

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Upcoming Dates:

- 11/5 8th grade Career Day
- 11/5 Library Night 6:00
- 11/10 8th grade trip to San Francisco
- 11/11 Veteran's Day—No School
- 11/12 6th /7th grade field trip to Coleman Fish Hatchery
- 11/16 2nd Grade Play 6:30
- 11/18 School Board Meeting
- 11/25-11/27 Thanksgiving Break

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THANK YOU PTO

FIELD TRIP UPDATE

Due to the recent fundraiser events by the PTO, classroom fieldtrips will be funded. The PTO has approved 24\$ per classroom for fieldtrips this year. With that being said, we have already had some teachers schedule trips. The 8th grade will attend career day this Thursday, November 5th, as well as their annual trip to San Francisco next Tuesday, November 20th. The 6th and 7th grade will join forces on November 12th, and jaunt up to the Coleman Fish Hatchery. Thank you PTO for helping out the classrooms.

WEBSITE

There will be a new address to the school website. By the end of the week the new address will be <http://richfieldschool.org>.

SERRF

SERRF is an after school program offered everyday to students until 6:00. It is run by the Tehama County Department of Education, and it is great for the working parents, and provides students with enrichment time. If you are interested, stop by the office.

AFTER SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The annual after school program students in need of extra help in Math and Reading will be unavailable this year. Due to funding, the program was facing some cutbacks. If we do find interested parties in tutoring, we will try and provide a tutoring program. We are also looking into the possibility of a summer school.

BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

This week, the 6th, 7th, and

8th grade girls will be participating in basketball try-outs. Mrs. Armstrong is excited about getting the season started. Boys try-outs will begin next week. Good luck everyone!!

BASEBALL FIELD COMPLETE

The ballfield is almost complete. The only item left is the drinking fountains. What a nice field, and it will be enjoyed for a long time.



NEW ON-LINE STUDENT CURRICULUM PROGRAMS

The school has two new on-line programs to offer students at home for extra studies. StudyIsland.com is a program that assists students learning of specific standards in math and reading. The website address is www.studyisland.com. It will

ask students for a user name and password. Have the students ask their teacher for the information.

The second program is Lexia. It's address was provided by the teacher at back to school

night. If you need more information, contact your teacher. We are also working on getting those links on our website.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY....

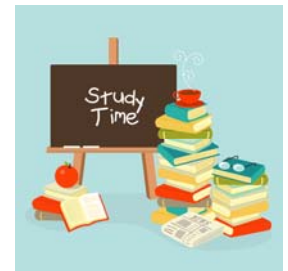
API/AYP INFORMATION

Every year, public schools are issued a academic performance score from the state of California, and the Federal Government. This has come to be known as the API and AYP respectively. The API of 2009 for Richfield School was 839. Though a small decrease from the previous year, it still is among the top three scores in all school districts in Tehama County. The AYP scores the school as meeting a criteria in 17 different categories. If one of them is not met two years in a row, the school is considered to be

a Program Improvement (PI) school. Last year, we met 16 out of the 17. We are focused to get back to all 17 this next year.

The way the Federal Accountability Program is written, all schools need to reach 100% proficient in all areas. A daunting and unrealistic goal of course, but none the less, it is the rules we live by. I will be giving updates as we go about both accountability programs. Keep this in mind, the quality of education at Richfield School is incredible. Your children are learning from high quality teachers

with a high quality curriculum. Public Education Accountability from the state and federal level is not going away, and we will continue to set high expectations for our students.



Parent Volunteers:

As always, we welcome parents who want to volunteer their time. There is a lot you can do to help us. Whether it is in the classroom, or planting trees, please let us know. We can put you to work.

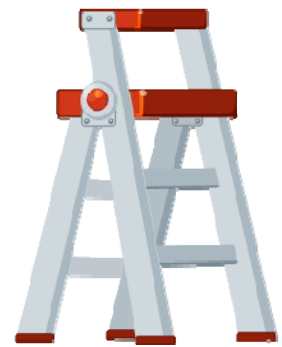
OTHER NEWS....

RTA Negotiations

The RTA and District continue to negotiate an initial contract. We hope to have a contract in place soon. The next session is scheduled for the middle of this month

Custodian/Maintenance

We have a new staff member on board. Jesse Johnson is in charge of all building maintenance, as well as custodial duties. He's off to a great start. Welcome aboard Jesse!



SWINE FLUE UPDATE....

The Flue Season in Just Beginning

There has been a lot of news regarding the Swine Flu (H1N1). Keep in mind that this is one strand of the flu. Technically, the flu season is just beginning. Please be sure to take your vitamins, eat right, get lots of rest, and exercise. We will post flu clinics as they become avail-

able. Also, please keep your children home if they display flu like symptoms and have a fever over 100 degrees. Remember, students can return to school only after they have had 24 hours temperature free and fever reducing medicine free. We haven't experienced the illnesses like other schools, so keep up the good work.

