

# Richardson Elementary~ Middle School

## Newsletter

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

### Thanksgiving Holiday Break

NO SCHOOL – November 27<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on December 1, 2008.

### Parents Visiting Classrooms

If you are going to visit a classroom teacher, please sign in at the office. Please do not go to a classroom unannounced. We want parents to visit, however, only after the process has been met.

Parents, please fill out a volunteer form if you 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.

### REMS Awards Assemblies

The REMS Awards Assemblies for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Periods will be held on **December 5, 2008**. The following lists the times for the awards programs:

8:30 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:15 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:45 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:15 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
1:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
1:45 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Parents are asked to please sign in at the REMS office prior to going to the awards programs.

### National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society sponsored Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. REMS National Junior Honor Society raised \$800 this year. Thank you for helping our students help others.

Every week our NJHS recycling dumpster is filled with paper/boxes. Thank you for your help with the recycling program.

### REMS School Improvement

#### Team Meeting

The REMS School Improvement Team Meeting will be held on **December 10, 2008** 3:10 – 4:10 p.m. in the REMS Library

Agenda:

- ~ Review data from Marking Periods 1 and 2
- ~ REMS Professional Development (February and March)
- Writing Consultant
- Science
- Social Studies

### Lights for Learning

Everyone is invited to join us for the Lights for Learning Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at “Mark’s Park” on River Rd.. between Ace Hardware and the Historic Oscoda Elementary School on Thursday, **December 11, 2008** at 7:00 p.m.. Checks should be made payable to the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation. Forms may be picked up at the REMS office.

“Lights for Learning”, a holiday celebration sponsored by the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation, is a thoughtful way for you to honor someone special! Your gift of \$5.00 will purchase one light on the Lights for Learning Christmas Tree located at “Mark’s Park”.. Donations will be accepted from November 10<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>. The names

of all those honored with a light will appear on the “Lights for Learning” displays in schools during the

holiday. For each donation, a special holiday card will be sent to the honoree or their family to let them know that you have thought of them in this special way.

### RMS Student Council News

~Richardson Middle School’s Student Council reached their goal collecting over 600 food items. Food collected will be given to the Oscoda Women’s Shelter.

A fun hour of basketball will take place next Wednesday between the basketball players and staff because the Student Council did indeed meet their goal! Thank you for your donation of food.

#### *~RMS Student Council Christmas Dance*

The Student Council will be holding a Christmas dance on Friday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Pizza, pop and candy will be available. The cost to attend the dance will be \$4.

We are in need of 15 parent chaperones. If parents are not signed up with RMS by 12-04-08, the dance will not be held. Please sign up early and let Mr. Fleming know you are willing to help. To speak to Mr. Fleming or to leave a message on his voice mail, call 739-6122.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Share a Caring

Christmas hosted by Dean Arbor Ford Mercury & Carroll Broadcasting. When: **Saturday, December 13, 2008** Where: Dean Arbour Ford Mercury on M-55, Tawas City at 12:00 (noon).

Bring a new or used toy in good condition and place it under the Christmas tree. Help the less fortunate children in Iosco County have a wonderful holiday! All toys

must be in by 1:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck. Bring the entire family to share the joy of helping others. Free refreshments. For more information call 362-3489.

Also, Dean Arbour Ford Mercury of Tawas and The Iosco Animal Shelter is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Santa Pic's with Pet's" on Saturday, **December 20, 2008** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 charge per picture. Free pet refreshments. All proceeds go to the Iosco County Animal Shelter.

### **Winter Break – NO SCHOOL!**

**December 20, 2008 through January 4, 2009.** NO SCHOOL- Winter Break. Classes resume on January 5, 2009.

### **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 Third Marking Period: January 16, 2009*

### **Parent Access On-Line**

An On-Line Educational Development Plan (EDP) pamphlet is included with this newsletter. This is a guide to parent access to grades and attendance. Parents and students both have access to their EDP's via the web. Parents can view their Student Educational Plan information, along with access to all current and past year academic information – including schedule and grades/homework information.

Please sign the Parent Access EDP-User Agreement form and return it to your child's teacher or the REMS office to activate your child's account.

### **Community Education Activities – 739-1431**

~**TaeKwon-Do:** Will be held on **Mondays and Fridays** 5:00-6:30 p.m. at REMS. \$3/person.

~**Country Line Dancing** will be held on **Tuesdays** 5:00-6:30 p.m. at REMS. \$2/person.

~**Basketball League: Practices** will be held on **Saturdays, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** -

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**, in the mornings at OHS. \$20/person.

Games: **Sundays Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** – **March 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 Night of Enrichment and Music – January 29, 2009**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.:** Enjoy displays of student work and activities related to REMS Enrichment classes. **7:00 p.m.:** Band Concert (REMS Gym) featuring 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands. More details to follow.

### **The Owl Shack Opening Soon**

The Owl Shack will be returning to REMS soon. Students will be able to purchase pencils, erasers, pens, paper and many other items. The Owl Shack will be located near the REMS Library. Mrs. Coughlin and her Intervention class are in charge of the OWL Shack.

### **Parent Liaison Mentoring Program**

We currently have students awaiting mentors in our district. You could be the person for whom they've been waiting!

#### **Mentoring:**

- ~Takes place during school hours, on school grounds
- ~ Sessions last one hour or less, one day per week
- ~Is flexible. Mentors choose day, time, and grade level
- ~ Requires no specific training, just a willingness to help a child!

#### *Who can Mentor?*

- ~ Someone who is a good listener
- ~ Someone who cares for others
- ~ Someone who believes in success
- ~ Someone who is loyal and dependable

If you have any questions or to get started call Mrs. Billiel or Mrs. Thompson at 739-8134.

### **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:

**November 30 – December 6**

~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.

~Watch the Glen's Market schoolhouse chalkboard display for school codes and see how much money our school earns.

Our school codes are 87774 for Richardson Elementary or 87925 for Richardson Middle School.

We thank you for your continued support. Other REMS fundraisers include:

~**Target - Take Charge of Education Program at Target Stores**

~**Purchases at Gordons Food Service through the Fun Funds Program.**

~**We also collect the following: inkjet cartridges, Spartan UPC labels, and Box Tops for Education coupons.**

Thank you for all your help.