



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
Mon., 5/30	No school—Memorial Day
Tues., 5/31	Spring Performance, 7 PM Wilson HS (students arrive by 6:30)
5/31–6/3	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs., 6/2	Dining for Dollars: Casa Colima
	Field Day, 3-5: 9-10:30, K-2 1-2:30
Fri., 6/3	Rieke Carnival, 6-8
Thurs., 6/9	Talent Show, 1:30
Fri., 6/10	5th grader's Float Parade, 2:00
Mon., 6/13	5th grade send off assembly, 1:30
Tues., 6/14	Clap out, 2:30
	Last day of school!

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

From the Principal

June is here! We have lots of learning and celebrating left before we part for summer vacation. I hope you'll be able to join us for some of the fun!

A reminder about 'dressing for the weather' when the sun does decide to appear: please make sure that your child wears appropriate footwear for recess and PE, flip-flop style shoes are not safe for uneven surfaces, running or climbing. Also, tank tops with 'spaghetti' straps must be worn under something else.

Please join me in congratulating Lisa Taylor for her years of service to the children of Rieke. We will celebrate her retirement on June 8th at 3:15 in the library. Come share a story or memory and add it to her scrapbook. We'll have a basket available if you'd like to bring some yarn for her knitting projects.

Andrea

Notes From The Office

We are planning already for next year. If your child will not be returning to Rieke in September, please call the office (503-916-5768) or send an email to Liz or Rachell so our class size numbers are accurate.

loughne@pps.k12.or.us or rspink@pps.k12.or.us

Year-End Meal Accounts

Any remaining account balances (positive or negative) on students' meal accounts at the end of the year will be automatically held for students at their current school or transferred to students' new schools within the district.

If your student is leaving the district, then you may call the Cafeteria Lead to arrange for a refund. Donations to the district's Pay It Forward Fund to help families who are not eligible for free meals are also welcome. Contact Patti Shafer at (503) 916-3398 to make donations.

Student Medications

Parents: Please be sure to pick up your child's medication the last day of school. ALL medication left after the last day of school will be discarded. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Nurse Catherine Friday AM
(503) 916-5768

It's Carnival Time!

The Rieke Carnival is this Friday, June 3rd from 6–8 PM. Online sales end Thursday, so save some time standing in line by purchasing your bracelets and food cards today!! **NEW THIS YEAR: THERE WILL BE NO EXCHANGE OF MONEY EXCEPT AT THE CASHIER TABLES UPON ENTRY TO THE CARNIVAL.** This is where the food card comes into play. See the tofino site for more information or contact Carla Asplund at cartroy@mac.com. The ever-popular dunk tank is back with a couple of mystery dunkees. Who will they be?? Bring your one-dollar bills to participate, as the dunk tank is the only activity that is not included in the bracelet fee. All money raised at the dunk tank goes directly to Rieke PTA, so toss early and often! In addition to the dunk tank and bounce houses, we have a new feature this year... the silent auction **CAKE WALL!!** Bring your checkbooks and be ready to bid on some amazing cakes. Also returning this year is the raffle prize table where fantastic prizes will be raffled throughout the night. And don't forget, the carnival couldn't happen without volunteers like YOU. Contact Claire Cowan at justplainclaire.com to sign up. Can't wait to see you at the carnival!
<https://rieke.tofinoauctions.com/carnival2011>

Final Dining For Rieke Dollars at Casa Colima 6/2/11

It's our last First Thursday at Casa Colima!

Celebrate the end of this fabulous school year with your friends and family at Casa Colima and 15% of the proceeds will benefit the Rieke PTA.

Be sure to mention that you are "dining for Rieke!"

Casa Colima is located at 6319 Southwest Capitol Highway, (503) 892-9944.

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Call: May 31–June 3

Parents: We are looking for parent helpers to staff the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. Parents help students locate books, tidy up shelves between classes, and help set-up and put-away the book fair. It's fun and an opportunity to help with a great fundraiser for Rieke. Please contact Regan Wylie (reganwylie@mac.com) if you are able to volunteer! Times for each class to visit the fair are listed in the attached flyer. Thank you for your support!

Regan Wylie & Kate Pagliasotti
Scholastic Book Fair co-chairs

Rat Race Fundraising is Awesome!

A wonderful effort by students, families, and neighbors, has raised over \$20,600 for arts and technology at Rieke next year! Thank you every one! Participation by students was excellent as classes raced to return pledge forms by the May 11 due date. The 2nd grade class of Savage/Rebholz blew away the competition with 100% of the students bringing back their pledge forms after the run! Sturges' 4th grade and Taiby's kindergarten classes took second and third places with over 80% of forms returned by the due date. Again, GREAT EFFORT! We continue to collect funds as the last few pledge forms come in. Please turn in any remaining funds so we can completely wrap up this effort. The last prizes have been handed out and we hope the students enjoyed them. Thanks again for the amazing fundraising! — Ruth and Kirsty

And the Box Top Winning Classroom is....

This year's biggest collector of Box Tops was Ms. Taiby! It was a landslide win and a well-deserved pizza party is in the works. Second place and the popsicle party goes to the Savage/Rebholz 3rd grade class. Also close in the running were Waymire, Sturges, Williamson and Taylor. But the big winner is Rieke – each box top collected brings in money to support our school. Thank you so much to every parent, child and teacher for your participation in this year's collection. What a big difference we all made together! We are so grateful for your help. The lucky winning classrooms will be contacted shortly to plan some fun parties! – Claire Cowan and Leah Henderson

Sock Hop Thank You!

Thanks to all the families who pitched in for the Sock Hop and made it a success. From cookie donations, music, photo booth pictures, lights and financial contributions to glow sticks. Kids loved the glow sticks, strobe lights and fun music (put on by Bruce McCleave

Noreena's dad). Thanks Bruce – and a special thank you to Mr. Herder for being our emcee that night. A true treat for all!

PTA Parent Survey Feedback

At our last PTA meeting, we discussed at length the results for the parent survey distributed through Survey Monkey. There was great feedback, and a lot of interest in pursuing some of the ideas generated by the survey. We talked about having committees dedicated to some of these items, and have described four of the main ones below. Please take a look, and let us know if you are interested in serving on any of the committees. It shouldn't be too great of a time commitment (some will take more time than others). Typically the groups will meet once every couple of months at times allotted during PTA meetings. However, these subcommittees should meet at least once over the summer in order to implement a plan for the 2011–12 school year.

Fundraising Committee

For the past two months there has been discussion about decreased funding to schools, and Rieke's own fundraiser to raise sufficient funds to offset the losses in teaching we might otherwise have faced. The PTA typically has a number of fundraisers during the year to support essential programs at Rieke (such as literacy and technology), and the survey results suggested that the current structure could be improved upon.

The Fundraising Committee will review the overall structure, focus and goals of fundraising at Rieke, along with brainstorming about specific fundraising models and possible events.

Parent Programs Committee

One of the interests strongly supported in the parent survey was the concept of "parent education programs" to be presented at PTA meetings. These might include such topics as "bullying", "raising boys," "raising girls," dealing with technology in the home, etc.

This committee will discuss how best to approach the idea of parent education topics, including program choice, timing, publicity and recruitment of speakers.

Student Programs Committee

Some schools have programs outside the regular curriculum that supplement the students' learning. Parents who have particular expertise and interest typically run them, and a small fee is charged for participation (if the family can afford it), with the intent of the program being cost-neutral. Some ideas include Lego robotics, knitting, specialty art and journalism. Even more fantastic ideas were brought up in the survey and at our PTA meeting.

This committee will brainstorm about program specifics, including logistics (time, frequency, location, duration), content and instructors.

Wish List Committee

Teachers often need items in their classroom that are not covered by PPS or grants. Such items can range from pencils to overhead projectors. Teachers have commented that it would be very helpful to provide a "wish list" of items they would like to have in their classrooms, and parents have said it would be nice to have a list to choose from should they want to give something to a classroom, rather than donating money.

This committee will interface with teachers and determine a list of items teachers would love to have in their classrooms.

Please contact Ruth White at ruthw1023@aol.com or Sharon Meieran at smeieran@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. We look forward to your involvement in these committees, and to some exciting programs for Rieke!

PTA Email Blast Change

Please send Shannon Pullen, the new PTA Secretary, your correct or updated email address if you are not currently receiving the PTA email blasts. Please send to riekepta@gmail.com.

How to keep up reading over the summer

You may not be able to check books out of the school library until next year, but here's two ways to keep reading. The Multnomah County Library is once again offering their Summer Reading Program "Get in Gear: Read". Flyers and game boards will be coming home, and since everyone is already signed up there's no reason not to read, read, read this summer. Next year Rieke will once again be participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books. This is a statewide program for 3rd-5th graders in which a list of 16 books is compiled for the students to read. In January, groups of four will compete in a "quiz" show format, with "In Which Book" and "Content" questions being asked about each of the books. The list for next year is out, so if you want to get ahead of the game or just have a list of good books to read, check it out.

Trina Leschber
Library Assistant
Rieke Elementary
Wednesday – Friday

Quick Start, June 25th, 2011 – Concordia University Gym

Calling all individuals age 6 and up who need a little extra help learning to ride a bicycle. Quick Start is here to give you and your parents a helping hand. On Saturday June 25th, Bike First!* is holding our annual Quick Start Fundraiser. Each participant receives a 1½ hour session using specially adapted bicycles (visit www.losethetrainingwheels.org for more information about the bikes). Trained volunteers are paired with each child. You can find detailed information and on-line

registration at www.bikefirstlittw.com. Kick off the summer without those training wheels! Safe Routes for Schools is offering scholarships for those in PPS. Quick Start participation fee is FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

*Bike First! is a weeklong camp for children with disabilities using the same specially adapted bicycles to help kids ages 8 and up learn to ride without training wheels.

Summer Idea: Camp Invention

Does your child have great ideas? Does s/he love to invent? Here's a great way to cultivate that talent...sign him/her up for Camp Invention this summer. The nearest SW location will be held at Stephenson Elementary June 27-July 1. See attached flyer for further details and registration form or contact nikkidorfman@me.com with questions. Your child will be glad you did!

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

Summer Message from PPS Pulse

Summer's great for relaxing and getting reenergized, but it can also take a toll on academic success.

Here are some tips from [Eduguide](http://www.eduguide.com), an online resource for student success, and the [National Center for Summer Learning](http://www.nationalcenterforsummerlearning.org) with ways to keep your student learning this summer.

- **Watch TV.** But tell your child, "The program has to be something I approve of, and you need to write or tell me about it later." Or ask your child to act out a scene. Using language correctly enhances reading skills and interest in books.
- **Read a story,** together or independently. Afterward, ask your child to retell the story or act it out.
- **Listen and talk.** Find out how your student is doing and talk about your day, your work, and goals.
- **Practice math daily.** Measure items around the house or yard. Track daily temperatures. Add and subtract at the grocery store.
- **Have a scavenger hunt.** Make a list of simple things to find around the house. Help your child read the list, then turn her loose to find the objects.

Examples would be things that roll, are red, smooth or rough.

- **Write a letter.** The letter doesn't need to be long. The point is to finish it. And help, if needed, in addressing it and getting it in the mail.
- **Play a board game.** If you don't have any, check a thrift store. Many involve spinning a wheel or dice and counting out spaces. Counting, recognizing numbers and concentrating will help students in school.
- **Find a summer program.** There are great summer camps and programs in almost every price range. Camps offered by schools, recreation centers, universities and community-based organizations often have an educational or enrichment focus. Register for summer school or a tutor if your child needs help.
- **Create a daily schedule.** Provide structure and limits.
- **Take trips.** These can be low-cost visits to parks, museums, zoos and nature centers. Many libraries offer cultural passes for free admission.

Lastly, emphasize the fresh beginning.

Remind your student that every year is a new chance to do his or her best. Every September is a new start.

The Kindest Cut

Please join Rieke Mom and ClubSport Group Fitness Instructor Charli Nesbitt as she and others donate their hair to one of two charities (Pantene Beautiful Lengths or Locks of Love). Donated hair is provided to make wigs for women and children who have lost their hair from cancer treatment and other disorders. All haircuts are FREE and absolutely no money will be exchanged. You do not need to be a ClubSport member to participate and all ages are welcome!

The event will take place the weekend of September 9,10,11.

If you or your child or friend is interested in donating, please call the Activities Desk at ClubSport (503) 968-4555. They will collect your contact information and when the date gets closer will contact you to make your appointment.

Until then, keep growing your hair! For details and requirements for donating hair check out:

www.pantene.com/en-us/beautiful-lengths-cause/default.aspx
www.locksoflove.org

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