



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
12/13, 12/15	TAG testing, time TBD
12/15	Rieke Holiday Drive donations due
12/20-12/31	Winter Break, No School

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

From the Principal

Tonight, Rieke Community members will speak to the PPS School Board to advocate for specific upgrades to the Rieke buildings, beyond what has been proposed in the School Modernization Plan. The focus of tonight's School Board meeting is "whether to refer a six-year capital bond to voters in May that would update learning environments and upgrade safety, security and building systems in every school." We the Rieke School Community and constituents are asking for consideration of our needs for an improved kitchen area and an increase in available student toilets and sinks. Rieke School was originally built to support the needs of 200 students. Currently, our enrollment is 360 and growing. Stay tuned for the Board vote, or you can watch the Board meeting on Channel 28 tonight, beginning at 5:30. Thank you to the greater Rieke community for bringing voice to our facility needs.

On behalf of the staff of Rieke School- Best wishes for a heartwarming and restful winter break. See you in 2011.

Andrea

Notes from the Office

Please help us sponsor families in need this holiday season!

Donations of food, Fred Meyer gift cards, new and gently used toys and clothing are appreciated. A complete list of needed items will be available online soon. Additionally, there will be a Holiday Giving Board outside the main office. Items on the Holiday Giving Board will not be included in the online list. Please plan to make donations and/or return the tag & gift to the office by December 15th.

More information will be available soon. For questions or to have online signups sent to you, please email Stacy Hergenhan (stacyhergenhan@msn.com) and Lisa Nelson (lisa.d.nelson.pdx@gmail.com)

Eco-School Network Informational Meeting

What: Eco-School Network Informational Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Topic: Eco-School Network parents will describe how they work within their schools and how interested parents and teachers can get involved.

The mission of the Eco-School Network is to introduce sustainable practices and increase eco-awareness to enrich the lives of children at school.

The Network includes parents from over 30 schools who come together in person and online to share ideas, experiences, and project how-tos, as well as offer each other motivation and inspiration.

For location, directions, and general information please call Emily Klavins at 503-227-2315 or emily@earthleaders.org. The sponsor of the Eco-School Network is the Center for Earth Leadership, www.earthleaders.org.

Allies in Action Program

On a daily basis, over 160,000 girls and young women nationwide report missing school out of fear of aggression from other girls. Girl-to-girl aggression manifests as social alienation, exclusion, and hostility such as spreading rumors, intimidating glares, "backstabbing" and physical violence. The effects of these behaviors on girls can be devastating, making school a challenging place to learn.

The Girls Inc. ALLIES IN ACTION Program

The AIA program consists of sixteen, 90-minute sessions that explore relational aggression, how relational aggression impacts girls' lives and what girls can do to resolve conflicts constructively. Conflict resolution skill building provides assertiveness, de-escalation and mediation training helping girls to identify how to navigate conflict as individuals and as peer leaders. Each program culminates in a media project documenting girls' experiences with the ALLIES IN ACTION program.

Program Objectives

- Engage girls as cultural healers in their communities.
- Educate girls about the origins of relational aggression and how it impacts girls.
- Cultivate media literacy and media creation skills in girls.

- Teach conflict resolution techniques.

Please share this unique opportunity with your communities and partners. Thank You!

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Introducing the Student Green Team Club

Starting January 14th, Rieke will have its own student Green Team, which will be called the EcoThink Club. This club will be open to all grades with a 30-student limit. The program, led by parent volunteers, will include games and activities about recycling, conservation, gardening, health and wellness. Please see the attached permission form, which has more detailed information. Enrollment forms are due December 16th. We would appreciate more parent/grandparent volunteers to help make this successful. Please let us know if you can contribute this time of approximately 1½hrs. per month.

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