

April
2019

Colt Connection

Richland #44 School District & Community Newsletter



Upcoming EVENTS



Richland #44 Graduation
Sunday, May 26, 2019 - 2pm
Richland High School Gymnasium

Richland #44 Spring Concerts

The POWER of MUSIC



Elementary - Thursday, May 9
Jr/Sr High — Thursday, May 16
7pm - Richland High School Gym



COFFEE WITH KIDS IS HOSTING
BINGO FOR BOOKS

FRIDAY,
MAY 3

8:45-9:15AM

Richland Elementary
Abercrombie, ND

PLAY FOR FREE!
WIN BOOKS FOR
YOUR FAMILY!

NIGHT OF THE ARTS!

Come on out and see what our students have been working on this year:

- Junior High and High School Music Ensembles
- FFA and AG Projects
- Math Stained Glass Projects
- Explorer Coding Projects
- Colony Commercials
- Digital Nonfiction Books
- Human Skeleton System Exhibits
- Digital Poetry Books
- And More!

THURSDAY, MAY 16th
Exhibits and Small Groups start at 5pm
Jr/Sr High Music Concert starts at 7pm

Superintendent's Corner>>>>



I hope this finds all of you doing well. It's hard to believe we are looking at May being right around the corner, especially with just having a major snowstorm hit our area in the past week. I sure hope Mother Nature starts cooperating so our students involved in Spring sports can practice and have some competitions outdoors and our farmers can start looking at the planting season. Also, it would just be nice for all of us to be able to spend more time outdoors, as we wait all winter for spring and summer.

In another month our school year will be coming to a close. With that in mind, there are many activities our students are involved in and I do hope you are able to attend as many events as possible. Our Spring music concerts are scheduled for May 9 and May 16. Hopefully you will be able to attend and enjoy some wonderful music led by our music teachers Mrs. Evonne Viland and Mr. Mark Aamold.

The highlight of our school year is Graduation and that will take place on Sunday, May 26th, starting at 2:00 PM in our new gymnasium. We certainly hope you are able to attend to recognize and honor the members of this year's Senior Class.

An exciting project that will take place starting on Tuesday, the 28th of May will be the total refinishing of our two gym floors. I would like to thank our PTO and Coltbacker organizations for each paying one half the cost of refinishing the old gym floor. In order to allow for the refinishing and proper amount of curing time, the gymnasiums will be closed starting May 28th and will reopen on Monday, August 5th. Thank you for your patience and understanding with having the gymnasiums closed most of the summer. It will be well worth it when we see the beautiful end product. The firm doing the project is FLR Sanders located near the Twin Cities. They have been around for some time, have an outstanding reputation, and have done many gym floors in North Dakota and Minnesota.

In my next article I will focus on finishing up the school year and reflect on the many positives we have had happen this school year. Richland #44 is a great school district and I am very proud to be a Richland Colt!!

With the upcoming Easter holiday, I hope all of you are able to spend some quality time with family and loved ones. It sounds like we have the possibility of seeing our first 70 degree day soon, wouldn't that be great?!

Take care. Have a great Easter break!

Mr. Dean Koppelman
Superintendent

Richland Community Calendars On Sale Now!

Help Support the Arts at Richland

Get your community calendar and stay informed with everything happening all year long. This calendar includes music events, sports events, school events, FFA events, community events, birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, and more!

Wall Calendar
\$12

Pocket Calendar
\$6



Calendars can be ordered at:

www.richlandmusicparents.weebly.com/calendar

or by calling Darla Rufer

(701) 261-0550

Richland Music Parents



From the Desk of the Jr/Sr High Principal>>>

Greetings Richland #44 Community,

What a winter and early spring it has been! As this has been my first North Dakota winter, I have been told that I've experienced a rough one. No wonder they say North Dakotans are hearty folk – there is no doubt about that in my mind!



3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 12

Bailey Adams - A
Dain Anderson - A
Blaine Brewer - A
Trenton Dunfer - A
Kennedy Flaa - A
Frank Holzhey - A
Casey Koenig - A
Hunter Lentz - A
Blake Loomis - A
Kariann Sahl - A
Samantha Walter - A
Nikita Zander - A
Parker Crooks - B
Logan Kummer - B

Grade 11

Ava Aigner - A
Tegan Amundson - A
Carson Anderson - A
Katlyn Erickson - A
Colten Evanson - A
Bret Hegseth - A
Hanna Johnson - A
Carter Lingen - A
Cole Myers - A
Annamae Niemi - A
Gavin Reiland - A
Zachariah Ringdahl - A
Jacob Sahl - A
Dona Sepeda - A
Tessa Smith - A
Kaitlyn Wagner - A
Zachary Wulfekuhle - A
Jett Foley - B
Paige Hasbargen - B
Allison Haverland - B
Brock Hegseth - B
Jack Ringdahl - B

Grade 10

Kiersten Boehm - A
Rylee Hendrickson - A
Samantha Hendrickson - A
McKenzie Johnson - A
Gunnar Miller - A
Chase Schmitt - A
Kaden Schroeder - A
Ellie Storbakken - A
Thomas Zander - A
Sawyer Brown - B
Gwen Hopping - B
Nate Mjones - B

Grade 9

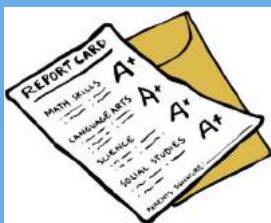
Drew Guinness - A
Emma Heyen - A
Megan Lingen - A
Hannah Malaterre - A
Colten Mickelson - A
Keagan Nepl - A
Trinity Ringdahl - A
Megan Roob - A
Ethan Schnellbach - A
Dacey Willprecht - A
Noah Pfeiff - B
Nick Thompson - B

Grade 8

Shandi Callenius - A
Addie Christensen - A
Teddy Flaa - A
Blake Miller - A
Megan Taszarek - A
Kennedi Wagner - A
Tanner Zander - A
Kaden Carlson - B
Carli Niemi - B
Adam Skoog - B
Logan Stebelton - B
Mason Storbakken - B
Morgan Sundstrom - B
Hans Weinmann - B

Grade 7

Patrick Boyle - A
Ashlyn Brown - A
Wade Gorder - A
Alison Heyen - A
Ally Hollow - A
Popi Miranowski - A
Eric Moen - A
Cody Thompson - A
Levi Ulven - A
Isabel Viele - A
Ella Weinmann - A
Nick Wulfekuhle - A
Nick Mjones - B



Despite the many changes to scheduling and school days due to weather, we have had a wonderful few months full of celebrations, accomplishments, and learning. Our students and staff have remained upbeat and committed to having a fantastic second semester.

Some of our celebrations this semester have included many students on the honor roll, accomplishments in sports (attending the state basketball tournament was an incredible experience), and state and national recognition in FFA and FCCLA. Bailey Adams qualified for nationals in FCCLA and Hanna Johnson attended the U.S. Senate Youth Program in Washington D.C. where she met many figureheads including President Trump. For April and May, we will have two Rotary students of the month because we have so many incredible juniors and one was just not enough!

As we move into the last month and weeks of the school year, I encourage students to stay focused on their schoolwork, to be on time and present each and every day, and to stay positive! We have many fun upcoming events like prom, Senior Recognition Night, Night of the Arts, and graduation and it's important to balance those with schoolwork. As always, I am here for questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you all, and let's make a strong push to the end of the school year!

-Mrs. Gandhi

Jr/Sr High Principal



Have you signed up for online payments yet? If not, we highly encourage you to take advantage of this useful tool.

You can pay for fees, lunch, fundraisers, school store items, and much more all with the a couple clicks of the mouse.

Find the link to "online payments" on the Richland #44 website homepage.



News from the Elementary Principal >>>



The 2019 Fun Night was once again a fun-filled, successful event. A huge thank you to the Richland #44 PTO for the planning, organizing and working of this event. The evening was so well planned and organized. The staff and students at Richland Elementary appreciate all that the members of our PTO do to help support our staff and students. **Thank you, Richland #44 PTO!**

The mandated state testing for students in grades 3-6 will begin the **week of April 22nd and continue through the week of April 29th**. Each classroom teacher schedules 40-60 minutes of testing a day and it may take three or four days each week to complete the assessment. As always for students to perform their best, the children need a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast.

Congratulations to following Richland family members....

- *Miss Krista Readel will become Mrs. Krista Messer on July 12th. Best wishes to Krista and Josh Messer on a wonderful future together.
- *Mr. Luke Wuori and his wife Breanna are expecting twin boys in August. Wishing you many helping hands for occasional rest and peace, Luke and Breanna.
- *Mrs. Britney Gandhi on completing her doctoral program. What an accomplishment! We look forward to you leading Richland #44, Dr. Gandhi!



I am pleased to introduce to you our new custodian, **Eblis Villar**. Eblis is originally from Puerto Rico and moved from Pennsylvania to North Dakota. He has lived in North Dakota for the past five years. Eblis lives with his wife and two sons in Wahpeton.

The Family Stem Event is Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-11:00 at the elementary school. Please sign up and come for a morning of fun and educational activities for parents and students.

This event is being planned by Mrs. Carlson, Miss Readel and Mrs. Rieger and funded through the Richland #44 PTO. These three educators are members of the first small, rural, multi-school cohort including teachers from Richland, Wyndmere and Milnor. The TLA is funded in part by the Burgum Foundation.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the upcoming **Math Olympics**:

4th – Cody B., Owen S., Jozie F., Janna T., and Alexa A.

5th - Ethan S., Genevieve U., Abbie F., Kylie K., and Sadie M.

6th – Cora H., Inger H., Lily M., Otto D., and Emma E.

Mrs. Harris and Miss Larson have been meeting and prepping the students for the competition. Math Olympics will be held **May 3rd at NDSCS in Wahpeton.**



4th Grade

Math Olympic Teams



5th Grade



6th Grade

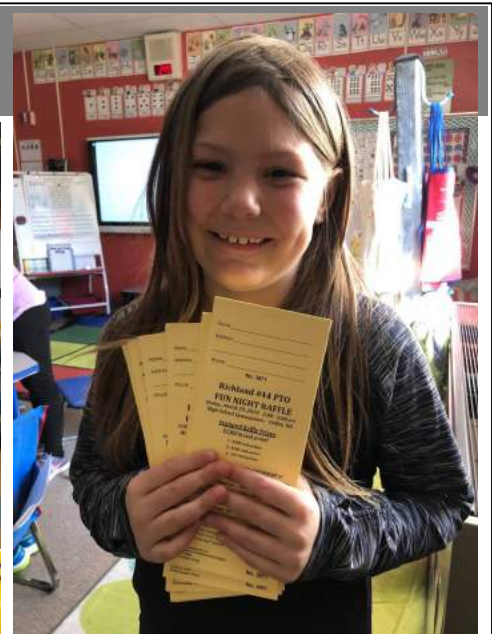
The Richland Elementary Spring Program will be held **Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Colfax**. You can expect another amazing performance by our students under the direction of Mrs. Viland and Mr. Aamold.

Mrs. Cindy Erbes
Elementary Principal

Easter Break April 18-22



Fun Night 2019>>>>



Elizabeth S., a first grader, was the winner of \$20 worth of tickets to use at Fun Night for selling the most books of raffle tickets—65 books!!



Richland #44 PTO would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2019 Fun Night a huge SUCCESS!!!



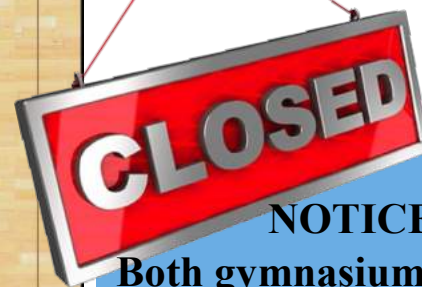
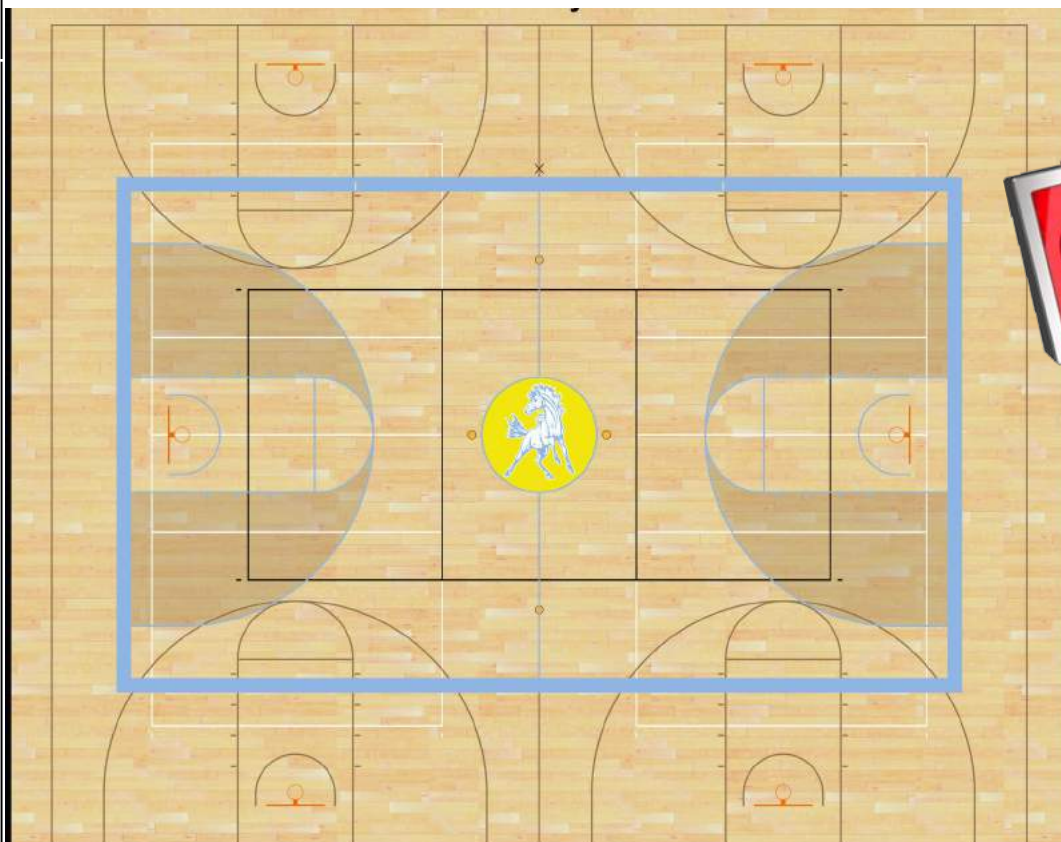
Gym Floor Resurfacing>>>>

About a year ago, the floor in the new (west) gymnasium began to peel. After much research it became apparent there was a default with some of the annual maintenance that had been performed by an outside entity. While we were able to continue using the floor for the short term, we were told a complete resurfacing of the floor would be needed. The school board began to move forward and make plans to fix the issue in summer 2019. In the meantime, we were also looking for solutions to help with the “slippery” issue in our old (east) gymnasium. Again, after research, we found that the same process we would need to complete in the new gym, would also fix our problem in the old gym. Our old gym is used for all junior high games and also the PTO elementary tournaments and the “slippery” surface has been very noticeable to all athletes.

Thanks to generous donations by Richland #44 Colbackers and the Richland #44 PTO, we will also be able to resurface the floor in the old gymnasium.

The process to strip, resurface, and repaint the floors will take about 10 weeks. This includes 6 weeks to complete the process plus additional curing time to ensure a high quality end result.

Due to this project, BOTH GYMS at Richland High School will be closed May 28—August 5. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their patience during this process and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are confident that the short term pains will result in two, amazing looking gym floors for the school.



NOTICE:
Both gymnasiums at the jr/sr high school will be closed to ALL activities and will not be in use May 28 - August 5. We apologize for any inconvenience.



The 2019-2020 School Year calendar was approved by the school board on April 10. You can find this calendar on our website under the “Calendars” tab.

Basketball Camps at Richland #44>>>



Mark your calendars for the Richland #44 Basketball Camps this summer!!

Camps will be held at the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary Basketball

Girls & Boys entering grades 4-6
\$40 July 15-17 12pm-3pm

Jr. High Boys & Girls Basketball
entering grades 7-8

\$40 July 18-19 12pm-3pm

Coltbackers>>>>

Coltbackers has been busy this year raising money to help support Richland #44 athletics. Concessions at all home volleyball and football games kept our volunteers busy this fall along with concessions for the JH volleyball tournament. This year, we tried something new and in correlation with 50 years as Richland #44. The \$50,000 raffle helped bring in some extra funds and generate excitement for our fans. Also, a special thank you to all of our game sponsors during both the girls and boys basketball seasons.

In addition to these 3 fundraisers, our membership drive helps generate funds that in turn are directly put in to our athletic programs here at Richland #44. Thank you to our 2018-2019 Coltbacker Members

White Members (Donation of any amount \$20+)

Bruce & Lisa Amundson
Doug & Mandy Johnson

Gold Members (Donation \$50+)

Scott & Kathy Adams
Bruce & Machell Anderson
Tazary Foley
Byron & Julie Heyen
Ruth Klein
KTM Farm
Terry & Vickie Nelson
Steve & Brenda Roob



Columbia Blue Members (Donation \$100+)

Agro Valley
Mike & Sara Aigner
Daniel & Kendra Dockter
Mike & Aimee Flaa
Tanner & Heidi Foley
Todd & Nicole Holdman
Paul & Emilie Ihland
Brandon Johnson
Todd & Sarah Johnson
Steve & Carol Koenig
Greg & Barb Lingen
Chad & Jody Lingen
Josh & Jen Mjoness
Jared & Sarah Myers
Dave Pasqual
Cody & Sarah Reiland
Paul & Tammy Tehle
Troy & Heather von Ruden
Tom & Cassie Wulfekuhle

Kids Heart Challenge>>>>

Once again our school is participating in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. We're joining the fight against our nations' #1 and #3 killers – cardiovascular disease and stroke.

April 9th through April 23rd our elementary PE classes will hold the Kids Heart Challenge, formerly Jump Rope for Heart. The students will learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while they raise funds to support vital research and educational programs.

Family, friends, and community are welcome to support our great effort by making contributions. You have been very generous in past years and we greatly appreciate your kindness. If no one has contacted you, please call the school with your donation before April 23rd.

KHC is a fun event that helps our children understand the importance of community service and physical activity. The students receive thank-you gifts for their efforts.

For more information call the elementary school or visit american.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge to get started.



Richland #44 Letterman Jacket

It's that time of year! Letters and pins have been awarded and now is the perfect time to get your letterman's jacket! We have some on hand and can get you yours today! **Cost: \$185**

Jacket Features

- *Wool Body (Grey)
- *Genuine Leather Sleeves
- Name embroidered on right chest (optional, no extra charge)
- 2 digit graduation year on right sleeve (optional, no extra charge)
- Sizes range from 3XS - 5XL



Elementary Boys Basketball>>>>

The 5th and 6th boys basketball season has come to an end. With two 6th graders and nine 5th graders playing this year, the boys combined to form one elementary team. The team, coached by Mr. Luke Wuori, showed much improvement over the season and played every game with energy, heart, and determination.



Back Row: Chase S., Wyatt M., Austen P., Logan B.
Middle Row: Grayson M., Carson K., Jayden M.
Front Row: Otto D., Logan F., Chance G., Ethan S.

Elementary Volleyball>>>>



6th Grade:

Sydney L., Inger H., Alayna S., Lily M., Emma E.

Our 5th & 6th grade volleyball girls have been working hard developing their skills. The 5th graders are eager to learn and excited about games. They've gotten the chance to get playing time on the 6th grade team. The 6th grade girls are full of determination and power hits. It's been a great season with their final games coming up this week and next!



5th Grade

Back Row: Jaci F., Gigi U., Abbie F. **Middle Row:** Lila V., Mallory G., Sadie M., Kylie K
Front Row: Hannah S., Dihanna B., Brezlyn C.



Go Colts!

2019 Richland #44 YEARBOOK

Buy yours today!!
Orders due April 30, 2019

Order your 2018-2019 Yearbook TODAY!

There is nothing like getting your copy of the Richland #44 Yearbook in the fall and looking over all the fun pictures from the past year. Don't let your student miss out on sharing and reliving the big events that will make this year special!

Please fill out the order form on the back of this flyer and return to the office no later than April 30.

Continued LOW Price \$25
add name to front cover +\$3

Ordering multiple books?

Each additional yearbook ordered costs only \$20 (+\$3 for imprinted name)



*Elementary sports and activities
*All grades will be featured with a 2 page spread
*QR Codes to see videos




Did you know that you can subscribe to the *Colt Connection*? If you would like each issue mailed to you, we ask for a \$10 donation each year to cover the cost of postage. You can also subscribe to have each issue emailed to you by emailing Kendra at:

Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us

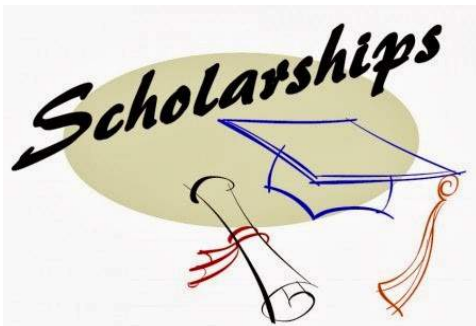
For convenience, we also place copies throughout the community. You can find the *Colt Connection* at Colfax Express, Aber Grocery, Red River Communications, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Galchutt Lutheran Church, the post offices in Abercrombie, Colfax, and Christine, and at both the elementary and high school offices.

You will find current and past newsletters on our school website by clicking on the "Newsletter Tab" at www.richland.k12.nd.us.



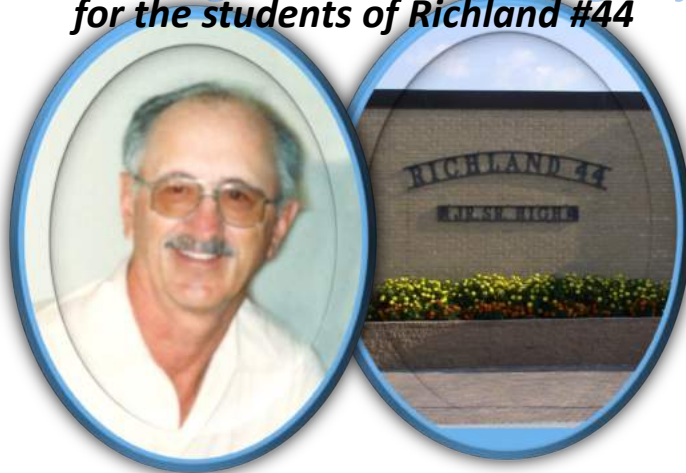
Darrel Hendrickson Scholarship >>>

While the details of the Darrel Hendrickson Scholarship are still in the works, the Richland #44 School Board approved that all graduates, starting with the class of 2016, will be eligible to apply for funds.



Please watch for more information as details and criteria are developed.

Creating a Lasting Legacy for the students of Richland #44



FCCLA>>>

FCCLA members recently competed at the FCCLA State Leadership Convention in Bismarck. Highlights from the event include the following:

*Tegan Amundson helped run the convention as District 6 President. This office qualifies her for National Convention in Anaheim, California this summer.



*Kiersten Boehm ran for a State Officer position. Competition was fierce, but we would like to congratulate Kiersten on a hard fought campaign.

*Bailey Adams received gold and qualified for National Convention in her event, Interior Design

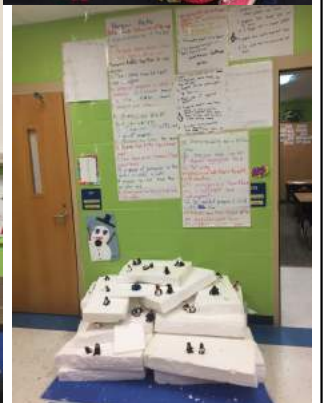


*Jett Foley received bronze for his event, Recycle and Redesign.



Penguin Experts>>>>

After a couple of weeks of research, the second graders have become penguin experts! We read several books, used Ipad for research, wrote and recorded our own book, built an iceberg, learned songs, and even learned a penguin dance. One of the things that we learned was that penguins are very dedicated parents. Both the male and the female take care of the egg and chick. To wrap up our experience, the students took care of an egg all day long. It went everywhere with them, including lunch, recess, and the bathroom. At the end of the day the eggs "hatched" and everyone went home with a penguin!



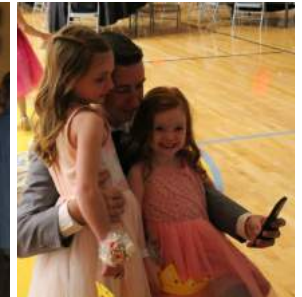
Richland #44 Dollars for Scholars>>>

Richland #44

Dollars for SCHOLARS®

A Program of Scholarship America®

Thank you to everyone who attended our 5th Annual Dollars for Scholars Daddy/Daughter Dance! We had a record turn out this year with 60 dads/grandpas and 79 girls!! The night out included a grand march featuring each couple, dancing, games, and cupcake decorating!! The girls and their dates enjoyed a fun evening!



Dollars for Scholars also wants to report that the 2019 Scholarship winners will be announced in early May. We are excited to once again be able to give out several thousands of dollars in scholarships to Richland #44 graduates. If you are interested in learning more about being part of the DFS Chapter, be sure to contact President Tammy Miller. Information can also be found by contacting the district office and talking to Kendra.

Rotary Student of the Month

Each month, the high school faculty votes on the Rotary Student of the Month. The Student of the Month is selected from the junior class. The faculty looks at students who excel in many areas including academics, extra-curricular activities, character, and community involvement. On the third Tuesday of the month, the student attends a lunch with a staff member of their choice. This luncheon is put on by the Wahpeton Rotary Club. It is held at Prantes in Wahpeton with other area students who are chosen in their school. Congratulations to the following on being named Student of the Month!



Carson Anderson
January SOTM



Hanna Johnson
February SOTM



Cole Myers
March SOTM



Katy Erickson & Zachariah Ringdahl
April SOTM





Mark your calendars
for VBS at
Eagle Valley Free Church!

2 miles east of Christine, ND

July 21-25, 2019

6:00-8:00pm

eaglevalleyvbs@gmail.com

Ages 3-12

Make plans to join us for the ultimate pep rally as we celebrate who God is, what He has done, and what He promises to do!

Join Us for An Epic
Adventure!



Richland - Our Savior's Vacation Bible School

Who: All kids entering Kindergarten - 7th Grade

Where: Richland Lutheran Church

When: May 29 & 30 9:00 - 3:00
and May 31 9:00-1:00 with a program at 1:00

Register Online: www.myvbs.org/ROSVBS

Questions: call/text Kati Ulven 701-212-2823 or
email katiulven@gmail.com



Be sure to check out our next
Issue coming May 2019

Check us out on Facebook

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #44



You Are Invited!
Galchutt and Emmanuel
Lutheran Churches invite you to
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
To Mars and Beyond!
June 25-27

WHERE: Galchutt Lutheran Church -
Galchutt, ND

WHO: All kids entering preschool through
entering 7th grade are welcome!

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVLYW6M> by May 17

Questions? Contact: Kendra Dockter (701)
640-0127 or Pamela Krump_or (701)640-0532



ROAR VBS at Bethany Free Lutheran
Church

July 15 - July 19
9am—Noon each day

Register at:
<https://www.myvbs.org/bethanyvbs2019/>



Aber 5K Run
Saturday, August 3
5K starts at 8am
Kids Run at 9:30am

Website details and signup can be found at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/ND/Abercrombie/Abercrombie5K>

