



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 8:30AM/CAFETERIA
TOPIC: How parents can help support math progress as reported
on the mid-year assessment with the use of IXL (website).
PTA MEETING, 9:15AM/CAFETERIA



*Don't miss our Reflections
Winners located on Page 2A*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Jan. 31

4th Grade Band Rehearsal, 7:15am, Dr. Rodgers' Classroom
Grade 3 Math Club, 7:15-8:15am, Mrs. Coates Classroom
Grade 4 Math Club, Mrs. Welp's Classroom, 3:00-4:00pm **has been rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 3, 3:00-4:00pm**
Grade 3 Reading Club, 2:50-3:45pm, Mrs. Smith's Classroom

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Grade 4 Math Club, Mrs. Dufault's Classroom, 7:15-8:15am
4th Grade Orchestra, 7:15am, Dr. Rodgers Classroom
3rd Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2
Grade 3 Math Club, Mr. Farina's Classroom, 3:00-4:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 2

Grade 4 Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2
Kindness Klub, "Valentines for Veterans", 2:50-4:00pm, Miss DeBonis' Classroom.
Grade 3 Reading Club, 2:50-3:45pm, Mrs. Smith's Classroom
Grade 4 Math Club, Mr. Neuhausel's Classroom, 3:00-4:00pm

Friday, Feb. 3

Grade 3 Reading Club, 7:25-8:10am, Mrs. Smith's Classroom
Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am/Cafeteria
PTA Meeting, 9:15am/Cafeteria
Grade 4 Math Club, Mrs. Welp's Classroom, 3:00-4:00pm

Monday, Feb. 6

Grade 4 Math Club, 7:15-8:15am in Mrs. Coates Classroom
Parenting Class with Leslie Cohen-Rubury, 9:00-10:30am/Cafeteria

Tuesday, Feb. 7

4th Grade Band Rehearsal, 7:15am, Dr. Rodgers' Classroom
Grade 3 Math Club, 7:15-8:15am, Mrs. Coates Classroom
Keyboarding Club **Make-up Morning Session**, 7:40-8:10am, Computer Lab
Tuesday Zone, 2:50-5:00pm, At Shelter Rock, Pick Up 5:00pm
Grade 4 Math Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Mrs. Welp's Classroom

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Grade 4 Math Club, Mrs. Dufault's Classroom, 7:15-8:15am
4th Grade Orchestra, 7:15am, Dr. Rodgers Classroom
3rd Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2
Grade 3 Math Club, Mr. Farina's Classroom, 3:00-4:00pm
Evening Parenting Class, 7:30-9:30pm, Teacher's Lounge

PARENTING SKILLS GROUP

Led By Leslie Cohen-Rubury



9:00-10:30AM

Monday, February 6, 2012
Cafeteria

TOPIC:

Overprotecting Your Child
What you need to know about raising children
to feel safe and secure.

Please join us for an
Evening Parenting Class

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
7:30-9:30pm/Staff Lounge

Topic:

Beware of Praise and the Dangers of
Overprotecting your Children

(Please see the attached flyer for more
information.)

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Spring Book Fair is almost upon us, and we are once again looking for volunteers to help set up, break down, and help with browsing and sales during book fair hours. The fair is set for the week of March 26th, with setup on Friday the 23rd. If you are interested in helping out, please visit the following link to sign up for a time slot (or two or three!)

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20FoA4AA4A92DA13-spring/2422899>

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

Janine Russo, Cheryl Graziano and Erin Singleton Book Fair Chairs

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART PROGRAM

Support your child in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope For Heart Program.



February 13-17
During PE Class



Please see attached flyer with much more information.

Collection Envelopes Due: February 17

Visit www.heart.org/jump and click on the button that says "Students Sign Up".

REDDING BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF REDDING-EASTON



**2012 Spring Registration
Is Now Open!**

**Redding Little League
BASEBALL**

Pre-K through Age 14
Visit us at the RES Winter Carnival
this Saturday, February 4 (Staff
Lounge at 11:45am.

For more details, please see the
attached flyer.

5th Annual Recycling Poster Contest How and What Do You Reduce, Reuse & Recycle?

Win \$100, \$75 or \$50 Savings Bond
Regional Winner - \$250.00 Bond
and their Teacher/School \$1,000



Student entries are due no later than Friday,
February 24, 2012

IT'S EASY TO ENTER! Just fill out the attached
Entry Form and return it to the main office.

**Our Local Coordinator is our own
Kate Merritt...**

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 20
Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21-Friday, February 24
Winter Recess

Art Fest 2012
Saturday, March 17

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, March 28
Thursday, March 29
Friday, March 30

Minimum Days/12:40pm Dismissal
No Lunch is Served

Kindergarten students will eat lunch in their
classrooms and will be dismissed at 12:40pm (not
1:00pm during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Friday, April 6
Good Friday, No School

*REDDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Reflections Winners 2012*

Congratulations to all students for their art submissions in the 2011-2012 PTA Reflections Program! The winners for this year's theme "Diversity Means..." are:

Dance Choreography

*1st Place Intermediate Division Charlotte Greif
2nd Place Intermediate Division Spencer Squitieri*

Literature

*1st Place Primary Division Emily Palmer
1st Place Intermediate Division Jesse Nimons*

Musical Composition

*1st Place Primary Division Kirina Duenwald
2nd Place Primary Division Sydney Zarb
3rd Place Primary Division Calista Dudas
1st Place Intermediate Division Kyle Murray
2nd Place Intermediate Division Alex Ciardullo
3rd Place Intermediate Division Aydan Kloiber
Honorable Mention Alexis Zitzmann*

Photography

*1st Place Intermediate Division Alex Ciardullo
2nd Place Intermediate Division Thatcher Unfried
3rd Place Intermediate Claudia Meyer*

Visual Arts

*1st Place Primary Division Eva Smith
2nd Place Primary Division Mattie Wright
3rd Place Primary Division Kirina Duenwald
Honorable Mention Kai Bertschi*

*1st Place Intermediate Division Elizabeth Weaver
2nd Place Intermediate Division Lily Anderson
3rd Place Intermediate Division Ava MacNeal
Honorable Mention Thryza Upson*

Redding Park & Recreation
203/938-2551

You can now register for ALL classes online!
See our full brochure on the website.

www.townofreddingct.org

No "Day of" registrations are allowed.

Family Skate

Redding only skate! 3/18, 1:30-2:30pm, \$3.00 to skate, \$2.00 to rent. Sign up in advance for these low rates. Rates at the door...just \$1.00 more!

Extended Day JR. – NEW Preschool Program

Pick any days you want Tuesday through Friday. Registration calendar is on the website. Call the office for details!

Chess

Mondays, 2/6-4/9, all levels. Grades 2-4, 3-4pm, \$117.00

Hodgepodge

Mondays, 1/30-3/5, 3:05-4:05pm, grades K-1, \$51.00

Hodgepodge

Mondays, 3/12-4/9, 3:05-4:05pm, grades 2-4, \$42.50

Soccer

Wednesdays w/ UK International trainers, 1/18-2/29, grades 2-4, 3:10-4:10, grades K-1, 4:10-5:10, \$60.00

Paint Draw and More

Thursdays, 1/12-2/16, grades K-4, 3:10-4:10 or 4:10-5:10, \$110.00

Magic Workshop

Thursday, 3/1/12, 3:10-4:10 for grades 1-4. \$19.00

Godspell
Sunday, March 25
Bus leaves RCC at 2:30
\$105.00

February and April Break
Camps available.

Check out the website for more information.

**JOIN REDDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
PRESENTING LESLIE COHEN-RUBURY, LCSW
FOR AN INTERACTIVE LECTURE ON**

**BEWARE OF PRAISE AND THE DANGERS OF
OVERPROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN**

This evening's lecture will focus on:

- Understanding that your best intentions to help your children feel safe and secure may be ineffective for getting the results you want.
- How praise can actually be harmful to developing your child's self esteem.
- Understanding that overprotecting your child may increase their chances of becoming one of the rising statistics of college students who leave school before graduation.
- Understanding how praise and overprotection increase one's level of anxiety.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

7:30- 9:30 PM

Staff Lounge

**This lecture is free and open to all parents and guardians.
For more information call Leslie Cohen-Rubury at 544-9652 or
email cohen.Rubury@gmail.com.**

*****Registration is requested but not required*****



**IT TAKES HEART
TO BE A HERO!**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Help Your Child Save Lives and be a Heart Hero!

HOW: Support your child in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope For Heart program

WHEN: **February 13th-17th during PE Class**

WHAT: A life-saving and educational community service program

WHY: Your child will help kids with special hearts, learn about how to be heart healthy and feel good!

We are thrilled that our school is participating in this very special community service program. When your child participates in Jump Rope For Heart he/she:

- **Learns about the importance of the heart – how it works, and how to take care of it:** Through classroom exercises and educational information provided by the American Heart Association.
- **Helps kids with special hearts:** Our *safe* online tool makes it *easy* for your child to set-up a web page and send emails to invite friends and family to support their fundraising efforts and to share life-saving information. Another way to give to this important cause is by asking your employer if they have a matching gift program.
- **Feels good for making a difference in people's lives!** Funds raised support American Heart Association research and education initiatives that *save lives in our community*.

Help your child set-up a web page to send to family and friends and share life-saving information and raise donations.

To get started - you will need to **Sign Up and Join your School Team. Here's how...**

- **Step 1:** Visit www.heart.org/jump and click on the button that says '**Students Sign Up**'.
- **Step 2:** Click on the state you live in and follow the screen instructions to find your school team. When you find your school, click '**Join This Team**'
- **Step 3:** Set your fundraising goal! You can also kick-start your fundraising efforts by making a personal donation when you sign up! ***For NEW students using the web page for the first time, select the option that says this is your first time making a web page. If you are a RETURNING student, select the option that says you made a web page last year.*
- **Step 4:** Fill out your information. Next, come up with your own **Username and Password**. ***Be sure it's easy to remember. You will need a Username and Password to get into your HeartQuarters.*
- **Step 5:** **Have your parent or guardian sign off on the online waiver.**
- **Step 6:** Double check your information. Click the button '**Complete Registration**' to finish **CONGRATULATIONS!** *You are done joining your school team. Now you can send out emails to friends & family!*

Thank you for your support!

Collection Envelopes Due: February 17th

Roni Mikolajczyk, Marcy Emerito & Judith Collentine
PE Teachers

Special Notes:

**Please make checks payable to American Heart Association.*

**For the safety of our children, we ask that your child not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations.*

5th Annual Recycling Poster Contest



WIN \$100, \$75 or \$50 Savings Bond

Regional Winner - \$250 Bond
and their Teacher/School \$1000
It's Easy To Enter!

- Contest sponsored by HRRRA, Winters Brothers Waste Systems CT, All American Waste, Union Savings Bank, and the Regional Recycling Task Force (RRTF) for Earth Day, April 22nd.
- Open to all public, private and home-schooled students in the eleven HRRRA municipalities for grades K-12.
- Posters are to be size 8.5 x 11 inches, in color, in any medium of the student's choosing with a ¼" margin.
- Student's name, address, school and grade to be printed on space provided. No exceptions! **Posters missing an address will not be eligible for a regional award.**
- Each participating school or town must name a local coordinator and submit the coordinator's name, phone number and e-mail address to JenIannucci@hrra.org by February 1, 2012.
- Poster theme is How and What do you Reduce, Reuse and Recycle?
- Posters in each school/town should be submitted to the local coordinator by February 24, 2012. Home-schooled students must submit to the coordinator in their home district school or town.
- Each local coordinator will form a judging team to pick a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each grade in each school. Judging must be completed by March 2, 2012. Ribbons for grade winners will be supplied to each coordinator by HRRRA, for award at the Board of Selectmen, City Council, Town Council, Board of Education or some other public meeting. The local Representatives of contest sponsors should be invited to attend the award ceremony.
- Posters from the local first place winners by grade from each town or school must be submitted to HRRRA by Monday, March 5, 2012 by 4:00 p.m..
- On March 8, 2012 the RRTF will judge the first place poster winners from each school/town by grade level and select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each grade for the region, as well as a Regional Grand Prize winner.
- Regional 3rd place winners for each grade will receive a \$50 savings bond, 2nd place winners a \$75 savings bond, and 1st place winners a \$100 savings bond. Regional Grand winner \$250 savings bond. The poster of the Regional Grand Prize winner will be displayed for one month on a billboard in or near the winner's home town.
- Regional Grand prize winner's teacher/school will receive \$1000 toward environmental educational needs.
- Regional winners will receive their awards at an evening award ceremony sometime in mid-April.
- 1st place winners' posters will be reproduced in local newspapers. Local winners and other posters will be displayed in the local Union Savings Bank branch during the month of April to promote Earth Day.
- All participants must agree that HRRRA and/or Union Savings Bank can use their artwork for regional recycling education and promotion, including displaying such posters in print and online newspapers, posting on the HRRRA and municipal websites, and displaying the posters in local branches of the bank.
- 1st place winners should be aware that they may be contacted by the press in regard to an Earth Day story about their poster.
- All participants should be aware that their posters may not be returned after submission.

2012 Recycling
Poster Contest:

**How and What Do You
Reduce, Reuse & Recycle?**

Submit artwork to local coordinator or drop it off at your town hall

Go to www.HRRRA.org for more information
and submit your entry no later than: **February 24, 2012**

Town of Redding

Local Coordinator: **Kate Merritt**

Contact at: kmerritt@reddingps.org

Drop off at: **Redding Elementary School**

Artist Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

PRINT CLEARLY

This information is for contest use only.

We thank our major sponsors





**2012 SPRING
REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

www.rbgc.net

**Redding Little League
Baseball**

***Join the fun and be part of a great baseball tradition
Divisions for all players ... Pre-K through age 14***

Get started with

T-BALL

(Pre-K, K / ages 5-6)

Give it a try ...

Learn to play...

Have FUN!

Rookie Division (ages 6-8)

AA Minors (ages 8-9)

AAA Minors (ages 9-10)

Majors (ages 10-12)



***For more details and to Register
online for the Spring season, check
out the Baseball page on the
Redding Boys & Girls Club website
www.rbgc.net or call 938-3166.***



**Visit us at the RES Winter Carnival this Sat, Feb 4 (Staff Lounge @
11:45)!**

Winter clinics to start in late Feb/March

Spring season runs from early April – mid June

RESPTA

Redding Elementary School
Tuesday Newsday
January 31, 2012



Please join us...
Next PTA Meeting
Friday February 3rd

9:15 am in the cafeteria

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Next PTA meeting:** Friday February 3rd at 9:15am in the RES Cafeteria.
- Winter Carnival:** Saturday February 4th See flyer page 2.
- Board of Ed Meeting:** Tuesday February 7th 7:30pm at JRMS
- Big Science 2012:** Saturday March 31st (see page 3 and 4)

Volunteers, Bakers & Prize Donations
Still Needed for Winter Carnival!

See flyer on page 2 for details!

It's Winter Carnival time again!

The RES PTA is pleased to be holding our 5th annual carnival fundraiser on
Saturday, February 4th from 11 - 3

Attractions will include:

- ◆ Pirate Ship in the Little Gym
- ◆ Bounce houses and games in the Big Gym
- ◆ Magic Show and Balloon Animals by Danny Diamond
- ◆ Tattoos and Face Painting
- ◆ Lunch by Lombardi's and Bake Sale for dessert!

NEW THIS YEAR!

*The REBGC will be in the Staff Lounge with demos, exhibitions and tons of info about the wide variety of programs they offer.
Full schedule coming soon!*

Admission: \$5/child or \$10 for a wristband (unlimited bouncing and Little Gym!)
All admissions include 4 tickets for games, bouncers, little gym and additional tickets are 2/\$1.
Face painting/tattoos: \$1, Balloon Animals: \$2

VOLUNTEERS, BAKERS & PRIZES NEEDED!!

The Winter Carnival has been a successful fundraiser for the past 4 years due to the tremendous support of our volunteers. We need your help this year too -
Fri 2/3, 5-7 pm for set-up, Sat 2/4, 9-5 for set-up, carnival and breakdown.

To help at the carnival, please contact Gwen Denny: dennyfamily@optonline.net.
Parents, grandparents and responsible MS/HS students welcome - this is a great way to be involved if you can't get to school during the week, and a great community service opportunity for older students! Please consider taking a shift!

Our bake sales are great fundraisers!!

If you can bake or donate to the bake sale, please contact Rebecca Hesketh-Tutton: rebeccaht@optimum.net.

PRIZES! It's time to get rid of all those party favors and prizes! Please donate small, clean prizes for the games - collection container by RES front desk.

Here's a chance to let your curiosity shine!

Big Science 2012 Saturday, March 31

It's easier than you think!



Grab a friend and follow the simple steps of the
Scientific Method....



1. Ask a question about the world
2. State a hypothesis
3. Conduct an experiment
4. Record your results
5. Create a poster to show what you discovered

Have fun while learning and sharing!



Big Science 2012, Saturday March 31

Big Science needs the following adult helpers to make this day a success.

1. Student registration - collect forms sent in by student participants, log details into prepared spreadsheet, verify information is correct.
2. Creative design - decorate in school bulletin board at the beginning of March (about 2 hours) and day before decorating (2 hours).
3. Registration check in - oversee that all exhibitors, professional and student check in the day of the event (about a 30 minute commitment).
4. Afternoon/evening before event - set up tables, chairs, banners, and student give aways. Many hands make light work....so the time commitment depends on number of helpers (2-3 hours max).
5. New Chair sought- after seven years this will be my last year chairing the event, need to pass the torch!

Please contact Big Science Chair Jeanette Thompson if you are interested in any of these areas, 203-664-1227 or jeanettee@optonline.net.