



Richmond Newsletter

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Letter from our Interim Principal

Dear Richmond Families,

I'm writing this letter to you following the festivities and fun with Richmond's annual Craft Fair. Parents have all pitched in to pick up the glue, glitter, paint, and stray beads. Cafeteria tables are moved aside and the custodians are sweeping the floor, giving me a moment to catch my breath and consider the fact that this wonderful event was the perfect way to end my day.

Without exception, children and parents were happily engaged in the wide array of activities that had been carefully orchestrated by our PTA and room parents. I know the Craft Fair took many hours of hard work, planning and coordination, but the smiles on faces and the buzz of fun in the air made it seem like it all came to-

gether with magical efficiency.

Tonight, I had the chance to help a child smear peanut butter and bird seed on a giant pine cone and then wrap it up, oh so carefully, as a special present for a parent. I managed to figure out a kindergartener's elaborate pattern of beads for a beautiful necklace (I needed a few hints) and watch a fifth grade student patiently coach a first grader through the steps to make an origami ornament. What fun!

Please join me in thanking our PTA leaders and room parents for all their work to make the Craft Fair such a success.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Anderson, Interim Principal

GENERAL PARENT MEETING-DEC. 14TH

Our next general parent meeting is set for Wednesday, December 14th and will be hosted by Oya No Kai. Dinner will be available at 6:30 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM with a Taiko performance.

Childcare will be available in the gym.

This is your chance to get personal, up-to-

date information from PTA, Foundation, and Oya No Kai. You'll also have a chance to hear about the auction details and get a peek at our new school brochure.

Please join us for this great opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Richmond and visit with friends in our school community.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Come to the General Parent Meeting on Dec. 14th.
- ☺ Talent Show is coming and Mrs. Cummings needs your help!
- ☺ Great PPS Math Webpage can help with your student's math schoolwork
- ☺ Some parent reminders

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Parents: We need your help!

Dear Families,

The recent cold temperatures have prompted some requests. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather— warm coat, hat, gloves, etc. The children are outside for lunch recess every day, unless it is raining.

This also affords the opportunity for families to work on some fine motor skills with kindergarten and first grade students, particularly. It is important for children to learn how to zip their coats and tie their shoes. The playground staff simply cannot keep up with the requests for zipping and tying and still keep a watchful eye on the playground.

Thank you for your help.

Mr. Kuney



Talent Show Update

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:

- 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.

Some Parent Reminders:

- Please be aware of oncoming traffic when entering and leaving the parking lot. We've had some neighborhood complaints that parents are not being very cautious and turning in front of oncoming cars, and not watching out for children. Please be safe.
- Please make arrangements with your children before school concerning after-school plans. Phone calls interrupt valuable classroom instruction time. Thanks.



M.U.S.E. BAND

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students have received the honor of student of the month in recognition and as a testimonial to the outstanding accomplishment and performance in band. Each student receives a certificate for this award. We want you to hear what a great job these students are doing!



Beginning Band: Anna Shida—Clarinet

Intermediate Band: Tucker Valentine — Sax

Congratulations!

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION!!!

I try to send out a weekly update on items procured from which businesses via the list serve. Go to http://oyanokai.org/mailman/listinfo/jmpgrade_k_oyanokai.org to register. Put whichever grade your child is in in the "k" position and fill in your e-mail address and name. You should then receive the next communication that goes out. If you want to double-check, you can at jeanm@web-strider.com.

Mark the date: December 17th from 10:00 to 1:00!

I will have a California roll making class (guaranteed satisfaction) for eight people at \$30 per person. This will be a fundraiser for the auction. This will make a great appe-

PPS Math Resource Web Page

PPS Family Mathematics Resource Page
<http://inside.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/857>

The website listed above is available to you as a resource to stay connected with K-5 mathematics in Portland Public Schools. This page is divided into the following sections: PPS Math Resources, Resources to Help Your Child With Math, Math Challenges, and Interesting Math Articles and News.

The **PPS Math Resources** section includes K-5 parent information letters detailing the current unit of study. These letters are available as PDF files and may be downloaded for the entire year. There are also supplemental study packets for grades three through five, a math vocabulary list, and grade level standards for middle school.

The **Resources to Help Your Child With Math** section

Christmas Trees

Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 10:00 to 3:00 at Michael & Ann Reid's "Figgy Pudding Farms" for U-cut Christmas trees.

The address is 24277 S. Schuebel School Road, Beaver-creek, phone 503-632-7212.

tizer at any of your holiday parties. Don't worry if you cannot make the December class. I will be offering one in January too. Also in January I will be offering a salad rolling class.

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provides a collection of web links for families with ways to support your child's mathematical thinking, provide homework assistance, and find activities that help build math skills.

The **Math Challenges** section is another collection of websites that you and your child can visit together to "stretch your brains" and practice your math skills.

Lastly, the **Interesting Math Articles** section features some news and articles relating to math and mathematics instruction.

We hope these resources are helpful to you. Please contact us at 603-916-5404 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
PPS Math Team



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Japanese Magnet Program



Richmond Calendar for December 12-30, 2005

Mon., Dec. 12	Site Council Meeting—3:15 PM PPS Board Meeting— 6:30 PM
Tues. Dec. 13	Scrip Order Day Oya No Kai Board Mtg.- 6:45 PM
Wed. Dec. 14	Holiday Music with our Band students 8:45 in the Cafeteria Taiko Workshop — 12:30-3:00 in the Cafeteria General Parent Meeting — 7:00 PM hosted by Oya No Kai in the Cafeteria Child Care in the Gym
Fri. Dec. 16	Japanese Folk Tale Presentation by Helen Kimmelfield: K-2: 12:45-1:30 3-5: 1:45-2:50 Scrip Pick-up Day
Sat. 12/17-1/02	Winter Break
Tues. Jan. 3	Students Return from Winter Break

Recent Assemblies at Richmond:

Mt. Tabor 6th graders came to Richmond to share in Japanese about their June, 2005 trip to Japan. We heard about their experiences in Kyoto, Fukuno, Gokayama, Numazu, Kobe, Atami, and Tokyo. We learned what students purchased with their cash, what foods they tried, what weather they encountered, and what was the hardest thing about the trip (saying goodbye to their host families). Pictured here are 6th graders Julian Hixon, Kianna Green, and Petra Jacobson.



Mrs. Ando and Mrs. Jacobson's class performed for Richmond students during our Wednesday morning assembly. Ms. Naylor's class presented an informative history of umbrellas through a group reading and then led us in singing "Ame Ame Furi Furi" in both English and Japanese.



Richmond also welcomed Abernethy Elementary School 5th grade student, Annelise Cummings, who performed a composition named "Sakura" (Cherry Blossoms) on the piano. She wore a kimono borrowed from Richmond, which she plans to wear at her upcoming piano recital.

We hope to hear some of our talented Richmond students perform in the future!