



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
<b>Tues., 2/8</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 7 PM</b>
<b>Wed., 2/9</b>	<b>2-hr Late Opening</b>
<b>Fri., 2/11</b>	<b>Spirit Day – “twins”</b>

Annie Hayflick  
 Naomi Cohen  
 Kristen Lex  
 Jennifer O’Conner-Smith  
 Anne Johnston Silverberg  
 Dick Hausken

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

**From the Principal**

Getting to and from school is a daily routine for most families. Bus stops, red lights, crosswalks, sidewalks, all become part of the trip. With the help of our Rieke Safety Patrol, families can safely cross at both the SW 13th/Vermont corner and at the school parking lot. As a driver, it’s sometimes a wait to get in and out of the parking lot.

The intersection at the Vermont/Bertha crossing is unsupervised at this time. We rely on parents and students to wait for the appropriate crossing signals and for the traffic to yield to the pedestrians. In recent mornings, those when the fog had settled in, we could hear squealing tires at the intersection. And, unfortunately, one of those times was followed by sirens. In the end, the ambulances left without injured passengers.

With or without fog, that intersection is tricky to navigate. If your child crosses Bertha or Vermont at the bottom of the hill, please review safe crossing protocol and remind them to look for turning cars. Likewise, if you drive through that intersection, please be alert for pedestrians. Three schools use those crossings at three different times of the morning and afternoon making a long school crossing time each day.

*Andrea*

**Notes from the Office**

The Lost and Found is overflowing...again. Please stop by the front hallway to review the season’s treasures. We will display the items until Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. After that time items will be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet.

A special thank you to the volunteers at Kindergarten Round Up, your help is always appreciated!  
 Nikki Dorfman  
 Shannon Pullen

**Science Fair Update**

Thursday April 7, 6:30–8:00. Doors open at 5:00 to set-up your projects.

We’ve got great things lined up for this year’s fair! Come learn about ecology, light waves and diffusion in our hands-on laboratory.

Plus, Rick Kang, statewide classroom outreach presenter for University of Oregon’s Pine Mountain Observatory, is coming to show us a “Survey of What’s Going On in Space”.

If you’d like to volunteer, please let us know.

We can’t wait to see you there!

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**Rieke Green Team/EcoThink Field Trip**

The Rieke Green Team and EcoThink club has arranged a field trip to Recology. Here we can see what is happening to the Styrofoam we have collected. This is the place where it is melted down to make material for other uses. We will have a sign-up sheet in the office for those who are interested in participating. We will meet 8:15, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at Rieke’s parking lot to arrange for car-pooling. This is a late start morning. The tour is at 9:00am. We plan for arrival time back at school to be 10:30am. For more information contact Cindy Eldkrona, [eldkrona@yahoo.com](mailto:eldkrona@yahoo.com). For those who wish to travel directly the address is:

Recology, 4040 N. Suttle Rd., Portland OR, 97217

**RGMS Multicultural Fair is Coming Soon!**

The Robert Gray Mutlicultural Fair is coming soon! It is a great community event and a great way to introduce incoming Rieke students to middle school. The event takes place Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–8 PM and will include ethnic entertainment, crafts and food. The event and crafts are free; tickets will be sold there for food and beverage.

### Family Matinee Series: Spring

Rieke families, it's almost time for the spring Family Matinee Series at Valley Cinema Pub on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets last time—you helped raise around \$500 for the PTA! The movies are a great activity to do as a family during these still-cold months. There will be 10 movies in the series, one each week beginning in February, for a total cost of \$9. Parents attend free with a child who has a ticket. With each 10-movie sheet of tickets, you also get one free ticket to see a non-series movie (worth \$4); if you use that ticket, it brings the cost for the matinee series to 50 cents per movie! It's a great, economical way to see some family friendly films. The concessions prices are reasonable, too!

Once the theater finalizes the dates and titles, we'll share that information in the Rapper. If anyone is able to help distribute tickets before or after school, please contact me, Joann Ng, at [jgekko1@aol.com](mailto:jgekko1@aol.com); put "RIEKE" in the subject line.

Thanks, and see you at the movies!

### Rieke Service Club: 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 8:45am)

**Where:** Wilson Park neighborhood (meet-up location will be announced in an upcoming Rapper)

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](mailto:annie.hayflick@comcast.net)) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

### Attention, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!

Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion festivities. But we need your help. We will be showing a video montage of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders with photos from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

We would like you to please send in your photos of your child and classmates at a school activity to Leo Rubin's grandma. She has offered to make the video for us.

Either put them on a CD and give to Leo or forward your photos to Leah Rubin, [ml2rubin@msn.com](mailto:ml2rubin@msn.com)

Questions? Contact Melissa Rubin, [dmjlrubin@yahoo.com](mailto:dmjlrubin@yahoo.com)

### Rieke Yearbook: It's never too early to plan!

It may be January, but planning for the Rieke yearbook is already underway! Keep the yearbook in mind when photographing class or school events. All submissions are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>—no fooling! Email them to me, or burn a disk and put it in the PTA box in the office. Let your children's memories be captured on paper!

Thanks,  
Jenn Van Vleet  
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(503) 997-6951

### Portlanders for Schools Phone Bank: Feb 24

A new kind of slot party! Thursday, February 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at 1006 SE Grand, Suite 350.

As the Rieke Captains for the proposed PPS capital improvement bond, Judith Baker, Anne Hill and Cindy Duley need your help to prove how strong the Rieke Rocket community is! We are filling 15 PHONE BANK slots each month beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> at the campaign headquarters in SE Portland. We will be calling our neighbors asking for their support. A script will be provided. 15 Robert Gray Middle School volunteers will be scheduled the same night, so please come out for a good cause, and maybe see some old friends or make some new ones. Carpooling and post phone bank refreshments available.

Contact one of us or stop by the office to sign up. See [www.portlandersforschools.com](http://www.portlandersforschools.com) for additional information.

Thank you!

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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.