

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Betty Poindexter, Interim Superintendent

March 25, 2015

Celebrating the Joy of Learning

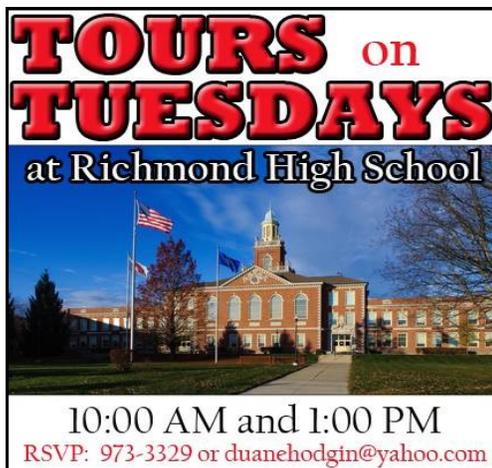
In continuation with this month's theme of math and science, Mr. Millis introduced Sam Thomas, who described a new educational program for the iPad called MathSpace. Tiana Washington, Nicholl Hemmerling, Lisa Wagner, and Bill Campbell demonstrated how the program operates. They also described the impact on student motivation and learning. Click [HERE](#) to check out the MathSpace website.

Board Reports

Many congratulations are in order to several student organizations:

- RHS Boys and Girls Basketball teams for a great season
- RHS Drumline at State Finals
- Speech Team advancing to Nationals
- Devilettes at State
- Girls Bowling Team
- Girls Gymnastics
- RHS Chamber Choir and Symphonic Choir to competition in Chicago
- Boys wrestling to State

We **R** Proud!



TOURS on TUESDAYS
at Richmond High School

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM
RSVP: 973-3329 or duanehodgin@yahoo.com

Tours on Tuesdays at RHS is a great opportunity for current and prospective community members to learn about the benefits of attending RHS, its programs, and many successes.

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Upcoming Events

The next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:30 p.m.



Richmond Community Schools
Kindergarten & Preschool
Registration
Thursday, April 16 5 PM to 7 PM

In Richmond High School's Tiernan Center

Action Items

Among several action items, the Board approved the following at the start of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Change Hibberd, Dennis, Test delivery structure of math, band, and orchestra classes
- Change location of WINGS program to home schools
- Create a unified schedule for all grades at Hibberd
- Modify after-school transportation at Hibberd, Test, and Dennis

Also approved was the Third Grade Summer Reading Academy and the Math/Science Partnership Grant in the amount of \$175,166.

Transportation Discussion:

Dr. Poindexter provided the backstory as to why the Board is looking at transportation changes. She described the effects of the circuit breaker, which affects the amount of dollars that we can receive to support transportation. The Board then discussed tweaking of elementary school boundaries, reviewed the status of Elizabeth Starr Academy as a magnet school, and reviewed the data on all students being assigned to neighborhood schools. A map was displayed illustrating student attendance areas. The Board also clarified parent concerns regarding the Hibberd program. At the next Board meeting, recommendations for transportation will be provided for the start of school year 2015-2016.