



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
11/21 & 22	Conferences (AM/PM), No School for students
Wed., 11/23	No school
11/24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday: school closed
Fri., 12/2	First Friday assembly

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

From the Principal

As mentioned in October, here is some background information on our two newest staff members, Mr. Eric Swehla, first grade teacher and Mrs. Stephanie Corbett, basic skills support.

From Mr. Swehla: Being new to Rieke, I thought I should let you know a little about myself.

My name is Eric Swehla, I come from a family of teachers. My mom retired from teaching first and second grade at McKay School in Beaverton. My dad retired from teaching science at Wilson HS. He died in a car accident two years ago, but would have been thrilled to have me teaching here!

I was born in the Philippines, but attended K-4 at the Markham schools (there used to be a Markham Primary behind Barbur Foods). Then we moved to Newberg where I grew up on a small farm milking a couple of cows and preparing chickens and rabbits for stew. I graduated from Lewis & Clark College in Political Science and am still involved in local politics. During college I went to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, and Japan. I also spent most of a year in DC. I started teaching in 1999 with my licensure and ESOL endorsement through Lewis and Clark.

My spouse Janet and I are working on our 25th year of marriage. She has worked for many years in social services for Spanish speakers, but has recently started into the teaching profession. Our daughter, Kaia, graduated from American University in DC last spring. She is now in Santiago, Chile looking for work. Our son Nigel graduated from Grant HS last year and is working on general education classes at PCC.

In my free time, I enjoy canoeing, reading, working with wood, gardening, and doing political work. Our family also spends time with international students—currently one from Japan and one from Saudi Arabia. We enjoy the study of other cultures, race, and gender issues.

I enjoy working with kids of all ages. I came to Rieke from Cesar Chavez K-8 in North Portland. Chavez had expected more students than it had and needed to reduce teachers. Rather than have our only African American teacher leave the school (student population apx. 15% AA), I volunteered to move. It has been fun to end up coming back to the area I grew up in.

It is a pleasure to join such a fine group of students, parents, and educational staff here at Mary Rieke. I look forward blasting off to a great year as a Rocket!

From Mrs. Corbett: My name is Stephanie Corbett. I have worked in the Portland Public School district for the past 19 years. I spent my first five years at Faubion Elementary School and the next 13 years at Chief Joseph Elementary School providing academic support services to students. I began this school year at Chief Joe but was invited to move to Rieke.

I moved to Portland in 1983. My husband's name is Brian and we have two sons Matt, 27, who just got married in July and Nathan, 24, who lives in Seattle.

I have three dogs and live in N.E. Portland. I enjoy shopping with my daughter-in-law, scrapbooking and Starbucks!

The kids and staff at Rieke have been very welcoming and I am very excited to be part of this very strong community of learners.

From Ms. Porter: Mr. Swehla opened his Rieke first grade classroom on October 19th after joining our staff on the 17th. Thank you to the parents who helped to move him in and get set up on such a short timeline. Our first graders are happy with their new space and smaller class sizes.

Mrs. Corbett began serving students this week. Her schedule includes students in grades 1-5 and she supports reading (decoding, fluency and comprehension), writing (spelling, ideas and content, conventions) and math (number sense, math problem solving, and basic math skills). Sometimes, she will push-in to classrooms to support students during instruction. Mrs. Corbett teaches in room 15, in the north building.

Andrea

Notes From The Office

Do you support a classroom teacher by running a pull-out group? We appreciate your time and want things to go smoothly. Please check in at the office to find out about available space. Room 15 is now a working class space and is not available for groups at many times of

the day. We have identified open space and will help coordinate your meeting location.

The Rieke office could use a few pairs of girls jeans/sweats or leggings in sizes 7, 8, 10, 10 plus and 12's. Please contact the office if you can help us out with this need.

Fall weather is here! Are you missing a jacket? Please check the lost and found as it is full of sweatshirts and coats. Not to forget hats, gloves, water bottles and lots of other items.

Notes From The Classroom

Class News from Ms. Williamson, Room 4; as told by Kat Hausken:

Last week in room 4 we went to Chief Lelooska. We saw some dances and heard Native American songs and tales. Next, in the museum we saw baskets and canoes and masks. For lunch we went to a park with a playground. Then someone found a bullfrog and they picked it up and put it in a lake and it swam away.

We have also been working on our writing samples and math. Also, last Wednesday some kids did a *Justin Bieber Plays Flash Cards with Albert Einstein, Part 2* skit.

Class News from Mrs. Savage/Rebholz, Room 10; as told by Oliver Hamilton:

We started reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the class is really liking it. We shopped for math story problems which means we walk to other people's desks and there is a math problem in an envelope and you grab it and do the math. It's fun!

Rieke Student Council

Food Drive

The Rieke Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive starting November 14 and running through December 14. Every month, more than 260,000 Oregonians need emergency food boxes, 85,000 of which are children. **You can help.** There will be donation boxes in each classroom and a communal box in the main hallway.

Donation items needed: canned foods, boxed foods, non-perishable items such as dried fruits, rice, granola bars, cereal, powdered milk, peanut butter, tuna, stew, canned chicken, dried beans and peas, canned beans and lentils, jarred sauces, soup, Top Ramen, chili, mac and cheese, pasta, crackers, jelly, 100% fruit/vegetable juice, apple sauce, cooking oil, soap, toilet paper etc.

Anything you can donate, even one can of food, will help a family who is not as fortunate.

Sock Drive

The Rieke Student Council is sponsoring a sock drive starting November 14 and running through December 14, there will be a container in the main hall for donation

purposes. All sizes and styles are needed to provide to children and adults who need them.

Rieke Auction News

Thank you, thank you! The 50th Anniversary Gala Auction was a HUGE success. What a touching experience it was to witness such amazing volunteerism. We couldn't have done it without our families, neighbors and businesses in our community. All of these volunteers put countless hours and hard work into creating such a lively and fun evening. Our children are truly the winning bidders now.

~Skye Leybold

A big thank you to our sponsors:

Gold level: West Side Electric Co; Sigma Investment Mgmt; Cascade Custom Software; David B Wiley, DMD LLC; Katie Sengstake of Realty Trust; and Paloma Clothing.

Silver level: Kim Handick Orthodontics; Hillsdale Veterinary Group; Korkage Wine shop; Hillsdale Eyecare; Baskin & Robbins; and Green & Milligan Design.

The following people contributed their time (hours!) and talent (amazing!) to this year's event. Thank you so much!

Rieke 2011 Auction Volunteers

Auction Team

Skye Leybold; Kelly Laboe; Charli Nesbitt

Event Coordinator

Korinne James

Volunteer Coordinator

Lorrie Biggs

Procurement

Charli Nesbit; Laura Connell; Amber Burkett; Leslie Bradley; Erica Wells; Melissa Peng

Merchandise Pick-up

Naomi Cohen

Slot Party Procurement

Anne Hill; Lisa O'Toole

Wine Procurement

Anne Hill

Catalog

Kelly Laboe; Kim Meyers

Ticket Sales

Lorrie Biggs; June Bremmer; Diane Kono; Mary Weinberg

Poster Canvassing

Mary Weinberg; Tania Giger; Leanne Van Horn

Class Art Projects

Kelly Fale Olsen and Kim Scheewe Kirk—Chairs

Taiby - Kasey Huber and Laura Connell

Waymire - Annie Hayflick

Reddekopp - Patty Fale, Nicole Olszewski and Lisa Nelson

Baker - Wendy Slocum, Laura Connell

Smith - Stacy Hergenhan

Swehla - Tiffany Schuster

Waters - Nadya Kozyreva-White

Savage/Rebholz - Melissa Saunders, Jill Shiels, Dana Sullivan, Lisa Pierce, Kristy Hamilton, Skye Leybold, Janis Pfannenstiel

Erickson - Kim Scheewe-Kirk and Camille Scheewe

Plein - Carla Asplund, Anne Eddy and Korinne James

Foley-Winetraub - Paige & Robin Wilcox and Naomi Cohen

Donnelly - Monica Cullen-Musengo, Kelly Fale-Olsen and Andrew Yeomans

Williamson - Nadya Kozyreva-White and Annie Hayflick

Sturges - Kristen Lex and Stacey Hergenhan

Herder - Ali Heiken, Linda Huesby, Brian Heiken, and Michelle Becker

Austin - Kim Scheewe , Peter Kirk

Cake Table

Cindy Eldkrona

Silent Auction Set Up

Anne Eddy; Leslie Bradley; Laura Connell; Erin Barnett; Ali Heiken

Ballroom Set Up

Nikki Dorfman; Naomi Cohen; Paige Wilcox

Bid Spotters

Ericka Pollock; Laura Connell; Jill Shiels; Tania Giger

Wine Wall

Sherry Bonekat

Check-in/Check-out Data Entry

Alena Lauritson; Ellen Singer; Dan Molloy; Dina Nieri; Amy Hyatt; Marcia Coodley

Table Closers/Packaging

Tiffany Schuster; Nadya Kozyreva-White; Eric White; Sandy Castles; Jill Anderson; Courtney Cowan; Shannon Pullen

Wine Sale Tallies

Michelle Bexelius; Sherry Bonekat

Golden Ticket

Leanne Van Horn; Jim Van Horn

Inclement Weather

Winter weather is on the way. Although rare, it is sometimes necessary to close school or delay the opening of school due to the unsafe weather conditions. In making the decision if schools should remain open or closed, first consideration is given to student and staff safety, while keeping in mind the importance of attendance and learning. Before the school district makes the decision, local meteorologists, transportation officials, regional school districts, and traffic safety experts are consulted. The school district will attempt to make the decision as early as possible and communicate it quickly to the media and our website. Sometimes it will be possible to make the decision the night before, but often this decision cannot be made until early in the morning. The Student Transportation Department will be distributing the Alternate Emergency Snow Route Stops booklet to students who ride the bus. Please refer to this book when we announce through the media and our website that Portland Public Schools' buses will be on snow routes. In the rare event PPS calls a 2-hour late opening on a day your school has a scheduled late opening, school will start 2 hours later than your normal bell time—not 2 hours later than your late opening time. For example if your normal bell time is 8:35 AM, your scheduled late start time is 10:35 AM, and the district calls a 2 hour late opening due to inclement weather school will start at 10:35 AM. As a general rule PPS will not close schools early. The chances of children arriving home early without parental supervision or the ability to gain entry clearly presents concerns when poor weather conditions are forecasted. All of our schools are capable of providing shelter in place until the end of the school day. As always, parents have the individual choice of picking up their child prior to the end of the school day.

Sometime in November the Snow Books will be distributed to students that ride school buses. Local radio and television stations will broadcast closure and late opening information. You can also check for updates on the District's website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us> or local media websites. Families will be notified via the Rapid Broadcast System. New this year, the district has set up a Twitter feed to relay closure, delay and emergency information at no cost. You may sign up to receive the free alerts at www.twitter.com. Simply search PPSAlerts and click "follow". If you don't already have one, you will need to set up a Twitter account.

Tinker Toy's gives back to schools

All day November 14–16 Thinker Toys in Multnomah Village will donate 15% of the sales to the school of your choice. At checkout you will just need to tell them which school you would like to support.

They are open daily from 9:30 AM–7:00 PM.

Thinker Toys
7784 SW Capital Hwy.
Multnomah Village
(503) 245-3936

Your Online Shopping Can Earn Money for Rieke

If you shop online at Target, Crate and Barrel, Apple, Hanna Andersson, Macys, Nordstrom, Old Navy, The Disney Store, Kohls, LL Bean or any of the 150+ stores that support Box Tops for Education, every online purchase you make could be earning for our school. Will you take 2 minutes to sign up? Ask grandparents and friends, too!

Sign up now, and even your holiday shopping could help our school, here's how: go to BoxTopsForEducation.com or BTFE.com and click on the green "Earn" tab along the top, scroll down to Marketplace. Once at Marketplace you can look at the special offers or just "See all Stores." If you haven't joined the BoxTops site yet, you will need to. This takes about 12 seconds. Our school is under "Rieke." Now, just start your online shopping here and that's it. No clipping or collecting. It's all electronic. It's easy and every dollar we earn helps our school during tough times for education.

Thank you! Questions? Ask Claire Cowan or Leah Henderson.

Chinook Book 2011

Chinook Book is back for 2011 with even more options than before! The book has more coupons this year, but the price is still \$20. There is also an i-Phone card, which will be compatible with Android in November that puts the local coupons right onto your phone for only \$10. And you can get both the book and the card for just \$25. Make sure to pick up your Chinook Book in the school office to help benefit the Rieke PTA. You can also email Jennifer Martin at jenaud08@yahoo.com if you are not able to make it by the school office and she can arrange delivery for you. Thanks for your support of Rieke PTA!

Safe Routes 2 School

Hey kids!! The Safe Routes Cartoon Contest

How much do you like to walk or bike to school? Draw us a cartoon to show why it is fun to walk or bike to school. Also write us a funny title for your cartoon. Send your cartoon to Safe Routes. The winner will receive a backpack filled with fun Safe Routes to School goodies. The winning cartoon will also be published in the next Safe Routes newsletter. Send submissions to Safe Routes Cartoon Contest, Attn: John Chism, 1120 SW 5th Ave, Ste 800, Portland, OR 97204, or email to John.Chism@portlandoregon.gov. Please include your name, grade and school. Deadline to mail is December 17, 2011.

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