

Richardson Elementary~ Middle School

Newsletter

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

Picture Retakes

On *Tuesday, November 4th*, REMS students will have school picture retakes at 8:00 a.m. Envelopes with details/prices of picture packets are available in the REMS Office.

Early Release/ End of 2nd Marking Period

Students will be released two hours early on *Friday, November 21st* (Records Day). Lunch will be served at school. Dismissal: will be at 12:40 p.m.

Community Education Activities

~Oscoda Wrestling Club for students between the ages of 6 and 14 years old. A parent meeting and registration will be held on **Wednesday, November 19th** at 6:00 p.m. in the OHS Commons, \$40/person. (Please bring the wrestler's birth certificate to registration.)

Practices: will be Tuesdays and Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the OHS Upper Gym.

~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 Clinics: Grades 3 & 4 will be held on Saturdays Nov. 8 – Dec. 13th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at OHS. \$10/person. Grades 5 & 6 will be held on Saturdays Nov. 8

– December 13th, 10:30 a.m.-12 (noon) at OHS. \$10/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 Tuesday & Friday 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the OHS Pool. \$4/person.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society once again sponsored Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. REMS students signed up to participate to take their UNICEF boxes with them during trick-or-treating. Last year the National Junior Honor Society raised about \$800. Thank you for helping our students help others.

Thanksgiving Holiday Break
NO SCHOOL – **November 27th and November 28th**. Classes will resume on December 1, 2008.

4th Annual Share a Caring Christmas hosted by Dean Arbor Ford Mercury & Carroll Broadcasting. When: **Saturday, December 13, 2008** Where: Dean Arbour Ford Mercury at 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.

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

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 Fundraisers

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

November 30 – December 6, 2008

~Simply give the Glen's Markets cashier your school code and the Glen's Markets Cash for Class donation will automatically be credited to your school'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 local schools earn.

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

We thank you for your continued support.

Take Charge of Education:

Through Take Charge of Education, families, teachers and members of the community have an easy way to raise money for their school. When they sign up and designate an eligible school, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase they make with their REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to that school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools twice a year. Over the past 11 years, we have used the funds for scholarships, school supplies and field trips. Richardson Elementary has earned \$1090.40 since 1997.

For community members to participate in Take Charge of Education, all they need is a

REDcard and designate your school online at Target.com/apply or by calling 1-800-316-6142.

Head Lice

We would like to share this information again with you.

There are no regular head checks at school. When parents/students/staff make us aware that a child has head lice students in the classroom will be checked for head lice. The child that has head lice will be checked at school before being readmitted to the classroom. Your child will not be able to ride the bus until school personnel notifies the Transportation Department.

The best way to prevent transmission of head lice:

- ~Teach children not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, hats, caps, scarves, headsets or any other personal headgear
- ~Do not try on other people's hats (even in department stores).
- ~Teach children to hang coats separately-placing hats and scarves inside coat/jacket sleeves.
- ~Clean or disinfect shared headgear (i.e. helmets) with Lysol or rubbing alcohol before being used by others.
- ~Conduct regular head checks of your child.

If head lice are found on your child:

- ~Check others in household for signs of head lice or nits. If head lice are found, complete remaining steps on all infested individuals.
- ~Remove nits from the head by combing. Complete nit removal is time-consuming but is critical for successful treatment.
- ~Use an effective head lice treatment.
- ~Remove all lice and nits from the environment by washing and vacuuming.

~Perform daily head checks and remove nits for 3 weeks until head lice are gone. If you have difficulties treating the head lice on your child, please contact the school, local health department or your child's physician.

Questions regarding procedures should be directed to our school nurse, Mrs. Rosenbaum at RMS at 739-9173.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

REMS students may be dropped off at RES 7:40 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. After 8:00 a.m. the RES doors will be locked and all students need to go to the REMS office for drop off or pick up.

Procedures for students picked up or dropped off during the day: Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. all students will be picked up or dropped off at the REMS office.

Procedures for students picked up after 2:15: Students picked up after 2:15 (including students with permanent passes at the end of day) will be picked up at the RES Commons.

Please have identification to pick your child up from school. Sign your child out. Wait in the RES Commons. Make yourself comfortable and your child will come to meet you in the RES Commons.

At 3:00 the RES doors will be locked. Pick up all students after the doors are locked at the REMS office.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.