



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
<b>Wed., 10/27</b>	<b>ELL Parents' Meeting, 5:30 PM Wilson HS; TAG Parents' Meeting, 7 PM Wilson</b>
<b>Fri., 10/29</b>	<b>Crazy Hair Day!</b>
<b>Fri., 11/5</b>	<b>No school, Teacher Planning Day</b>
<b>Tues., 11/9</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day PTA Meeting</b>

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

### From the Principal

As a school, we are focused on improving the writing skills of every child at Rieke. One area we are emphasizing is handwriting, to increase the legibility of student work. In a recent Wall Street Journal article (10/5/10) titled, "How Handwriting Trains the Brain," the long-term positive effects of fine motor practice and sequential finger movements were described. This reinforces our efforts and validates the importance of continued handwriting instruction at all grade levels.

On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have an all-school spirit day. All staff and students (and class volunteers) are encouraged to participate in "Crazy Hair Day." This is our first spirit day and we want to make sure everyone is safe, responsible, and respectful. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when preparing for the day:

1. Make your own hair crazy. No hats, wigs, or masks.
2. Fourth graders should **bring** what they need to school, as they will NOT participate until after they return from their field trip.
3. Make certain that your student will be comfortable during the day—wires, hair clips, and pins can shift and poke.

As a school, there will be **no costumes** during the instructional day. Each classroom will send information home about any celebration plans for the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Included in this information will be guidelines for costumes, as some teachers may plan for costume time in the classroom during the party at the end of the day.

Thank you for participating in our Rapper brainteaser. "What word has 3 sets of double letters in a row?" **BOOKKEEPER**. The winners are: Becky Horvat, Jenny Bolen and Milo Risenhoover. (Thanks Thomas!)

*Andrea*

### Notes from the Office

**Lost and Found:** As you may have noticed, the lost and found clothes closet is jam-packed. With colder weather arriving, it's a good time to check it for your kid's lost jacket or sweatshirt. Next week people can look for their children's things on a table in the hallway starting Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> until Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. All leftover items will be donated to the PTA clothing closet.

**Snacks:** Many classes provide time for a morning snack. Please remember that this snack is sent from home. The office will no longer be providing replacement snacks for students.

### Auction News

Did you hear that? That's the sound of that auction donor form rustling around on the front seat of your car! Why let it clutter up your space when you can **TURN IT IN!** Yes, now is the time to submit all those forms. Carpe Procure! Seize the donation! (If yours is lost you can print the attached electronic version or pick one up outside of the school office.)

If you are stumped, here's what we need to make 2010's auction a supreme success: we need getaways. If you or someone you know has thousands of frequent flyer miles, ask them to donate enough for a ticket or two! Do you have a connection to hotels in and around the area? Our procurement committee has been quite exhaustive but apparently it really is "who you know." Got a friend with a beach house or place in Black Butte, Sun River, or Government Camp? Ask them if they could donate a two-night stay! Do you have season tickets to the Mariners, the Blazers, or the Ducks? Donate a pair of tickets! Know someone in the restaurant business? Ask them to donate a gift card!

There are less than 4 weeks until the auction and we need your help! If you need some suggestions, advice or counsel, you know who to contact:

[nesbittcl@comcast.net](mailto:nesbittcl@comcast.net).

Thanks so much, every bit makes a difference,  
~Charli Nesbitt  
Auction Procurement

### Theme Baskets!

They're back! Add a little something from you and your family to this year's theme baskets. Look for the baskets in the front hallway of Rieke starting October 18<sup>th</sup>. This year's themes are:

- University of Oregon—Go Ducks!
- Oregon State University—Go Beavers!

- Movie Night—Add popcorn, candy, DVD's, movie tickets, a soft blanket
- Game Night—Cards, games, poker chips, snacks
- Books Books Books—Instant library, courtesy of Rieke families
- Arts and Crafts—paint, paper, markers, scissors, art kits, brushes, pencils
- Spa Day—soaps, bubble bath, lotions, gift certificates, candles, anything that makes you say "Aaaahh!"

Next time you're out shopping, think about contributing an item to one of these baskets. They are always a popular Rieke Auction feature. Thank you!

### Buy Your Auction Tickets Now and Sponsor a Teacher!

Are you ready to "Paint the Town Red"? Purchase your tickets to the 2010 Rieke Auction TODAY! The event is to be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

This year we are offering a special "Early Bird Table Discount" for those who purchase a table of ten prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. The "Early Bird Tables" will cost \$425, with the price jumping up to \$450 after November 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual tickets will run \$40.

When you purchase your tickets you will have the opportunity to help treat our AMAZING Rieke teachers by sponsoring "tickets for teachers." Give \$10 toward the cause or pay for a teacher's ticket in full, it is up to you and you can easily add these donations to your cart. If you have any questions, email Kelly Laboe at [kelon11@yahoo.com](mailto:kelon11@yahoo.com).

Tickets are just a click away:

<https://rieke.tofinoauctions.com/rieke2010>

### Host a Party for the Auction

It's not too late to organize a Parent Party for this year's Rieke Auction. The parent parties play such a big part in raising money for Rieke. Host a hiking club, bike tour, pizza party, poker party, game night or a lemon drop party—all of these would be easy to organize and a great hit at the auction. Send me an email: I can help you organize your party!!! We'd love to have you host!! Email me!!! Lisa O'Toole, [lisamaxwellotoole@mac.com](mailto:lisamaxwellotoole@mac.com)

### Advertising/Sponsorship for the 2010 Auction

Do you have a business or work for a company that is interested in sponsorship or advertising for this year's auction? This year, sponsors and advertisers can be recognized in our auction catalog, on our auction website, on all auction sales receipts, celebrated in poster form at the gala event, and given advertising space in our student phone directory.

If you are interested in advertising or sponsorship, the necessary form with detailed information is attached with this Rapper or a hard copy can be found at Rieke in the Foundation mailbox. To be included in this fabulous opportunity to highlight your business sponsors and advertisers must submit their information and payment

no later than October 31, 2010. If you have any questions regarding sponsorship or advertising, please contact: Leanne Van Horn at (503) 244-0194 or [leanne.vanhorn@comcast.net](mailto:leanne.vanhorn@comcast.net)

Thinking of Painting the Town Red on November 19<sup>th</sup>? Consider that you would be eating JoPa, drinking Lucky Lab and posing like a movie star in the Andrea Lorimor photo booth! [www.andrealorimor.com](http://www.andrealorimor.com)

Don't sit home in your pajamas when you could enjoy this fabulous evening sponsored by:

- Grand & Benedicts—Gold Sponsor
- Cascade Custom Software—Silver Sponsor

### Big Thank You to...

A big thank you goes out to Paul Sullivan for donating his time to create our beautiful posters for the auction.

### Dining for Dollars: Shanghai Noble House 10/28

When you're in the mood for good times and great cuisine, be sure to check out Shanghai Noble House. The menu features a wide array of great selections, made from only the freshest and highest quality ingredients, with something sure to please every member of your group.

On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> if your child comes in their Halloween costume, they'll get a special treat: it's a great way to see other Rieke friends in their costumes too!

This fundraiser is from 4 PM–9 PM. Take out is included. 15% of the total bill goes back to Rieke. Invite your family and friends!

\*Please make sure you mention that you are dining for Rieke Dollars when you order!

Shanghai Noble House is located at 5531 SW Macadam Suite 115, John's Landing Water Tower Building.

If you have additional questions, please contact Paige Beardsley-Wilcox at [paigeandrob@mac.com](mailto:paigeandrob@mac.com) or Carla Asplund at [cartroy@mac.com](mailto:cartroy@mac.com).

### Book Fair Report

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Special Friends, Teachers, Staff, Students and Fabulous Volunteers:

Our Scholastic Book Fair Sales for the October Fair totaled \$8,162.84! This means that Rieke will earn \$2040.71 to go to the Rieke PTA, and nearly \$1,400.00 in book credits to purchase books for the library and the classrooms. Thanks to all of you for a very successful fair, and happy reading!

See you in June 2011 at the Spring Book Fair

Your Co-Chairs,  
Regan Wylie and Kate Pagliasotti

### Sally Foster Fundraiser

The Sally Foster and Cookie Sale fundraiser is in full swing! 40% goes directly to our PTA! Help the PTA help our school. With Sally Foster you shop at your convenience online, year-round with \$20.00 gift cards. Ships direct to you! Choose from high-quality wrapping papers, books, gifts and chocolates just to name a few. Yummy cookie dough is a new treat for our school; check out the delicious looking brochure. Makes great gifts too! Sally Foster and Gourmet Edibles are an important fundraiser for your PTA, supporting Rieke Teachers and Parents.

The classroom that sells the most will enjoy a Popsicle party!!!

Turn in your orders by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cookie sales will arrive the first week of December, perfect timing for the holidays! Thanks in advance for supporting Rieke! Any questions contact: Melissa Sanders  
[melsand40@gmail.com](mailto:melsand40@gmail.com)

### Chess Club Thursdays 5 PM: Check it Out!

Chess is not only fun to play, but it can help promote critical thinking, concentration skills, motivation, and sportsmanship. And anyone can learn to play. The Rieke Chess Club, sponsored by the PTA, will have its first regular meeting on Thursday, October 28, from 5–6:30 PM in the Rieke Library. We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings throughout the year; come when you can. At the first meeting we will introduce some new approaches to learning chess this year, have a little lesson, and play plenty of chess. Come check it out! For more information, contact Jeff Dobbins at (503) 245-3084 or [sjdprods@dslnorthwest.net](mailto:sjdprods@dslnorthwest.net).

### PTA Clothes Closet Update

Wow! What an extraordinary clothing drive. A special thank you to each student and his or her family for participating.

The Portland Public Schools PTA Clothes Closet has helped 1,300 students since the start of this school year. The Clothes Closet helps families in need of assistance by providing clothing for their child(ren) in grades K–12th.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the hard working moms who spent several hours sorting, hanging and helping families at the PTA Clothes Closet:

Annie Hayflick, Cindy Duley, Leanne Van Horn, Mary Jo Cohen and Patty Fale. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Thank you,  
 Stacy Hergenhan

### Additional Show at Valley Cinema Family Matinee

Because of the popularity of the Family Matinee Series, the theater has added a 3 PM showing on Mondays at Valley Cinema. This now provides 10 opportunities for everyone to see the movies: 9:30 AM, noon, and 2:30 PM Saturday and Sunday; 5:30 PM Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; and 3:00 PM Monday.

Also, they offer this tip about the least-busy shows (this may change; other schools are being told this, too): "Our Family Matinee program has continued to be quite popular—so much so that we have sold out on several occasions. For those who might like to know, the showings with the least number of people coming in are Monday at 3:00 PM, Saturday at 9:30, Sunday at 9:30, and Saturday at 12:00—in that order. Please remember to arrive early for your best opportunity for seating! Late arrivals can not always be accommodated."

### PPS Nondiscrimination Policy

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### Got something for the Rapper?

Please email your content to the Rieke *Rapper* editor Shawn Mershon, [rapper.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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.