



Richmond Newsletter

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Letter from our Interim Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

2006 is off to a busy start at Richmond. You'll notice a number of activities and events to get involved with as you look through this issue of our newsletter. The focus for all this activity is, of course, the growth of our school and the enrichment of your child's education. We have activities around the auction on the calendar for the coming week, along with promotion of our school at the annual *PPS Celebration of Schools* gathering at the Oregon Convention Center on Thursday, January 12th.

Most important, we have a General Parent meeting set for Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM in our cafeteria hosted by the Richmond Foundation. The focus of this meeting is our fundraising and program work to date. By the end of the evening we

hope to accomplish the following goals:

1. Update, list, organize current efforts;
2. Create a central clearinghouse of fundraising and support activities;
3. Begin to craft an action plan for current work and identify new areas of need with appropriate contacts to support.

YOU are key to this work, particularly if you are already working on any aspect of fundraising. We need your ideas and experience to help us shape a solid action plan that will guide fundraising efforts at Richmond in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Anderson, Interim Principal

LEARN PRACTICAL JAPANESE!

Have fun communicating with your child in Japanese! The class is also useful for hosting a Japanese student, traveling to Japan, and doing business with Japan. Interaction with text handouts provided. Enjoy exploring beyond textbook.

503-977-4933, online:www.pcc.edu, coordinator/questions: 503-788-6265.

Portland Community College
<http://www.pcc.edu/location/default.cfm?fa=findLocation&siteCode=SE&frm_location=TABOR> SE Center / Room TABOR 127

6:30 PM-08:30 PM on Wednesdays
11-Jan-2006 thru 15-Mar-2006

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Learn to speak Japanese at a great class at PCC
- ☺ Celebrate Portland Public Schools—Jan. 12th
- ☺ Help wanted for auction
- ☺ Order your tickets for Mochitsuki on Jan. 29
- ☺ Stay current with our calendar of events!

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUCTION DECORATIONS



Our wonderful auction committee needs you to look through your cupboards and closets for artifacts to be used for decoration and display at the auction on Friday, March 10th at the Multnomah Athletic Club. All items will be safely displayed to protect against damage and will be returned to you. Thank you in advance for your help with this project!

Items needed are:

- Kimonos for hanging

- "Vintage" photos of students from the 5th grade class. We'd like to have a selection of pictures that chronicles their entire school history. Digital photos are preferred, but not required.

If you have any of these precious items that you're willing to share, please give our auction chairperson a call or email at:

Barbara Neidig

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TALENT SHOW SET FOR FEBRUARY 17

Our Media Asst., Lynne Cummings, is organizing the Richmond Foundation Talent Show. The show will take place on Friday, February 17, 2006.

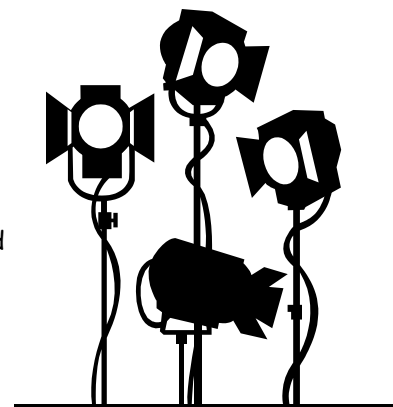
Proceeds from the show benefit staffing our specials positions: P.E., Library, and Resource Teachers.

We have an important need for volunteers to help as:

- Ticket sellers
- Ushers
- People to man the door the night of the presentation

- A few people to head up the food committee

If you would like to help, please contact Lynne Cummings in the Richmond Library. Her email is lcummings@pps.k12.or.us or phone her at 503-916-6220. Thanks!



STUDENT STORE OPENS NEXT WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

January 18th (Wednesday) will be the Grand Opening of the student store! The following are some samples of items in the store.

- Pencils, Stretchy lizards, snakes, water tubes, sticky eyes, necklaces, bouncy balls, y ties and finger locks.
- Food items, Nuts, dried fruit, chips, cookies and candy.



Store hours are 3-3:15 PM every Monday, Wednesday, Friday!

The store will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00pm to 3:15pm.

Gary Kuney

CELEBRATE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

The third annual "Celebrate! Portland Public Schools" provides tools and information for parents to choose a school, entertainment and activities for kids, free parking, transportation and translation services.

What: A presentation by PPS and our community partners showcasing the wide range of exceptional educational options offered across the city: from neighborhood schools to special programs and focus option schools. The evening will feature information for parents from more than 92 schools and dozens of community partners, art projects and performances by more than 1200 PPS students, and a "get-acquainted with Kindergarten" room. The entire event is free to the public- childcare and language translation services will be available as well as free parking and transportation.

When: Thursday, January 12
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Oregon Convention Center
777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd
Portland OR 97212

NOTE: Free parking/childcare/translation is available. Also free transportation will be offered from Cleveland, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Roosevelt and Wilson High Schools. For more info, please call 503-916-3304.

Who: Celebration is a partnership with the Portland Schools Foundation, PTA, and Community and Parents for Public Schools (CPPS). The event's costs are funded

from the Voluntary Public Schools Choice Grant, a federal grant specifically reserved for promoting school choice. The purpose of the Celebration is to promote equity among schools, stimulate community partnerships, and celebrate the advantages and choices offered by Portland Public Schools. Resource booths in the exhibit hall will showcase the support services for schools provided by community partners and central administration. In 2005, more than 14,000 people attended the Celebration and this year's Celebration should prove to be an even bigger event.



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START PLANNING NOW-NO SCHOOL FEB. 21 & 22

OMSI Day

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry invites all PPS students in grades K-8 to participate at OMSI Day on February 22, 2006. Join OMSI for a day of investigation, discovery, and adventure that is sure to delight even the most radical scientist. This event is co-sponsored by PPS Science Resource Team and the Office of Talented and Gifted Education. For a full copy of the flyer plus the Student Registration Form, please go to page 4 of this

newsletter. You can also contact Mary Ann Jacobson, Richmond's 4th grade teacher and TAG coordinator, for more information. She can be reached at 503-916-6220 or via email at: m.jacobson@pps.k12.or.us



ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUCTION PROCUREMENT

Our auction committee is in the midst of assembling a great range of auction items for you and your friends to bid on March 10th. We have great hotels, restaurants, art and services for you to choose from, but could use a few more items in the following categories. Please look through this list and see if you know any professional or business to approach for a donation:



Caption describing picture or graphic.

- Airlines for plane tickets
- Restaurants for gift certificates

- Gardening services
- Home decorating services
- Home remodeling services
- Carpenters and general "fix-it" folks
- Galleries for pieces of art
- Artists for weavings, jewelry, paintings, pottery, etc.

The auction procurement forms and envelopes are in the main hallway on the big blue table. Please stop by and pick some up before you talk to your intended donors.

PARENT PRESENTATION ABOUT MATH PROGRAM

Ruth Parker is an incredible resource to help communicate the type of mathematics we want for our students. Her presentations are interesting and engaging for everyone—no matter your level of math proficiency. What a resource! Her presentation will be on Wednesday, January 18th at Buckman Elementary School at 6:30-8:30 PM. Childcare will be available.

"Mathematics For The Future: If We Are Going to Teach Mathematics, What Do We Do About Arithmetic?"

Here are some of the things she will cover:

- What can you do to help your child be successful in math?
- What about mastery of basic skills?
- Can math homework be done with joy, not tears?
- Will your child be prepared for the next grade, for SAT, for college, for the world of work?
- What mathematics is essential to the workplace of today and tomorrow?

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLYERS GONE?

Many of you have noticed the new paint in the main hallway and office. Now you're wondering where all the flyers have gone that were usually stacked on the long, blue table in the main hallway. They haven't disappeared—we've simply moved them to a more convenient and organized location in the main office.

On the wall in the office by the round table, you'll find a new acrylic brochure rack for



Brochures, flyers, announcements have moved to office display case.

our collection of announcements, events, and services for parents and families. Many of you have commented that it's much easier to see the information now that the brochures are on the wall.

We hope this move helps you locate the information you need and keep our main hallway neat and clutter-free. Thanks!

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MARCH 10TH

The auction committee needs a wide range of parent volunteers in order to ensure a successful event. Each position listed below is limited to the afternoon/evening of March 10th and comes with training. Please give the list some thought and let us know how you're willing to help. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Registration (6-8 people needed)

Data Entry (2 people needed)

Check-out (6 people needed)

Cashiers (6-8 people needed)

Decorations (3 people needed)

Silent auction closers (10-12 people needed)

Will call and clean up (10-12 people needed)

Floater (2-3 people needed)

Live auction:

- Handlers (1-2 people needed)
- Spotters (2-4 people needed)
- Recorders (2 people needed)
- Runners (2-4 people needed)

Contact **Gina Azzaro-Budak** if you can help with any of these jobs:

503-281-9099

mjbudak@msn.com

AUCTION INVITATIONS MAILED NEXT WEEK

Look for your personal invitation to the annual Oya No Kai auction in your mailbox next week! The auction is set for Friday, March 10th at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The silent auction starts at 5:30 PM with dinner and the live auction to follow.

The auction committee has planned an exciting evening for Richmond parents, so mark your calendar, hire your babysitter and plan to attend this important social event that

will benefit the entire Richmond program.

"Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present."

Albert Camus, The Rebel

HELP WANTED: Auction Catalogue Coordinator

The auction committee really needs your help. We are looking for a talented individual to coordinate the text for the auction catalogue. The skills needed include:

- Access to a computer with Microsoft WORD
- Basic word-processing skills
- Attention to detail so we know the information is as accurate as possible for the catalogue.

Please contact our auction chairperson if you are willing to help with this important work:

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Please help us with the auction catalogue!

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Japanese Magnet Program



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Calendar for January 9-13, 2006

Mon. Jan. 9	Seijin-no-hi (Coming of Age Day celebrating people who are 20 yrs old.) Site Council & Committee meetings (3:15-5:15 PM)
Tues. Jan. 10	Scrip order day
Wed. Jan. 11	General Parent Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM hosted by Richmond Foundation
Thurs. Jan. 12	PPS Celebration of Schools at OR Convention Center (5:30-8:30 PM)
Fri. Jan. 13	3 rd payment due to Oya No Kai for 5 th grade trip Scrip pick up day
Mon. Jan. 16	NO SCHOOL in honor of Dr. King's Birthday
Wed. Jan. 18	Auction committee meeting at 7:00 PM in vol. Rm.
Thurs. Jan. 19	8th grade information night at Mt. Tabor
Tues. Jan. 24	Scrip order day Oya No Kai Board meeting at 6:45 PM
Wed. Jan. 25	Mandatory meeting for 5 th grade parents regarding Japan trip 7:00 PM
Thurs. Jan. 26	Information night for Prospective Parents 7:00-9:00 PM in cafeteria
Fri. Jan. 27	Scrip pick up day
Sat. Jan. 28	Mochitsuki 2006 at PCC Sylvania Campus 12:00-4:00 PM. Richmond will have a booth to display information about our school with packets for interested parents. Richmond students perform at 12:20 PM.

INVITATIONS AND PARENT PACKET ASSEMBLY LINE

Do you have a few minutes or a few hours to spare to help us with two important clerical needs? No matter what your time limit, we can use you to help us stuff and address the auction invitations and assemble the new parent packets for the *PPS Celebration of Schools* event on Thursday, January 12. We've scheduled a massive assembly party on Wednesday, January 11th in the Volunteer Room (105) to enable you to drop in and help as your calendar permits.

We'll have toys for younger children to play with and coffee, tea and snacks to keep you going. Easy directions and models for the assembly of each item will be on hand to help guide your work. Drop by to lend a hand or simply offer a few words of thanks and encouragement. We're grateful for any help you can offer.



**Wednesday, January 11th in the Volunteer Room
ALL DAY**