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Tues. 6/8	Field Day
Tues. 6/15	Last day of school !!

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From The Principal

As I sit to write my last Rapper article, I'm filled with emotion from the bottom of my heart. My eight years at Rieke have been a wondrous adventure, and memories of the incredibly giving, selfless people I've met here will stay with me forever.

There are scores and scores of individuals to thank, more than we have room to list. Hopefully, you know who you are and know the profound impact you've had on an individual child, and/or on our combined efforts to provide for the children of Rieke. A million thanks.

After five years, the editor and collator of the Rapper Newsletter is "retiring" as her daughter moves on to middle school. **Karen Schulz**, has quietly and skillfully worked behind the scenes all these years to publish a newsletter which helps keep our community informed and involved. Many, many thanks Karen, you have been an absolute joy to work with. Luckily, **Shawn Mershon** has stepped forward and volunteered to become our next Rapper editor, so Rieke families will continue to receive current and helpful information.

Another fabulous volunteer who quietly works to improve the lives of Rieke students is **Katie Berg**, who coordinates our "Reading Buddies" program. She works with teachers and all the volunteers who meet weekly with children to support growth in reading. Research shows this is a very effective way to make a real difference in the life of a child, and the bond that grows is invaluable. Thank you Katie – you and your volunteers have truly made a difference.

Rieke receives many requests for tours from interested families. A big "thank you" to our energetic group of parent "tour guides" - **Leanne Van Horn, Mihae Tillian, Cindy Duley** and **Katie Sengstake**. They have given a gracious welcome to a multitude of

Rieke visitors. Also, **Janice Arnold** has cheerfully covered the phones in the school office while the secretary is at lunch – thanks! For five years, **Leanne Van Horn** has served as hostess for our Writer's Tea Celebration, which occur three times annually. Every time, she has prepared a special setting to honor 12 students writers, including tea, fancy cookies, china teacups and seasonal decorations. This has been a labor of love for Leanne, and is an experience that students don't soon forget. What an impact this event has had on our culture of writing! Thank you so much Leanne.

We will be saying a fond farewell to respected members of the Rieke School community this month. **Deanne Larsell**, Physical Education Teacher, was offered and accepted a full time position teaching at her other school, Metropolitan Learning Center. **Amy Wethington**, first grade teacher, will be transferring to Chapman Elementary School, which is much closer to her home. **Scott Armstrong**, Media Specialist will be working at Richman School next year and **Devyn Larson**, Technology Support, has accepted a full time position at Westside Christian School. As you know, **Julie Frichtl**, second grade teacher, will be retiring after many years of service to Rieke. These individuals have made invaluable contributions to Rieke School, and we are richer for having had the opportunity to work together. We will miss them dearly and wish them the very best in their new assignments.

Hiring for the fall is in progress and Rieke will welcome marvelous new colleagues and friends in September. The new principal for Rieke, Andrea Porter and I have been hard at work interviewing together and preparing for a smooth and successful transition this summer.

I can hardly express what a cherished privilege it has been for me to be invited into partnership with you, the parents of Rieke, as we escort your kids through childhood. I have known many of our students since they were in strollers! I have such tender affection for the bonds I've made and will never forget the joy and wonder we've shared watching these children grow. Thank you for the tremendous support I've received and the honor of your friendship and partnership.

Sometimes I call the our students my "Rieke angels", because of a definition for 'angel' that I once heard: "An angel is a messenger in an unexpected form."

What messages they have to teach us! I couldn't be prouder of their achievement as young learners, but more importantly, the type of individuals they have become. I can hardly imagine life without my Rieke angels (and I'm talking about you too, fourth and fifth grade boys!) but I will carry them and the delight of knowing them in my heart wherever I go.

Finally, my thanks to the Rieke staff. The respect and affection I have for you is beyond description. Witnessing what you give to your students with such heart day in and day out is humbling and inspiring. Thank you for your service to them and for everything you've taught me. Arms around you all.

With warmest and best regards,

Charlene

Carnival Thank You

We did it! Thanks to the immeasurable support of the Rieke community, this year's carnival was a huge success. Despite the tenuous weather conditions, the kids had a fantastic time bouncing, dunking, and prize shopping! Many thanks to the parents and Wilson High School students who volunteered their time and energy to ensure that our carnival was a success. We also have many local vendors to thank for their generous contributions: WinCo, Fred Meyer, Food Front, New Seasons, ThinkerToys, Other Worlds Games, Albertson's, Trader Joe's, Nike, and Adidas. Were it not for the kind generosity bestowed upon our school, we would not have been able to stock our prize table with such great things.

We are forever grateful and look forward to their continued support in the future. Once again, from the Carnival Committee, our endless thanks for a job well done! Paige Beardsley-Wilcox, Carla Asplund, Claire Cowan, Kelly Laboe, Jennifer Merrill, Amber Burkett, Leah Henderson, Erica Meyers and & Rachael Hemphill.

Auction Information – Call for Volunteers

Although we are winding down the school year, the 2010 Auction committee is just ramping up! The auction date has been set for **Friday, November 19, 2010**. There are numerous volunteer opportunities and no job is too small! If you would like to learn more (ESPECIALLY if you'd like to join the procurement committee) please contact the auction procurement chair, **Charli Nesbitt**, at nesbittcl@comcast.net.

Also, Charli will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at drop-off and pick-up during the last week of

school (June 7-11) to answer questions and, more importantly, to meet with anyone who is available to help. The auction committee is determined to make volunteerism a positive experience. If you can donate a couple hours or a couple weeks, we could use your help!

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