

Hornet Buzzzz

Richard Bowling Elementary

NEWS FROM THE TOP

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to have your scholars back into our classrooms and hallways filling them with enthusiasm and energy for learning. This school year is off to a fantastic start. The scholars have adjusted to the new expectations of their teachers and grade levels and have already begun to bond with their classmates. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of the scholars by name and I am happy to be greeted with warm hellos or an elbow bump each day.

We embrace this school year with a pledge to you, our scholars, parents, and community, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms. Additionally, special events and parental involvement will encourage our scholars to be involved and stay connected! As partners, we share the responsibility for our scholars' success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your scholar's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- * Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- * Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- * Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- * Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- * Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- * Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Your partnership and support are key elements to ensuring that we are able to maximize each scholar's educational and personal development. To that end, we encourage a positive home-school relationship based on the mutual goal of providing the best learning experiences possible for all of our scholars.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We want and value your involvement and support in your scholar's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your scholar.

We wish you the best for a rewarding school year!

Mrs. Karen Pernell
Assistant Principal

Counselor's Corner

My name is Ms. Daniels, and I am the school counselor at Richard Bowling Elementary School. October is Anti-Bullying Month. During this time, scholars will learn the importance of being a friend, and not a bully. October 20, 2021 is national bully prevention day. On this day, we encourage all scholars and staff to wear orange to stand against bullying.

Lend a hand, Be a friend and stop bullying poster contest

During Anti-Bullying month, students are encouraged to create a poster that supports why scholars should lend a hand, be a friend, and stop bullying. Submissions are due on October 15th. There will be a winner chosen from each grade level.

Scholar of the Month

Scholar of the month will be awarded to students who displayed exemplary performance in their classes for the month of September.

Perfect Attendance Recognition

We want to continue to encourage our scholars to attend school every day and on time. We will acknowledge our scholars with perfect attendance for the month of September.



RBES MEDIA CENTER

October Reading Ideas!

OCTOBER 2021

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 TALKING Talk about the weather today and what you should wear outside. 	4 SINGING Sing "good morning" using the Happy Birthday song. "Good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to (your child's name), good morning to you!"	5 COUNTING Count out a healthy snack. "One for you and one for me and one for Daddy. Two for you, two for me, and two for Daddy."	6 READING Go to the library and take out a new book. Talk about new words you come across while reading the new book.	7 WRITING Write a grocery list together. Go around checking what you need and add it to the list.	8 PLAYING Take a walk outside. Collect colorful leaves. Try to find as many different types as possible. 	2 PLAYING Cut out pictures of food from magazines. Let your child choose which to use and glue those onto a paper plate.
10 SINGING Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song.	11 COUNTING Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose hand is bigger? Whose is smaller?	12 READING Try to spot letters on license plates today. How many can you see?	13 WRITING Write your child's name in big letters. Talk about each letter.	14 PLAYING Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. "I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with fall. What is it? Yes! A ball!"	15 TALKING Read a book together. Ask "what" questions. What is happening here? What do you think will happen next?	9 TALKING Expand on what your child says. "Yes, we saw a dog at the park. It was large and brown and wagging its tail."
17 COUNTING Pick a point in your house or on your block. Count the steps to get there. 	18 READING Hold a favorite book upside-down or start reading it backwards. Talk about what is "wrong" with the way you are reading the book.	19 WRITING Take turns drawing pictures and telling about what you draw.	20 PLAYING Play "restaurant." Create a menu together.	21 TALKING Talk about sounds you like. I like the sound of kittens. Try making the sounds.	22 SINGING Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" (Words are on the back.) 	16 SINGING Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs" (Words are on the back.)
24 READING Read a book about Fall.	25 WRITING Write a list of words that rhyme with dog. 	26 PLAYING Play a rhyming riddle game. "What do you see that rhymes with 'bee'? Yes, a tree!"	27 TALKING Smell different things and talk about them: spices, flowers, fruit, and cocoa. Which scents do you like or dislike?	28 SINGING Dance to a fast song and then dance to a slow song. Clap along to both songs.	29 COUNTING What three things would fit inside your pumpkin? What three things won't fit?	30 READING Read a book about Halloween.
31 WRITING Make a list of things you liked most about this month.						

LITERACY MATTERS

From: Your Reading Specialist

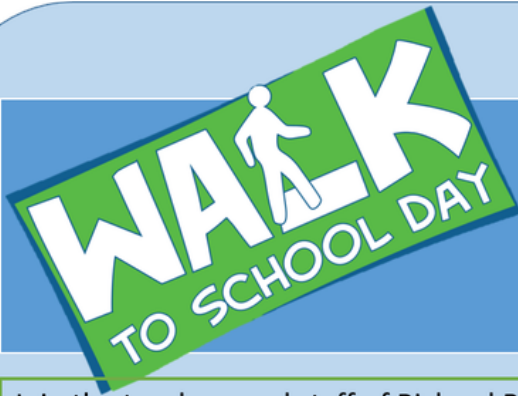
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to another fabulous school year. I am your new reading specialist; Donna Higgins and I am so excited to be a part of the Richard Bowling family. My priority is to help all scholars reach their highest potential in Reading and Writing. I recognize and embrace that all parents want their child(ren) to succeed in school. To ensure that every scholar rises to his or her full potential, we must have a solid partnership between the home and school. Should you have a Reading and or Writing concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to me through email, dhiggins408@nps.k12.va.us.

Listed below are some fun ways that you can extend learning at home.

Reading Games:

Rhyming Pairs :

Make a word such as cut. Say the word and have the child say a rhyming word and write it with the letters below the first word. Crossword Letters – you make a word, and then the child adds a word that starts from one of the letters. The word can go across or down. Describing Words – make a describing word (red, thin, cold). Then have the child make a describing word and continue taking turns, making as many describing words as you can. Read the words. Can also do this with action words (verbs).



Join the teachers and staff of Richard Bowling Elementary School as we celebrate Nation Walk to School Day. Our event will feature a group walk to school on October 6, 2021. We will start at Park terrace Apartments, across from Church's Chicken at 9:00 a.m. and walk to school as a group. Those who typically drop their children off at school, may choose to drop their child off at our start location by 9:00 a.m. that morning.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Important Dates



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October 2021

1-31 Anti-Bullying Month

14 - Grade reports distributed

15 - **Anti-Bullying Posters Due!**

18 - **School Picture Day (ALL SCHOLARS MUST BE IN UNIFORM!)**

20 - Unity Day (Wear orange to show Anti-Bullying support)

21 - Early Release Day - (Scholars released 2 hours early)

29 - Storybook Character Day