

The Riccardi Review

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February 2022



Dear Riccardi Families,

I hope you had a peaceful January and a good start to 2022!

Thank you to the PTAs of all 4 elementary buildings and the Junior High School for organizing this year's **Jumanji PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) program!** The program began **on January 14th and will conclude on February 5th.** Students, the more you read, the more my game piece moves forward in the game, so let's **read, read, read!** I know we can do it! Speaking of PARP, we kicked off PARP this year as we typically do with the school-wide **Read-a-thon.** Students and staff took part in special reading activities and extra reading time on Friday, January 14th. Many students wore their pajamas to school and curled up with a good book and enjoyed a comfy day. **Thank you** to the Riccardi PTA and our faculty and staff for organizing this special day for our students!

Report cards will be sent home Friday, February 4th and quarterly awards will be presented to students in grades 2-6 the same day. I continue to encourage an on-going, effective line of communication between home and school. We have just begun the third marking period, and student preparedness for the day is vital to a student's academic success. Following a routine of coming to school on time and having all materials and homework assignments ready to start the day will help ensure your child's academic success.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for students across all district elementary schools will take place February 22nd – 25th. Included in this month's Riccardi Review is a form to be filled out and returned to any district building if your child is eligible for Pre-K or Kindergarten. This will allow the district to add your child's name to their mailing list so that you receive a registration packet and instructions prior to the registration dates. If you know anyone whose child may be eligible, please feel free to share this information with them. For more information, please see the attached form.

Schools will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.



Enjoy the brisk winter weather and have a fabulous February!



Take a Look!



**February
Calendar**



**Pre-K & K
Packet
Request**



**PTA
Notes**



**Student
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**Coach's
Corner**



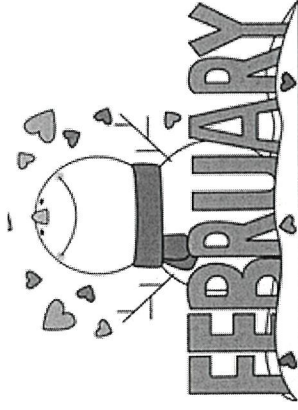
**Notes about
Music**




**Notes about
Band**



**February
Menus**



Riccardi Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PTA Meeting @ 6 pm	F 2	A 3	B	4 -Report Cards & Quarterly Awards (2nd - 6th) sent home. -All PARP reading must be logged online. C 5
6	7 *No afterschool activities/late buses D	8 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm E	9 F	10 A	11 B	12
13	14 	15 D	16 E	17 SSP Meeting @ Riccardi 10 am F	18 A	19
20	21 Schools Closed	22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E	26
27	28 F	Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration (Contact Registrar for More Details)				
<div>Reminder: letter days are subject to change with possible use of snow days. As of 1/28/22, we have used 1 snow day out of the 6 available for the district to use. Please refer to the district calendar for more details regarding snow days.</div> <div>Please check the district website, radio or local TV stations for closure notices. You will also receive calls/texts with closure/delay messages if you were added to the district message "blasts" list. To add your number, text 67587.</div> <div>March Preview: 3/1 - PTA Meeting 3:30 pm 3/3 - Parent/Guardian & Teacher Conf. Night 3/11 - Half Day for Students (Staff Development Day)</div>						



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KINDERGARTEN and Pre-K REGISTRATION for SEPTEMBER 2022

When: February 21-25

Where: The registrar's office located at Cahill Elementary School

- ✓ To be eligible to enter **Kindergarten** in September 2022, your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1st, 2022.
- ✓ To be eligible to enter **Pre-K** in September 2022, your child must be 4 years of age on or before December 1st, 2022.

If you have an eligible child, please fill in the information below and return it to the any school office as soon as possible. This will allow us to add your child's name to our mailing list, so that you receive a registration packet and instructions in advance of the registration dates.

Name of eligible Child(ren): _____

Eligible for (circle one): Pre-K Kindergarten

Mailing Address of Child(ren): _____

Resident Address (if Different from Mailing): _____

Child's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent(s) /Guardian(s) Names: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Parent/guardian email: _____

If applicable, name(s) of sibling(s) and what school they attend:

If you know of anyone with a first child entering school, please ask them to contact us to be placed on our mailing list.

Thank you for your assistance.





February 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)

Our next PTA meeting is

Tuesday, February 1st @ 6 pm

From the presidents:

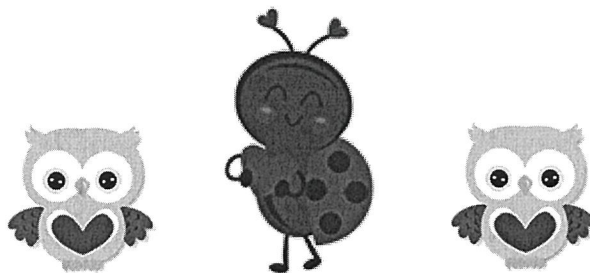
- The students really enjoyed our kick off to PARP (Pick a reading partner), with our school wide Read-A-Thon! It was a fun and relaxing day filled with LOTS of reading!
- No School Monday 2/21/22 for President's Day
- Kindergarten Registration will be 2/22/22-2/25/22
- Keep an eye out for more information on virtual yoga and MORE!

Presidents: Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

Treasurer: Sara Fyffe

Recording Secretary: TBD

Corresponding Secretary: Heather Dodd



*** Box Tops has gone digital. Check out our Facebook Page for more information.***

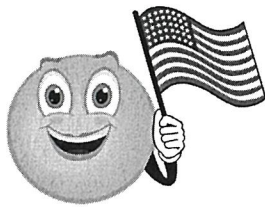


• As always, if you are interested in helping with spring events please email us at the email noted above or join us for our next meeting!

★ If you have any interest in getting involved with being a PTA officer please reach out to us so we can give you more info!

PTA Membership Dues help us provide great things for our students & school? Just joining helps!





RICCARDI **STUDENT GOVERNMENT** **NEWS**

In January we enjoyed our spirit day, Twin Day! It was enjoyed by students and staff. There will also be another spirit day coming up called Middle Name Day where students and staff can wear a name tag on their shirt that has their middle name on it. Then, everyone calls you by your middle name for a whole day. We also have a pen pal program coming up too for grades 2-6 to participate in. You can be paired up with another Riccardi student and share letters with them.

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. The pop tops are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany each year. They appreciate any amount donated.

**Thank you for your continued support of our
student government!**

Mrs. Pettit

Coach's Corner

February 2022

February Made Me Shiver

Well, January certainly had some of those cold days anyway, though we tried to stay warm with a variety of Volleyball activities in the Riccardi gym. These included actual volleyball games and skills for the older classes. Grades 4-6 all got a chance to come in after school for some extra work - in P.E. we call it work sometimes but it is actually a lot of play - when your work is play, well it's a good day. And all who participated seemed to really enjoy the extra nonmandatory sessions. A special shout out to the 6th graders who had 20 students come out for some extra volleyball. Prediction - Saugerties wins the NY State Volleyball Championship in 2027. You heard it here first.

The younger classes worked on basic volleyball skills, mixed in with throwing and catching games. We hit everything from beach balls to volleyballs to balloons. We also tried to be creative with our space being divided by two nets so we played 4 tags games at once. Four times the fun!

Report cards will be coming out soon - a reminder students grades are based on effort and skill. This includes following directions and being kind and respectful towards one another - which is a skill well worth the effort. We are always pleased when we see students helping and supporting one another's efforts and this happens quite a bit in our gym.

The next month will see our classes take part in some winter Olympic themed activities, a day of Presidential themed games - Harry Truman was a super fast walker, U.S. Grant could do a lot of pull-ups, Abraham Lincoln is in the wrestling Hall of Fame, Barack Obama loved basketball and George Washington had a terrific throwing arm, or so legend has it - so we will build on these and other facts to try to tie in some games with our history. We will also head into a Floor Hockey unit - so great days of fun and activity await us.

Thanks for your support - stay active, stay warm - it all goes together!

Notes about Vocal/General Music



In our General Music classes...

*Grades K-2 will be moving to music to experience form and focus on melodic direction.

*Grade 3 will be learning the note names for the treble clef.

*Grades 4-6 will be completing their composer study units.

WHAT WE LEARN IN GRADE 1 MUSIC

ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: PITCH <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show high, medium or low sounds show how melodies go up, down or stay the same sing, read, and write these notes: mi so and la 	ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: BEAT AND RHYTHM <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tell when there's a beat and when there's no beat. move to and play a steady beat. tell when there is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one sound on a beat two sounds on a beat no sound on a beat read these rhythms: 												
ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: TIMBRE <i>I can identify and use</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> speaking, whispering, calling, and singing voices. many classroom instruments when I see them or hear them. woods, metals, shakes/scrapes, drums. 	ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: FORM <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show phrases with arm motions. tell if phrases are the same or different. move to show different sections of the music. 												
ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: EXPRESSION <i>I can identify and perform</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> loud and quiet fast and slow smooth or separated 	VOCABULARY <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td>beat</td> <td>woods</td> </tr> <tr> <td>rhythm</td> <td>metals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>high/low</td> <td>shakes/scrapes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>loud/quiet</td> <td>drums</td> </tr> <tr> <td>fast/slow</td> <td>solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>smooth, separated</td> <td>repeat</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	beat	woods	rhythm	metals	high/low	shakes/scrapes	loud/quiet	drums	fast/slow	solo	smooth, separated	repeat
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CREATE <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> create and play rhythm patterns. create and sing melodies. 	PERFORM <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sing, move, and play instruments. <i>As an Audience I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a good listener. 												
RESPOND <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tell or show with movement how music makes me feel. 	CONNECT <i>I can</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to music and sing songs and tell about the places they're from. 												

MUSICPLAY THEMES & VARIATIONS



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

February Lesson Days

(will change if there is a snow day – check my webpage for updates)

C day:

February 4, 14, 23

D day:

February 7, 15, 24

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.

Winter Reminder

- If we miss a lesson day due to a full day school closing, we will have that lesson on the day we return to school. We do not skip letter days. The missed letter day happens when we return.
- There will be lessons on days with delayed openings. Bring instruments on these days.
- Please check my webpage for the most up to date information on delay days or after a snow day. Updates will also be emailed. Let me know if you'd like to be added to the email list.

Questions? Concerns?

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

All Students will need a 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.

Practice

All students have music to practice at home. Specific practice materials will vary from group to group but will include one or more of the following:

- Scales
- Examples in the lesson book
- Music handed out in lessons

Please contact me with any questions about what your student should be practicing.

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

FEBRUARY 2022

Elementary Lunch Menu

MY SCHOOL BUCKS
PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

Monday

Alternate Entrées Daily –
Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Fresh Salad with Crispy
Chicken, Turkey & Cheese
Sandwich & Veggie Burger

7
Bosco Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Green Beans

14
Macaroni &
Cheese
Broccoli
Dinner Roll
Rice Krispie Treat

21
Schools Closed
Presidents' Day

28
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll

Tuesday

1
Big Daddy's
Pizza
Caesar Salad

8
Big Daddy's
Pizza
Winter Vegetable Mix

15
Big Daddy's
Pizza
Caesar Salad

22
Big Daddy's
Pizza
Winter Vegetable Mix

Wednesday

2
Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Chips
Baked Beans

9
Boneless Chicken
Wings
Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Dinner Roll

16
Chicken Nuggets
Baked Beans
Baby Carrots & Ranch
Dinner Roll

23
Popcorn Chicken
Seasoned Rice
& Gravy
Carrots

Thursday

3
Popcorn Chicken
Seasoned Rice
& Gravy
Broccoli

10
Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

17
Hamburger or
Cheeseburger
Waffle Fries
Corn

24
Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

Friday

4
Hot Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Baby Carrots
& Hummus

11
Mozzarella Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Carrots

18
French Toast Sticks
Canadian Bacon
Mini Grahams
Tater Tots

25
Hamburger or
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Broccoli

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 COMPLETED

ANY QUESTION PLEASE CALL 747-6665 Ext 4770

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

