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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

URGENT—PLEASE READ!

The Richmond Foundation's Parent and Staff Pledge Drive will continue through May 31st. We are asking EVERY FAMILY in all grades to donate \$265. This is the monthly tuition of kindergarten. Our goal is to fully fund a fourth 1st grade teacher. If we don't, we will have three first grade classes of 30-31 students. If we are successful, we will have four classes of 23-24. **Here are the facts you need to know:**

WHO: We need all families and staff to contribute.

WHAT: \$265 is the requested donation to the Richmond Foundation

WHEN: By May 31st

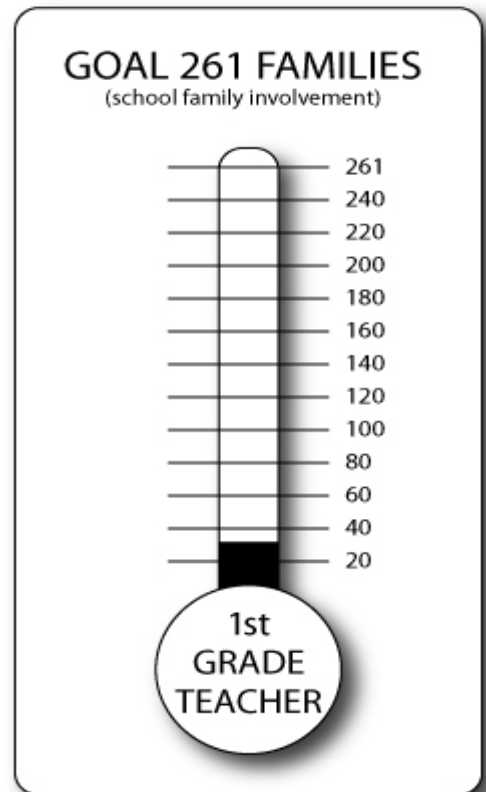
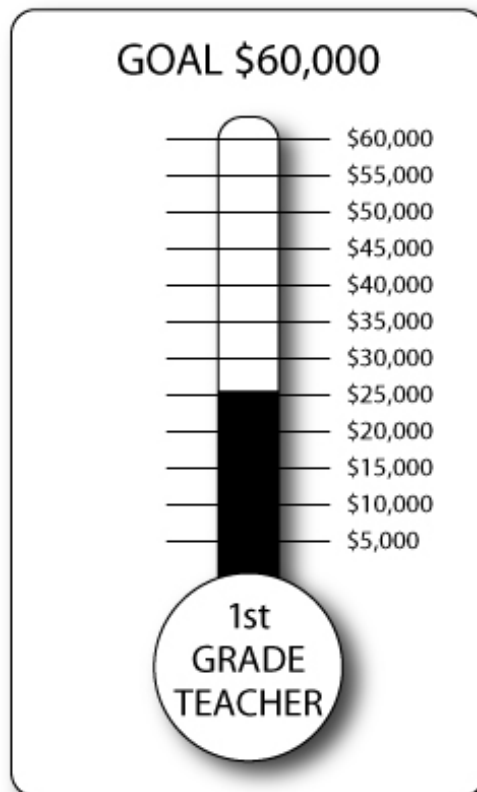
WHY: To keep class sizes at a reasonable level in first grade, just like we were able to do for 4th and 5th grade with PPS funds.

HOW: Make your \$265 donation in one lump sum OR divide it up over several weeks or the months of April and May. **The donation form is on the next page of this newsletter and you can drop it off in the Richmond office.**

The first thermometer below shows the amount the Richmond Foundation must raise to keep class sizes in first grade reasonable by helping to fund a fourth 1st grade teacher. This amount is \$60,000. We have \$27,000 so far. The second thermometer shows the participation of Richmond families. The Parent and Staff Pledge Drive needs the support of every family in the school.

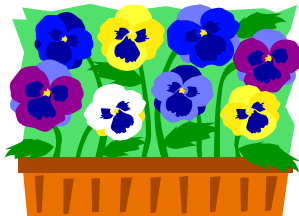
While it is a first grade teacher we are trying to fund, it could have easily been a 4/5 grade teacher. We all need to do our part to keep our school exceptional. The district (and state) only give so much...enough for mediocre. If you want exceptional, immersion language, reasonable class size, you must do your part to support this. It can only happen if you all participate.

The Richmond Foundation will have a meeting on Monday, April 16 at 7pm in the Richmond staff room. Please join us! We need all the help we can get.



Pick up Your Plant Order on April 18th

Plants will be ready for pick up on **Wednesday, April 18th** in the cafeteria between 2:15 and 4:00 PM. **We need volunteers to help fill orders.** If you can help, please contact Colleen O'Brien at 503-232-7885 or via email at colleenpdx@comcast.net. THANKS!



Richmond Foundation Donation Form

Name: _____ Check box if you wish to remain anonymous

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Amount pledged: \$ _____

Please circle one: 1). Monthly donation OR 2). One-time donation

Donation by (Please check appropriate box):

- Cash – *Will deliver to:* _____
- Check – *Please make checks payable to Richmond School Foundation*
- Credit Card – *Form attached below or can go online at Portland Schools Foundation website at www.portlandschoolfdn.org*

Please give this pledge form to the Richmond Foundation. You can:

- ✓ Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox
- ✓ Send to Richmond Elementary School ATTN: Richmond Foundation 2276 SE 41st Ave. Portland, OR 97214
- ✓ Give to Andy Felcher, Foundation president

FOR CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Gift Amount: \$ _____

Please circle one: 1). Monthly donation OR 2). One-time donation

Name of your school: _____

Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Card Number: _____ VISA or MasterCard

Signature: _____ Date: _____

KURABU at Richmond this summer!

Great news! Kurabu, the long running Japanese language camp, will again take place this summer. Kurabu 2007 blends Japanese language, culture, games, songs, food, crafts, and activities in four weeks of summer fun. The preliminary dates for Kurabu 2007 are from June 25th to July 20th at Richmond Elementary School.

We are fortunate to have found an excellent replacement for Pamela Jacobsen who was the Director for five years. Some of you may know Niji Riegler who worked with Pamela at Kurabu several years ago when it was held at Mt. Tabor Middle School. As one of the lead teachers Niji was responsible for introducing all of us to the famous Yosakoi dance! She has a lot of energy and loves teaching children about Japan!

Last year Niji Sensei did student teaching at Richmond while she finished up her Master's degree at Lewis and Clark College. Currently Niji Sensei is a fourth grade teacher at Raleigh Park Elementary School in Beaverton. She looks forward to returning to Richmond this summer to carry on the many traditions of Kurabu and to add some new ones, too!

If you are interested in learning more about Kurabu 2007, please contact me by email or drop a note, including your name, address, phone #, and email in the Oya No Kai box at Richmond. There will be more details to follow. Please stop by the Kurabu booth at the Spring Festival on May 12!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

David Jacobsen
Oya No Kai Board Member
jacorakis@msn.com

Other 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.

Don't miss out on our Iron Chef Competition with our emcee, Mr. Junki Yoshida!



We are pleased to announce our Second Annual Spring Festival which is hosted by Oya No Kai, Inc. 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 and Performance slots are available!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success.

Sponsorship packets are available by the Richmond office.

For more information contact:

Kim Tanada at 503-804-9991 or at ktanada@verizon.net or
Meg Matsushima at 503-335-7777 or megmatsushima@comcast.net

P. T. A. News!

Spring for the Arts: Friday, April 20!!! Put on your running shoes and join your child(ren) and run for arts enrichment at Richmond. This terrific event is the only fund raiser that is dedicated exclusively to the arts. Get those sponsor sheets filled with pledges and the sky is the limit when deciding what we can do with the money...taiko drumming, calligraphy, artist in residence, music, you name it!!!



The pre-K through 2nd graders runs from 10 to 10:30 and the 3rd through 5th graders run from 1 to 1:30. If you would like to volunteer, please show up 30 minutes prior to run times to be trained. Please sign up with Kristina at kmk456@comcast.net or on one of the sign-up sheets in the main hallway or in the cafeteria. We need volunteers to cheer the kids on, mark the laps on the index cards, hand out Popsicles (donated this year by the Grandparents' Brigade so please make sure to say thank you), staff a First Aid station, and tally sponsor sheets once the run is over.



Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers at each grade level. First prize is a hardback Encyclopedia or Dictionary, an origami gift set, a medal, a certificate, a lanyard, and a scented pencil. Second prize is a medal, a certificate, a lanyard, and a scented pencil. Third prize is a certificate, a lanyard, and a scented pencil. The certificates are being specially designed by a wonderful calligrapher, Nina Nakagawa's aunt!!! The prizes will be awarded at Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day on Friday, June 1 so mark your calendars for a terrific assembly!!!

One last bit of fun....This year we are having a special competition for adults with first place winning a \$64.00 gift certificate to Aqua Terra massage (you must provide your own Ben-Gay and heating pad immediately following the race)!!!

Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day: June 1!!! There has been a change in the date due to the state change in standardized testing. The paper and pencil test will now be taking place the middle two weeks of May so Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day had to be rescheduled for Friday, June 1. This will be a fun day with an author's tea so please let those mature citizens in your children's lives know about this terrific event!!! Don't forget to bring those grandparents and special friends into the book fair so they can see what books those special children in their lives might like to read over the summer, too!

Scholastic Book Fair: May 29 through June 1!!! Our semiannual book fair is right around the corner so please mark your calendars. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading, buy birthday presents for those summer parties, and purchase host family gifts for the trip to Japan! This fund raiser goes directly to the Richmond Library to help us pay for the Dynex system that we use to connect us to the Multnomah County Library and enables us to purchase new books. As always, we need volunteers for the event so please sign up with Kristina at kmk456@comcast.net to let us know that you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer shifts are from 7:45 to 8:30 and from 2:00 to 2:45 Tuesday through Friday. Hope to see you there!!!

Kristina Kallen, President

Satoko Moran, Treasurer

Kim Tanada, Secretary

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**Iron Chef
Competition
Contestants Needed!**

DO YOU HAVE A FIRE BURNIN' WITHIN?
DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN CULINARY TALENT?

WE NEED CONTESTANTS TO THRILL THE CROWD
WITH THEIR CULINARY SHOWMANSHIP

CAN YOU HANDLE THE PRESSURE?
IF SO, MR. JUNKI YOSHIDA WANTS YOU!

PLEASE JOIN OUR EMCEE, MR. JUNKI YOSHIDA, IN THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT!

SATURDAY - MAY 12, 2007 AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CONTESTANT SPACE IS LIMITED!

CONTACT KIM TANADA AT (503) 804-9991 OR E-MAIL KTANADA@VERIZON.NET

2007 Spring Festival

Hosted by Oya No Kai, Inc. and Richmond PTA

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 April 12 - May 6, 2007

Portland Public Schools

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2276 SE 41st Street
Portland, OR 97214

Phone: 503-916-6220
Fax: 503-916-2665
Website: www.richmondjmp.org

Japanese Magnet Program

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



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

- Fri. Apr. 13 NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
- Mon. Apr. 16 SWITCH DAY for English and Japanese morning time
Scrip order day
Monday Mile Club on Richmond's playground at 2:25 PM
Foundation meeting at 7:00 PM in Richmond's staff room
- Tues. Apr. 17 Pre-school on field trip to New Seasons
Open Forum meeting on the Oya No Kai Cultural Exchange for 5th grade at 7:00-8:30 PM in the library
- Wed. Apr. 18 4th grade on field trip to the symphony
Plant sale orders to be picked up in cafeteria 2:15-4:00 PM
Richmond garden work group 2:30-3:30 PM
- Fri. Apr. 20 Scrip pick up day
- Sun. Apr. 22 EARTH DAY!
- Wed. Apr. 25 Tears of Joy Theatre assembly for students in grades PreK-2 at 1:00 PM in the cafeteria; parents and younger siblings welcome
Richmond garden work group 2:30-3:30 PM
- Sat. Apr. 28 Plant sale at Portland's Japanese Garden 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Sun. Apr. 29 Showa Day in Japan
- Mon. Apr. 30 Scrip order day
- Tues. May 1 3rd grade field trip to Zenger Farms/Leach Botanical Garden
- Wed. May 2 Richmond garden work group 2:30-3:30 PM
- Thurs. May 3 Constitution Memorial Day in Japan
- Fri. May 4 Greenery Day in Japan
- Sat. May 5 Children's Day in Japan
- Sun. May 6 Children's Day at the Portland Japanese Garden 1-4:00 PM

Join us for the Monday Mile Club!

What: The Monday Mile Group, a group to walk, jog or run to the loop around Richmond with students, parents, or Richmond staff. This will be a relaxed, fun low-key gathering for all who might be interested. Our plan is to meet on Mondays for the remainder of the school year.

Why: To be in shape for life, for Run for Spring, to socialize, and perhaps to prepare for the Portland Parks & Rec sponsored All-Corner Track & Field meets at Grant High School that will be held again this year at Grant High School on Tuesdays from June 12 - July 10.

Where and when: We will meet at the new playground equipment on Mondays after school at 2:25 to stretch and run with Paula Smith, and with Iris and Sierra Smith.

Hope you can join us!

Thanks, Paula Smith

