

Richardson Elementary~ Middle School

Newsletter

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REMS Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences

There will be a 2-hour early release on **January 14, 15 & 16, 2009** during the Parent Teacher Conferences. Breakfast and lunch will be served. School will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m.

End of 4th, 5th & 6th Marking Periods will be on the following dates:

End of 3rd: January 26, 2009

End of 4th: March 9, 2009

Parent Conferences: April 1, 2, & 3, 2009.

End of 5th: April 27, 2009

End of 6th: June 10, 2009 (Also, last Day of School)

Report Cards will be sent home the following week after the end of the marking periods.

Parents Visiting Classrooms

If you are planning to visit a classroom/ teacher, please sign in at the office. Contact your child's teacher to make arrangements for the visit ahead of time. Also, please fill out a volunteer form if you plan to come in occasionally or on a regular basis. The volunteer forms are in the REMS office.

Thanks for your support and cooperation to keep REMS safe and secure.

The Owl Shack Open

The Owl Shack is now open 7:50 – 8:10 a.m. daily. Students may purchase pencils, erasers, pens, paper and many other items. The Owl Shack is located in the REMS Library. Mrs. Coughlin and her Intervention Class are in charge of the OWL Shack.

Night of Enrichment and Band Concerts – January 29, 2009

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Enjoy displays of student work and activities related to REMS Enrichment classes
Language Arts/Technology (Mrs. Masterson);Technology/Art (Mr. Williams);Language Arts/Performing Arts (Mrs. Cargo); Science (Ms. Russell); Math and Physical Education (Mrs. Courey).
7:00 p.m. Band Concert (REMS Gym) featuring 6th Grade and 7th/8th Grade Bands. A night of enrichment will culminate with a Richardson Middle School Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. The concert will include performances of the RMS Sixth Grade Beginning Band and the Seventh and Eighth Grade Band. The Sixth Grade Band will play “Texas Cyclone” by Les Taylor and “Nottingham March” by Jerry Williams among other pieces. The Seventh and Eight Grade Band portion will include “The Rainbow Connection” arranged by John Edmondston and “The Challenger” by Anne McGinty. The event will also feature several soloists and small ensembles.

Heroes NOT Zeroes!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, **2:45 – 3:45 p.m.** This program has been established to give students extra time to complete and or to get extra help with completing assignments. Mr. Lueck and Mrs. Harger are the teachers who work with students in this program. Attendance in the program is prearranged with parents by classroom teachers.

Community Education Activities – 739-1431

~TaeKwon-Do:

Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:30 p.m. at REMS. \$3/person.

~Country Line Dancing

Tuesdays 5:00-6:30 p.m. at REMS. \$2/person.

~Basketball League: Practices will be held on **Saturdays, Jan. 10th – March 7th**, in the mornings at OHS. \$20/person.

Games: **Sundays Jan. 11th – March 8th** in afternoons at OHS.

~Open Swim will be held **Sundays**, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the OHS Pool. \$3/person.

~Water Exercise will be held on **Tuesdays & Fridays** 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the OHS Pool. \$4/person.

REMS Fundraiser:

~Cash for Class

The next scheduled Glen's Market Cash for Class Days that REMS can participate in will be held the following dates:

February 22 – 28, 2009

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April 19 – 25, 2009

~Simply give a Glen's Markets cashier our school code (below) and the Glen's Market Cash for Class donation will automatically be credited to REMS's account. It's that easy!

~The Glen's Markets Cash for Class donation credited to our school is 2-1/2% of our member's total purchase.

REMS Lifetouch Pictures

Individual & group pictures will be taken on **March 27, 2009.**

Richardson Middle School Band Division Ratings

Several Middle School band members from Oscoda's Richardson Middle School participated in MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra) District IX Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, December 6 at Clare High School.

Band students in grades 7 and 8 are eligible to participate in this adjudicated festival. Participants perform on their instruments, and are adjudicated by experts on each instrument. Participants earn ratings I – V. A Division I (Superior) Rating earns participants a medal with a blue ribbon. A Division II (Excellent) Rating earns participants a medal with a red ribbon. A Division III Rating means the performance was good, a Division IV Rating is awarded for fair performances, and Division V Ratings are for poor performances.

Five events earned Division III Ratings from Oscoda's Richardson Middle School: Katherine Murphy and Emma Simpson – Woodwind Duet Khindra Clarke, Ariana Hickson and Paige Senn – Mixed Trio Deanna Landis, Amanda Harrison and Lidia Van Moen – Trombone Trio

Jacob Lamrock and Eric Dennis – Saxophone Duet
Meghan Edwards and Kortnee Stedry – Mixed Duet

Nine events earned Division II Ratings from Oscoda's Richardson Middle School: Rachael Wilkerson, Jacob Lamrock, Kali Skodack and Meghan Edwards – Mixed Quartet
Emma Simpson – Oboe Solo
Meghan Edwards and Kali Skodack – Mixed Duet

Paige Senn – Trumpet Solo
Patrick Maher – Snare Drum Solo
Deanna Landis – Trombone Solo
Lidia Van Moen – Trombone Solo
Amanda Harrison – Trombone Solo
Kortnee Stedry – Sopranino Clarinet Solo

Eight events earned Division I Ratings from Oscoda's Richardson Middle School: Chamber Percussion Ensemble performing "Katie's Bossa" by Chris Crockarell: Patrick Maher (8), Kali Skodack (8), Eric Dennis (7), Paige Senn (7), Deanna Landis (8), Rachael Wilkerson (8), Andrea Rousseau (8), Taylor Morse (7) and Jacob Lamrock (8).

Xylophone Duet performing two Minuets by J.S. Bach: Eric Dennis and Patrick Maher.

Flute Duet performing "Processional" by Keith Snell and "Bourree" by Handel: Andrea Rousseau and Ariana Hickson (7).

Clarinet Solo performing "Song of Spring" by Nilo Hovey and "Nocturne" by Chopin: Taylor Morse.
Alto Saxophone Solo performing "Winter Rhapsody" by Robert E. Foster: Eric Dennis.
Oboe Solo performing "Pastel Minuet" by Forest Buchtel: Kali Skodack.
Clarinet Solo performing "Janus" by Forest Buchtel: Katherine Murphy (7).
Flute Solo performing "Sonata in F Major" by George Telemann: Andrea Rousseau.

Soloists were accompanied by Karen MacGregor on piano.