

# ***The Riccardi Review***

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**November 2021**



Dear Riccardi Elementary School Families,

Wow! October flew by and we are right in the middle of autumn, enjoying the crisp air and crunchy leaves!

Fire Prevention Day was a fun and educational day for Riccardi! Students in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade met real firefighters and learned about firetrucks. All Riccardi students were surprised with a helicopter landing right in the Riccardi parking lot! Students were able to get up close to meet the flight crew and see the inside of the helicopter. All of this was made possible by our Glasco Fire Company and the brave volunteers who took the time to visit our school. Thank you Glasco Fire Company!

The PTAs of all 4 Saugerties elementary schools and the Junior High School worked together to bring students the second annual socially distanced **Trunk or Treat** at Cantine Field on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Thank you to all Saugerties PTAs, especially our Riccardi PTA, for making this possible for students! Thank you also to those who volunteered to decorate a trunk for the evening. This was a very successful event enjoyed by all who attended!

As you may already be aware, we will be holding a special **Riccardi Fall Festival** for students and staff on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 (rain date of 11/10/21). Students will have the opportunity to pick their very own small pumpkin and take part in other festivities! Please have your child dress appropriately for outdoor activities on Fall Festival day. Thank you to the Riccardi BLT and PTA for planning and organizing this event!

School will be closed on **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. We wish to **acknowledge and say THANK YOU** to all of our **Riccardi community veterans and military members for their sacrifice and service to our country**.

**School picture re-takes** are scheduled for **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** if your child was not already photographed in September or if you would like their portraits re-taken. Please contact your child's teacher for a flyer from Upstate Images to be sent home. You can also visit their website.

**Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

This is also a reminder that school will be closed **Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** for the **Thanksgiving holiday**.

**I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving!**

Have a great month!



**Check it Out!**



**November Calendar**



**Picture Retakes Info**



**PTA Notes**



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**Coach's Corner**



**Notes about Vocal/General Music**



**Notes about Band**



**November Menus**





# Ricecandi Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 <b>A</b>	2 Sup't. Conf. Day <b>No School for Students</b>	3 <b>B</b> PTA Mtg 6pm	4 - Picture Retakes - Early Dismissal (15 mins early) for County Emer. Evac. Drill *No Afterschool Activities/Late Buses <b>C</b>	5 <b>D</b>	6
7 	8 <b>E</b>	9 <b>F</b> - Fall Festival (rain date: 11/10/21) - BOE Meeting @ Mt. Marion 6:30 pm	10 <b>A</b> *No Afterschool Activities/Late Buses	11 SCHOOLS  <b>CLOSED</b>	12 <b>B</b> End of First Quarter	13 
14	15 <b>C</b>	16 <b>D</b>	17 <b>E</b>	18 <b>F</b>	19 <b>A</b> - Quarterly Awards - Report Cards go Home (1-6)	20
21	22 <b>B</b>	23 <b>C</b> *No Afterschool Activities/Late Buses	24 <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	 <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	26 <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	27
28	29 	30 <b>D</b>	<b>E</b>		December Preview: PTA's Virtual Assembly: 12/3 PTA's Book Fair: 12/6 - 12/10 Progress Reports Home (3-6): 12/23 Winter Break: 12/24-12/31	



**FALL PICTURE  
DAY IS HERE**  
**\* \* RE-TAKES \* \***

Picture Day is: **RETAKE**

*El día de fotos es el:*

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

*jueves, 4 de noviembre, 2021*

Pictures will be taken at:

*Las fotos serán tomadas en:*

**Riccardi Elementary School**

**ORDER ONLINE\***

**UPSTATE-IMAGES.COM**

**USE ORDER CODE:**

*Use el código de pedido:*

**64402BB**

*\*Pay online with your debit card, credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay.*

*\* Pague en línea con su tarjeta de débito, tarjeta de crédito, PayPal, Apple Pay o Google Pay.*



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# November PTA News 2021

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**Please join us for our November PTA meeting**

**Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM**

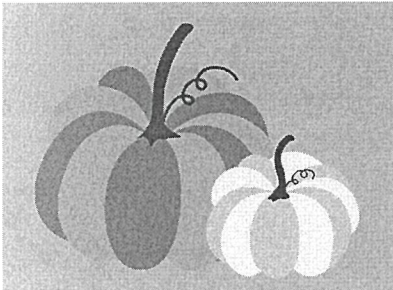
**Note: this is a Wednesday! There will be NO December meeting.**

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From the Presidents –

Thank you to all of our October meeting attendees. Every parent who attends a meeting, volunteers on a committee or chairs (leads) a committee makes a difference! A spooky time was had by all at our Trunk or Treat! The first session of after school yoga went great. Picture retake day is on Thursday November 4th. Turkey trot info will be coming home soon!

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](http://Riccardipta.membership.com)



■ If you're interested in being our recording secretary please reach out to us for more info!

■ County wide early evacuation day is Thursday November 4th

■ \*\* The Board of Education Meeting, hosted by Mt. Marion, is coming up on November 9th. Meet the board at 6PM and regular meeting begins at 6:30pm \*\*

■ Look out for info on our next after school yoga class!

■ Superintendent Conference day Tuesday 11/2 (no school for students)

■ Veteran's Day Thursday 11/11 (No School)

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Presidents: Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

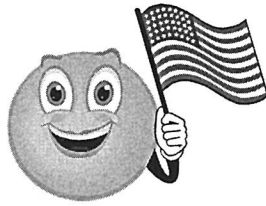
Treasurer: Sara Fyffe      Recording Secretary: TBD

Corresponding Secretary: Heather Dodd



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

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# **RICCARDI STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS**

Our first spirit day of the school year, Wacky Wednesday, was a huge success. There were so many creative ways of showing how wacky we can be. We know that seeing all the wacky outfits put smiles on our faces, even though we can't see them due to the masks. There was a great amount of participation from students and staff. We are looking forward to the next spirit day coming up in November. Stay tuned for more information to come home soon!

If you see a member of the Student Government in the hallway or around the school (wherever you might see us), please feel free to stop and share your thoughts/ideas with us. Let an officer know what we can do to make Riccardi School even better! We welcome all ideas, BIG or small. It is going to be a GREAT year!

Please keep the pop tops coming. You can drop them off to Mrs. Pettit or give them to your homeroom teacher. We collect and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany where the money from them directly benefits the families who use the house. We appreciate any amount you collect. Have a great November!

Riccardi School Student Government



## Coach's Corner

### November 2021

As the season changes, the first marking period is coming to an end. September was spent all getting reacquainted with the students, working on basic movement patterns with the younger classes and playing football related activities with the older ones. We also did a lot of dodging of gnats and got some soggy feet following the heavy morning fog.

In October all the classes worked on foot skills with a big ball. This included various passes and how what you do with your body before and during a kick impacts control of the ball. The older classes implemented these skills in small-sided soccer games. Many of our students have the skill of a young Messi, not to be confused with messy, which may or may not relate to the current state of their rooms at home. Of course the younger students also played some Halloween themed games and broke a record for the number of things you can do to the song Ghostbusters. Imaginations are wonderful at this age and we took full advantage by jumping pumpkins, performing zombie walks, flying like bats and playing follow the leader in the pumpkin patch of orange and green balls (not every pumpkin is ripe as you know, plus we don't have 25 orange balls).

The weather to date has not been super cold, but unfortunately those days are coming so please have students dress accordingly. November will see the end of our soccer unit, so we will try to be outside as much as possible.

November in the past was the time to sign up for SAA basketball. Discussions are taking place about if and how that can take place, once decisions are made I will communicate sign up information if applicable. These autumn days are beautiful and we live in a great area for walking and hiking. Try to find time to get out for a family walk. The examples you share are so important to help your child develop healthy habits that will follow them for their lifetime. Hope you enjoyed the Trick O Treats and as November is a month where we offer thanks, just want to say we appreciate your support and the chance to work with our wonderful Riccardi students.

Thanks, stay active and be well!

# Notes about Vocal/General Music

## Highlights in our General Music classes...

Kindergarten will have an opportunity to try out more of the classroom instruments combining stories, music and movement.

First Grade will continue to work on reading rhythms and start playing some classroom instruments.

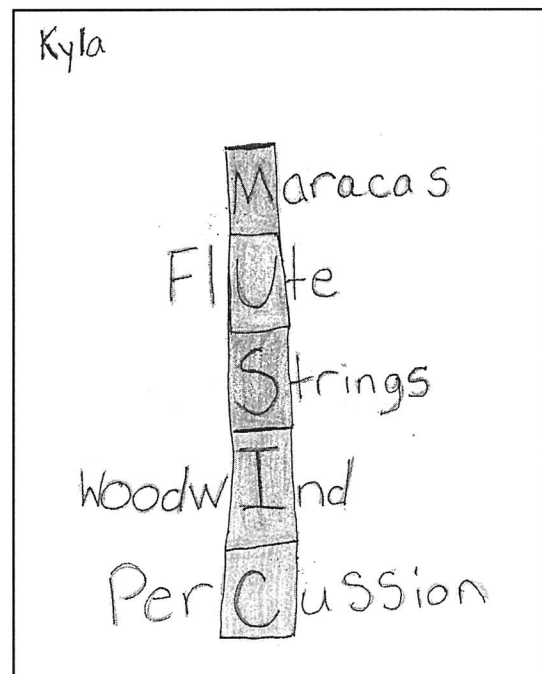
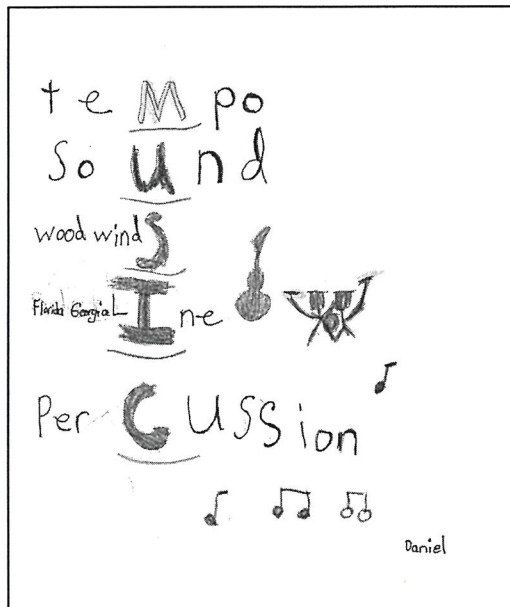
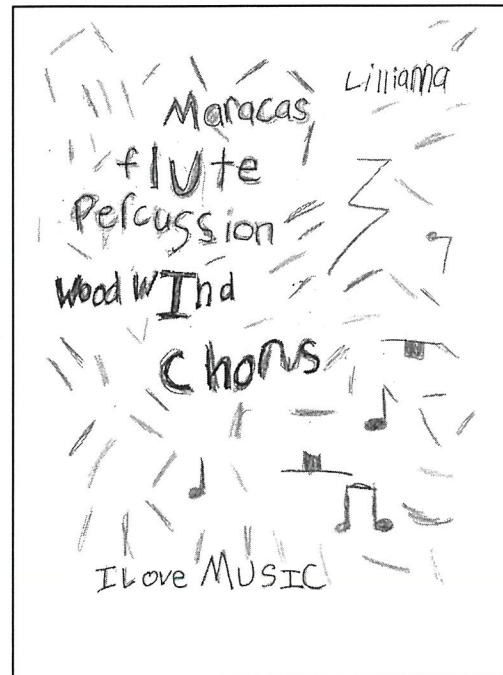
Second Grade will write three note melodies and play them on a barred instrument.

Third Grade will be learning about the Percussion Family of Instruments.

Fourth Grade will learn a song from Africa and play some of the melodic patterns on the barred instruments.

Fifth grade will create new rhythm sections for a Rondo Form.

Sixth Grade will learn about a style of Jazz called the Blues and improvise using the blue scale.



## Questions? Concerns?

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

[ibusia@saugerties.k12.ny.us](mailto:ibusia@saugerties.k12.ny.us)

# Notes about Band

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

C days: All 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

D days: Some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and all 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **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.

### *November Lesson Days*

#### **C day:**

November 4, 15, 23

#### **D day:**

November 5, 16, 29

## **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.

Please email me  
([shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us](mailto:shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us)) if you would like to be added to my email list. You will receive reminders about weekly band lessons and other updates as needed.



**My school webpage will stay updated with important information throughout the year. Please check it out!**

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

Questions? Concerns?

Feel free to contact me

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LUNCH

# NOVEMBER 2021

## Elementary Lunch Menu

PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE

MySchoolBucks.com

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

### Monday

1  
Chicken Tenders  
Mashed Potatoes  
& Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll

8  
Bosco Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans  
Cucumbers & Ranch

15  
Hamburger or  
Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Broccoli

22  
Mozzarella Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Broccoli  
Garden Salad

29  
Chicken Tenders  
Mashed Potatoes  
& Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll

### Tuesday

2  
Schools Closed  
Superintendent's  
Day

9  
Big Daddy's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V-Blend Juice

16  
Tony's  
Pizza  
Green Beans  
Caesar Salad

23  
Big Daddy's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V-Blend Juice

30  
Tony's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V- Blend Juice

### Wednesday

3  
Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Cucumber Coins &  
Ranch

10  
Chicken Nuggets  
Potato Wedges  
Broccoli  
Dinner Roll

17  
Popcorn Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Carrots  
Dinner Roll

24  
Schools Closed

### Thursday

4  
Nachos  
Salsa  
Corn  
Garden Salad

11  
Schools Closed  
Veterans' Day

18  
Roasted Turkey  
& Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes  
Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce  
& Green Beans  
Ice Cream

25  
Schools Closed  
Thanksgiving Day

### Friday

5  
Hot Dog  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
& Hummus

12  
Mozzarella Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Carrots  
Garden Salad

19  
French Toast Sticks  
Canadian Bacon  
Scooby Grahams  
Cucumbers & Ranch  
V-Blend Juice

26  
Schools Closed

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

**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**

