



Richard Chronicle

Mary MacDonald-Barrett, Principal

December 2012

Mary MacDonald-Barrett

Amy Krieger

Denise Embree

Kim Gerlach

Randal Baker

Vivian Caputo

Linda Piasecki

Barb Whistler

Sherry Martin

Kate Garvey

Jackie Rabaut

Beth Rainbolt

Susan Tawile

Maryjo Jennings

Kathie Hilton

Cheryl Briggs

Megan Brown

Deb Crabb

Rachel Walpole

Holly Bayster

Jenny Barry

Linda Slinder

Kathy Schmitz

Karen Raska

Karen Aldrich

Heather Murphy

Mark Ciaravino

Pat Zens

Lynn Leggett

Yvette Vctor

Nicole Cole

Linda Fiscus

Rand Swansey

Diane Kozikowski

Steve Gulian

Sue Schmitz

Paul Miller

Mike Havern

Adam Stemmler

Christine Crawford

Jim Cadotte

Dorothy Wrosch

Dan White



Happy Holidays from the Richard Staff



GOLDEN AWARDS

Golden Note Award Winners

K-1 Mrs. Kelly
2-3 Mr. Swanseay
4-5 Mr. Havern

Golden PaintbrushAward Winners

K-1 Bayster/Brown
2-3 Mr. Swanseay
4-5 Ms. S. Schmitz

Spot Awards

*Students spotted doing
something "above and beyond"...*

Dominic C.
Mia P.
Hanley D.

Recommended Websites

Our School Social Worker, **Christine Crawford** recommends this site on positive parenting for parents of children from birth to age 17.

Positive Parenting Tips

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/positiveparenting/index.html>

Mrs. Barrett, recommends this site for parents to use at home to encourage their children to become confident in math.

<http://bedtimemathproblem.org/>

GLEANERS FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of the student council, I would like to extend a huge thanks to the Richard community. Last Wednesday, I delivered 318 pounds of food to Gleaners Food Bank. This tops last year's donation of 174 Pounds. Way to go Richard!
Nicki Cole

The Green Team

Did you know that Richard recycles over 7-64 gallon curbside containers full of paper, plastic and cans each week? We also feed and give water to the birds over the winter months. If you would like to help Richard be a green school see Mr. Baker and become part of the green team.

Golden Shoe Award Winners

K-2 Mrs. Rabaut
3-5 Ms. Gerlach

Golden Book Award Winners

K-1 Mrs. Briggs
2-3 Ms. Piasecki
4-5 Ms. S. Schmitz

Safety Patroller for the month of October:
Sean O.Safety Patroller for the month of November:
CoCo H.

Service Squad of the Month
Cameron L.
Jordyn B.
Lainey R.



CoolClips.com

Drink Pouch Collection Details

Drink Pouch Brigade® Details Drink Pouch collected: 52,816
Total Points Earned: 112,143
Cash Value: \$1121.43
Points Earned: 112,143.0
Points Redeemed: 112,143.0
Currents Points: 0.0

DATES TO REMEMBER

12-12-12 Winter Vocal Concert -7PM
12-17-12 TCBY Fundraiser
12-20-12 Instrumental Concert - 8:50AM
12-21-12 Winter Break begins - end of the day
1-7-13 School Resumes
1-16-13 PTO Meeting - 7PM
1-21-13 No School



Dear Richard Families,



As I write this, I cannot believe that it is already December. The first part of the 2012-2013 school year has gone by unbelievably fast! The PTO takes a bit of a break in December and we will hit the ground running again in January with more family dinners (a chili cook-off in the winter and the return of our popular Made-in-Michigan dinner in the spring), a dance party for the students, Noontime Enrichment, National Reading Month activities in March and so much more. But for now, I would simply just like to wish all of you a healthy, peaceful and joyous holiday season!

Dawn Aldighieri



With holiday shopping in full swing, here's an easy way to earn money for Richard Elementary. If you are an online shopper, you can earn money for our school by adding one easy step to your shopping process. It only takes a few minutes to get setup, but after it is done earning money could not be easier!

Here's how it works: Go to boxtops4education.com and "join now." Follow the prompts to register yourself with our school. Once you are registered, you return to boxtops4education.com before you shop. You click on the "Earn" tab and scroll down to "Shop Marketplace." Then you click the button . All of the online stores that earn money for Richard Elementary will appear on a list. These are likely the stores where you already shop: Old Navy, Justice, Toys R Us, Apple, Land's End, Walmart, Target, Nordstrom, and many, many more!

Find the store where you want to shop and click "Shop and Earn." You will automatically be directed to that store's homepage. Anything you buy while shopping will earn money for our school at NO EXTRA COST to you! Box Tops are calculated by every \$10 you spend. Each store will tell you how many you will earn per \$10. It is that EASY!!!!



GPPSS's Multi-Age Program: Building on a Seventeen-Year Tradition

Nestled in Room 118 at Trombly Elementary School, you'll find one of GPPSS's most innovative programs. Seventeen years ago, a multi-age classroom consisting of grades first through third was created, and due to its success and demand, the school district is now looking to expand it to other elementary schools throughout the Grosse Pointes, with sufficient parent interest.

Students enter this class in first grade and stay for the next three years. Each child is assessed at the beginning of the year and throughout the year, and is allowed to learn at his or her own pace, not grade level. With fewer new children entering the class each year, the teacher has a stable base of current students, leaving her time to get to know her new pupils while the returning students settle quickly into their routines and learning.

What kind of child works best in this environment? Multi-age classes encourage independent learning. Students don't have to excel in any subjects. Those who are ahead in a subject can work to their level, and those who need more help have the opportunity for additional support. While part of this environment, they develop a sense of autonomy – learning from older children and eventually mentoring as they grow.

Renee Jakubowski is a parent with a first and third grader in this year's class. She sees how the class mirrors the real world and students learn valuable skills. "When you're at work, you're never with people who are exactly your age," she says.

Want to learn more? Contact Principal Walt Fitzpatrick at 313-432-5000 or by email at walter.fitzpatrick@gpschools.org.



GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

12/11/12

7 p.m.

*Brownell Middle
School*

*Multi-Purpose
Room (MPR)*

260 Chalfonte

*Parking is
available
behind building*

Panel Discussion about Proposed Legislation

Come **Tuesday, 12/11/12, at 7 p.m. to the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)** to learn what the current proposed legislative bills in both the House and the Senate mean for our Grosse Pointe students.

Presenters:

- Dr. Thomas Harwood, GPPSS Superintendent
- Marcie Lipsitt, Advocate
- Lisa Kotula, Partnership for Different Learners President
- Judy Gafa, Board of Education President

Can't come? Go to www.gpschools.org, log-in, then join our GP Legislative Action Network.