



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
May	Walk & Bike to School Month
5/2-5/6	Staff Appreciation Week
Tues., 5/3	Make-up run for RAT Race, 2:15 PM
Thur., 5/5	Casa Colima Dining for Dollars
Fri., 5/6	Spirit Day and First Friday Assembly, 8:45 AM
5/6, 5/13-15	High School Musical at RGMS
Mon., 5/9	Scrip orders due 3:00
Tues., 5/10	PTA meeting, 7PM
Wed., 5/11	2-Hr Late Opening Kindergarten Welcome 12:30
Thur., 5/12	Volunteer Recognition 8:45 AM
Fri., 5/13	Rieke Sock Hop 6:45-8:00 PM
Sun., 5/15	Plant Sale pickup

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

From the Principal

Welcome to May, our last full month of the school year. On Sunday, the Rieke Art Fair and Hillsdale Springfest were celebrated under sunny skies. The playground, soccer field, parking lot, school gym and library were teeming with people out enjoying the celebration. Thank you to all who contributed their time to making the art fair a success.

The May First Friday Assembly will kick off with the Wilson HS band. We will celebrate our last spirit day on Friday: "School is Cool! I am going to College!" Rieke gear, RGMS, Wilson, any college gear suits the theme. (We are hoping to have the recently ordered Rieke gear.)

Are you a volunteer? I hope you'll be able to join us on Thursday, May 12th at 8:45 in the cafeteria for our annual Volunteer Recognition event. Entertainment will be provided and treats will be served.

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Staff Appreciation Week!

This is a very important week to show our staff just how much they are appreciated. Here's what we've got planned. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact the coordinators listed below to see what you can do. Each day, the staff will be getting a new treat...it's loads of fun and they (our Rieke Staff) truly appreciate it!

Monday, 5/2: Let's get this party started by celebrating Staff Appreciation Week with a ton of cupcakes for them to eat! Contact Georgea Edwards at rodgeorgeaeleni@comcast.net if you want to help make some cupcakes and distribute them to staff for Monday, May 2nd.

Tuesday, 5/3: Flowers make everything brighter! Help delight and brighten the day of Rieke's wonderful staff through the beauty of fresh picked flowers! Have your child/children bring in one or a handful of beautiful buds the morning of Tuesday, May 3rd. Bouquets will be assembled and distributed to all staff to celebrate all that they do for us. If you have any questions or would like to help assemble the bouquets, email Kelly Laboe at kelon11@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, 5/4: The Rieke staff now provide a breakfast option for our kids...now it's their turn! We will treat the Rieke staff Wednesday morning (May 4th), 7:45-9 AM to egg strata, coffee cake (donated) from Baker & Spice, fruit and coffee (donated) from Starbucks—THANK YOU BAKER & SPICE AND STARBUCKS!!!. Staff members can come sit and eat or fix a plate to take to their desks or classrooms...and, yes, we will clean up! A huge thank you to our hard-working school staff. If you want to help in some way with the breakfast, contact Erin Barnett at ebarnett@pps.k12.or.us.

Thursday, 5/5: It's cookie time! Let's show our wonderful Rieke staff how appreciative we are by baking some of our own unique, delicious treats for staff appreciation week. Cookies will be delivered on Thursday, 5/5. We will need help with baking, assembling the cookies platters and delivering to each of the staff members. If you are interested in baking for a good cause, please contact Jennifer Martin at jenaud08@yahoo.com for details. Let's make this a delicious day for everyone...Happy Baking!

Friday, 5/6: Gift bags for each staff member will be placed in the front hallway on Monday, 5/2 for students and parents to place items during the week. The gift bags will be delivered to the staff members on Friday, 5/6. Examples of items that you might put in the bags are notes, gift cards, pictures, treats or anything that you think will let our teacher or staff member know just

how important they are to you and to our community. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Patty Fale at patty.fale@alumni.usc.edu.

Let's make this a great week for our staff—they do so much for us and they need to know how much we appreciate them. Thanks, everyone, for all your contributions

Rise Up For Rieke Fundraiser Update

We have raised over \$23,000.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal, but we still need donations from many of you. We have approximately 250 families at Rieke. If 200 families donated an average of \$250 (\$25 a month for the 10 months of school) we would easily meet our goal. We have received donations from 67 generous Rieke families so far, averaging \$300. We have also received donations from grandparents and matching donations from employers. Does your company match charitable donations? If so, be sure and make your contribution count twice. Will you receive a tax refund this year? If so, consider donating a portion to Rieke. All donations are 100% tax deductible. We need and appreciate all donations large and small. We can now accept donations by credit/debit cards. Go to:

<http://rieke.tofinoauctions.com/riseup> and thank you!

All of PPS is expecting cuts to staff next year. Rieke is looking at a best-case scenario (with Rise Up For Rieke meeting its goal of \$50,000 and the Local Option Levy passing) of still losing 0.4 FTE (nearly half) of a full time licensed teacher. Join the PTA and the Rise Up For Rieke team at our next PTA meeting, Tuesday May 10th at 7:00 PM. We'll be discussing priorities for the funds raised; help us make the most of resources for our children's education! We have a NEW and exciting PTA fundraising survey, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NY6FCMF> and share your opinion.

A big thanks to those who have already donated! Special thanks to Anne Hill and Erica Wells for hosting a Rise Up For Rieke party!

Join the History Club!

Come and be a part of History Club at Rieke Elementary. We will be working on a history project to uncover the history of our Hillsdale community. Our plan is to make a large map of Hillsdale that describes significant events in Hillsdale's history. Do you know when Rieke Elementary was built? How about the Hillsdale library? And how long has the Baskin Robins been serving delicious ice cream? Join us to find answers to all these questions and more.

Who: Rieke students are invited to attend. Kindergarten and First graders must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian. Parent volunteers are welcome! Please let us know what days you can participate.

When: After school on Friday May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and June 3rd.

Where: Rieke Elementary Library.

What: An after school program run by a parent volunteer where we discuss history, do activities and

work on a project to create a map showing different histories in the Hillsdale community.

Permission form and more information attached to the *Rapper*.

EcoThink Club: Earth Week results

Plastic Drive

Thanks to all of your help, we collect 20 huge bags of plastics during last week's plastic drive! On May 4th, the Tryon Creek Rangers will be coming to the school assembly to talk to the students and help transfer the bags to Farwest Fibers to be recycled.

Waste-free lunch

On April 20th we conducted another lunch waste audit to compare the results between a normal lunch day and a waste-free day. The school reduced their total waste by 19% and food waste by 33%! We still had some problems with unused spork containers, 3-4 gallons of milk poured into the waste bin, and several untouched bananas/oranges. Overall, it was a great improvement – keep taking small steps each week to reduce your waste!

To see photos from the school's Earth week pledges, plastic drive, and waste-free lunch audit, go to <http://riekeecothink.blogspot.com/>

Rieke Talent Show Tryouts

Open to any 4th and 5th graders, tryouts will be Monday, May 16th or Monday, May 23rd, both at 1 pm. Please sign up with Ms. Donnelly before your desired tryout date. The Talent Show will be Thursday, June 9th, 1:30 PM, for the whole school, parents and guests. Performances limited to 3 minutes and subject to approval by selection committee. So go out there and polish your act!

"High School Musical" at Gray in May

Enjoy a fantastic show with high-energy song & dance numbers and a great message. Over 50 Gray students have put in tons of work as the cast and crew of this show – support them and theater programs at Gray by bringing yourself, friends, and family. The show will be performed at Gray on May 6, 13, 14 at 7 PM, and May 15 at 2 PM. Fun for the whole family!! Ticket info at www.graypta.org.

SOCK HOP Friday May 13th, Rieke Gym 7 – 8:30 Free!

Please join our rockin' soundman and DJ Bruce McCleave for a chance to cut loose and dance with your friends. This annual tradition honors the out-going 5th graders, but the whole school is invited. We need a few parents to chaperone and oversee the fun, but dancing is open to all ages!

Questions or volunteering, contact Mary Jo Cohen at thecohen4dk@gmail.com.

May is Walk and Bike to School month

At Rieke, we are lucky to have so many kids live close to school that can walk and bike, however one of the reasons that kids don't is due to safety concerns. Since we are so close to major roads this is a valid concern, and we are asking for your help. We need volunteers at two intersections (Bertha/Vermont and Capitol/Sunset) from 8:30-8:45 in the month of May to ensure that the kids can cross these intersections safely. There is parking in close proximity of both of these intersections and parents can drop their kids off so that they may walk the rest of the way with supervision.

Volunteers are welcome any day of the week! Email Sara Love at sara.love.nd@gmail.com to volunteer. Thanks.

Rieke PTA Survey

The Rieke PTA needs your input and opinions in planning programs and services that will benefit you and your children. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NY6FCMF>. Make sure your voice is heard!

5th Annual Girls' Basketball Camp at Wilson HS

Wilson High School will be holding its 5th annual girls' basketball camp June 27-July 1, 2011. The camp is for all incoming 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and incoming freshmen. While we will be stressing the importance of fun, we will also be stressing the importance of teamwork, hard work, and dedication. All camp participants will receive a Wilson Basketball T-shirt. The camp will be run by the Wilson High School coaching staff along with returning players in the program. Outstanding campers will earn All-Star Honors and will be recognized with a camp All-Star T-Shirt. We will also recognize a Camp MVP with a brand new ball as well.

Registrations can be mailed to the address in the registration form or you can reserve a spot via email: mnolan@pps.k12.or.us

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