

Reiche School News

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Ready for Middle School

Fifth grade families are invited to the following Family Information Nights:

- Lincoln Middle School: May 14th, 6-7pm
- King Middle School: May 23rd, 6-7pm
- Moore Middle School: June 3rd, 6-7pm

Any families requesting out of neighborhood (OON) placement must submit the request in writing before May 1st, so that decisions can be made prior to Step-Up Day. Families must visit their neighborhood school prior to requesting any out of neighborhood school.

Summer Camp!

Summer activities are already booking up! Have you signed up yet? Visit www.maine camps.org to find the right fit for your child.

Some of the camps that offer scholarships or free slots include:

- YMCA
- Learning Works
- Center Day Camp (Windham, ME): 1 week, transportation provided
- Camp Susan Curtis (Stoneham, ME): 2 week, overnight
- Camp Agawam (Raymond, ME): 1 week, overnight
- Camp O-AT-KA (Sebego, ME): 1 week, overnight

Attendance

All Reiche students are expected to be at school by 9am, every day, until the end of the school year. Excessive absences make it more difficult for children to succeed at school, and it adds up quickly. Missing just 2 days each month adds up to missing a whole month of the school year. Those students with 18 or more absences are reported to the superintendent as “chronically absent”. Of course we expect that students who are very sick stay home, or there might be a family emergency. But please be mindful of the number of days your child is missing out on right up until June 14th.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. There are many ways to help keep our children safe. We can start by ensuring children know what to do if they are in danger or feel uncomfortable. We can talk about all the helpers in our community (doctors, police, teachers, etc) and adults we trust. Kids should know their first and last name, phone number, and street address so they can tell a helper if they need to.

In addition, it is important that all children know and practice the words and actions to keep themselves safe. Our school counselor, Ms. Baltren, will be visiting Kindergarten and 1st grade classes to help students learn about personal space, practice saying “no” and tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe.

To learn more about talking to your child about personal safety, visit the Children’s Safety Partnership at <https://www.childrensafetypartnership.org/community> or Committee for Children at <https://www.cfchildren.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention/>

Thank you for reading our bi-weekly newsletter!

Please contact Anne Baltren with questions or suggestions (baltra@portlandschools.org).

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 1
2:30 Dismissal

Friday, May 3
CPort Essay Contest
Celebration
2:15pm

Wednesday, May 8
2:30 Dismissal

Friday, May 10
Kindergarten Screenings

Wednesday, May 15
2:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 22
2:30 Dismissal

Friday, May 24
Reiche Road Race

Wednesday, May 29
2:30 Dismissal
Last Early Dismissal

Thursday, May 30
Reiche Arts Night
5-7:00pm

Friday, May 31
Step-Up Day

Friday, June 14
Last Day of School
12:30 Dismissal

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