

RICHLAND CHAMPIONS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings Richland Champions,

Happy New Year! It is my hope that you all had a restful winter break and that you are prepared to finish this school year strong, or at least make it to Spring Break!

The next couple of weeks will be very busy. We will again administer the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and STAR Early Literacy, Reading, and Math assessments. These tests, coupled with teacher observations, help give us an idea of how students are progressing.

As stated in the 2nd nine-weeks PTO Newsletter, Our PTO Fun(d) Run (The Amazing Space Race) was a huge success! We had a goal of raising \$18,000 and you all DOUBLED that goal! With the funds we raised from the Fun(d) Run we have purchased a virtual reality glasses kit of 30, a wireless sound system for our multi-purpose room and outdoors, and a new sun shade for our playground! These items were recommended needs as a part of our Strategic Plan. Take a look:



VR glasses



Sunshade



Indoor/Outdoor speakers

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Wall for being named

AAEA Art Educator of the Year!



Some dates to remember are:

- January –**
- 6th – 3rd Nine Weeks begins
 - 9th – Report Cards go home
 - 17th – 100th day of school / 1st grade field trip to GPAC
 - 20th – School closed for Dr. Martin L. King's Birthday
- February -**
- 7th – Dad's League Meeting at RES 7:00 am
 - 21st – Black History Month Program (**tentative**)
 - 24th – 28th – Read Across America Week
- March -**
- 2nd - 6th – Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 6th – 3rd Nine Weeks End / Behavior Celebration
 - 9th-13th – Spring Break (School Closed)
 - 17th – Laredo spirit night
 - 19th – STEM Night(s)
 - 26th – Report Cards will go home

Sincerely,

Jeff Johnson

Kindergarten Column

Kindergarten has had a very busy and productive second nine weeks. We studied short vowels, word families, digraphs and rhyming words. We also celebrated Veteran's Day. It was such an honor to host a Veteran's Day celebration. We are so grateful for all who have served and are serving in our military. We learned many interesting facts about our Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch with our parents, grandparents and friends. In December, many classrooms focused on holiday traditions, reindeer, gingerbread men, and holiday markets.

We ended 2019 with a behavior celebration, winter programs, class parties, literacy rotations and The Polar Express! We are looking forward to 2020!

First Grade Happenings

We are gearing up for a busy and exciting third nine weeks of first grade! In reading our phonics focus is vowel teams. We are continuing to build on our fluency and comprehension skills. In math, we are working with numbers to determine place value, addition and subtraction to twenty, measurement, geometry, and fact fluency.

First graders are anticipating activities for the 101st Day of School. We will also be celebrating and learning about influential African Americans and sharing valentines with friends. We will conclude the third nine weeks with our behavior celebration at the Premier Athletic. Thank you for your continued support! Don't forget to read 20 minutes each day and practice the sight words.

Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the break making memories with your family!

This month in Counseling classes we will learn about diversity and being unique. Each child will be able to identify things that make them special and different. We want everyone to know that is it okay to be different! Please talk with your child about what you think makes them special and different!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

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Music Notes

As we return from Winter break, RES music will begin the school year with reviewing eurhythmic movements that assisted our classroom activities from last semester. Each student will continue to have multiple opportunities to play classroom instruments demonstrating correct technique, sitting, and standing postures. Also, February 21st will be our school's annual Black History Program; the time is still tentative.

Musically yours,
Mr. Joseph S. Rowser, III
Music Teacher

Computer Lab Updates

We will have completed our mid-year STAR assessments. Future lessons will focus on parts of the computer, how to print, and we will continue practicing our typing skills using several typing programs, along with learning about some of the special keys on the keyboard.

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Art Room Advisor

It has been a great first half of the school year. Students have been learning all about artists, such as the famous Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and French Impressionist painter Claude Monet. We have created paintings, drawing, collages, and much more. We are looking forward to the new year, as the students learn all about South Korea, including traditions, foods, and art. They will be creating several projects based on what they have learned about South Korea. They will use clay, make prints, and even learn some Korean calligraphy.

The Square 1 Art fundraiser was a huge success and I am so thankful to everyone who purchased art. That money will be used to buy all the art supplies we will use throughout the year. If you would like to reorder any items, you can and RES will continue to earn funds for future art purchases. Thank you again for your support of the RES Art Room.

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The P.E. Buzz

Our Richland Champions have hit the ground running in 2020! We continue to prepare for our upcoming fundraiser, Jump Rope for Heart (Date: TBD). We have been focused on throwing and catching frisbees, gymnastics fundamentals, and will soon introduce hockey! Students will soon be taking home sheets with instructions to register online for fundraising through American Heart Association. Please feel free to register and raise money online. Your Champions will receive prizes as they raise funds. We look forward to a fantastic new year full of learning and fun.

Media Center Headlines

Book Fair!

Can you believe that it will almost be 3 months since the last Book Fair? Where has this school year gone? The Scholastic Book Fair will be back at Richland Elementary in the Media Center from Friday, February 14 through noon on Friday, February 21st.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks will go on sale from Tuesday, January 21st through the end of February through the school Media Center. Order forms will be sent home. Orders may also be placed on MySchoolBucks. The cost per book has not changed at \$25.00 per book. Personalization costs an additional \$5.00 which is an imprint of your child's name on the cover-- usually on the bottom right hand side of the front cover. To guarantee a yearbook, a paid pre-order is required. In May, when the books arrive, we will have a very limited quantity of books available and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. No additional copies will be obtained after the order is placed. If any parent has a fabulous picture of their child's class or activity that they would like to submit, please feel free to email it to me at cdorman@auburnschools.org with your child's name and the teacher's name. Note that many pictures taken with cell phones have an insufficient resolution for publication. Submitting a picture is not a guarantee that it will be included.

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Nurse's News

Happy New year! We are so excited to welcome our students back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to a very healthy start to our new year.

While we did have confirmed cases of flu before our winter break, flu season is not over quite yet.

During cold and flu season, to prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms. Remind your student to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or coughing or sneezing into their sleeve if a tissue isn't available), practice frequent washing hands with soap and water, and using hand sanitizer **if** hand washing with soap and water is not possible.

Symptoms of flu can include:

- Fever (although not everyone with flu has a fever)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

Most importantly, if you suspect that your child or a member of your family has the flu please consult your physician and seek medical attention as directed

As a reminder I have listed the information below regarding our Auburn City Schools illness policy:

STUDENT ILLNESSES AND CONDITIONS:

Sick Day and Acute Illness Guidelines

School nurses monitor for symptoms of communicable, or infectious, health conditions. When symptoms exist, your child may not attend school. If symptoms occur in school, you will be contacted and you must pick your child up from school. If your child is diagnosed with an infectious illness or has symptoms of an infectious condition at home, you must keep your child home from school.

* The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- **Persistent Fever: Oral temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher**

Cannot attend school until fever free twenty-four hours without fever-reducing medication.

- Vomiting: Cannot attend school if the following exist:

- o One (1) episode of vomiting + the presence of another symptom (fever, diarrhea, etc.);

or

- o Two (2) or more episodes of vomiting within a twenty four hour period, even if no other symptoms exist.

- Diarrhea: Cannot attend school if the following exist:
 - One (1) episode of diarrhea + the presence of another symptom (dehydration, fever, etc.); or
 - Three (3) or more episodes of diarrhea in a twenty four hour period, even if no other symptoms exist.
 - “Pink Eye”: Cannot attend school until medication has been administered and symptoms are no longer present.
 - Chicken Pox: Cannot attend school until all blisters have formed scabs.
 - Strep Throat: Cannot attend school until twenty–four hours after medical treatment and no fever.
 - **“Flu”: Cannot attend until fever free twenty–four hours without fever–reducing medication. You should inform the school nurse if your child is diagnosed with flu.**
 - Impetigo: Cannot attend school until twenty–four hours after prescribed medical treatment.
 - Ringworm: Your child must not attend school until treatment has been started.
 - MRSA: “Staph infection”: Cannot attend school until prescribed medical treatment is started, fever is absent, and the area is covered and drainage is not seeping through it.
- * You must submit proof of treatment or a statement of clearance from the health department or medical provider if proofs are requested by the school nurse.

As always, please feel free to notify me if you have any question or concerns!

Nurse Hope

Tidbits from the Instructional Coach

I can't believe we are halfway through the school year. Thank you for all of your reading efforts at home with the Richland Champion Reading Logs. If your child is still on their Semi-Finalist log, no worries, there is plenty of time to complete the bronze, silver, or gold logs to make it to our Celebration of Champions in May. Please email me at akhigginbotham@auburnschools.org if you have misplaced your log or have any questions about our reading incentive.

A Note from the PTO

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to some exciting events we have coming up this semester. The week of March 2nd - 6th is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is one of our favorite weeks as we get to show our teachers how much we love and appreciate them! Be on the look out for information on ways to help and how your students can get involved.

If you missed out on the RES winter gear order before Christmas you are in luck! Back by popular demand! RES gear to support your school all year! We are excited to offer t-shirts, sweaters, pullovers, etc. to order for adults, students, and even your future champions!

Additionally we are offering "Auburn - My Hometown" gear as well. Please note that there are several color options for each item.

Click on the link below to order. (Please continue to use your Navy RES shirts for school functions and field trips.) The deadline to order is Feb. 3. Thank you for your support.



<https://richland2020.itemorder.com/sale>

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Lastly, as we look to the future we are looking to fill several positions with the PTO for the 2020 - 2021 school year. If you are interested in serving with the PTO and would like more information, please email richlandchampions.pto@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!