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# Richmond Newsletter

## Letter from our Interim Principal

Dear Richmond Families,

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 10th, our teachers will begin to prepare all the information about your child's academic progress to share with you during your parent/teacher conference on November 21 or 22nd. Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you have not scheduled your conference.

Your conference session with your child's English and Japanese teachers is a very important opportunity for you to ask key questions, such as:

- *How is my child progressing toward the Oregon content standards and benchmarks for his/her grade level?*
- *What are you doing to support my child if he/she is struggling with any aspect of the curriculum?*

- *What ideas do you have to help me support my child's learning at home?*
- *How are you extending the curriculum for my child when he/she has mastered the content standard in any area of reading, writing, math, science, etc.?*
- *How does my child successfully navigate social experiences at school? What can I do to assist my child with social growth?*
- *How do you use volunteers to help meet the diverse learning needs of your students? How can I get involved to support you in the classroom?*

I will be available to talk with you before or after your child's conference if you would like to talk further about any aspect of our curriculum. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office; the door is always open.

Kathryn Anderson, Interim Principal

## Schedule for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Richmond's schedule for parent/teacher conferences differs from the basic district conference schedule to allow one more evening for working parents to meet with their child's teacher. Last spring, our staff submitted a waiver to the district calendar to enable us to hold evening conferences on both conference days, November 21 and 22. As a result, there is no school for Richmond students the week prior to Thanksgiving.

Here's the official Richmond parent/teacher conference schedule for 2005:

**Mon. Nov. 21**—Conferences all day/evening from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**Tues. Nov. 22**—Conferences all day/evening from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**Wed. Nov. 23**—Richmond closed. Staff compensation for evening conferences.

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☺ Check our new website at:

[www.richmondjmp.org](http://www.richmondjmp.org)

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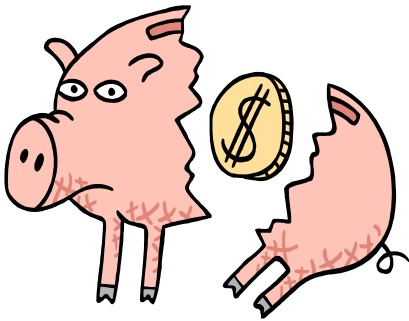
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## NEW BANK DAY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Bank Day is up and running. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade helpers are doing a fabulous job! We are having between 60 and 70 bankers every week!! This is a great way to get in the habit of saving and to save for your 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip.



**Coordinator needed—  
training provided along  
with a wealth of thanks!**

Richmond's school savings is the longest running program. I would like to see that it continues. This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year of coordinating bank day and I would like to train someone to continue next year. My daughter is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year and I will not

be at Richmond next year.

A parent in the kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade is most desirable so they can be the coordinator for a few years. I will train and come help next fall to walk you through the beginning of the school year. Bank day is every Wednesday from 8:20-8:45. We usually finish up around 9:45. If you are interested and would like more details, please call me. It is a rewarding job!

Wendy Sakai  
Bank day coordinator  
503-246-5298

## Volunteers Needed for the Oregon Humane Society!

The Oregon Humane Society is urgently looking for families who are willing to open their homes to a dog, cat or family of kittens or puppies for foster care. Foster care for these wonderful little animals is limited in duration while they heal from an injury or infection. The Humane Society provides all the medication and supplies you would need to host a pet. They also provide free training which is mandatory before hosting a pet.

Please contact the Foster Care Department at the Oregon Humane Society as soon as possible at 503-416-2980 or

email us at [foster@oregonhumane.org](mailto:foster@oregonhumane.org) if you can take one or two of the cats or dogs into your home.

Thanks in advance for your love and support of all our animals!

Denise and Allison  
Foster Care Coordinators  
[Foster@oregonhumane.org](mailto:Foster@oregonhumane.org)  
503-416-2980



## KINDERGARTEN POTLUCK—Friday, November 18th

Parents of kindergarteners, please come and meet your child's new "best friends" on Friday, November 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Montevilla Community Center. This wonderful potluck will be held in the gym at the community center, located at 8219 NE Glisan. Flatware will be provided.

A one dollar donation from every family is appreciated to pay for the gym



**Kinder Potluck**  
Friday, November 18th at 6-8:00 PM  
Montevilla Community Center  
8219 NE Glisan

rental at the community center. Donations can be given to Desiree Miller or mail to: 2714 SW Sylvania Terrace, Portland 97219.

Please bring a favorite drink and the dish that corresponds to your last name:

A-J brings an entrée

K-s brings a side dish or salad

T-Z brings dessert

## STOP BY BARNES AND NOBLE ON NOVEMBER 19TH

Richmond School Foundation is hosting a fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, November 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. We'll have a JMP table in the children's area to showcase our wonderful program with origami and calligraphy. We'll also offer singing, storytelling and a performance from our wonderful school community. Here's the lineup:  
11:30—kindergarten singers  
Noon—Storytelling with former librarian Michelle Mundt  
1:00—Our 1st Japanese classroom teacher, Reiko Yoshida, will lead a Moshi-Moshi style performance with 1st graders



**Barnes & Noble benefit for Richmond Foundation on November 19th at Lloyd Center!**

2:00—Storytelling with Interim Principal Kathryn Anderson  
3:00—Storytelling with Michelle Mundt  
4:00—4th and 5th grade singers\*

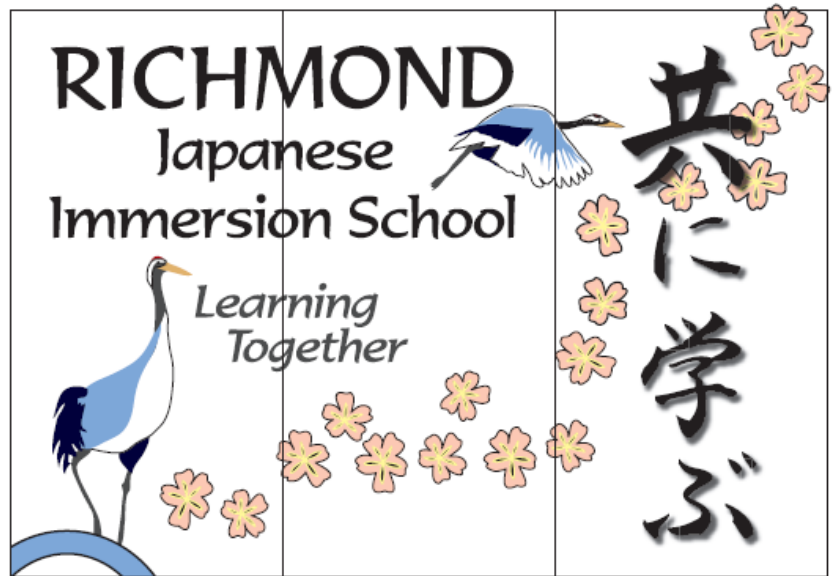
Anyone purchasing just about anything at Barnes and Noble between 11 and 5 p.m. on the 19th will help the Richmond School Foundation with 15 to 25% of the sale, if they use a voucher (which will be available at cash registers).

To sign up, please email Jill Punches at [punches1@msn.com](mailto:punches1@msn.com). For questions or to perform, email or call (503) 233-6075.

## NEW RICHMOND BANNER

Richmond parent, Melanie Scheuermann, has been working on a new banner for us to hang in front of the school at the main entry along 41st street. Here's a look at her beautiful banner. The banner will be printed on three panels without the vertical lines you see in this PDF copy. Our hope is to hang the banner over the front doors as a welcome to all who enter Richmond.

Please give Melanie a BIG thanks for this great design!



## PTA CRAFT FAIR—DECEMBER 1ST

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE PTA CRAFT FAIR, Thursday, December 1st!

Give our children the opportunity to capture the spirit of giving by making their own gifts. Grandparents, moms, dads, and other special adults will be thrilled to receive an item lovingly created by hand especially for them.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event happen: craft project organizers, table monitors, set-up and clean-up people. Please give a little of your time to make this a fun evening. Contact Suzanne Munro at [suzannelmunro@msn.com](mailto:suzannelmunro@msn.com) / (503) 231-5178, or your room rep. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the cafeteria.

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### Japanese Magnet Program

## Calendar for November 10-November 25

Thurs. Nov. 10	NO SCHOOL for Teacher Planning
Fri. Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL for Veteran's Day
Mon. Nov. 14	Gift wrap pick up Site Council meeting at 3:15 PM
Tues. Nov. 15	Shichigosan Day in Japan for children ages 7-5-3 to celebrate Picture re-takes in room #204 Scrip Order Day Oya No Kai Board Meeting at 6:45 PM
Wed. Nov. 16	Vision Screening for grades K-1-3-5
Fri. Nov. 18	Scrip Pick Up Day
Sat. Nov. 19	Barnes & Noble sale at Lloyd Center for Richmond Foundation
Mon/Tues. Nov. 21-22	NO SCHOOL for parent/teacher conferences
Wed.-Fri. Nov. 23-25	NO SCHOOL for Thanksgiving Holiday

## Holiday Scrip News (It's all good!)

**Good news:** We are now using a new Scrip vendor, Great Lakes Scrip Center. They have a 99.5% rate of filling orders completely the day they are made, with very few, if any, backorders; **this means you can make your next Scrip Order with confidence.** ALL backorders will be resolved by the next scrip pickup day, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**More good news:** Great Lakes carries everything on our order form and more, and most are at a higher profit. Great Lakes has new merchants as well, so I am adding a few to our Order Form. An updated order form may not be available until this weekend, so use the form you now have, adding the new merchants (below) on the form. (check [oyanokai.org/fundraising](http://oyanokai.org/fundraising) for the latest Order Form)

**New Merchants:** Build-a-Bear \$25 (8% profit), Amazon.com \$25, (4%), Quizno's \$5 (8%), Arby's \$5 (10%). Dream Dinners scrip is also available at \$100, with 8% profit - I will add it to the order form if there is interest. **Casual Corner** is no longer available.

Families can now choose to donate scrip funds to the Rich-

mond Foundation instead of their class fund. To do this, indicate "Foundation" in the "class #" space on the form, and near the "star" on the Scrip envelope. You can alternate where the profit goes whenever you like - just make sure it's clear on your order & envelope.

The holiday season is where we make our biggest profits for Oya No Kai and class funds, so please start thinking about using Scrip for gifts and holiday shopping.

**Scrip Orders are Tuesday, November 15.** Standing orders will be run also. Pick up Scrip on Friday, November 18 at 2:45 in the Richmond Cafeteria, or from your team captain. I will have Scrip available to sell on Friday as well, cash or check only. We don't have everything available on Fridays, so place an order to be sure you get what you want.

Thank you-

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