

**KEEP THE DATE OPEN FOR A CELEBRATION OF FINE AND PRACTICAL ARTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 6:30-8:30pm
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW...**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, Oct. 5

3rd Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2

Thursday, Oct. 6

4th Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2

Friday, Oct. 7

No School/Staff Day

Monday, Oct. 10

No School/Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Grade 3 Math Club, 7:15-8:15am, Mrs. Coates Classroom

Wednesday Oct. 12

Evening PTA Meeting, 7:30pm/Cafeteria
3rd Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2

Thursday, Oct. 13

4th Grade Chorus, 7:35-8:15am, Dr. Caldwell's Classroom, D2

Friday, Oct. 14

Gardening Club, 2:50-3:50pm, Meet in front of Main Office, 3rd and 4th Graders only

CHALLENGE PROGRAM

The Challenge Program identifies and services academically gifted students in grades three and four based on their area of strength in math and/or language arts.

Parents of current third and fourth grade students may nominate their child for consideration by the screening committee. Nominations are made by completing the **Permission to Test** form and the **Parent Checklist of Gifted Behaviors**. Children previously screened for the program may also be nominated at this time provided they have not been tested for the program in the last 12 months. Please access the Challenge website for the necessary forms and for additional information. This can be done by going to <http://reddingelementaryps.org>; open Challenge in the left side navigation bar; open Resources in the left side navigation bar; scroll down to Gifted Program Forms.

The **Permission to Test** form must be returned to Francine Lamonica by October 19, 2011. Failure to meet this response date will prevent your child from participating in this testing cycle. The **Parent Checklist of Gifted Behaviors** is not subject to this response date but should soon follow.

PARENTING SKILLS GROUP LED BY Leslie Cohen-Rubury FALL SESSION



**9:00-10:30AM
Monday, October 17
Cafeteria**

**TOPIC:
Dealing with Power Struggles**

Grades 3 and 4 Chorus

Grades 3 and 4 chorus sign-ups are still being taken for the next couple of weeks. A permission slip can be downloaded from Dr. Caldwell's teacher web page under Resources. Grade 3 meets Wednesday's at 7:35am; Grade 4 meets Thursday's at 7:35am. Room D2 is opposite the Extended Day room demountable.



Calling all Interested Girls... Join Girl Scouts Now

A registration event for all new Redding Girl Scouts was recently held at Redding Elementary School. We have troops at all levels, and this is a perfect time for Kindergarten and First Grade girls to enroll in Girl Scouts.

If additional information is needed, please contact Sandy Stimola at stimola@aol.com or 203-938-8778.

Please see attached flyer.

TRICK OR TREAT STREET

**THERE ARE STILL A FEW DOORWAYS
AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR TRICK
OR TREAT STREET.**

SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION PACKET.



Park and Recreation 938-2551

You can now register for ALL classes online!
www.townofreddingct.org

No "Day Of" Registrations Are Allowed

Extended Day JR. – NEW Preschool Program

New dates! Tuesday's and Thursday's – 10/4-12/11, Wednesday's and Friday's, 10/5-12/23. 1:20-2:30pm. Call the office for details!

Basketball – Tuesdays, 9/27-11/1, grades 3-4, 4-5pm, grades 1-2, 3:10-3:55, \$54

Science Enrichment – MONDAY, 10/24, Bubble-ology, grades 1-2, 3:15-4:15, grades 3-5, 4:15-5:15. \$20.00 MONDAY, 11/14, Playing w/ Polymers, grades K-2, 3:15-4:15, grades 3-5, 4:15-5:15, fee \$20.00.

Youth Basketball League, grades 3-8, registration is underway! The forms are on the website and at the office. The fee is currently \$85.00.

Magic Workshop – Thursday, 10/20, 3:10-4:10pm for grades 1-4. \$19.00

Sword Clinic - forms – Wed. 10/26, grades K and up. 3:15-5pm. \$45 included sword

Campfire Sing Along – Friday, 10/21 – Topstone Park – 6:30pm, FREE - please call to get your name on the roster!

Football Fun – Thursday, 11/10-12/22, 3:10-4:10pm, \$45.00

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Saturday, November 19
Bus leaves RCC at 10:00am
Cost: \$85.00

Peter Pan

Saturday, December 17
Bus leaves the RCC at 9:00am
for the 2:00pm show
Cost: \$60.00

SAVE THE DATE



Thursday, October 20

Celebration of Fine and Practical Arts
6:30-8:30pm/Location to be determined.

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Parade, 1:00pm

Wednesday, November 23

Minimum Day for Thanksgiving Recess
12:40pm Dismissal/No Lunch is Served

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Recess/No School

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Recess/No School

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, December 8

Friday, December 9

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



Wanted: Girls of All Ages



New Girl Scout Troops Forming Now

A registration event was recently held for all new Redding Girl Scouts. Please let us know if you missed the event. We're forming new troops of all ages now, and this is a perfect time for Kindergarten and First Graders.

JOIN GIRL SCOUTS.

JOIN THE FUN!

Any questions, contact:
Sandy Stimola
Stimola@aol.com
203-938-8778

**JOIN
GIRL
SCOUTS**



GIRL SCOUTING: A World of Friendship



TRICK OR TREAT STREET 2011

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEETS

Thank you for volunteering at our 26th annual Halloween event. Please do not turn in your Volunteer Registration form until you have read, understand and agree to the statements on these pages. Please make sure everyone in doorway has read these pages. They contain what you need to know to help us make Trick or Treat Street run smoothly....again...for the 26th year in a row!

Only those people listed on your registration form should be arriving to volunteer on Saturday, October 29th. We have to know exactly who is in the building during set-up and party time. As you can imagine, security is a challenge during this very special event. Please help!

Some general guidelines...

1. Two people in a “doorway” are ideal but three people are allowed. At least one person in doorway must be an *adult*. (18 or older) A “doorway” could be a space in the hall.
2. Every group of 2 or 3 must include a responsible adult who fills out the registration form completely before a “doorway” is assigned. Again, please help!
(Yes, 2 groups of friends can be in adjacent “doorways” if you request this on your registration form! Remember, one adult in each doorway!)
3. If your child wants to go trick or treating, volunteering is not for them because they cannot do both at this event. Please arrange for your child to attend the event with another adult. Volunteering means a commitment from about 3:30 - 8:30!!
4. The responsible adult MUST share all this info with others in doorway.
5. Park and Rec provides all the treats. Please do not bring your own supply.
6. Please do not turn in your completed volunteer registration form until you have read these pages and know exactly what you are getting yourself into.
7. No one will be allowed in the building unless they are on our roster of volunteers. No changes in the roster can be made after Thursday, October 27.
8. The doors will not be unlocked for volunteers until 3:30 so absolutely no need to arrive early!!!

The basics BASICS for every volunteer:

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Arrival time: In the RES big gym *between 3:30 and 4:00pm* (gym door unlocked at 3:30-no earlier!)

(Have a big lunch! Pizza's not until close to 8:00 at the RCC!)

Parking: the lot closest to RES gymnasium

Enter and check-in: Through gymnasium only. Look for your "door" assignment and boxes/bags of treats. Bring all of your stuff in from your cars right away, please.

4:00: All doors locked. It's set up time!

"Your stuff" defined: you will need to bring all your own decorations, costumes, extension cords if using electricity, two large containers for treats...bowls? baskets?...your treats will be waiting for you in the gym in very glamorous plastic bags or cardboard boxes, labeled just for your numbered doorway!

Doorway assignment: posted in the gym upon your arrival. Your "doorway" may be a space in a hall. Be prepared! It will be numbered.

Prohibitions: *Absolutely no bales of hay, cornstalks, fog machines, strobe lights, open flames, scary/bloody/hideous/sharp props or costumes. No volunteer may leave doorway or eat the treats during the event. (Pizza and goodie bags await you in RCC later!)*

Treat allotment: typically, each trick-or-treater is given ONE candy and ONE toy from each doorway. Exceptions will be noted right on on your box of treats.

*If you have three people in your doorway, please find a way to share the joy of handing out the treats. REMEMBER....the treats are counted...if you eat them or give out too many per child, we will run out!

Decorating: you will have at least an hour to decorate. Please ration your time accordingly. We are sure everyone will continue to respect the bulletin boards and teachers' displays, as volunteers always have! (25 years and very few complaints the day after! Yahoo!!!)

5:00 Pep Rally! Please meet the P&R staff in the gym at 5:00 SHARP for some last minute information. (If we are *really coordinated*, we can give you all a chance to see all the doorways before the first families come through. We are thinking doors 1 - 16 go check out doors 17 - 32 and then we quickly switch. 'Sound good?')

5:30 - Preschoolers come starting at 5:30; older children starting at 6:00.

7:00 - Entrance doors close but the stream of children may continue through the "Street" until 7:30.

Clean-up: PLEASE do not start cleaning up until a P&R supervisor turns on the lights in your hallway (about 7:30). **Even the last trick-or-treater deserves the full effect of everyone's hard work!**

Leftovers and Garbage: Please keep candy separate from toy treats. Return all leftovers to designated spot in gym. Garbage goes in the pails in the gym.

WE RECYCLE WATER BOTTLES ! HELP!!!

Your Doorway: We are all responsible to leave any area we use exactly as we found it. I'm happy to report that over the last 25 years we have had very few complaints from RES personnel; mostly we hear, "You had 500 children and their families in the school? Really? You'd never know to look at the place!"

Pizza Party!: When your decorations are down, your leftovers, garbage and empty water bottles returned to the gym, please pack your stuff in your car and join us in the *RCC Community Room* for a well deserved break for pizza, soda and a goodie bag of thank-you candy!



More things to keep in mind:

- * Trick or Treat Street grows more popular every year. And it grows more successful because of our great volunteers and our continually improving organization!
- * The children will be as young as a few months old so please keep the scariness to a minimum.
- * The hallways will be dark except for little twinkley strings of light down the center and whatever lighting you bring. We are trying to create the image of walking down a street, going door to door, where the light comes from the "houses".
- * You must turn in your registration form completely filled out as soon as possible after you have read and agreed to everything in these pages. The number of doorways is limited and I will have close to 100 volunteers to coordinate! There is often a waiting list!
- * You are responsible to share all of this information on these pages with each person in your doorway.
- * Some assigned "doorways" are actually spaces along the wall in a hallway. If it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for you to decorate unless you have a traditional doorway, indicate that on your registration form under "Special Requests". Otherwise, please come prepared for an actual doorway or a space in the hall.
- * We are only allowed to use a few square feet of space inside the doorway, not the entire classroom.
- * We must leave our space exactly as we found it, not disturbing any furniture or display areas.
- * If you have your own child that you will be signing up to go through Trick or Treat Street, please make sure you have another adult that can take care of them that evening.
- * It does not work for any volunteer to take a child through the street.

* Any questions? Please call Mary Jo at P&R, 938-2551. Thank you SO much!
Now that you have all the info, please proceed to the registration form on the next page!



TRICK OR TREAT STREET VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

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You need to read info sheets first and share them with everyone in your group so you all know what you are getting into! Also, please do not turn in incomplete forms to the office. Thank you! Mary Jo

1. Responsible Adult's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

*2 people preferred but no more than 3 total in doorway and at least one must be an adult:
Other people in doorway:*

2. Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

3. Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

THEME:

*Special requests for your doorway:

(*I will do my best to honor special requests but realize it is not always possible. Mary Jo)

"I have read the information sheets for this special event and will share the information with the others in my doorway."

Signature of responsible adult: _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____