8:55am, you are welcome to proceed to classrooms to sign children in. EC drop off window on Wednesday is 8:55-9:15am.

This Week in the Classrooms
EC
The students in early childhood started exploring the outdoor environment with walks around the DU campus.

As the Water unit begins, the 1 / 2 classes decided upon their guiding questions for the Rivers section. They also started working in Math groups on Number Corner.
3rd / 4th

Students are learning to read and use physical maps, using coordinates to locate cities and landmarks on the Colorado maps which were donated Colorado AAA.

Middle School

Essential to Ricks students is their social-emotional wellbeing and development. We have adopted the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) standards and work to incorporate them into all classes. Two components are social and communication competence. To develop those skills, all core teachers are using an interpersonal skills rubric which focuses on following instructions, adding to the discussion, asking questions, staying on task and on topic, and demonstrating positivity towards peers.

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.

**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. The link is provided on Ren Web.

Lunch/Pizza/Milk is offered for all Kindergarten-8th grade levels. It is not available for Preschool or PreK students.

Wholesome Food Services began as a grassroots effort of parents and nutrition experts in Colorado to offer a unique school lunch program providing great lunch options for students and staff. Their mission is to provide real, fresh food choices for students and staff. We offer the highest quality food choices and provide delicious, healthy options that kids love at reasonable prices.

**Wholesome Food Services Advantages:**

- A large variety of delicious, healthy lunches delivered fresh to your school.
- Complete ingredient lists available – confidence in the highest quality foods.
- Choose from a wide range of lunch choices daily with over 150 selections weekly.
- Flexible ordering – orders can be placed just a week at a time, or up to two months ahead.
- Online Ordering with secure credit card processing provides a turn-key convenience parents.

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...

Scrip Program Update - Teachers have received $526.00/classroom from the Shop with Scrip and King Soopers Scrip classroom fundraising programs. Thank you for your participation! To find out more info and/or participate in the program, please contact communicationsrca@gmail.com. We will also have info at back to school night!

September Meeting

- Our next RCA Meeting on September 15th will serve as our Room Parent Coordinator Kick-off.
- We ask all Room Parent Coordinators (thank you again for volunteering) to plan to attend. All other parents or guardians are welcome. We start with an update from Admin, then jump right into our primary and secondary topics for the meeting.
- We start with an update from Admin, then jump right into our primary (Room Parent Coordinator kick-off) and secondary topics (gala, mini-grants etc.) for the meeting.

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/9040b49acae2b0-ricks3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49acae2b0-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

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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Collaboration, Compassion, and Curiosity

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RenWeb
District Code: RC-CO (parent access only)
"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.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ecommerce3/EVExecMacro?&DB_OEM_ID=18600&linkID=denver&evm=prmo&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR