



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
Wed., 1/26	Kindergarten Round-Up, 7:30 PM
Sun., 1/30	M.U.S.E. Band Winter Concert, 1:30
Mon., 2/7	Scrip orders due 3:00
Wed., 2/9	2-hr Late Opening

Check dates for all Rieke events on the web anytime at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/rieke>

From the Principal

Were you at Rieke on Thursday or Friday morning? Did you see the great work going on in the hallway? We are partnering with Lewis and Clark College in a win-win scenario. Rieke students get to buddy up for reading and writing activities with pre-service teaching students enrolled in a Literacy course. The Lewis and Clark College students are gaining field experience and implementing literacy skills to enhance reading and writing opportunities for our students. It's amazing to watch! We will have up to 24 Lewis and Clark College students each Thursday and Friday for the next 12 weeks.

On Tuesday, every teacher will participate in monitoring 'student work in action' by going on a learning walk into a neighboring classroom. This school-wide activity allows us to check in on the progress of our efforts to improve targeted writing skills in all grades. Our Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) is focused on handwriting, spelling the 'no excuse' words, and using capital letters and appropriate punctuation. Teachers will collect work products as evidence of implementation of these skills and will note examples of student behavior that demonstrate engagement with the activity and use of the skills. This is part of our ongoing plan for monitoring student progress in the specific areas of our SIP.

Andrea

Notes from the Office

Do you have a child who will be in Kindergarten next fall? If so, please contact the school office to pre-register your child and mark your calendar for **Rieke's Kindergarten Round-Up** Wednesday evening **January 26th**. Come learn what's new in Kindergarten at Rieke. Meet other neighborhood families who will be entering Kindergarten. Collect a registration packet and get your child signed up for Kindergarten 2011. Round-Up is an especially important event for Rieke. Ms. Porter, our

Principal, determines teacher placement and classroom assignments once she learns how many children will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Come join us from 7:00-8:30 PM in the gym, then a tour of the classrooms. Childcare will be provided on the Rieke premises compliments of Fulton Park Community Center staff. Please tell your friends and neighbors who live in the Rieke community. All are invited to join us for this informational and social evening.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with Kindergarten Round-Up, please contact Nikki Dorfman (503) 348-5050 or nikkidorfman@me.com There are several promotional opportunities available, including passing out flyers at the Farmers' Markets in January, bringing flyers to neighborhood pre-schools and posting signs around Hillsdale.

Dining For Dollars

Get your appetites ready! We have two upcoming DINING FOR DOLLARS dates for you to put on your calendars. Join us Thursday, January 27th at Shanghai Noble House on Macadam where you can enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine in a family friendly atmosphere. And don't forget our monthly dinner date at Casa Colima on Thursday, February 3rd. Mexican food and family... what more could you want? A huge thank you to our participating restaurants, and to those of you who generously support our Dining for Dollars program. Raising money never tasted so good! We look forward to seeing you there... and don't forget to mention that you are "dining for Rieke"!

Enter a Project in the Rieke Science Fair

Here are two web sites that you might find helpful for ideas:

www.all-science-fair-projects.com

www.homeworkspot.com/sciencefair/

An information/entry form packet is attached. Additional forms are available in the school office. Please return completed forms to the Science Fair box in the office by Monday, March 28. We can't wait to see all your great ideas!

Volunteer for the Science Fair!

We need parents to help set up, judge projects, guide students through demonstrations and activities, and clean up afterward. If you are interested please contact Kim Meyers at pdxkim214@comcast.net or Katie Unflat at katie@unflat.com. Thanks for your help!

M.U.S.E. Winter Concert

The M.U.S.E. Band Program will be holding our 25th annual Winter Band Concert on Sunday, January 30 at West Sylvan Middle School. Beginning Band Concert is at 1:00 and the Intermediate/advanced band concert is at 2:30. Students from all 24 schools in the Portland area will be performing together as one large ensemble.

Volunteer for Albertina Kerr

If you're looking for a way to give back and make a difference locally, Albertina Kerr can help match you with a meaningful and individual volunteer experience. Kerr is currently seeking volunteers for Albertina's Restaurant and Shops, which include Albertina's Restaurant, Kerr's Economy Jar, Kerr Gift Shop and the Kerr Thrift Shop. New volunteers have the opportunity to get involved with a vibrant, active and evolving volunteer corps, supporting the work of Albertina Kerr. Volunteering supports the children, adults and families in our community who face mental health challenges and developmental disabilities. The restaurant and shops are entirely staffed and managed by volunteers dedicated to the mission of Albertina Kerr and providing the best customer experience.

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www.albertinakerr.org/

http://www.kerrshops.org/Portals/12/PublicationsFinancials/Volunteer_Application.pdf

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Save Your Styrofoam!

The school Green Teams of Rieke, Hayhurst and Maplewood together with Recology are having a Styrofoam collection drive located at Mary Rieke grade school in Hillsdale.

Injected block Styrofoam (polystyrene), packing peanuts and washed food trays will be accepted. Please bring your Styrofoam to Rieke's parking lot on Saturday, Feb. 5th from 9 AM—12 PM and on Sunday, Feb. 6th from 10 AM—2 PM next to the Hillsdale Farmers Market.

We will also include an educational display of how to recycle all household plastics. Keep Recology busy and redirect Styrofoam from landfills. Let us help you recycle—leave it with us! For questions please contact Cindy Eldkrona: eldkrona@yahoo.com.

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Please email your content to the Rieke Rapper editor Shawn Mershon, rapper.newsletter@gmail.com. The Rapper is published each Monday. Submissions are due by Wednesday in order to be included in the upcoming Monday's edition.