



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
Sat., 3/5	Rieke Service Club project
Mon., 3/7	Scrip orders due 3:00 PM
Wed., 3/9	2-hr late opening
Fri., 3/11	Elementary school transfer deadline
Fri., 3/18	No school: Teacher Planning Day
3/21-3/25	Spring Break

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

From the Principal

Our March First Friday Assembly will feature a special guest. Tom Meyers plans to join us and lead the Mary Rieke song. Mr. Meyers was a 4th grade teacher at Rieke and he composed the Mary Rieke song! Stop by at 8:45 on Friday, March 4th if you have time.

The Oregon Assessments of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) are meant to be summative assessments of skills in reading, math, and science for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Schools can administer the assessments up to three times in each subject area. You may be wondering why we assess students halfway through the year when the questions span topics that are presented across the entire year.

A change was made to the passing scores for math this year. In each grade level the passing score increased by about 7 points. We assessed in January to help provide a picture of our performance against the new scores. At this point, halfway through the year, we have 60% of our 3rd-5th graders "meeting" the new math standard scores. With three months of math instruction still to go, students will have two more opportunities to take the assessments. The teachers are confident that many more students will meet the standard this spring.

Andrea

Notes from the Office

Third, fourth and fifth graders will begin the first round of OAKS Reading Assessments this week. All of our students have been working hard all year and are ready for this first round. You can help prepare your student to do their best by making sure they get a full night's sleep and have breakfast in the morning.

Rieke Service Club Update: March Project

Join the Rieke Service Club as we team up with Friends of Trees to plant street trees in the Wilson Park neighborhood (south of Vermont, west of 10th and east of Bertha). This is only the 3rd time in the past 20 years that Friends of Trees have sponsored such a large-scale planting in the Southwest! Don't miss it!

When: Saturday, March 5, 9-11 AM (please arrive at 8:45 AM)

Where: Wilson Park neighborhood (meet in the Rieke parking lot)

Friends of Trees will provide coffee, hot chocolate and breakfast treats, as well as gloves, tools and trained volunteer guidance.

Please dress for the weather as planting will happen rain or shine.

This event is suitable for all ages, so we encourage you to make this a fun community-building family event!

Please contact Annie Hayflick (annie.hayflick@comcast.net) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Portlanders for Schools Phone Bank

Will you join us? We're looking to fill 15 phone bank slots with Rieke volunteers, 5:30-8:30 PM Thursday, March 31 and April 28 at the Portlanders for Schools campaign headquarters, 1006 SE Grand, Ste 350. We'll be calling our neighbors, asking for their support for the proposed PPS capital improvement bond. A script, orientation and snacks are provided. Carpooling available. Sign up on the PTA bulletin board outside the office or email Anne Hill at anneclauspdx@comcast.net.

A huge thank you to our February crew, Judith Baker, Dick Hausken, Kim Meyers, Curtis Roth, Kathryn Schuff, Brian Unflat, Brad Waters and Erica Wells, who braved the cold weather and came out to be Rieke's phone bank team on Feb 24. Ask them about their experience, and then plan to join us next time!

Battle of the Books

Throughout January, 95 3rd-5th graders participated in the Battle of the Books. This is a statewide program where students in 3rd-12th grade read from a list of 16 books and form teams to compete. Rieke had 21 teams competing. The students were asked questions about the books they had read. By Feb. 3 there was a winning team for each grade level. In the 3rd Grade it was the Oregon Readers, Megan Fale, Tate DeCarlo, Lucy Nelson,

Chloe Unflat, 4th Grade the Book Worms, Julia Johnston, Chloe Cowan, Claire Haats, Emily Eddy, Madeline Mapes and the 5th Grade winning team was the Book Battlers, Kaeleigh James, Noreena McCleave, Maddie McCarter, Molly Cohen, Deja Norris-York. All three of these teams were undefeated during grade level competition. On February 10 the three teams battled to find Rieke's top team. The winning team for Rieke was the Book Worms from 4th grade. These girls will be competing at the Regional Competition at Estacada Junior High on March 5. Wish them luck!

EcoThink Club Report

The Styrofoam Drive by Rieke, Hayhurst, and Bridlemile Schools collected 60 cubic yards of styrofoam that will be recycled instead of headed to the landfill. We collected enough styrofoam to fill one of our modular classrooms to the ceiling—that's 660 pounds of styrofoam!

Several members of the EcoThink Club toured the Recology facility on our late start morning this month and learned how the styrofoam was recycled. They can take 25 trucks filled with styrofoam, compact and melt it down into blocks that can fill one truck. This can be used to make more styrofoam or other plastic products. Check out the club website to see photos from the tour—we had a great time!

<http://riekeecothink.blogspot.com/>

Our next late start field trip will be to Tryon Creek State Park on March 9th at 9 AM. The park rangers will be teaching us about sustainability in the forest and how the Native Americans used the plants in this region. Mark your calendars!

Science Fair News!

The Science Fair is Thursday, April 7, 6:30-8:00 PM. Have you started your Science Fair project yet? Entry forms are due Monday, March 28. If you're having trouble deciding what to do, the Rieke Ecothink Blog has a huge list of books that can help, including:

39 Easy Plant Biology Experiments

Simple Science Experiments with Water

Experiments with Chemistry

Geology Rocks! 50 Hands-On Activities to Explore the Earth

Stellar Science Projects about Earth's Sky

Check out the entire list at

<http://riekeecothink.blogspot.com/2010/12/its-never-to-early-to-start-thinking.html>.

There are also plenty of websites with great project ideas out there. Here are just a few:

<http://www.sciencebob.com/sciencefair/ideas.php>

<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/>

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml

We are excited to have Rick Kang from the Pine Mountain Observatory teach us the latest about What's Going on in Space. Due to the length of the program and capacity restrictions in the library, the first presentation of the evening will begin at 6:00. So, come a little early to drop off your project and be the first to see the show!

Student Artists and Photographers Needed!

We are making a Rieke "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" music video for Earth Week (set to Jack Johnson's song "3Rs")! We need photos or drawings of:

- Taking the bus
- Biking
- Walking to school
- Using cloth bags for groceries
- Using reusable lunch containers
- Bringing your own water containers
- Handing down clothes that don't fit
- Growing your own food
- Planting native plants
- Turning off lights
- Turning off your car (idle free zones)
- Different types of recycling
- Composting
- Your family doing a green activity

Photos of numbers (on signs, cars, buildings, etc):

- 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36

Your art or photos can be part of the video!

Please drop off your art in Ms. Reddekopp's office mailbox or email the photos to jamie.repasky@gmail.com

Project Second Wind Food Drive Coming Soon

Rieke will once again participate in the annual Project Second Wind food drive from Monday, Feb. 28 to Friday, March 4. Project Second Wind was founded by high school students in 1971 who recognized a serious need for a "second wind" of hunger relief after the winter holidays. Their goal was simple and compelling: to feed hungry children. Each month 86,400 children eat from an emergency food box distributed through the Oregon Food Bank Network (the organization that sponsors Project Second Wind). Project Second Wind engages the city's youth in the fight to end hunger and is truly kids helping kids.

Please encourage your Rieke student(s) to bring in food donations beginning on Monday, Feb. 28. Each classroom will have its own donation box. Most wanted foods include canned meats, peanut butter, shelf-stable milk, 100% fruit juices, cooking oil, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, and cereal. We hope to collect 1,000 pounds of food this year as a school. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you!

Family Matinee Tickets Still Available

There's still time to buy tickets for the Family Matinee Series at Valley Cinema Pub. Please contact Joann Ng at jgekko1@aol.com (put Rieke in the subject line) to make

arrangements. In case you missed it, these are the titles in this spring's movie series. Here's what you get for \$9 per child (parents attend free!):

Feb. 19–22 "Yogi Bear" (PG)
 Feb. 26–Mar. 1 "Megamind" (PG)
 Mar. 5–8 "Legends of the Guardians" (PG)
 Mar. 12–15 "Nanny McPhee Returns" (PG)
 Mar. 19–22 "Gulliver's Travels" (PG)
 Mar. 26–29 "Voyage of the Dawn Treader" (PG)
 Apr. 2–5 "Disney's Tron: Legacy" (PG)
 Apr. 9–12 "Tangled" (PG)
 Apr. 16–19 Surprise Feature (G or PG)
 Apr. 23–26 Surprise Feature (G or PG)

Matinees will be shown each Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 AM, noon and 2:30 PM; and 5:30 PM Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with an additional showing at 3 PM Monday. The box office opens at 9 AM Saturday and Sunday, 2:30 PM Monday and 5 PM Tuesday. Please arrive early for best seating; showings can sell out. You can bring guests; just pay \$4 per movie at the door. For refreshment prices and more, visit www.valleytheater.net. Valley Cinema is at 9360 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Beaverton, near Jesuit High.

Thanks, and see you at the movies!

Waste Free Lunch Days!

In honor of Earth Day, Rieke will host two Waste-Free lunch days on Wednesday, March 16, and Wednesday, April 20. Last year, the kids had a lot of fun with this and were able to see the dramatic drop in garbage from their waste-free lunches! So on Wednesday, March 16, our goal is to create ZERO waste at school from lunches brought from home. Parents, if your child brings a lunch to school on that day, please help us meet our goal! Please consider using reusable containers, cloth napkins, etc.

Make Your Voice Heard

You recently received a letter from the Rise up for Rieke campaign. Please consider completing the PTA survey to help ensure your voice is heard when funding decisions are considered. Click the following link to take the survey now:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H595GLR>

Next Scrip Order: March 7

Scrip orders are due on Mondays at 3 PM. These are the first Monday of each month.

Delivery is Thursday afternoon of the same week at 3 PM pickup. Special arrangements (child's backpack, delivery in person, or to your home) gladly made! Just write it on the form or contact the coordinator in advance: Cathy Biber, 503-892-3738 or cbiber@spiritone.com.

Forms are available from the Tigard-Tualatin School District website (they run the scrip program). Go to <http://www.tttd.k12.or.us/get-involved/scrip/> and click

on the link labeled Personal Order Form to download the PDF file. Or look for them in the school office.

Brain Teaser

Submitted by London in 2nd grade:

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Got something for the Rapper?

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.