



The Cricket Times

"A Garden of Learning...27 Years of Cultivating Young Hearts & Minds"

The Principal's Corner

Dear Palmetto's Finest Families,
You've heard me say often... time and energy are the most precious gifts you can give. We are in the busy time of year for many families. I'd like to remind everyone of how much your children cherish time with you. As busy as we all may be over the next six weeks...commit to turning off your cell phone and placing your attention on your child.

Talk on the phone after children are in bed...talk to your children NOW. All too soon, their desire to talk to their friends will replace their desire to talk with you, unless you form that habit of talking and listening now. Time and attention are the most precious gifts you give, and your children are the most precious gifts you have.

When I give thanks, please know how much I love what I do. I give thanks for the wonderful children, the wonderful parents, and the wonderful teachers I enjoy every day. Enjoy this holiday with family and friends and maximize the gifts of time and attention.

Denise L. Barth

North Springs Elementary School

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Clickety's Thought For The Week

"Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet them on your way down."
- Wilson Mizner

Character Trait - November Gratitude

Building Blocks:

- * Loyalty
- * Thankfulness

Important Notes and Information



THANKSGIVING BREAK:
November 25-27, 2009

WINTER BREAK:
Dec. 18, 2009-Jan. 1, 2010



IMPORTANT DATES

November:

- 20: 3rd Gr. (Hethcox/Walker) Trip to Charleston
- 20: 4th Gr. "Pathfinders Day"
- 20: Manatee Deposit Due
- 23: ESOL Thanksgiving Feast
- 23: 3rd Gr. - "Charlotte's Web Day"
- 25-27: THANKSGIVING BREAK

December:

- 1: PTO Board, 5pm
- 2: Magnet/Expanded Choice Fair @ RNE
- 4: Cricket Character Kick-Off "Self Control"
- 4: Book Fair Teacher Preview
- 7-11: BOOK FAIR
- 8: School Board, 7pm @ District Auditorium
- 8: Book Fair Family Night, 5-7pm
- 10: Chorus Winter Performance, 6:30pm

Beef O'Brady's Night Tonight from 6-8pm

Attention DARTS Lovers

DARTS is making a comeback for the holiday season. Please tear and return the section below if you would like to participate in the December 3 DARTS session at 5, 5:30, or 6pm. We will make

gifts for family and friends. Be sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Oliver at 736-3183, ext. 3159.

Health Room Donations

The health room is in desperate need of clothing donations. Please send in any children's clothing donations to Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Odom in the health room.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Time Preferred: 5:00 6:00 6:30

Winter Holidays Celebrated: _____



The Richland Two Corner

School Choice and Magnet Programs

2010 - 2011 Magnet and Expanded Choice Timeline

Magnet and Expanded Choice Fair

Richland Northeast High School

December 2, 2009 - 6:30pm

- * Magnet/Expanded Choice Online Application Process Begins - January 5,

2010;

- * Application Process Ends at 5 pm - January 29, 2010;
- * Acceptance-Non Acceptance Notifications Posted Online - March 24-31, 2010;
- * Parents Accept or Decline Magnet/Expanded Choice Program Online - March 24-31, 2010.

Online applications available January 5, 2010 at www.richland2.org.

Information regarding individual schools and Expanded Choice/Magnet programs will be provided during information meetings in January.

The Music Corner



Cricket Chorus Presents...

"The Nutcracker Suite"

Thursday,

December 10, 2009

NSE Auditorium

@ 6:30 pm

Admission is free!

Come join us

for this holiday tradition.



North Springs Talent Show Is Coming!

Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:30pm

Applications will be available from November 30 through December 4, 2009.

All applications must be completed in full and returned immediately. Only the first 25 acts who have met the talent show performance requirements will be able to perform. All acts are to be two minutes or less.

Applications are due December 4 at

2:30pm. No late applications will be taken. Students will be notified of acceptance by December 15. Students must return a letter of acceptance by January 4. All materials must be submitted by January 8.

Please see the talent show application, available Monday, November 30 outside the music room door for further information. Contact Mrs. Harding at charding@richland2.org for more details.

Please Remember!

- You will need to present a picture ID to receive a visitor's sticker, or to sign out your children.
- ID's must be shown on EVERY visit.
- Please stop by the front office prior to leaving campus for check out.
- Students may not be signed out between 2:15 and 2:45pm.
- In order to provide a safe, secure environment free from distraction, no visitors are permitted in our hallways from 2:15 until 3:30pm.
- An excuse note for absences must be sent in within 5 days of the absence.

Effective Immediately

Our school will gladly accept your checks. Please include your full name, street address, and phone number on your check. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use the information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. If your payment is returned unpaid, you authorize us to collect a fee, currently \$30.00, through an electronic fund transfer from your account.

Reminder

If you have not paid your child's \$15.00 school fee, please take a moment to write a check and send it to his/her homeroom teacher. This money is used to buy instructional materials and supplies.

Richland Two

Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristics in its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies should be made to: Chief Human Resources Officer, 6831 Brookfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29206; telephone: (803) 787-1910.

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Mission Statement

In partnership with students, parents, and the community, North Springs Elementary School guarantees our children a quality education empowering them to reach their maximum potential while acquiring the skills to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens by providing challenging learning experiences in a caring environment.

Our Beliefs

We believe: All people have worth, dignity, and uniqueness. A safe, positive climate is necessary for learning. All decisions must be based on what is in the best interest of our students. All students can learn and be successful. Family, students, educators, support staff, and the community must be partners in the educational process. The diversity of our student population must be reflected in our staff, programs, and priorities. The home environment plays a critical role in the student's development. Excellence in education for each student is achievable.