



RAIDER NEWS

January 13, 2010

CALENDAR OF

EVENTS

MONDAY, JANURAY 18TH, NO SCHOOL IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY.

NO SERRF

Friday, January 22, there will be no SERRF. Please make arrangements for your student to be picked up after school that day.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR SOME STUDENTS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH (SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT OUR REGULAR TIME OF 1:50 PM.) AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH. SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:00 PM .

LOST AND FOUND

If your student is missing a jacket, sweater, sweatshirt or other outer wear, you may want to come to the school and check the lost and found. We have a lot of lost clothing that needs to be claimed. Another way to make sure your students clothing is returned is to write their name on the inside label with permanent ink.

SPORTS NEWS BY KAITLIN COX

The Richfield Basketball teams are off and doing very well. The A girls have won 5 and lost 1! The A boys are doing well too with 6 wins and 1 loss. The B girls are battling to get ahead in wins. So far they have 2 wins and 3 losses. The B boys have 4 wins and 5 losses. All teams have a game Thursday against Hamilton City with the B boys kicking it off at 3:30. Admission is \$2.00. Come support Richfield Raiders.

- Jan 14 Field Trip to Shasta College for grades K, 1 and 2. Leaving school at 9:30 am.
Basketball games here vs. Hamilton City. B boys at 3:30, B girls at 4:30, A girls at 5:30 and A boys at 6:30.
- Jan 15 & 16 A and B girls basketball tournament at Reeds Creek. "A" boys tournament at Chico.
- Jan 18 **No School** in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.
- Jan 19 Basketball game here vs. Reeds Creek. B girls at 3:30, A girls at 4:30, B boys at 5:30 and A boys at 6:30.
- Jan. 21 Basketball game here vs. Plaza. B boys at 4:00, B girls at 5:00, A girls at 6:00 and A boys at 7:00
- Jan 22 **NO SERRF. Please make arrangements for your student to be picked up after school.**
- Jan. 22 & 23 Basketball Tournament at Los Molinos for A & B girls.

LOW COST/NO COST HEALTH INSURANCE

Medi-Cal/Healthy Families toll free number is 1-800-880-5305. Call for more information.

AR GOALS

Jan. 15	50%
Feb. 5	75%
March 5	100%

Remember!! This is an important part of your children's educational foundation, and is assessed at REPORT CARD time.

Mrs. Vinson 2nd grade: Dear Parents,

We are so thrilled about going to a play this week. The K-2nd grade classes will be leaving at 9:30 to go to Shasta College. Please have your second grade student dress in layers because it will be cold that day. It would be great if they could wear green that day. It makes it much easier to keep track of our students because other schools will be at this play as well. I am glad that some of you will be attending the play with us. It is always easier to have parent helpers on field trips. Thanks so much!!! Please make sure you pay Janet in the office your \$5.00 and you may need to drive yourself. We will have to wait and see how much room we have on the bus. Thanks again and we look forward to a fun day!!!

Mrs. Cather 8th grade: As I sat down to reflect on what to write in this newsletter, it came to me like a thunderbolt that it is already time to start planning graduation. The school year is half over, and there is a lot of work to do for graduation.

Parents, even when economic times are good, the state of California does not provide funding for graduation. It is our responsibility to raise funds for the skip trip, graduation ceremony, and graduation party. Therefore, I have scheduled our first graduation meeting for Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 P.M. Our board meeting begins at 6:00 P.M. and it will hopefully be over around 7:00.

Ideas to think about:

1. Fund raising ideas (We need to raise around \$3,000.00)
2. Where to have the graduation party. In the past we have had it at our bowling alley for a cost of \$10.00 per student.
3. Video and pictures - volunteers and expenses
4. Food - what and who is responsible
5. Skip Trip - where, monies allocated to parents and students to help off set some of the expenses

See you at the meeting, Jan 20, 7:00 P.M. We cannot pull off graduation without lots of help. We need you.

My students did well on the last science test, which was difficult. I promised to bake a treat for all students who earned an "A or B." Out of 22 students who took the test, 17 earned an "A or B." Out of this 17, 8 were A's and 9 were B's. Good job students. **They will study for treats!**

Mr. Eddy PE: REMINDERS: February 3rd, basketball team pictures at 4:15 pm. Spirit Day Friday, February 5th, to kick off the girls basketball tournament February 5th and 6th. Richfield boys basketball tournament February 12th and 13th. Pancake breakfast Saturday, February 13th from 8:00-11:00 am. Kids vs. parents game week of

February 22nd. Thanks for supporting Richfield Basketball!

10 TIPS FOR RAISING CHILDREN OF CHARACTER

1. **Put parenting first.** Plan and devote time for parenting.
2. **Review how you spend the hours and days of your week.** Think about the amount of time your children spend with you.
3. **Be a good example.** Face it: human beings learn through modeling.
4. **Develop an ear and an eye for what your children are absorbing.** Children are like sponges. As parents we must control the flow of ideas and images that are influencing our children.
5. **Use the language of character.** Children cannot develop a moral compass unless people around them use clear sharp language of right and wrong.
6. **Punish with a loving heart.** Today, punishment has a bad reputation. Reasonable punishment is one of the ways human beings have always learned. Children must understand what the punishment is for and that its source is parental love.
7. **Learn to listen to your children.** One of the greatest things we can do for our children is to set aside time to listen.
8. **Get deeply involved in your child's school life.** School is the main event in the lives of our children. Helping our children become good students is another name for helping them acquire strong character.
9. **Make a big deal out of the family meal.** Manners and rules are absorbed at this time. Mealtimes should communicate and sustain ideas that children will draw on their entire lives.
10. **Do not reduce character education to words alone.** Parents should help children by promoting moral action through self-discipline, good work habits, kind and considerate behavior to others. The bottom line in character development is behavior—their behavior.