Reminder: Sept 14, 2:00 Dismissal for all students

Wednesday, September 14 is an Early Release and the school day ends at 2pm. This is due to the road closures for the Crimson Classic, which begins at 3pm. Kids Adventures will open at 2pm, in order to accommodate the early release.

Ricks Sports

After a hard fought battle, both Ricks volleyball teams started the season off with victories against Legacy Academy. The white team was able to able win in the third set in overtime during a very close game. The Red team won in two straight sets, demonstrating outstanding teamwork. Congratulations to both Ricks volleyball teams!

Back to School Night

Thank you for joining us at the Back to School Night event! Should you wish to speak with your child's teacher(s), please do not hesitate to reach out and make an appointment.

Strategic Planning / Meet the Administrative Team Meetings

The Ricks Administrative team would like to thank the parents who attended Thursday's workshop for their high level of engagement and positive contributions! If you are interested in learning more about the Strategic Plan or the planning process, please visit the resources section on our website http://www.du.edu/ricks/my-ricks/resources.html

Personalized vs. Differentiated vs. Individualized Learning

This was the focus for Wednesday morning's staff meeting. In order for everyone to be on the same page with regards to these terms, we encourage parents to read the same article that was read by teachers; this can be accessed here.

Picture Day is coming!

Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 14. Individual and sibling portraits will be taken, as well as class photos. Order forms come after the pictures are taken and proofs come in. Please make sure your child is dressed nicely that day. Ask your child's teacher for information regarding the time of the photos. Sibling photos will take place between 9 and 9:30am. Classes will have photos taken in 15 minute increments from 9:30-1pm.
Parent Expertise Survey
We are creating a database of parent expertise so that when teachers need experts to supplement their curriculum we can reach out to our Ricks families. If you have an area of expertise that you would be willing to share, please complete this survey.  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJPJ8NT

Upcoming Early Childhood Parent Education
This year Ricks will begin using the Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) assessment and progress monitoring tool, which is designed for use with children from birth through Kindergarten. Also, in accordance with best practice all children in the early childhood program will receive the ASQ, a developmental screening. Please join us on Monday, September 26 at 8:45 am to learn more about TSG and the ASQ. Be on the lookout for an email invitation next week.

National Geographic Bee
One of the academic competitions that will be available to children in grades 4 – 8 this year is the National Geographic Bee. All teachers will have access to this year’s geography curriculum after it is released in early October and we will have our school Bee in late January/early February. The state Bee will be held at DU on March 31, 2017, and our school winner will be invited to participate then. In conjunction with the National Geographic Bee, the National Geographic Society, and the Colorado Geographic Alliance, we will be hosting the Giant Map of Colorado in April and one of the giant continent maps in December or January. Details on those events will be shared closer to the maps’ arrivals.

Reminder: Registration for Enhancements Closes on September 9th!
There are some fabulous offerings for Enhancements, including: Young Rembrandt, Tai Chi for Peace, Boss Readers, Results Learning and more! To register, see email from the Ricks Front Desk, sent yesterday, or pick up a form on the counter by the Front Desk. If a student is attending an enhancement at 3:30 and the student is dismissed at 3:00 or 3:15, there is a discount of $3.00 fee per day in addition to the cost of the enhancement.

Connect4Learning for Prekindergarten
In the prekindergarten program we are beginning a new and exciting partnership with the Morgridge College of Education here at DU. We will be implementing the new Connect4Learning curriculum. The curriculum uses research-based and classroom-tested practices in literacy, science, social-emotional, and mathematics learning. Teachers will receive professional development from the experts at the Marsico Institute located at the College of Education. For more information on C4L please visit: http://www.c4lcurriculum.com

Help Fund Your Child’s Classroom (RCA News)
Ricks’ Rebate Programs (aka Scrip)
Ricks Center Website
Phone: 303-871-2982

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2040 South York Street map
Denver, CO 80208

RenWeb
District Code: RC-CO (parent access only)
Why help?

Throughout the school year, your child and his/her classmates will develop new interests as well as a deeper understanding of mainstay curricula. This program directly funds teachers’ ability to facilitate students’ emerging ideas with experiential learning opportunities, both in and outside the classroom.

Two Rebate Programs (aka Scrip)

* At Ricks, we typically use the term “Scrip” to refer to these two rebate programs collectively.
* Great Lakes Scrip Center is a private company that connects non-profit institutions like Ricks Center to a huge catalogue of such merchants. There are hundreds of merchants available (Safeway, Starbucks, Amazon, iTunes, Old Navy to name a few).
* Scrip is a way to fund classroom needs via money you already spend.
* Every time you use Scrip, a % (varies by vendor) of your purchase goes straight to the classroom.
* You don’t have to come up with any additional money, you just have to use Scrip!
* To use Scrip, you setup an account via the website below which is tied to your bank account (one-time setup) then use the web or phone app to purchase/reload Scrip.
* Ricks also receives rebates through King Soopers/Kroger group’s goodwill program which operates independently from Great Lakes Scrip Center.

 o For this program we give you a card which you can re-load as you arrive at the check-out register before they begin scanning your items. You can use your credit card to reload and still get any points through those programs too!

How to Sign Up
1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and “register” to create an account.
2. For King Soopers/Kroger shopping, reach out to ricksscrip@gmail.com to request a card.

**For the rest of September, there will be a Scrip information table set up in the front lobby each Friday from 8:30-9 a.m. and from 2-3 p.m. to distribute King Soopers cards, help you navigate www.shopwithscrip.com, answer any questions, and otherwise encourage participation in this valuable program! If these times don’t work for your family, please contact Margaret O’Neill for help or with any questions: ricksscrip@gmail.com.

DU Crimson Classic 5K/1.5 Mile Walk

Please join us for the 3rd annual Crimson Classic fun run / walk. Register online at: https://runsignup.com/crimsonclassic. After completing the registration, please have your child sign and color the accompanying shoe to add to the Crimson Classic participation wall of fame at the RICKS center.

Other Reminders:

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District Code: RC-CO (parent access only)
Date / Time: Wednesday Sept. 14th 3:00 PM (school will be out at 2:00)
Location: Driscol Greens, Denver University
Run: 5 K
Walk: 1.5 mile
** Parent(s) must accompany child(ren) during the race

Special offer for Crimson Classic participants

Boulder Running Company is excited to offer a VIP weekend Sept. 9 – 11 to DU Crimson Classic 5K participants at the Cherry Creek location. Participants can receive discounts for shoes, accessories, clothes and nutrition items for race day. Vendors will be in-store with raffles to win goodies. Please bring your DU ID card.