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Fun Facts About Our Teachers

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Have you ever wondered if teachers have done any cool things in their spare time? Well here are some FASCINATING FACTS about teachers, from riding a unicycle to owning a tiger.

Susan Jones

Susan Jones went on a breathtaking adventure kayaking in the Gulf Of Mexico! For those who don't know, the Gulf Of Mexico is an Ocean Basin located in the Atlantic ocean.

Mrs. Alter

A long time ago, Mrs. Alter worked in the education department of the Milwaukee symphony orchestra.

Steven Shaw

Steven Shaw has walked on the iconic Great Wall of China.

Margot DeBot

Margot Debot can ride a unicycle, A unicycle is a one wheel bicycle.

Danelle Veihmeyer

Danelle Velhmeyer once took a 5 week trip to Europe and visited 7 different countries!

Tracy Matthews

Tracy Matthews learned how to drive stick on a road trip out west.

Tyler Merlo

Tyler Merlo quite literally took a leap of faith and jumped off of a 35ft waterfall in Costa Rica.

**Ms. Kim Schaefer**

Ms. Schaefer was in a parade at one of the happiest places on earth, Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World, they even went on the iconic Mickey's float!

Senora Buzzell

Unlike most people, Senora Buzzell doesn't have a dog, cat, hamster or a guinea pig, Senora Buzzell has an actual tiger!

Tom Gard

Tom Gard the band instructor-do you know the tv game show the Wheel of Fortune

Mr. Timmerman

Mr. Timmerman currently has 27 aunts and uncles. He is from Kieler, Wisconsin - which is a small town in Grant County. Most of his extended family are farmers in southwest Wisconsin. He is the youngest of 5, he has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He lives with his wife and 2 kids in Saint Francis, WI. His daughter is 6 years old and his son is 3 years old. And he has more than 80 first cousins."

Tracey Mike

Tracey Mike is an artist. She loves to create in any way. She started to really love art when she was chosen to design a school yearbook when she was in fifth grade. She loves to make every project we do in class artsy.

Mac & Cheese or Pizza: Fun Lunch Polls

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How long do you think fun lunch has been going on? How many different restaurants do you think Richards has ordered Fun Lunch from? How many people get Fun Lunch each year? Find out all this and more below!

How many lunches were served per fun lunch? The answer is surprising. As of recent years, 560-570 meals per fun lunch are served. Now that's very surprising!

How many restaurants have supplied Richards with fun lunches? They varied between many different ones; McDonalds, Cousins, Rocky Rococo's, Subway, and Pizza Hut, bringing the grand total to five different restaurants! All have been ordered by the Richards PTO. After this the school continued to get CPK. (CPK stands for California Pizza Kitchen!) Up until a few years ago, I know they alternated with Cousins subs. I've heard that they also used to get pizza from Rocky Rococo's, and Pizza Hut, but that must have been some time ago!



Do some students order two lunches? If so, who and how many students do that and in what grades? No students order two lunches and we're not aware of any asking to do so. A good number of students do alternate what they order (usually between pizza and m&c or salad) for each lunch.

How much does it cost to feed our school on Fun Lunch days for the entire year? The salads cost \$982.36. While the Mac and Cheese Cost \$7,925.04. And last but not least the Pizza cost \$15,663.85! Overall the fun lunches cost \$24,571.25.

The cost of a fun lunch in total is \$24,572.25. Richards serves 560-570 lunches, were you surprised? I sure hope you were and feel free to tell your friends and family these awesome facts.

The Rich History of Richards School

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As this is our first issue, we decided to recap on the history of our wonderful school. It all started on October 18th, 1928. Originally, there were eight classrooms in two stories. When it opened, it had Kindergarten through 6th grade classes.

Due to it opening near Halloween, orange and black were chosen as the school colors, then a tiger was chosen for the school mascot because of those colors. Before 1929, railroad tracks cut across the back playground area. A train chugged past the school each day at 3:40 p.m, so a police officer would help children cross the tracks at 3:30 because of that.

In 1933, six classrooms were built right of the present front door. These are now the connects, clinic, and reading support rooms. These were added to hold 7th and 8th graders at the time. After they were finished, the school had 14 classrooms, an office, a library, and a cafeteria. It was home to 373 students, which is just one example of how Richards has grown over the years. (Richards now has over 700 students) As you can see, Richards has a very detailed history, but there is still plenty to cover.

In 1958, a gym was added to Richards School. Until then, physical education classes were held in some narrow rooms in a basement that they called dungeons. 7th and 8th graders would walk along a path called "the boardwalk" that paralleled the old streetcar tracks to Henry Clay school (which is now the Whitefish Bay Middle School) for shop,



sewing, and cooking classes, and would often stop at the WFB Pharmacy (which is now Winkies) for some penny candy. For us, it is strange to think that they did not add a gym until 30 years later. We could never imagine our beloved school without its gym.

After all that, let us explain how the school got its name. Richards School was named after Richards Street, the name of the street in front of the school, which I am sure many of you have heard of. This street is now Santa Monica. At the time, Richards was the second oldest school in the school district. That's right, there was actually an older school than Richards in this school district, but unfortunately, burned to the ground. Currently, Richards is the oldest standing school in our school district.

The street was named after Daniel H. Richards, the publisher of Milwaukee's first newspaper, The Advertiser, which was founded in 1836. When Richards School was first built, the road in front of the school was a dirt road. Years later, the road was turned into a boulevard, and members of St. Monica's Parish asked that the name be changed to Santa Monica Boulevard. That is where the verse in our school song *Up Santa Monica, goin' in a run* comes from.



LEFT: This glass bottle reads PEPSI-COLA and was found around where the train tracks used to be. We suspect that it was thrown out the window by someone who was riding the train back then. This is probably one of the only cases where littering has been helpful in some way.

RIGHT: Red line that shows where the train tracks used to be. The orange arrow is the school. The blue arrows are where the bottle was found.

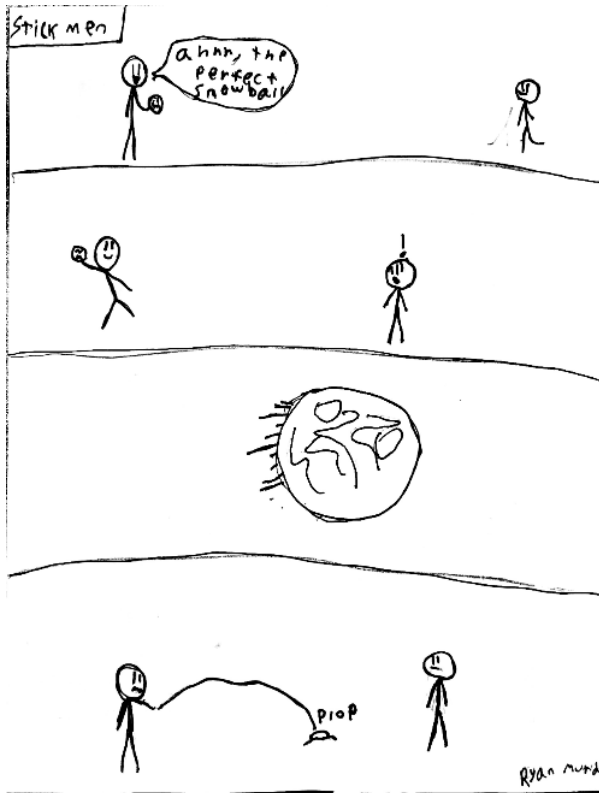
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