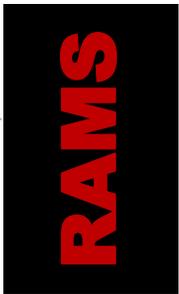


RICHMOND Grade School



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Welcome to March RGS Families!

I want to start by sending a huge THANK YOU to all of you who submitted a 5Essentials Survey. We needed to reach 20% of completed surveys, and we were able to make it to 21%! Please know that I appreciate your support and am grateful for your help!

As a reminder for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, we will begin taking our Illinois Assessment of Readiness tests the week we come back from spring break. Students will participate in two ELA assessments and three Math assessments. More information will follow, but should you have any questions please let me know.

Have a great month, and safe travels to any of you heading out over Spring Break!

Ms. Kuhl :)



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RICHMOND GRADE SCHOOL PTO



MARCH UPCOMING DATES

- 2-6 Student Council Adopt A Family
- 2-13 Roller Skating during PE
- 2 Girl Scouts 4th Gr (Pardue) 3:34-5, Café
Snapology 3:34-5, Cafe
- 3 Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9PM Gym
Girls Scouts 3rd Gr (McCallister), 3:34-5. Café
Chess Club 3:40-4:40, Zaremba's Room
Spring Grove Rec BB 6:30-7:30, Gym
- 4 Girl Scouts Kdg (Rizzo) 3:34-5:15 Café
Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9PM Gym
- 5 School Store K, 1st & 2nd
Girl Scouts 5th Gr (Smith) 3:34-5 Café
- 6 School Store 3rd, 4th & 5th
2nd Gr FT—Betty Brinn Children's Museum
5th Gr FT-NMS
Girls On The Run 3:45-5:15
- 7-8 Daylight Savings Time
- 8 PTO Mom/Son Bowling
- 9 Snapology 3:34-5 Café
Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9 Gym
- 10 Jim May Storyteller 9-2:45
Girls Scouts 2nd Gr (Keblysek/Hogel) 3:34- 5:45, Cafe
Winter Chess Club 3:40-4:40
Girl Scouts 1st Gr (Hogel/Sena) 3:34-5:15, Café
Spring Grove Rec BB 6:30-7:30, Gym
- 11 PTO Meeting 4
Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9 Gym
- 12 Fur, Feathers, Scales Presentation (2KO/2WE)
Fur, Feathers, Scales Presentation (2HA/2MO)
Girls On The Run 3:45-5:15 Gym
RGS Skate on Grand 6-8, Fox Lake
- 13 EARLY DISMISSAL 11:45
Girls On The Run 3:45-5:15 Gym
- 16 Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9 Gym
- 17 Spring Picture Day
Girl Scouts 3rd Gr (McCallister) 3:34-5 Café
Winter Chess Scholars 3:40-4:40
- 18 3rd Gr (3BO/3BR) FT-Coral Woods 8:50-11:30
Girl Scouts 2nd Gr (Keblysek/Hogel) 3:34-5:15, Café
Girl Scouts Kdg (Rizzo) 3:34-5:15 Serving Area
Girls Travel Rockets BB 6-9 Gym
- 19 3rd Gr (3KO/3RI) FT-Coral Woods 8:50-11:30
Girl Scouts 5th Gr (Smith) 3:34-5 Café
Girls On The Run 3:45-5:15 Gym
1st Gr Music Program 6:15-7:15 Gym
3rd Gr Music Program 7:30-8:30 Gym
- 20 School Store 3,4, 5 8:30-9
Girls On The Run 3:45-5:15 Gym
Sign Club 4-5 Gr 3:45-4:15 Library
- 22-27 NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK
- 31 Girl Scouts 1st Gr (Hogel/Sena) 3:34-5:15, Café
Winter Chess 3:40-4:40

Spanish

MRS. JODI ZAREMBA
Spanish Teacher

Winter seems to be dragging on with its freezing temperatures and snowy days, but hopefully Spring is right around the corner. Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, one thing is for sure...things are roaring forward in the Spanish room!

5th Grade Our extension unit on the Aztecs is underway and is filled with historical, cultural, and associated Spanish vocabulary. Students are learning a lot about this mysterious culture, and also about the numerous Mexican customs that have their roots in the Aztec traditions.

4th Grade is currently working on their unit on the Spanish vocabulary for the basic parts of the body. Students are applying what they have learned thus far, and are working to label the body with the correct Spanish vocabulary words. Once this is completed, we will be moving on to a study of the Spanish vocabulary words for clothing.

3rd Grade is learning the Spanish Alphabet. Students will be introduced to the names of each letter and also to the unique sound that it makes. They will learn the traditional 26 letters that are the same as our English Alphabet, along with 4 letters that help to give Spanish its unique sound.

2nd Grade is learning the Spanish vocabulary words for la granja, or the farm. We will be learning the words for the animals that live on a farm, as well as some other basic vocabulary. For extra practice at home, check out the "Calico Spanish Granja: video song on YouTube.

1st Grade has almost completed their unit on the Spanish words for the family. So far they have done a wonderful job on all of their family related activities! They continue to practice and apply their words for the familia, then move on to learning the Spanish words for animals of the jungle.

Kindergarten continues to be an enthusiastic group of learners! We are adding to our color study with the colors green, orange, and purple, and also learning the Spanish words for the basic shapes. We have currently learned the words for circle and square, and we will soon be learning the Spanish word for triangle. It is amazing to see them absorb the language and retain the vocabulary from week to week!

With all of the activities going on at the different grade levels, the Spanish room has been a busy place! Even though each class is only with me for approximately 30 minutes per week, we have been able to cover a lot of ground. Be sure to check out all of the wonderful projects displayed in the hallways the next time you visit our school.

From the Art Room with Mr. Ratts



The **fifth grade** students are going to create a relief sculpture. Using a sheet of copper foil, the student will press their design into the metal with a wooden stick. We will then create a pattern on a cardboard frame and attach it to complete our relief sculpture.

The **fourth graders** are going to learn more about the art of element color. Each student will use water color pencils in order to create their own tertiary color wheel.

The **third grade** students are going to learn how to draw squares and rectangles using, two-point-perspective. This technique will make a flat piece of paper look as if it is three dimensional.

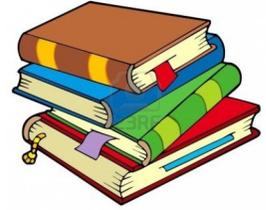
Ancient Egyptians used picture writing called hieroglyphics. A cartouche is a border that the Egyptians used to identify very important people. The **second grade** students are going to write their name in hieroglyphics and then add a border in order to create their own Egyptian cartouche.

Inspired by Vincent Van Gogh the **first grade** students are going to create their own version of the painting, "Starry Night". We will use construction paper, oil pastels, and glitter to complete our picture.

Kindergarten students are going to use simple shapes to create a complex drawing of a tiger. Starting with the largest shapes we will use circles for the face and a rectangle for the tiger's body. We will then add the smaller shapes to complete our tiger.

MARCH LIBRARY NEWS.....

All students in **Grades 3 through 5** who have read 4 or more of the Bluestem nominees will be invited on March 11 or 12, to a voting/pizza party in the library. The party will be held during their normal lunch period. Students will need to bring their drinks. Any student who has read all 20 nominees will get a prize of a \$20.00 visa gift card.



Students in **Grades 4th and 5th** will again have a chance to sign up to be on a team in the annual Battle of the Books. This is a voluntary opportunity in which students test their knowledge against their peers. Each team reads the same 10 books and then answers questions in a game show type scenario. The battles are done in rounds until we have a winner for the 4th and 5th grade. We will then have a battle between these two teams during their lunch hour. The winner of this battle will then compete with the final winner from Spring Grove School; which will take place on April 30, during Fine Art's Night. If your student is interested, they need to have a permission letter signed by both the student and their parent saying they understand the commitment they are making, and that they will be available to participate in the battle on Fine Art's Night, should their team qualify.

In the honor of Women's history month **Grades 1, 2, and 3** will be learning through stories and books about women who have had a positive impact on the world.

Mrs. Walker, Librarian



1st Grade: We will be working on evaluative thinking. Watch for work that comes home with Jordan the Judge and ask your child about what we have been judging.



2nd Grade: Is working on our patterning skills with Max the Magician. Students have had to look for clues to find one correct answer. They are making beautiful patterns. Can't wait until they come home.

3rd Grade: Students are working on projects that go with the planets that they have been studying. Postcards from Mercury. License plates for Venus. Look for Third Grade suns that they made in the case outside the gym when you come for 3rd Grade performance.

4th Grade: We have just started learning about how electricity and magnets work together.

5th Grade: Bridges, Bridges, Bridges. Some students are still figuring out how to work with others without arguing. Please talk to your Fifth Graders on how to talk to others when you have to work with them.

Mrs. Pizzo

Gifted Coordinator

Music

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Richmond Grade

5th Graders added the barred instruments to their Sarasponda song along with their hand clapping game. Next, we learned a song from Liberia, Africa called "Fanga Alafia." This is a welcome dance so we added movement to our singing. We will soon learn the melody on the recorder. Students learned a new hand clapping game called "4 White Horses." This game is done in groups of 4 to the syncopated melody. Next, students learned a different hand clapping game to the classic "Rockin' Robin."

While playing "Peg Leg the Pirate," **4th Graders** discovered a new rhythm called syncopa. Classes can visually identify and read the rhythm so we are working on aurally identifying it through a rhythm poison game. We also played a syncopated game called "Bump Up Tomato" where the person in the middle had to make another student laugh. Next, students learned a body rondo song where the C section focuses on the syncopa pattern. Currently we are working on a lullaby from Inner Mongolian, which we will transfer to our recorder instruments.

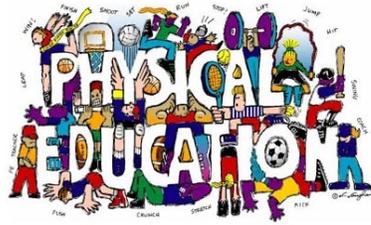
The **3rd Grade** concert will take place on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:30pm** in the gym. Doors will open at 7:15pm that evening. Students should wear clothing that is comfortable for movement. We look forward to sharing our music with you!

In **2nd Grade** we learned a game called "Tisket-a-Tasket" which is a musical type of duck-duck-goose game. Classes watched a clip from Ride 'Em Cowboy where Ella Fitzgerald sings this song. We read a book called **When Marian Sang** about the famous Black opera singer Marian Anderson. Marian grew up singing spirituals so next we learned a spiritual called "Git on Board." This song is a code for the Underground Railroad. We discussed the history of the slavery through the Jim Crow Laws, the Underground Railroad, and Harriet Tubman. Students learned that Harriet's secret code name was "Moses" because of the parallels between African American slavery and the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt. We listened to a rendition of "Go Down Moses" by Marian Anderson and a different version by Louis Armstrong.

The **1st grade** concert will take place on **Thursday, March 19th at 6:15pm** in the gym. Doors will open at 6:00pm that evening. Students should wear clothing that is comfortable for movement. We look forward to sharing our music with you!

Congratulations to the **Kndergartners** on their first RGS concert! I am so proud of their hard work. Thank you to the parents who helped students practice their parts for the show. Another big thank you to our RGS community for coming out to support our Fne Arts Department. We appreciate you!

Mrs. Sembach—PE



Roller skating is starting!!! Parents please put an extra pair of socks in your student's backpack for skating. Students may wear bike helmets, if they bring one from

home. If a student is bringing their own safety gear, it should be labeled with their name.

Kids Heart Challenge Update:

Thank you again RGS families, you are AMAZING! Our school raised \$9,983.77! All the Thank You gifts will be distributed as soon as they are received from the AHA. It usually takes a few weeks from the time all donations are received from our school.

Miss Sena has been working hard with the students on many different skills. They have been learning together! Some of the activities she has explored with them include:

Basketball Skills

Parachute Play

Team Building Challenges

Dodging and

Miss Sena will be with us until spring break, then it's off to tackle Middle School!





Mrs. Hunt—School Nurse



If your child is not feeling well or is not acting themselves, please keep them home. It is better to err on the side of caution than to spread germs throughout a classroom. Please keep in mind the school's health protocol for when your child is ill.....

- Your child needs to be fever-free for 24 hours **without** fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Your child needs to be without vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If your child is out of school for 3 or more days for an illness, a doctor's note is required upon returning.
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Please reinforce proper hand washing skills with your children. Our best line of defense against catching a cold or other illness is hand washing. It is also important to remind them to use cold etiquette (sneezing or coughing into your elbow, nose blowing, etc).

Let's keep our students healthy and happy. If there are any questions I can help with, please don't hesitate to call.





March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
1	2 Chicken Tenders Campbells Chili Yummy Corn Diced Peaches Milk Choice	3 Cheeseburger Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choice	4 French Toast Slice/Syrup Yogurt Cup Krinkle Fries Mini Carrots Apple Juice Cup Milk Choice	5 Nachos, Meat & Cheese, Chips Spring Salad Mix Choice Dressing Mini Carrots Applesauce Cup Milk Choice	6 Pizza Sticks with Marinara Sauce Winter Blend Veggies Mini Blueberry Muffin Straw/Kiwi Frozen Slushy Choice Milk	
8	9 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Mix Mini Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Fortune Cookie Milk Choice	10 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Tasty Broccoli Diced Pear Biscuit	11 Waffles/Syrup String Cheese Sausage Link Sweet Potato Wedges Mini Carrots	12 Wedge Pizza Slice Baked Beans Mini Carrots Rasp/Lemon Frozen Slushy	13 No Lunch Early Dismissal	14
15	16 Breaded Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Strawberry Cup Sooky Doo Grahams Milk Choice	17 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Campbells Tomato Soup Krinkle Fries Diced Pears	18 English Muffin, Egg, Cheese & Sausage Triangle Hash Browns Gold Rush Drink Box	19 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Mix Broccoli Tropical Twist Juice Box Pineapple Tidbits	20 French Bread Pizza Slice Baked Beans Mini Carrots Straw/Mango Frozen Slushy	21
22	23 	24	25	Spring Break		28
29	30 Chef Boy R Dee Beef Ravioli Broccoli Texas Toast Slice Diced Peaches Rice Krispie Bar Milk Choice	31 Chicken Patty on A Bun Meadow Blend Veg Juice Box Mandarine Oranges Milk Choice	STUDENT OR CHEF SALAD \$2.35 (Includes Milk & Fruit) STUDENT MILK \$.35	STUDENT EXTRA ENTRÉE (Please purchase Lunch first) \$1.20	ADULT LUNCH OR CHEF SALAD \$2.85 Extra \$1.60 Milk .40	