



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
Mon., 4/4	Scrip orders due 3:00 PM
Thurs., 4/7	Science Fair
Tues., 4/12	PTA Meeting/Officer Elections
Wed., 4/13	2-Hr Late Opening
Thurs., 4/14	Rat Race (rain date: 4/21)
4/18-4/24	Screen-Free Week
Wed., 4/20	Family Math Night

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

From the Principal

April showers bring May flowers...and a lot of activity at Rieke! We kicked off the month of April with our First Friday Assembly, featuring Mr. Plein's class, a recycling and rethinking video, and a fun twist for April Fool's Day. Lev, Katie and Emma (Wev, Jatie and Emma) helped us all to get 'spoonerized'. (Trade the first sound in your first name with the first sound in your last name. Not different enough for you? Try the last sounds instead.)

Third, fourth, and fifth graders will begin round 2 of math state testing next week, followed by round 2 of reading. Fifth graders will take the science state test in the next few weeks, too. It is worth repeating that the math scores for meeting and exceeding in all grades have gone up a significant amount (+7). We have been providing 'second dose' math groups that cover key math vocabulary and skills that are assessed. This, along with daily math instruction, will better position students to approach the test with the confidence and skills needed to meet and exceed the new scores.

Stay up to date with this month's events by viewing the Rapper, checking us out on our website, and visiting school. There's a lot going on this month: Science Fair, RAT Race, Family Math Night, Earth Week. Don't forget Art Fair on May 1st. I hope you have a chance to join us at one of these fun events.

Andrea

Rieke RAT Race is Coming April 14!

Support your school's arts and technology! Bright orange RAT Race pledge forms were sent home before spring break. Please help students solicit pledges for the run and then return the form to school. We'll need the pledge forms during the run to mark down completed laps. Then the students will get their form back for pledge collections after the run. Participation by 80% of the students last year resulted in more than \$16,000 raised! Widespread participation by the students really makes the difference in this fundraiser. There will be a small prize again this year for runners who return their pledge forms after the run. Thanks, Kirsty and Ruth

Pledge forms due: April 12
Run date: April 14
Rain date: April 21
Pledge money due: May 11

Rieke Yearbook Orders

Don't miss your opportunity to order your yearbook for only **\$15.00** each. Orders will be taken from April 4-22, 2011.

Rieke Chess Club at State Tournament

Congratulations to the members of the Rieke Chess Club who participated at the OSCF State Chess tournament in Seaside this last weekend. Alexander Duley, Kira Dobbins, and Michael Schuff (along with Club members and Rieke alums Nathan Jewell and Aaron Pinney) qualified for state by playing throughout the year. At the Seaside tournament, they had fun, played hard, and took home some trophies: Alexander and Michael both took home first place trophies in their Blitz (5 minute) chess sections. In the longer games on Saturday, Alexander won a medal for the notable result of 4 wins in his section, and Nathan (fifth place in his section) and Aaron (a spectacular first place in his section) won trophies in their groups as well. In addition, everyone's ratings will increase as a result of their play this weekend. Up next weekend: The "Girls Play Chess" tournament in Hillsboro!

Chess club will not meet this week due to the science fair. If you're interested in attending, email Jeff Dobbins at sjdprods@dslnorthwest.net.

TAG 101 Meeting

You are invited to attend a parent meeting to review the District Talented and Gifted (TAG) goals and be introduced to District TAG staff and resources. This is especially helpful if your child was identified as TAG for the first time this year.

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011
7:00pm – 8:30pm
At the BESC Board Room
501 N Dixon St
Portland, OR 97227

RIEKE gear on sale!

RIEKE SPIRIT WEAR has been redesigned! We're back to the Rieke R logo!!!! Please fill out your order form and turn into your teachers or office with your check or money. We are going to be placing this order FOR SURE! Sia Whelden will be selling the apparel Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Mornings in the main hall. Please contact Sia Whelden (503) 998-0744 or email siapia1@comcast.net with any questions or to email your order forms. Please include your students name and your email and phone number on the order forms. The last day to order your gear is April 15th! There are two pages to the order form. There are many color choices for each item you order. Please specify your color and size on your order forms! GO RIEKE!!!

Rieke EcoThink Club

International Plastic Quilt Project

At our meeting this Friday, April 8, at 3:10 PM, the EcoThink Club will be creating quilt squares for the International Plastic Quilt Project. If you or your family would like to join us in creating squares for the quilt we would love to see you there. Please let us know if you'd like to participate so sufficient snacks can be provided. Take the "plastics challenge" and collect the plastics that your family uses over the week; these will be the raw materials for the quilt. For health reasons, please do not include plastics that have been in contact with raw meat. For more information about the project, go to www.createplenty.org/internatl-plastic-quilt/. To learn more about creation of the plastic quilt and the plastic challenge, see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDcfqKuOv6k>

We hope to hang our quilt in the school hallway during Earth week. To facilitate this, we are looking for a volunteer willing to sew along the edges and across the center of each of the quilt squares. If interested, please contact jamie.repasky@gmail.com

Start saving your plastics!

Tryon Creek State Park and Rieke EcoThink Club will host an "Earth Week Plastic Drive" April 18–22. Please start collecting plastics that your family uses, clean and bring them to Reike any morning of Earth Week. We will have a table outside of the main school door to collect

the plastics from 8:15–8:45 AM each day. The Tryon Creek Rangers will help transport what we collect to Farwest Fibers for recycling. The types of plastics that can be recycled through this drive include:

- grocery bags
- bread/vegetable bags
- zip lock and freezer bags
- frozen food bags
- bubble wrap
- dry cleaning bags
- clam shell/to-go containers
- plastic lids (yogurt, milk, soda, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact jamie.repasky@gmail.com

5th Grade Promotion Activities

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS:

If you have not turned in your form for the 5th grade promotion activities please do so ASAP (the form is attached to the Rapper).

We need to have payment for the end of the year party at SWCC if your child is going to attend (there are scholarships available-contact the office).

There are also opportunities to sponsor another student, contribute to the teacher gift and purchase a copy of the auction art piece.

Also, keep taking photos on these great field trips for the video and forward them to mj2rubin@msn.com or give a CD to Leo.

PTA Officer Nominations

Would you like to be more involved at Rieke? The nominating committee is currently seeking candidates for PTA officer positions for next year. Although we currently have a full slate of officers for next year's officer positions, many opportunities exist to help PTA and you are encouraged to inquire.

Officer elections will take place at the next PTA meeting, 7:00 April 12 in the Rieke library, and transitional duties begin in May. For more information, or to put your name in, please contact nominating committee members Sharon Scheurer at sharonscheurer@yahoo.com, Anne Eddy at aeddy@cascadecs.com, or Cindy Duley at cynthia.duley@comcast.net.

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Got something for the *Rapper*?

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