

The Riccardi Review

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April 2022



Dear Riccardi Family:

It's hard to believe with the cold we've been experiencing this March that spring is upon us and the 4th marking period is right around the corner. The third marking period will end on Friday, April 8th. **Quarterly Awards** will be presented and **Report Cards** will go home on Friday, April 22nd, after Spring Recess. We are so proud of the academic achievements of our students thus far and look forward to their continued success throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your continued support at home!

We would like to extend a special thank you to our PTA for organizing **Yoga enrichment classes** after school for our students. Our participating students throughout grades 1-6 have surely benefitted academically, socially and even physically from yoga practices that they have learned as a result of the hard work from our PTA. Thanks again!

Speaking of springtime, **Spring Pictures** are scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. All students will be photographed. If you are interested in ordering your child's portraits, you can order using the slip that will be sent home or by visiting the Upstate Images website.

The computer-based New York State Math Assessments for students in grades 3 & 4 are scheduled for April 26th & 27th and the assessments for students in grades 5 & 6 are scheduled for April 28th & April 29th.

Spring Recess is scheduled for April 11th – April 18th.

We have 1 remaining snow day as of 3/31/22. Please see the district calendar for notes regarding snow day "give backs."

Have a wonderful month and a fantastic Spring Recess!!!



Take a Look!



April Calendar



PTA Notes



Student Gov't News



Coach's Corner



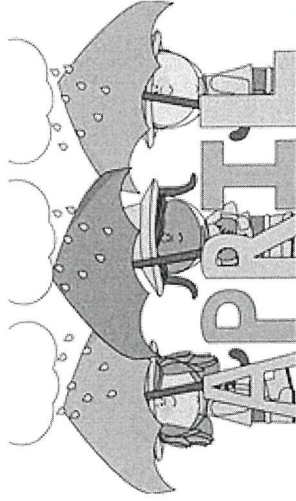
Notes about Music



Notes about Band



April Menus



Riceardi Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 A	2
3	4 *No afterschool activities/late buses*	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 E Snow Day 6 End of 3rd Quarter	9
10	11	12 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Happy Easter
17	18	19	20 F BOE Special Meeting @ 6:30 pm	21 A Spring Pictures & 6th grade Group Photo	22 B Quarterly Awards Report Cards go Home	23 C
24	25 Spring Recess	26 D	27 E	28 F	29 A	30 B
NYS Math Testing 3rd & 4th Grades			NYS Math Testing 5th & 6th Grades			

May Preview:

5/2-5/6/22 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 5/3/22 - PTA Meeting at 6pm (Nominations)
 5/17/22 - No School for Students (Sup. Conf. Day)
 5/27/22 - Progress Reports go Home (3-6)
 5/30/22 - Schools Closed (Memorial Day)

April PTA News

Reach us at: riccardipta@gmail.com

Also be sure to "Like us on Facebook" for updates &

news  [https://
www.facebook.com/RiccardiPTA](https://www.facebook.com/RiccardiPTA)



Box tops are now DIGITAL!



There is no April meeting!

Join us Tuesday May 3rd @ 6pm

(We will be nominating officers for next year)

From the Presidents –

Thank you to all of our March meeting attendees. The weather is getting warmer and spring is here! The students enjoyed our Career Day and Wacky Wednesday Day organized by the student government.

Thank you to Patricia Ferris for holding another session of after school yoga! The kids loved it!

. If there is something you would like to teach the students, please contact us. Some examples are chess, gardening, calligraphy, dance, sports, arts etc.

If you haven't signed up to join the PTA there is still time! It needs to be renewed each school year and is only \$5 per person. It can now be done online at Riccardipta.membership.com

Here's to a great end of the year,
Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

Presidents: Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt
Treasurer: Sara Fyffe Interim Recording Secretary: Patricia Ferris

Corresponding Secretary: Heather Dodd



· Spring Break is April 11th-18th

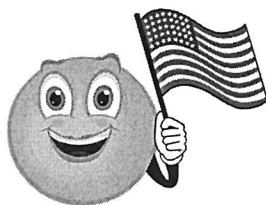
· Staff appreciation week is coming soon!
Contact us if you'd like to help!

· Spring book fair is coming May 9th-13th

****Let us know if you are
interested in becoming a PTA officer!****

**Did you know PTA Membership Drive Dues help us
provide great things for our students & school? Just
joining helps!**

Spring



RICCARDI STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

In March, we enjoyed participating in the spirit day, Career Day! It was enjoyed by students and staff. It was fun to see all the jobs the kids at Riccardi look forward to having.

We have another spirit day coming up in April called Jersey Day when students and staff can wear a jersey from their favorite sport. We are sure that this spirit day will have a lot of participation!

The Student Government joined Kindergarten and encouraged the school to take part in Wacky Wednesday. The wacky hairstyles and clothes were so very silly.

Our Pen Pal program is doing very well and students are making good friends. Please encourage your child to continue to write to their pen pal and get to know their new friend.

We are still collecting pop tops so please keep them coming. Every amount adds up so even if you have a few, please send them in.

Thank you for your continued support of our student government!

COACH'S CORNER

APRIL 2022

As I sit and type, the temperature is dropping and the wind is howling - so I know inspiring time has begun in the Hudson Valley. T.S. Elliot once wrote that April is the cruelest month and while he was a good poet and pretty much on target when it comes to the ups and downs of weather, surely he was not referring to Physical Education at Riccardi Elementary. This is because we have a lot going on and we know spring is coming no matter how hard nature tries to disguise it.

What does spring bring in PE - well we have begun our Wiffle Ball unit. That's right, spring training - hitting off the batting tee, throwing, catching, alligating up those ground balls and of course Pickle (it's more than something to put on a hamburger, it's a fun baserunning game too). On the horizon we have our Fitness Unit (may T.S. had something on us after all - no it'll be fun, promise) and Track and Field.

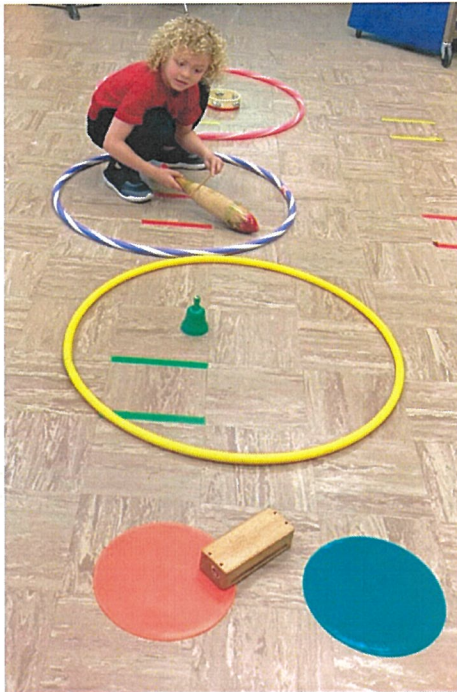
The little ones are also working on throwing and catching, some new dances and a fun version of tag called Lock Elbow Tag in which there are multiple taggers, multiple people seeking to stay away from the taggers and an element of anarchy. The result is lots of running and lots of smiles. And we will soon be doing the Bunny Hop - tis the season.

As the weather improves, and it will - try to get out for those family walks or maybe some tag or Pickle (plus a small dose of anarchy - just to keep it interesting). Have fun and keep moving.

Notes about Vocal/General Music

In our General Music classes...

Pictured are students in Mrs. Wiederspiel's class who were moving, playing instruments and singing during the month of March.



Trying out different instruments to prepare for a listening/guessing game.



In this photo the students are learning the Irish Jig!

Students in elementary music participate in many different ways

"Elemental music is never just music. It's bound up with movement, dance and speech, and so it is a form of music in which one must participate, in which one is involved not as a listener but as a co-performer." – Carl Orff



Using the "stretchy Band" to move to music.

Questions? Concerns?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

ibusia@saugerties.k12.ny.us

Notes about Band

Band Lessons with Mrs. Hansen are on C and D Days

Check the calendar in your child's band folder or my school webpage for lesson days

Instrument Repairs and Supplies

In the event that a repair to your child's instrument is needed, please make arrangements directly with the music store where you rented the instrument. Instruments can be picked up and dropped off at the school. Also, if you are in need of supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc), please contact the stores for delivery. Contact information for the music stores can be found on my school webpage.

4th Grade Band Lesson activities:

- Reading pitches and rhythms on the music staff
- Playing a variety of songs (from the lesson book and handouts)
- Exercises to improve tone quality

5th & 6th Grade Band Lesson activities:

- Extending playing range by learning more high and low notes
- Playing a variety of solos and duets, as well as examples from the lesson book
- New notes, fingerings, and rhythms

Practice

Please encourage your child to practice at home. All students have practice materials in their band folder. Short but frequent practice sessions are very effective!

Required Lesson Book

- The lesson book for all instruments *except drums* is Essential Elements, Book 1 (for your specific instrument).
- The lesson book for drum students is Breeze Easy Book 1 for Drums.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the instrumental music program!

Questions? Concerns?

Feel free to contact me
shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us



LUNCH

APRIL 2022

Elementary Lunch Menu

MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS

PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Hot Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Baby Carrots
& Ranch

Big Daddy's
Pizza
Vegetable Mix

Boneless Chicken
Wings
Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Dinner Roll

Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

Mozzarella Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Carrots
Fresh Baked Cookie

Schools Closed
Spring Recess

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Big Daddy's
Pizza
Caesar Salad
(Tentative)

Chicken Nuggets
Baked Beans
Baby Carrots & Ranch
Dinner Roll

Pasta &
Meatballs
Broccoli

French Toast Sticks
Canadian Bacon
Mini Grahams
Tater Tots

Hamburger or
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Broccoli

Big Daddy's
Pizza
Vegetable Mix

Popcorn Chicken
Seasoned Rice
& Gravy
Carrots

Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

Macaroni
& Cheese
Green Beans

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS!!

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

!!!!ALERT!!!!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS. A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR. THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT ARE RETURNED AND APPROVED CAN AFFECT HOW MUCH FUNDING OUR SCHOOL GETS TO HELP STUDENTS MEET ACADEMIC BENCHMARKS, INCLUDING MATERIALS LIKE BOOKS AND COMPUTERS. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 247-6651 Ext 1770.

GOOD MORNING!!

**START YOUR DAY WITH BREAKFAST
AT SCHOOL**

ALL MEALS AT SCHOOL ARE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES TO MAKE A COMPLETE MEAL.

**CHOOSE: FROM AN ASSORTMENT OF COLD CEREALS
OR
BREAKFAST BARS**

CHOOSE: FRESH FRUIT, FRUIT CUP OR JUICE

CHOOSE: 1% WHITE OR CHOCOLATE SKIM MILK

