



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
<b>Mon., 3/7</b>	<b>Scrip orders due 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Tues., 3/8</b>	<b>PTA meeting, 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed., 3/9</b>	<b>2-hr late opening</b>
<b>Fri., 3/11</b>	<b>Elementary school transfer deadline</b>
<b>Fri., 3/18</b>	<b>No school: Teacher Planning Day</b>
<b>3/21-3/25</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>

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

### From the Principal

It's Classified Staff Appreciation Week! Every member of the Rieke community is special and important. Many of the services offered outside of the classroom are provided by classified staff. These include: our secretaries Rachell and Liz, library assistant Mrs. Leschber, student support Ms. Virginia, custodians Maribel and Nick, Nutrition Services Daureen, Occupational Therapist Ms. Angle, and Physical Therapist Ms. McLuen. Our bus drivers are also classified employees.

As you pass through the building this week, help us celebrate and acknowledge the work that our fabulous classified staff contributes to our school community.

Rieke School has a focus on writing this year. We've been collecting student data in a variety of areas, as outlined in our school improvement plan. Our latest 'look' at the trend data has shown that spelling the 'no excuse' words is still an area for improvement. These words are posted in every classroom and are added to the word walls in K-2.

In Kindergarten, first, and second grade, these words are introduced *first* as words to read then are used and reinforced in writing. For grades 3-5, these words are expected to be produced accurately in writing. We have included the word list in the mailing of this weeks Rapper. It might be time for some spelling over dinner or in the car!

*Andrea*

### Notes from the Office

Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books team! The Bookworms, composed of Claire Haats, Chloe Cowan, Julia Johnston, Madeline Mapes, and Emily Eddy placed 13<sup>th</sup> in a field of 37 in the Regional Competition in Estacada this weekend. Thank you Mrs. Leschber for coordinating this opportunity for the Rieke students!

Wednesday Late Opening: the late opening for March is this Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. The lunch menu calendar has it listed incorrectly.

Fourth and fifth graders will be taking the State OAKS Reading assessment this week.

The Wellness Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, in room 15. All interested parents and teachers may attend.

### This week is a Green Week!

#### Late Start Morning Field Trip – Wednesday, March 9th

Come with the Rieke Green Team and EcoThink Club for a special ranger-guide hike at Tryon Creek State Park. Please sign up in the office or email [jamie.repasky@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.repasky@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. We are meeting at 9 AM in the nature center. We will hike rain or shine so bring boots and a change of clothes if it is muddy!

#### Parent Green Team meeting – Wednesday, March 9th

Are you interested in helping with the school energy audit, looking into ways we can reduce waste at lunch, starting a school garden, or volunteering with the student EcoThink Club? See you on Wednesday at 3:10 PM in Ms. Smith's classroom.

#### EcoThink Club meeting - Friday, March 11th

This student green team is for all grades and will include games and activities about recycling, conservation, gardening, health and wellness from 3:10-4:15 PM. Please see the attached permission form, which has more detailed information, or check out our website, <http://riekeecothink.blogspot.com>. So far this year we have explored natural resources, physical fitness, sustainability, wants vs. needs, and advertising archeology!

**Congratulations to Rieke Chess!**

Congratulations to the members of the Rieke Chess Team, who won a third place team award at the Whitford/Cooper Mountain Chess tournament on Saturday, Feb. 26. Aria Bratschi, Kira Dobbins, Luke Geist, and Michael Schuff worked together in the K-3 section and came away with a great trophy. Added congratulations to Michael, who won a medal for a "plus" score of 3 wins, and to Michael and Kira, who won sportsmanship awards.

Rieke Chess Club meets in the library on Thursdays at 5:00 PM. This coming Thursday, we will begin an in-house Rieke Tournament. Anyone is welcome to join at any time! Contact Jeff Dobbins (503) 245-3084 for more information.

**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](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 PM. 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](mailto:jamie.repasky@gmail.com)

**Safe Routes to School**

**Bike camp for students with disabilities, Bike First, registration now open**

For the past four years, Bike First (in affiliation with Loose the Training Wheels) has collaborated to offer Clinics for students with disabilities. Bike First Camps help children with disabilities or special needs gain stability to master the skills needed to balance and steer a two-wheeled bicycle allowing them to play with their siblings and peers with new confidence. The clinics have helped students ranging from autism, mild cerebral palsy to Down syndrome ride a bike.

If you know a child at your school who could benefit from a bike clinic please have their parents register them at the Bike First website, <http://www.bikefirstttw.com/>. Safer Routes to School offers full sponsorship for students who participate. For more information, please contact Carolina at (503) 823-1189

**Are you up for the Challenge?**

May Walk+Bike Challenge Month is almost here!

Throughout the month of May, students from all across Oregon will participate in Walk+Bike Challenge Month. The Challenge is a free month-long competition between Oregon students of all ages to see who can walk, bike, scoot or skate the most. Last year over 60 area Portland schools participated in the challenge.

Safe Routes to School will be holding free trainings for Walk+Bike Challenge Month. We are holding a training two months ahead of Walk+Bike Challenge month so that organizers can plan BIG for their schools.

Walk+Bike Challenge Month Training  
Gregory Heights Library  
March 1 (Tuesday), 4-5 PM  
7921 NE Sandy Boulevard, Portland, OR 97213

To RSVP for trainings or for more information about Walk+Bike Challenge Month, contact Carolina at [carolina.iraheta@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:carolina.iraheta@portlandoregon.gov) or (503) 823-1189.

**Safe Routes is Celebrating, Come join us for our Spring Kick-Off**

We want to invite you and your family to the Safe Routes Spring Kick-Off (Saturday, April 2). The Spring Kick-off will be a chance to celebrate Safe Routes and encourage more families to walk and bike. The celebration will include activities for all ages.

- Students: Participate in a bike rodeo, play games and learn safe walking and biking tips
- Parents: A series of workshops designed to get families walking and biking
- Everyone: helmet fitting, bike repair, safety activities, a community bike ride (bikes and helmets available to borrow), and more!
- Lunch will be provided

April 2, 2011 (Saturday)  
10:00 AM–2:00 PM  
Beach PK-8 School  
1710 N Humboldt St, 97217

RSVP to Clay at [Clay.Veka@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Clay.Veka@portlandoregon.gov) or (503) 823-4998

Mark your calendars! More details are coming next month (or check our website for more information, [www.saferoutesportland.org](http://www.saferoutesportland.org)).

### **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.

### **PTA Meeting**

**When:** Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Please join us for our March Meeting. We will be reviewing the Survey Monkey results on funding priorities and discussing our 2011/12 budget. Our principal, Andrea Porter will give an update on what's happening at school.

For information contact Dick Hausken at (503) 245-5376 or [dhausken@aol.com](mailto:dhausken@aol.com).

### **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](mailto:cbiber@spiritone.com).

Forms are available from the Tigard-Tualatin School District website (they run the scrip program). Go to <http://www.ttsd.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.

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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.