

# ***The Riccardi Review***

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**October 2021**



Dear Riccardi Elementary School Families,

**The school year is off to a great start!** That fall chill is in the air and we're starting to see peeks of yellow and orange in the trees. I hope that you get a chance to stop and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather we are having with your families, whether picking apples and pumpkins at a farm or taking a brisk walk with crunching leaves underfoot.

Our virtual **Open House** yielded a wonderful turnout! Thank you to all of our family members who were able to attend this very important event! I truly believe the partnership between school and home is vital to the overall academic and social success of your child. Please continue to keep an open line of communication with your child's teacher to foster this success.

I would like to extend a special **thank you** to our **Glasco Fire Company personnel** for their assistance with our evacuation drill and upcoming Fire Prevention Program. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by such caring volunteers who give their time to help guide, teach and prepare our students about the many facets of safety awareness and procedures.

The week of October 4th has been designated as **Fire Prevention Week** and our students will benefit from the dedicated efforts of the Glasco Fire Department in providing a variety of wonderful culminating activities on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see what they have planned for us this year!

With October being **Safety Awareness Month**, please remember to check your smoke / carbon monoxide detectors and discuss with your child(ren) safety procedures for fall activities.

**Happy Fall!**



**Reminder:**

**Schools Closed:**  
**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call my office at  
(845) 247 – 6870.



**Check it Out!**



**October  
Calendar**



**PTA Notes**



**Student  
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**Coach's  
Corner**



**Notes about  
Vocal/General  
Music**




**Notes about  
Band**



**October  
Menus**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November Preview:</b> - 11/2: No School for Students - 11/11: Schools Closed - 11/12: End of First Marking Period - 11/14-20: American Education Week - 11/19: Report Cards go Home - 11/24-26: Schools Closed					1	2 <b>E</b>
	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<b>F</b>	PTA Meeting: 3:30pm	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
					Fire Prevention Day	9 <b>D</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>Schools Closed</b>	Board of Ed Mtg: 6:30 pm at Morse	<b>E</b>	14 - 10 am: SSP Meeting @ Mt. Marion - Parent/Guardian/ Teacher Conference Night (by appoint- ment)	<b>A</b> Progress Reports Go Home (3rd- 6th)	<b>B</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	PTA's Yoga Enrichment After School for 3-6 (sign-up required)	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	PTA's Yoga Enrichment After School for 3-6 (sign-up required)	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
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## October PTA News

Reach us at: [riccardipta@gmail.com](mailto:riccardipta@gmail.com)

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

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

### You're Invited!

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 is our next in person PTA meeting! (masks required)**

From the Presidents –

Great job to all students that participated in the Summer Reading challenge! We will find out soon if we had more participants than last year! Fingers crossed we earned a special surprise!

Trunk or Treat is one of the most anticipated events of the year. know! Volunteers (often parents, grandparents, school staff) decorate vehicles in silly, spooky or interactive ways and allow students to Trick or Treat. Who do you think will be the winning vehicles this year? Let us know if you can participate, we promise you it will not be a boring night!

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 fall, Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

Presidents: Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt

Treasurer: Sara Fyfe Recording Secretary: TBD

Corresponding Secretary: Heather Dood



## Trunk or Treat

**is on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**from 6pm-8pm**

**Look for more information to come home soon!**

**\*\*You must be an active**

**member to participate with a trunk\*\***

**Box Tops are digital! Check out our Facebook page**



**for more information.**

• We are looking for volunteers for the:

**-Trunk or Treat**

**-Scholastic Book Fair (In the Spring)**

**-Turkey Trot**

Message our Facebook page or let us know at the next PTA meeting if you can help!

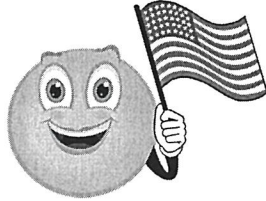
• Do you want to get more involved? We are looking to fill our recording secretary position. If you would like to chat with us about whether you'd be a good fit for the job let us

know!

• If you have any first day photos you would like included in the yearbook make sure to send them to [riccardiyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:riccardiyearbook@gmail.com) be sure to include your students name and grade/teachers name!

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





# **RICCARDI STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS**

As you may have heard, Student Government elections were held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the results are in! The new President of Riccardi Elementary School is Michael Gramoglia, Vice-President is Reese Stewart, Social Director is Daniel Erceg, Secretary is Kyla Tulimero and Treasurer is Cecilia Smith. Our first Student Government meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> where we will begin planning a spirit day for October.

If you see a member of the Student Government in the hallway or around the school (wherever you might see them), please feel free to stop and share your thoughts/ideas with them. 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!

**Keep sending in those Pop Tops!!!!**

## Coach's Corner October 2021



Congratulations - we made it through September - getting everyone up early, getting lunch plans set and backpacks ready as well as navigating drop off at school - no small challenges, these! And of course everyone needs to remember their sneakers for PE days - something we are having about a 98% success rate with right now - so good work and thanks on that one!

We started the school year with some introductory games. This included a PE Arcade! That's right - no tickets needed to play and no stuffed animals or candy necklace prizes but still a lot of fun. Activities included throwing at penguins, skee-ball, box basketball, football throw, stomp rocket, kicking balls into a soccer goal, bowling, moving a bouncy-ball through a long tube and hitting a ball off a cone. We think the activities were well received and if we had to guess the overall favorite, it would be the stomp rocket. From there, the younger students (K-2) worked on basic locomotor movements - run, skip, walk, gallop, leap, jump etc. We then added some hula hoops to the mix to reinforce these concepts and add some manipulating skills. We also did some circle dances and the good old Cha-Cha Slide. I need work on my "Charlie Brown" move. The older students started the year with a Football Unit. Activities included passing, catching, punting and pass routes with and without defense. These skills were utilized in a number of tag and modified games. Riccardi will be ready once the Jets and Giants come calling.

In October we will continue to work on exercises and introduce ball skills for K-2 including catching, underhand/overhand throwing, bowling as well as foot skills such as in soccer along with punting and kicking. Grades 3-6 will work on our Soccer Unit, focusing mainly on dribbling, punting, kicking and passing.

We are continuing to be outside as much as possible, so as the weather gets colder, please dress appropriately. We will also do some Halloween games to get everyone ready for the season. Thanks for your support and we are happy to see everyone moving around, learning, getting stronger and having fun. Great start to the year!!



# Notes about Vocal/General Music

## In our General Music classes...

Kindergarten has been moving to music using action songs. The book "The Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle will be turned into a sound story.

First Grade has been learning that the "beat" is the heart of music and learn how to read simple rhythms will be coming in October.

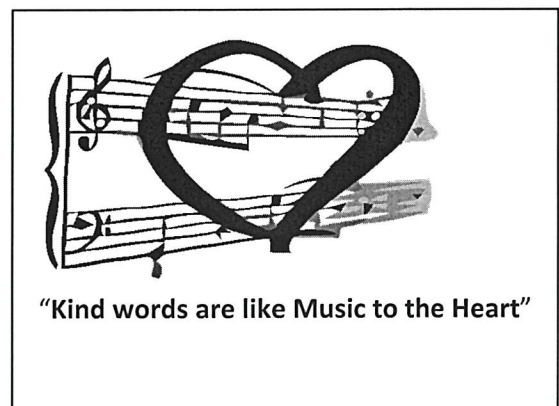
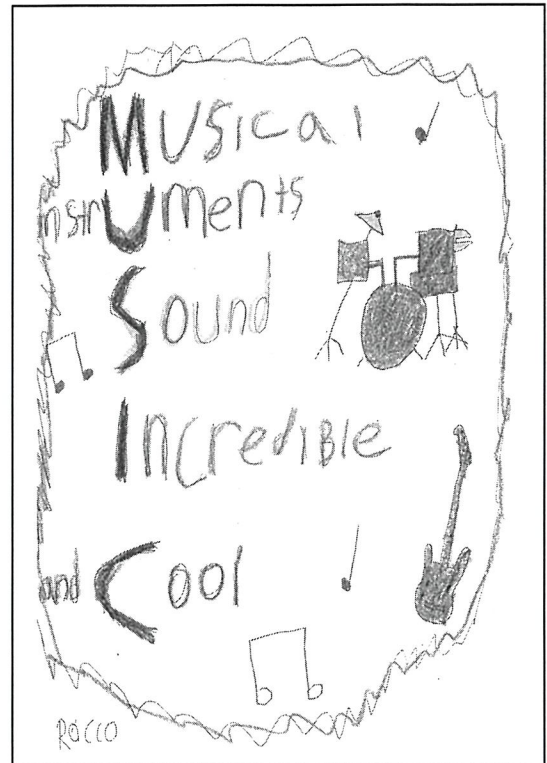
Second Grade has been learning how to hear the difference between a beat and rhythm. They were creating some word chain rhythms and notating the rhythm using music notes. We will use the book "The Very Noisy Night" to explore how to create sound effects.

Third Grade has been learning about the Brass Family of instruments. Listening to the The Canadian Brass performance of The Flight of the Bumblebee will be a highlight!

Fourth Grade will write some 8 beat rhythms using quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes.

Fifth grade created acrostics using the word MUSIC.

Sixth grade classes are learning about Duke Ellington.



## 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 have started!**

Band lessons are on C and D Days  
C days: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
D days: Some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 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.

### *October Lesson Days*

#### C day

October 7, 18, 26

#### D day

October 8, 19, 27

Please email me  
(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!**

## **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.



### **Questions? Concerns?**

Feel free to contact me if you have  
any questions or concerns

shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us

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



Monday

4  
Chicken Tenders  
Mashed Potatoes  
& Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll

11  
Schools Closed  
Columbus Day

18  
Hamburger or  
Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Broccoli

25  
Mozzarella Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Broccoli  
Garden Salad

Tuesday

5  
Tony's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V-Blend Juice

12  
Big Daddy's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V-Blend Juice

19  
Tony's  
Pizza  
Green Beans  
Caesar Salad

26  
Big Daddy's  
Pizza  
Caesar Salad  
V-Blend Juice

Wednesday

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

6  
Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Cucumber Coins &  
Ranch

13  
Chicken Nuggets  
Potato Wedges  
Broccoli

20  
Chicken Tenders  
Baked Beans  
Carrots  
Dinner Roll

27  
Popcorn Chicken  
Seasoned Rice & Gravy  
Carrots  
Cucumber Coins &  
Ranch

Thursday

7  
Nachos  
Salsa  
Corn  
Garden Salad

14  
Tacos  
Salsa  
Refried Beans  
Corn

21  
Nachos  
Salsa  
Corn  
Garden Salad

28  
Tacos  
Salsa  
Refried Beans  
Corn

Friday

1  
Bosco Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans

8  
Hot Dog  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
& Hummus

15  
Mozzarella Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Carrots  
Garden Salad

22  
French Toast Sticks  
Canadian Bacon  
Scooby Grahams  
Cucumbers & Ranch  
V-Blend Juice

29  
Bosco Sticks  
With Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans  
Baby Carrots  
& Hummus  
Cookie

FREE BREAKFAST &amp; 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 &amp; 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.



**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**

