Richard Bowling Elementary School

2016-2017

From the Principal

Dear Richard Bowling Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe a month of school has almost passed. Our scholars have adjusted well to their new beautiful school and the school year is off to a great start. Our prekindergarten through second grade students are loving their new iPads and our third through fifth grade students are digging using their own laptops. I would like to highlight a few reminders:

-Afterschool clubs: We will begin afterschool clubs in January. They will be open to 3rd-5th graders, however parents will be required to pick them up from school. Transportation will not be provided. We will have a chess club, gentlemen's club, and technology club to name a few. Please stay tuned for more details.

-Arrival: Please ensure that your child is at school before 9:30am each day. We open our doors at 9:00am each day so students can get breakfast and report to class. All students have morning work to complete and if they arrive to school late, then they will not be able complete their required assignments. Thank you for your help in this matter.

-**Communication:** A school-wide e-mail list was sent home to parents last week. The best way to reach teachers and school administrators is by e-mail. We will respond within 24 hours. You should also see your child's yellow folder coming home every Thursday with updated grades, items for your child to correct and return, and information from the school. Use the folder also as a means for you to communicate with your child's teacher as well.

-Concerns/suggestions: If you have any concerns or suggestions for the school, please feel free to fill out a blue card on the front office counter and drop it in the box labeled RBES Stakeholder. You do not have to leave your name, but we would love to hear your suggestions. This information will be shared with me and if you would like to be contacted, please leave your personal information.

-Dismissal: Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal. As a reminder, the office will physically close at 3:30pm each day to ensure we have proper coverage during dismissal. If you pick up your child each day, we are requiring you to stay in your car and place your car visor on the dashboard. If you were not given any yellow visors, please see the main office. If you are not able to pick up your child from school, then you will need to give the visor to the person that is picking up your child. The visor is your acknowledgement that the person has your permission to pick up your child. If you walk to pick up your child, then you will need to report to the courtyard area, find the marked door for your child's grade level, and then pick up your child. Please try not to change the way your child gets home each day. Try to be consistent! Having your child get home safely each day is our #1 goal.

Mr. Eric J. Goodman, Principal



FROM THE PARENT LIAISON

Shoparoo

This year we are excited to be partnering with a fun, free, and truly easy fundraiser called **Shoparoo**!

Shoparoo is school fundraising made *easy*: the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila

Just shop, snap, earn! Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store

 Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts
Select your scholar's grade and get started!

Thank you for your support!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 10 Columbus Day (No School)
- October 12 Interim Reports
- October 17 Computer Class*
- October 24 Computer Class*
- October 27 Computer Class*

*Computer class information will be sent home with your scholar.

PTA Corner

Please support the PTA the year by joining. The cost to join is \$6.00 for the year.

Please join us on October 5th for the first PTA social of the year. We will meet to discuss the direction the PTA will take this year. Please bring any ideas or suggestions with you!

Ms. Terry Rivers, President





DATE TO REMEMBER

School Picture Day November 7, 2016 (All students must be in uniform)



AROUND THE HALLS

READING

Reading: Our PreK-4 and Kindergarteners will be participating in an "At Home" reading program. Parents, look for the cloth tote with books and reading log each week starting in October. Reading, and a love for reading, begins at home. Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading.

SCIENCE

This month our scholars will all be working on scientific investigation and the steps of the scientific method. Take this time to review measurement with your scholar, and the terms hypothesis and conclusion. Use the following website <u>http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/</u> to find some fun experiments to try at home. Happy sciencing!

HISTORY

Take this time to review the differences between rules and laws with your scholars and the seven continents and five oceans. You may wish to further explore these topics using <u>www.ixl.com</u>. You can choose to either set up a trial account for 30 days, however this is not a requirement.

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Stakeholders- The stakeholders committee is new this year at RBES. This committee meets once a month and will be discussing non-academic concerns. There will be a suggestion box in the office if you have any ideas for future meetings.



