



<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Event</i>
May	Walk & Bike to School Month
5/6, 5/13-15	High School Musical at RGMS
Mon., 5/9	Scrip orders due 3:00
Tues., 5/10	PTA meeting, 7 PM
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
Tues., 5/17	SEPTAP meeting
Wed., 5/18	Green School Committee meeting

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

From the Principal

Andrea

RAT Race Pledges Coming In!

Cheers for the Rieke community for your great support for the school's arts and technology funding! Parent volunteers were awesome at the run! The students ran hard and had fun during the run and make-up run. There was weather of all kinds, with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders toughing it out through rain and hail. Thank you weather for drying up for the K through 2 classes!

Now the money is coming in to support next year's arts programming and technology upgrades. Check out the participation by students as the classes race across the display board in the front hall. Which class will have the most pledge forms handed in? Funds coming in look promising with \$9000 raised as of last week with 38% returned pledge forms so far. Pledge forms and funds are due May 11, but we will keep accepting them.

Prizes for students who ran and returned their pledge forms after the run are being handed out on Friday afternoons. A small memo pad with the Rieke logo can keep track of adventures or plans for adventures. Thanks again for everyone's support and please help the kids complete their pledge collections. Any questions? Ask Ruth or Kirsty at ruthwarb@aol.com and kc1hamilton@comcast.net.

Rise Up For Rieke Fundraiser Update

We're at over \$30,000.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal!

We have received 98 generous donations so far, meaning 2/5 of our families have now "Risen Up For Rieke". We have also received donations from grandparents and matching donations from employers. We need and appreciate all donations large and small. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

We can now accept donations by credit/debit cards online. Go to: <http://rieke.tofinoauctions.com/riseup> and thank you!

All of PPS is expecting cuts to staff next year and we are all anxiously awaiting the results of the Bond and Local Option Levy. 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 and next years budget. Andrea Porter will have an update on where we will likely be at with staffing, enrichments and more (assuming the levy passes). Come help us make the most of the resources we have 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 opinions.

A big thanks to those who have already donated!

Green Meeting

The last Green School Committee meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 3:15 in Ms. Smith's room (Room 12). We'll discuss how Earth Week activities went and make plans for next year. Everyone is welcome!

EcoThink Club News

Late Start Morning Hike - May 11th, 9am

Mark your calendars - the EcoThink Club hike is this Wednesday morning at the Lower MacLeay Trail. It's a great place to see native plants along the Balch Creek, search for salamanders, and climb in stone ruins. For more information about the hike you can check out this site:

http://www.portlandhikersfieldguide.org/wiki/Pittock_Mansion_Hike

If you would like to hike with us, please contact jamie.repasky@gmail.com.

Last EcoThink Club meeting of the Spring 2011 term

We will have our last meeting on Friday, May 13th, at 3:05 in Ms. Smith's classroom. This month we are exploring composting and worm bins and will take a mini field trip to play the compost sleuth game and meet some backyard chickens. Please contact jamie.repasky@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

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!

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.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair Coming Up

Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Rieke! The Fair will be running Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3. The last day of the book fair coincides with the Rieke Carnival. The book fair was a great fundraiser in the Fall thanks to enthusiastic participation by Rieke students and their families and a dedicated group of volunteers. We will be asking for volunteers to help staff the fair in the next Rapper. Thank you in advance for your support!

Regan Wylie & Kate Pagliasotti
Scholastic Book Fair co-chairs

Special Education PTA Meeting

[Special Education PTA of Portland \(SEPTAP\)](#) is a network of parents, educators and community members working together to improve the education and well being of students with disabilities in their schools, homes and communities. They're district wide and focused on students in K-8. They host bi-monthly meetings with guest speakers addressing a variety of topics relevant to students with disabilities who receive special education services.

This is their third year as a PTA and while their membership has grown each year, they face the unique challenge of not being school based. Although all the meetings are held at Beverly Cleary Fernwood, they face

the challenge of trying to reach people across the district.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17th, from 6:30–8:00 PM Speaker Jennifer Jackson, interim director of Special Education for PPS, will be giving an update on the budget, restructuring of classrooms, and the search for a new director, followed by a Q & A. Location: Beverly Cleary Fernwood, 1915 NE 33rd.

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: mnlolan@pps.k12.or.us

Safe Routes to School Mini-Grants

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is now accepting applications for 25 mini-grants of \$1,000 each. These mini-grants support the goal of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs, which is to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bicycle to school. Applications are due Wednesday, May 18, 2011. For more information or to download an application visit <http://minigrants.saferoutesinfo.org/>.

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