

The Riccardi Review

Susan McKinney, Principal
Jamie Hewitt & Maureen Mayone, PTA Co-Presidents

March 2022



Principal's Note: From the Office of Susan L. McKinney
Dear Riccardi Families,

Hello March!

I am sure that you are all looking forward to warmer weather as much as I am.



We kicked off February with the PTA's **Pick a Reading Partner (PARP)**, and I am so proud of those students who participated! Great job reading and filling in your Jumanji sheets. A big Thank You to the Riccardi PTA as well as the Morse PTA for coordinating this fun-filled event for our students district-wide!

We all know how unpredictable the weather in March can be, so please continue to send your child to school with adequate winter gear, i.e. coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. We will continue to send students outside for mask breaks and exercise for recess unless the temperature falls below 20 degrees, factoring in windchill. Let's hope for sunshine and warmer temperatures!



Believe it or not, **Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration** for the 2022 – 2023 school year was held **Tuesday, February 22nd – Thursday, February 24th**. If you know anyone who has an eligible child and has not received any information in the mail, please have them contact the Registrar's office at (845) 247-6550, x. 9211. It is important that children are registered in March so that the appropriate number of class sections are scheduled for September 2022. A printable packet request form is available on our school website as well.

Reminder: **Transportation/Day Care forms are due by April 1st**. If you have not received your 2022-2023 Day Care Transportation Request Forms, please contact the Riccardi Main Office (845) 247-6870 as they were sent home early February. It is very important to fill these out and return them by the due date if you need special transportation to and/or from daycare for your child. You can return them to the school by sending them in with your child, emailing them to Ms. Meier in the Main Office or mailing them through the post office. Request forms will be date stamped on the date they are handed in, emailed or postmarked. When a form is received after the deadline, the district cannot guarantee accommodation for daycare transportation to or from school.

Friday, March 11th will be a half day for all students for Saugerties CSD Staff Development Day. Students will be dismissed at 11 am.

Have a wonderful March and Happy Spring!



Take a
Look!



March
Calendar



PTA
Notes



Student
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Coach's
Corner



Notes About
Music




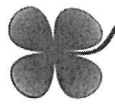
Notes About
Band



March
Menus



Riceardi Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PTA Meeting @ 3:30 pm	D 2	E 3 *No afterschool activities/late buses* Parent/Guardian- Teacher Conf. Night (by appointment)	F 4	A 5
6	7 *No afterschool activities/late buses*	B 8 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm	C 9	D 10	E 11 11 am Dismissal for Students Staff Dev. 1/2 Day	12
13 	14	F 15	A 16	B 17 	C 18 Progress Reports go Home (3rd-6th)	D 19
20	21	E 22	F 23	A 24	B 25	C 26
27	28	D 29	E 30	F 31	A	
NYS ELA Testing 3rd & 4th Grades			NYS ELA Testing 5th & 6th Grades			

Reminder: letter days are subject to change with possible use of snow days. As of 2/28/22, we have used 4 snow days out of the 6 available for the district to use. Please refer to the district calendar for more details regarding snow days.

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.

April Preview:

4/1/22: 2nd day NYS ELA Testing for 5th & 6th
4/8/22: End of 2nd Quarter
4/11 - 4/18/22: Spring Recess
4/22/22: Report Cards Go Home
4/26 - 4/29/22: NYS Math Testing



March PTA News

Reach us at: riccardipta@gmail.com

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



<https://www.facebook.com/RiccardiPTA>

Our next PTA meeting is

March 1st @ 3:30 PM

From the Presidents –

Spring is just around the corner, the weather is slowly going to become warmer and we have a lot of great activities coming up!

The Scholarship Committee will be choosing two seniors who attended Riccardi to be given \$250. If you have a child who attended Riccardi and is now a senior please let them know of this great opportunity.

The end of the year will be elections for the PTA officers. If you know someone who would like to help, send them our way! The positions are 2 years. Elections start in May and are voted on in June. The following positions will be open: Co-presidents (2), vice president, secretary, recording secretary and treasurer. If you would like any more information on this topic please reach out to our Facebook Messenger. We would be happy to answer any questions

Your membership will need to be renewed this year. If you have not done so already please PM us for a form.

Here is to a great spring!, Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

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



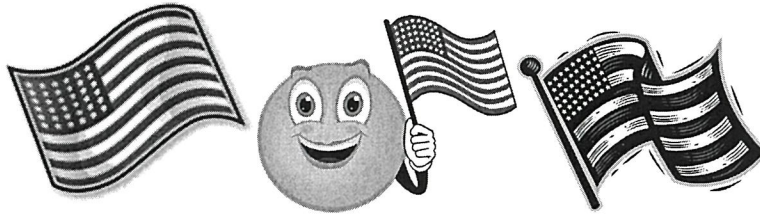
membership services

Spring

- Thursday, March 3rd is Parent Conference Night
-More info to follow
- Friday, March 11th is a half day for students.
Boys and Girls Club **will be** in session (11am Dismissal)
- We are looking for officers to fill the spots of current officers positions. We will be holding these meetings in May and June to vote in new officers.
****Please make sure to attend these meetings****



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



RICCARDI STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

The Riccardi Student Government was busy this past month. During the month of February the officers worked hard to organize the PenPal Program. We are hoping that it will help create new friendships.

We also enjoyed Flannel Shirt Day. That was a fun day for students and staff! Many pictures were taken of all the flannels.

Middle Name Day was another popular spirit day since it was easy to participate in. We didn't realize how many middle names the students all had in common.

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.

We also collected donations for the Saugerties Animal Hospital. There were many requests from students at Riccardi to do this fundraiser. We are glad to have participated.

Remember, if you have any ideas or suggestions for spirit days or community service projects please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support of our student government!

Mrs. Pettit

Coach's Corner



Miracle On Wood

As February closed and March began, we wrapped up the Floor Hockey unit and also competed in our own version of the Winter Olympics. Everything from the Biathlon to Curling to Monobob (no relation to Spongebob).

We also had a day where we tried to tie Presidential History in with Fitness and Games. Along these lines we always work on conditioning. Studies continue to show that when parents are involved in activity, their children are more likely to be active. Active kids are more likely to become active adults. Let's help instill a healthy attitude to our children while they are young. There are many forms of activities: organized games, play, walking a dog and yard work which help us maintain a healthy lifestyle. Find something to do that you enjoy and have at it! It is recommended that adults should be moderately active for 30 minutes at least six times a week and kids should be active six days a week for 60 minutes. Be creative, even if it is only parking further away from the grocery store to get those extra steps in - it all adds up. Or you can try walking a mile at Harry S Truman's pace of 120 steps per minute - a challenge for anyone and my personal favorite from our President's Day. I think many of the students liked Hungry Hippos best though - which we tied into Teddy Roosevelt going on Safari once his term of office ended. Fun is always key too.

In March, we will start our own spring training with Wiffle Ball. We will be emphasizing baseball/softball skills. These include throwing and catching, fielding grounders, and batting.

Put Me In Coach

A sure sign that spring is upon us - not robins or flowers but the many opportunities for kids (and adults) to be active. Of course once these opportunities are posted, it is always sure to snow at least a few more times - mother nature can be something of a trickster to be sure. Regardless here are some local chances to sign up and play:

Shamrock Run - 2 mile run in Kingston - go to shamrockrun.org

Little League - learn and play baseball - go to saugertieslittleleague.org

Soccer - learn and play the world's most popular game - go to AYSO595.org

Lacrosse - learn and play lax - go to SaugertiesLacrosse.org

Keep moving out there and get ready for a terrific spring!

Notes about Vocal/General Music

In our General Music classes...

Grades 5 & 6 will be writing some drumming patterns and perform them in class.

Grade 2 will be writing in a listening journal after listening to Peter and the Wolf. They will be learning the names of the families of instruments and the sounds of some of the specific instruments used in the story told through music and narration.

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

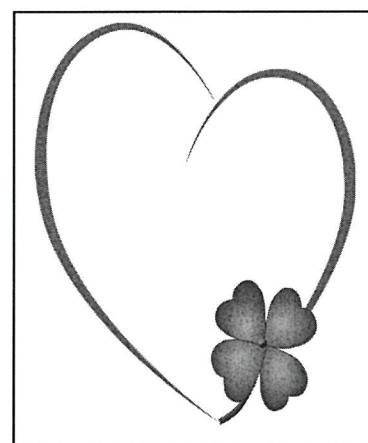


WHAT WE LEARN IN GRADE 2 MUSIC

<h4>ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: PITCH</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show high, medium, low. show how melodies go up, down or same. sing, read and write songs that use these notes: m s l and dr m. 	<h4>ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: BEAT AND RHYTHM</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> move to show beats in groups of 2,3,4. tell when there's a beat or no beat. tell when sounds are held for more than one beat. read these rhythms: 												
<h4>ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: TIMBRE</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use and identify speaking, whispering, calling, and singing voices; adult and children's voices. identify classroom instruments, body percussion. name and identify woodwind, brass, percussion, string families. 	<h4>ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: FORM</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show phrase form and tell if the phrases are the same or different. identify these forms: AB, ABA, rondo. 												
<h4>ELEMENTS OF MUSIC: EXPRESSION</h4> <p><i>I can identify and perform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>pp p mp mf f sf</i> adagio, moderato, allegro, presto, prestissimo smooth, separated I can talk about the mood of music and how expression helps the listener to know what it's about. 	<h4>VOCABULARY</h4> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td>high/low</td> <td>woods</td> </tr> <tr> <td>loud/quiet</td> <td>metals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>fast/slow</td> <td>shakes/scraps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>smooth/separated</td> <td>drums</td> </tr> <tr> <td>beat</td> <td>solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>rhythm</td> <td>repeat</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	high/low	woods	loud/quiet	metals	fast/slow	shakes/scraps	smooth/separated	drums	beat	solo	rhythm	repeat
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<h4>CREATE</h4> <p><i>I can improvise, create and play</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rhythm patterns, melodies, new verses, and sound effects for stories and poems. 	<h4>PERFORM</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sing, move, and play instruments. <p><i>As an Audience I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a good listener. 												
<h4>RESPOND</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tell or show with movement how music makes me feel. 	<h4>CONNECT</h4> <p><i>I can</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to music and sing songs and tell about the places they're from. 												

THEMES & VARIATIONS

MUSICPLAY



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Questions? Concerns?

Feel free to contact me

shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

7
Hot Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Baby Carrots
& Ranch

14
Mozzarella Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Carrots

21
Hamburger or
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Broccoli

28
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Carrots
Dinner Roll

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

29
Big Daddy's
Pizza
Caesar Salad

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

30
Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Chips
Baked Beans

3
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Carrots

10
Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

17
Pasta &
Meatballs
Broccoli

24
Beef Nachos
With Cheese & Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

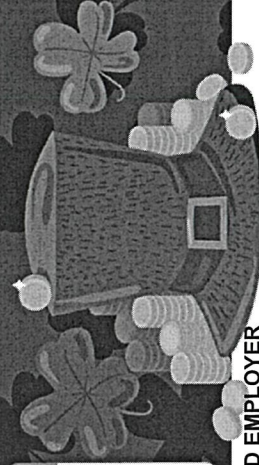
31
Mozzarella Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Broccoli

4
Bosco Sticks
With Marinara Sauce
Green Beans

11
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day
Staff Development Day
No Lunches Served

18
French Toast Sticks
Canadian Bacon
Mini Grahams
Tater Tots

25
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

