

Good Evening Richey Families,

This week we postponed our intruder drill, but it will be rescheduled for the very near future. These drills are not only state mandates, but are necessary in case of an actual emergency. It is critical that our staff and students alike know how to handle various situations without any hesitation. Families will be informed prior to the drill, so children can be prepared adequately.

The need for identification checks was minimal this week. We appreciate your willingness to ensure you had student placards available at the appropriate time. I do want to remind our Richey families to be courteous to our community. While our end of the day dismissal procedures takes a minimum amount of time, we are getting reports that our families are blocking the driveways of our community members. Further, when parking occurs on both sides of a narrow street, it makes two-way traffic impossible to pass. This is particularly true of First Avenue. We want to continue to be good neighbors and show regard for our community. If your family is choosing to walk in order to pick up a child instead of using the carline, please consider parking on Augustine and please make sure you are allowing plenty of space for community members to move in and out of their driveway if they desire. Your thoughtfulness would be sincerely appreciated.

Our Valentine's Day celebrations are right around the corner and creates a sense of normalcy for our students. While your child's homeroom teacher will share specifics, remember all Valentines and store bought food items for student to student exchange must be sent to school by Friday, February 5th. We have been told items must "sit" untouched for a minimum of 48 hours if they are coming from an individuals home.

Our remote learning friends will have surprises coming their way too! We will be delivering special items to the homes of our remote learners, so they can participate in a virtual party just like their in-school peers. There will be more information in next Sunday's message regarding our delivery date and time.

It is time for Red Clay Teacher of the Year nominations! We have SO many deserving teachers at Richey. Consider nominating a teacher for this high honor. The nomination window opens on Monday, February 1, 2021 and closes on Friday February 12, 2021.

[Nomination Form](#)

Any Red Clay student, parent, colleague and or community member may nominate one of our dynamic educators!

Don't forget our self screening protocol that should be conducted daily.

The self-screening tool can also be found on the Red Clay website:

<https://de01903704.schoolwires.net/domain/1715>

As a final note, monitor the District website for updates regarding school delays in opening or building closures due to the pending weather just in case formal alert messages are not sent to each home.

Mrs. Armstrong