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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

Dear Richmond Families,

As I type this letter there are just two hours remaining in the annual enrollment and transfer cycle for Portland Public Schools. The number of transfer applications for Richmond has exceeded our expectations and gives us the opportunity to expand Japanese immersion education to far more students and families in 2007-08. Here's a snapshot of our anticipated class enrollments for the coming school year:

- 70 students in 3 pre-school classrooms with 23-25 students each
- 88-94 kindergarten students in 4 classrooms with 22-24 students each
- 93 first graders in 3 classrooms with 31 students each **OR** 4 classrooms with 23-24 students each (**see note below**)
- 56 second graders in 2 classrooms with 28 students each
- 57 third graders in 2 classrooms with 28-29 students each
- 45 fourth graders in 2 classrooms with 22-23 students each
- 47 fifth graders in 2 classrooms with 23-24 students each

Support staff includes PE and Library in addition to our secretary and principal.

A special note about 1st grade: Four classrooms in first grade are not possible unless we raise funds for FTE from the following sources:

- 0.50 FTE by eliminating the reading or immersion specialist position
- 0.25 FTE from Richmond Foundation
- 0.25 FTE raised by parents donating the equivalent of one month of kindergarten tuition to Richmond's Foundation (\$265 x 135 families = \$36,000 enough for 0.25 FTE after 1/3 is donated to the Portland Schools Foundation)

Please give some serious thought to making a donation to Richmond's Foundation in order to keep our 1st grade class sizes small so our teachers can give your children the attention and support they need to thrive in school.

Fondly,

Kathryn Anderson, principal

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Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

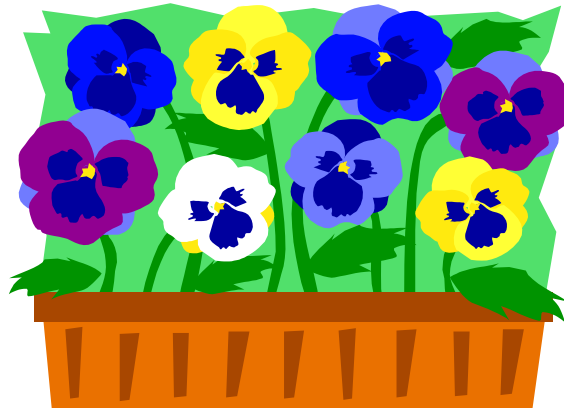
Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

It's Time for the Spring Plant Sale!

Our annual plant sale is here! Unlike previous plant sales, this year's plant sale will benefit Richmond's staffing needs. Look soon for order forms in your child's backpack, or find them in front of the office.

April is the perfect time to plan, so be sure to order beautiful flower and vegetable plants for your garden. Encourage family and friends to do the same.

The sale is running until March 23rd. Plants will be ready for pick up on **Wednesday, April 18th** in the cafeteria between 2:15 and 4:00 PM. Please return your orders with payment to the Plant Sale envelope in the office. **Make checks payable to Richmond PTA—Plant Sale.** Questions? Contact Colleen O'Brien at 503-232-7885.



Take the CPPS Parent Involvement Survey!

Want to have your opinion count? Your voice heard? The Office of Student, Family and School Support, in conjunction with Community & Parents for Public Schools (CPPS), is conducting a Parent Involvement Survey. CPPS is an organization made up of parent volunteers throughout the District who care about parent involvement. Information gathered from this survey will help shape future policies and programs concerning parent involvement in Portland Public Schools. All parents are encouraged to take the survey, no matter how involved you are! We hope to gather a wide range of opinions from many different voices.

Take the survey on-line at <http://www.cppsportland.org> and have your opinions really count. If you don't have access to the Internet or wish to take the survey in a language other than English, stop by the school office and pick up a paper copy of the survey (available in English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, or Vietnamese). **Completed surveys should be returned to the school office by April 13, 2007.**



Spring Soccer Registration Coming Up

CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS! If your child has always wanted to get involved with soccer, now is your chance. Mt. Tabor Soccer Club is holding several open registration nights for new players at area schools. Stop by any location from 6:30 - 8:00 pm to register kids from Kindergarten to 8th grade (fall 2007). Please call Darcy Mundorff with any questions.

April 3 at Atkinson
April 5 at Richmond
April 10 at Glencoe
April 11 at Sunnyside

Thank you very much,

Darcy Mundorff
Mt. Tabor Soccer Club, Registrar



Upcoming Events with Oya No Kai

Tues. April 17th **open forum meeting on Cultural exchanges** hosted by Oya No Kai 7-8:30pm Richmond Library (all parents, any grade invited) no babysitting available

Thurs. May 17th **Oya No Kai Elections and Grant H.S. JMP program highlights** 6:30-8:30pm Richmond Cafeteria (babysitting available)

Parent Leadership Conference-Sat. April 21st

Community and Parents for Public Schools is hosting its 6th annual Parent Leadership Conference on Saturday, April 21, from 8 am to 12:30 pm at Benson High School.

Come network with parents from across the District, learn how others schools are increasing parent involvement, and get ideas you can bring back to your school! At the end of the morning, dialogue with PPS superintendent Vicki Phillips about what support parents need to help their children succeed. Co-sponsored by Portland Public Schools & the Portland Schools Foundation, **this event is free**. Childcare and translation services are available.

Register On-line at www.cppsportland.org starting April 1 or contact CPPS at 503/220-0577.

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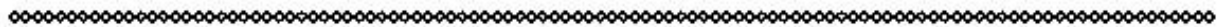
2007 Spring Festival

A Rich Cultural Experience Bringing all Generations Together

Please Join us!

Richmond Elementary School
Saturday, May 12, 2007
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kick-off Benefit Concert - Friday evening, May 11, 2007



We are pleased to host our Second Annual Spring Festival which is sponsored by Oya No Kai and Richmond PTA. This family event celebrates the Japanese Magnet Program in Portland by inviting and educating the community in a full day of Activities, Food, Music, Demonstrations and Performances along with participation from representatives of citywide Japanese organizations.

Vendor & Exhibitor booths, Event & Benefit Concert Sponsorships and Performance slots are available!

Volunteer Opportunities Available

For more information,
contact Kim Tanada at 503-804-9991 or at ktanada@verizon.net

P. T. A. News!

Staff Appreciation Week Success!: Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's staff appreciation week successful. To the coffees provided by Paul Gilles and Mikiko Mori to the massages provided by Miho Purcell and Teresa Hill, for the food that was prepared and brought, for the cards, letters, and poems to our teachers, for the team of cleaning people in each grade....this year was a fabulous success because we all worked together as a team to show our staff how much they are appreciated!!! Many, many thanks to all of you!!!

April 12: Legislative conference in Salem. This is your opportunity to be heard!!! Citizen contact is the key to making our voices heard in every legislative office. Oregon PTA will give you tools to meet with your legislators in Salem. Steve Novick a knowledgeable and tireless advocate will explain how we got to where we are in our school funding system and what we can do about it. Majority Leader Dave Hunt will provide an update on the key opportunities for positive action in the capitol. Join PTA leaders from across Oregon to bring our message of hope and demand for action on behalf of all of Oregon's children. If you are interested in carpooling to this event, please contact Kristina Kallen at kmk456@comcast.net.

PSRB/School Safety: I will be contacting those interested committee members after spring break to follow up on some next steps regarding our school safety and PSRB issues. We need to get a meeting date set with MaryClaire at PSRB and Kathleen Roy of Cascadia to discuss restarting the good neighbor agreement. Watch your email for more information.

Richmond's Run for Arts Enrichment: Mark your calendar for April 20 and run for Richmond's art enrichment. We have a lot of great prizes this year for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in every classroom. Get your running shoes on and start getting into shape for the run! And don't forget...this year we are having an adult competition as well with a fun prize for the 1st place winner. This should be very exciting!!!

Spring Festival: Preparations are underway for our upcoming spring festival hosted by Oya No Kai and PTA. You can see we're off to a great start by reading through the flyer in the preceding page. We will have food, games, entertainment, booths, demonstrations, and a lot of fun. We literally need at least 100 volunteers to make this community event a success so mark your calendars and get involved. We need you on the team!!!

Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day: Friday, May 18 we will be hosting all the grandparents and special friends to join us for a fabulous day of fun. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Please have a safe, healthy, fun spring break. May you be refreshed!!!!

Kristina Kallen, President

Satoko Moran, Treasurer

Kim Tanada, Secretary

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Help Save Our Elms This Summer

Save Our Elms has close to \$2100 saved towards the next inoculations for Dutch Elm Disease. We need about \$900 more to reach our goal of the \$3000 required to buy the inoculant that our 18 trees need this summer.

Thank you to the many Richmond families who have been buying coffee this year. While enjoying fine Portland Roasting coffee, you have been helping our community climb towards our goal. \$4.50 from every pound of coffee purchased goes to the elm tree fund! Donations from coffee buyers and others have also been very helpful and I want to say thank you to those who have made donations to our 501(c)3 group.

It's not too late to get in on the coffee buying habit or to make donations. Consider buying this coffee to share at your workplace or to serve to friends in your home. Ground regular coffee is available for purchase in the office at \$10 a pound. Order forms with descriptions of the coffee varieties are available on the table in front of the office for whole bean and decaf orders. (Decaf coffee

is \$11/pound.) Orders are placed every Thursday morning and fresh coffee is ready for pick-up from the office on Friday afternoons. Almost no waiting required! Donations or payments for purchases and orders can be placed in the Save Our Elms box in the office. Please make checks out to "Save Our Elms."

The order form for coffee appears on page 7 of this newsletter or can be found on the counter in Richmond's office!

Contact Mary Klinger at dustin-mary@comcast.net if you have any questions about this program or need help placing an order. Thank you again, Richmond!



How many student transfers for 2007– 08?

The following transfer results were obtained from our online system at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 23, 2007. Staff in Portland Public Schools' enrollment and transfer office still have **hundreds** of paper applications to enter into the online system, so **the numbers listed below do not represent the total number of applications received for Richmond, to date.** Use these numbers with caution!

1st Choice Applications for Richmond:

12 = Pre-school (half-day)
45 = Pre-school (full-day)
72 = Kindergarten
5 = 1st grade
3 = 2nd grade
3 = 3rd grade
1 = 4th grade
2 = 5th grade

143= TOTAL transfer applications by 3-23-07

What's the anticipated PPS timeline for the lottery and parent notification?

- Early April - Schools verify that families submitted all required paperwork and attended the mandatory meeting.
- Mid-April to Early May - PPS enrollment and transfer staff conduct the lottery and double-check results against application choices.
- Week of May 7th —Letters of notification of transfer results mailed to families. Families have 10 days to accept the school assigned in the lottery or remain at their neighborhood school for 2007-08.

Estimated enrollment for 2007-08:

70 = Pre-school
90 = Kindergarten
301 = Grades 1-5

461 = TOTAL

Buy Coffee to Support Richmond's Elm Trees – every week!

Decaf now \$11/pound

Our school grounds are home to 18 mature Elm trees – about half of the Elms in the Richmond neighborhood. Elms are susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and many communities - including Portland - have lost the Elms trees lining their streets to this disease. Richmond's Save Our Elms chapter, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, partners with Portland Roasting to raise money for inoculations and pruning of our trees through the sale of coffee.

The Richmond chapter of Save Our Elms currently has about \$1800 in the bank to use to inoculate the trees once every three years with a fungicide to protect them from Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Our trees were inoculated in 2001 and 2004 and are due for inoculation this summer, all with the help of generous volunteers. Our chapter has also helped PPS pay a portion of tree pruning costs. Fungicide prices vary every year, but we can expect inoculant prices to cost \$3,000 this summer.

Decaf price change (still a bargain!)

Please consider helping our elm trees throughout the school year. Due to a price increase, Save Our Elms sells Portland Roasting's delicious, environmentally friendly regular coffee for \$10/lb for and decaf coffee for \$11/lb. \$4.50/lb. of each pound goes to Save Our Elms. We accept donations as well.

Portland Roasting descriptions:

All coffees for Richmond, including the decafs, are our Farm Friendly™ Direct coffees because as important to us as the quality of our coffee is our social responsibility. We strongly believe that we can make a positive difference in the coffee world through direct, socially responsible coffee sourcing. The foundation of this coffee sourcing is our Farm Friendly Direct™ Programs. These Programs involve paying growers a premium for their coffee with 100% of the premium going to farm and community projects. All of these projects are designed to give back directly to the farmers - furthering the long term sustainable infrastructure. These are extremely important issues to Portland Roasting!

Ethiopian – Kochere: This coffee is part of Project H.O.P.E., which stands for Hope and Opportunity for the People of Ethiopia. We combine Portland Roasting's efforts with our coffee broker and farming cooperative to build a much needed community center for the Ethiopian farming community of Kochere. This community hub will provide a common meeting place for educational purposes, as well as a vital medical dispensary for the people of Kochere.

French Organic – Certified organic; dark roast

Farm Friendly Direct, SWP (Swiss Water Process) French Decaf – directly sourced, chemical free, dark roast.

Farm Friendly Direct, SWP (Swiss Water Process) Morning Decaf – directly sourced, chemical free, light roast.

Please put orders in the Save Our Elms mailbox in the school office or email Mary Klinger at dustin-mary@comcast.net. Please include payment in the order (make checks to *Save Our Elms* only – no cash please!) or arrange to get a check to Mary before picking up your coffee. For orders submitted by 8:00 AM Thursday, coffee will be available in the office by Friday afternoon.

French Organic ground and Ethiopian – Kochere ground coffees will be available for purchase in the office from Patsy at \$10 a pound. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM!

Save Our Elms Coffee Order Form

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____ email _____

_____ Donation amount. Save Our Elms is a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation in the State of Oregon. EIN: 31-1581092.

Coffee	Ground	Whole Bean	Totals
Ethiopian - Kochere			\$10/lb x lbs. = \$
French Organic			\$10/lb x lbs. = \$
SWP French Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs. = \$
SWP Morning Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs. = \$
Totals			

Questions? Please contact Mary Klinger at (503) 234-5147 or dustin-mary@comcast.net for ordering and general questions or Paul Gilles at paul@portlandroasting.com for coffee-related questions.



CALENDAR FOR March 23—April 13, 2007

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Japanese Magnet Program

**Richmond office hours
are 7:30 AM—4:00 PM**

- Fri. Mar. 23 TRANSFER APPLICATIONS DUE!
Scrip pick up day
- Mar. 24-Apr. 1 SPRING BREAK!
- Mon. Apr. 2 Scrip order day
Passover begins at sundown
- Tues. Apr. 3 Passover
- Fri. Apr. 6 Scrip pick up day
Good Friday
Portland Taiko Concert at PSU in Lincoln Hall at 8:00 PM
- Sat. Apr. 7 Kokeshi Doll Exhibit at the Japanese Garden through Apr. 22
Portland Taiko Concert at PSU in Lincoln Hall at 2:00 & 8:00 PM
- Mon. Apr. 9 Site Council meeting at 2:30-4:30 PM in the library
- Tues. Apr. 10 Mandatory transfer meeting at 1:00 & 7:00 PM in the cafeteria
- Wed. Apr. 11 2nd grade field trip to Franz Bakery in the morning
Do Jump! Assembly for pre-school to gr. 2 at 1:00 PM in cafeteria
Mt. Tabor students visit 5th grade classes for "Battle of the Books"
- Fri. Apr. 13 NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day

Spring Break is March 24-April 1, 2007

Students and staff return to school on Monday, April 2nd

