

May 4, 2007

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# Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive Update

## Getting Close, Richmond Families!

Last week brought in another wave of donations to the Richmond Foundation Pledge Drive.

**74 Richmond families** have donated. That is **28% of all families**. Two years ago, only 10% of Richmond families donated to the Foundation. Last year, 20% donated. Thank you very much for your support of our great immersion program! A list of donors can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

The pledge drive total is currently at **\$39,594**. This is two-thirds of the way toward our goal of **\$60,000**.

**It is SO important that we have more families donate.** Without everyone's help, we cannot provide the supplemental funds to keep all our class sizes small AND continue our enrichment activities (library and PE). Each family benefits from every donation. Each child in every class gets a better education from every donation. If you are able, please make a donation of \$265 (one month of kindergarten tuition) to the Richmond Foundation now. Your donation is %100 tax-deductible. The pledge form is on the next page of this newsletter.

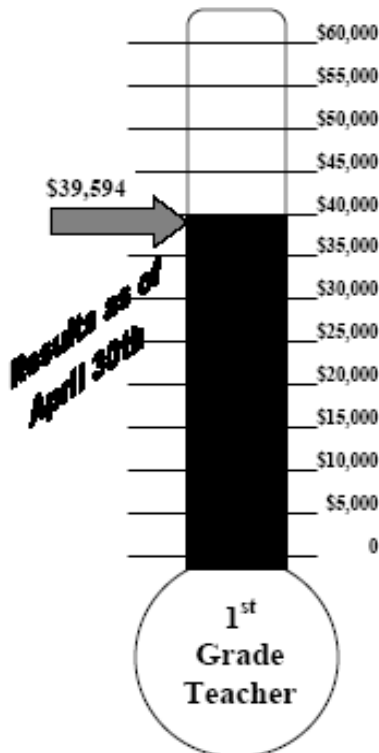
**Thank you again, Richmond Families!**

JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

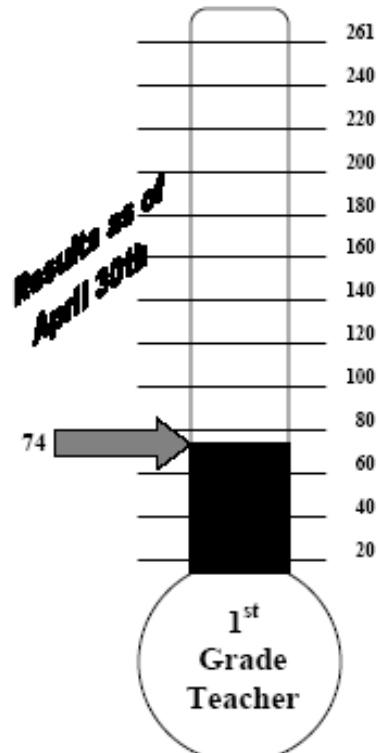
# Richmond Shinbun



GOAL \$60,000



GOAL 261 FAMILIES



# There's no such thing as a FREE BENTO

リッチモンドにおける健全なバイリンガル教育の明日は約束されていません。  
あなたの、そして各家庭の援助なしでは。

## **You've chosen Richmond for your child because you value Japanese language learning and Japanese culture.**

Portland Public Schools provides schools with enough funding to provide only a standard education, not a specialized Japanese immersion program.

You are at Richmond because you want more than a standard education.  
You want small class sizes for everyone, exceptional reading and writing skills for our children in two languages, enrichment activities including fulltime gym and library.

### ご存知ですか

公立の学校としてのリッチモンド小学校は、日本語—英語バイリンガル教育を行うための特別かつ十分な資金援助は受けておりません。他の小学校と同様、平均的な教育のための、均等な予算しか支給されていません。

私たちの子供達はリッチモンドで平均以上の教育を受けているのです。そうでしょう！

**For every family to benefit, every family must contribute.  
We will sink or swim as a community.  
各家庭から一律 265 ドル。新学年を乗り切るため、是非とも。**

**Please give \$265 today!  
Your donation is 100% tax deductible.**

(equal to one month of kindergarten tuition).  
(幼稚園の子供達は、これと同じ金額を月謝として納めているのです！)

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### Richmond Foundation Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check here if you wish to remain anonymous

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Pledged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please check one:  One-time donation  Monthly donation

**Donation by (please appropriate box):**

- Cash – will deliver to \_\_\_\_\_
- Check – please make checks payable to Richmond School Foundation
- Credit Card – form attached below or you can go online at the Portland Schools Foundation website at [www.thinkschools.org](http://www.thinkschools.org)

**Please give this form and donation Richmond School Foundation. You can:**

- √ Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox.
- √ Send to Richmond Elementary School  
ATTN: Richmond School Foundation 2276 SE 41<sup>st</sup>, Portland, OR 97214
- √ Give to Andy Felcher, Foundation President

**For Credit Card Donations**

Gift Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of your school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MasterCard

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For more information please contact any Foundation member.**

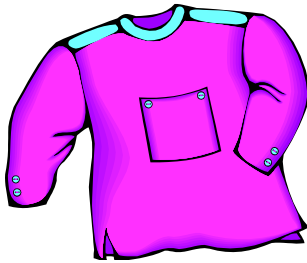
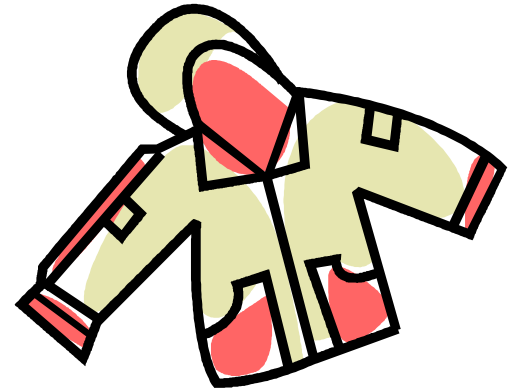
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# Please Check Richmond's Lost & Found

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Richmond's Lost & Found is filling up with many wonderful coats, hats, sets of gloves, sweatshirts, sweaters, lunch bags and fleece pull-overs. As our days transition to cool mornings and warm afternoons, students have been more likely to forget their outer wear after recess and school dismissal. If you don't find what you're looking for on the cafeteria rack, please check out the YMCA lost and found for students who participate in YMCA childcare services.

**ALL unclaimed items on Richmond's lost and found rack, located in the cafeteria, will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet at Marshall High School at the end of May.**



## Save Our Elms!

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The Save Our Elms Richmond affiliate has close to \$2400 in the bank now. We are climbing closer to our goal of saving the \$3000 we will need in July for Dutch Elm Disease inoculations for our beautiful elm trees. Please keep buying the delicious Portland Roasting coffee or consider making a donation to our 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. **Order forms and coffee for purchase are available in the Richmond office!**

If you are interested in helping with the tree inoculation and care this summer or have other questions about this program, please contact Richmond parent Mary Klinger (503)234-5147 or at [dustin-mary@comcast.net](mailto:dustin-mary@comcast.net)



# Summer at Richmond: Kurabu & YMCA

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Greetings all-

The Kurabu 2007 registration form will be available on-line at the Oya No Kai website this week. However, I wanted to drop all of you a quick note to give some answers to your frequently asked questions for this highly valued summer language experience.

**1.) *What is Kurabu?*** Kurabu offers children a summer camp experience that is rewarding, fun, and reinforces their Japanese language skills. This year's camp will take place at Richmond Elementary School in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation and Oya No Kai.

**2.) *Who can attend Kurabu?*** Children who are entering Kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall of 2007 and are currently in a Japanese immersion program or who speak Japanese at home.

**3.) *What are the dates, times and prices of Kurabu?***

- Session 1 June 25- June 29 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)
- Session 2 July 2- July 6 M-F, 9am-3pm four days \$140 (including materials) No camp July 4
- Session 3 July 9- July 13 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)
- Session 4 July 16- July 20 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)

**4.) *May I sign up for more than one session?*** Yes. Your children will beg you to extend the fun.

**5.) *Who may I contact if I have any questions?*** Please email Niji Riegler, Kurabu 2007 Director at [niji\\_riegler@yahoo.com](mailto:niji_riegler@yahoo.com) <[mailto:niji\\_riegler@yahoo.com](mailto:niji_riegler@yahoo.com)>

**6.) *Will there be any other chance to discuss Kurabu before summer?*** Yes. Please come visit our booth at the Spring Festival on May 12th.

Thanks very much for your interest in Kurabu 2007. We will be posting more information at the listserv over the next few days.

Domo Arigato

David Jacobsen  
Oya No Kai Board Member  
Husband of Pamela Jacobsen, Kurabu Director Emeritus

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**YMCA will be at Richmond this summer and will provide their same level of service for our families.** YMCA will work from their same classroom space between June 18-July 31st to give Kurabu space in the cafeteria. The YMCA will move into the cafeteria for the month of August in order to allow the current YMCA space to be renovated for a pre-school classroom. Parents should contact the YMCA for summer registration information and rates: [www.ychildcare.org](http://www.ychildcare.org)



The Consulate-General of Japan in Portland, Oregon held its annual Japanese Speech Contest for students of high school and middle school levels from the states of Oregon, Southern Idaho, and Southwest Washington on April 28, 2007 at the World Trade Center. Three of Richmond's fifth graders were invited to be non-evaluated participants in the contest. This year's participants were:

Mariko Kitazawa  
Maya Montgomery  
Clara Smith

Mariko and Maya used the topic of their hobbies as the focus of their speeches, while Clara spoke about the reasons why she studies Japanese. All three of them did a wonderful job last Saturday!

Minori Fukushima, 5th grade Japanese teacher



Celebrating the 17th year of the Japanese Magnet Program of  
Richmond Elementary, Mt. Tabor Middle and Grant High Schools

# 2007 Spring Festival

A Rich Cultural Experience Bringing all Generations Together  
Saturday, May 12 2007 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Richmond Elementary School - 2276 SE 41st Avenue, Portland  
Admission is FREE. Small participation fees will be charged for some of the activities.

Festival opened by The Consul General of Japan  
and the taiko duo, taKO hachi

activities performances sweet and savory foods  
hands-on demonstrations vendor and exhibitor booths

Iron Chef  
Competition  
EMCEED BY MR. JUNJI YOSHIDA



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Oya No Kai, Inc. and Richmond PTA

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## Please Volunteer your time

We have many volunteer areas for the festival so take a look at all the fun opportunities.  
Sign-up sheets are posted in the cafeteria or contact Meg Matsushima at (503) 720-9915.

A babysitting service will be available to volunteering parents at the Spring Festival.  
If you can volunteer for 1 or 2 hour shifts, the babysitting service might be handy.

The YMCA area will be used to accommodate the children of volunteering parents.  
The children will be supervised by a volunteering parent and maybe some Mt. Tabor middle and  
Grant high school students. (That means you can also volunteer to baby-sit the other volunteer's children).  
We still need help in this area for the 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. shifts.

Kinokuniya Bookstore needs 5 more volunteers to help unload and set up their books.  
Volunteers for this will need to be at the school at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the festival.

Kinokuniya will also need help packing up and loading at the end of the festival.

Please e-mail Yoko Sato at [duncan.s@comcast.net](mailto:duncan.s@comcast.net).

## Spread the Word

You can help let the entire community know about our festival.

Posters and fliers are on the table in front of the office.

Share them with family, friends and businesses.

# 2007 Spring Festival

Hosted by Oya No Kai, Inc. and Richmond PTA

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



Lunch box

Chopstick case with chopsticks

Mini story book with CD (English & Japanese!)

Origami

Geta



**Come buy at Zakkaya at the Spring Festival.  
100% proceeds will be donated to Richmond Foundation.**

Cute Rice bowls and Miso soup bowls

Toys

Letter practice books

Funny erasers

And So Much More!!



Items sold will differ from the pictures slightly.  
Limited number of items. Come shop early!



# P. T. A. News!

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**PTA General Meeting May 17:** We will have a PTA general meeting on Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 to 7:00 in the library immediately preceding Oya No Kai's general meeting. The agenda will be open elections, a garden committee update, and voting on how the money raised this year will be spent. We will be presenting the recommendations of the Richmond staff, site council, and the PTA executive board in numerical order with the top priority being an additional first-grade teacher. Because our meeting is so short and we want to be a good neighbor to Oya No Kai, the meeting will start at 6:30 sharp. See you there!!!



**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](mailto: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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**PTA**

*everychild.one voice.*

# The After-Auction, Auction at the Spring Festival

If you didn't make it to this year's Our Dreams Take Flight auction, you have a second chance at some great donated items during the Spring Festival. There are three ways to support Oya No Kai and the fifth grade class trip while going home with some really cool stuff:

1) Pre-sale May 7-11 - We have numerous gift certificates and beautiful, one-of-a-kind items that either were donated too late to sell at the auction or else didn't sell. They'll be on display in the volunteer room at Richmond the week before the Spring Festival and they'll be sold to the highest bidder. Or you can pay the guaranteed price and go home with it immediately! Volunteers will be available in the mornings before school to accept payment. A complete list of pre-sale items and gift certificates is available on the Oya No Kai web site.

2) Raffle at the Spring Festival - Buy some raffle tickets at the festival and enter to win one of thirty donated items. You can put an unlimited number of raffle tickets in the drawing for each item that you want to win!

3) Rummage sale at the Spring Festival - Looking for a bargain or something really unique? The rummage sale is the place for you. And don't forget - Mother's Day is coming up soon so sending the kids in with some spending money might be a good idea!

Thanks for your support for these fundraisers and for the Spring Festival.

## Don't Worry About Dinner!

Take a night off of cooking and come socialize with our Richmond JMP community. Sckavone's restaurant, at SE 41st and Division, is hosting a multiple fundraisers to benefit Richmond's Foundation fund drive. Please mark your busy calendars for:

Monday May 7th after 5pm &  
Wednesday May 16th after 5 pm.

**25% of all sales at Sckavone's during this time will go to the Richmond Foundation.** You can read more about Sckavone's at <http://www.fsafood.com/fsacom/About+Us/Distribution+Areas/Branch+Locations/Portland/Featured+Restaurant+Sckavones.htm>

Thanks for your support, and I hope we get to have dinner with you!

Angie Tomlinson  
Kinder & 1st  
Grade Parent



## **RICHMOND PARENT PLEDGE DRIVE – THANK YOU DONORS!**

**"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin**

The Richmond Foundation would like to gratefully acknowledge the many parents, families, friends, staff and businesses who have generously contributed their money, time, and effort to the Richmond Parent Pledge Drive. Every effort has been made to list all contributions accurately from July 1, 2006 thru the beginning of this week. We continuously update this list each week. It is up to date as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. If, however, an error has been made, please accept our apologies and notify us.

There is still time to give. Please use the form in the Richmond Shinbun or talk to any Richmond Foundation member.

Thank you Richmond Community! You are helping keep our school exceptional!

### **DONORS**

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#### **NAME**

Urban Development Partners

### **MATCHING DONATIONS**

Community Foundation  
HSBC  
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## CALENDAR FOR May 4 - May 31, 2007

### Portland Public Schools

#### JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**

- 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
- Fri. May 11 Set up for Spring Festival—volunteers needed all day
- Sat. May 12 SPRING FESTIVAL AT RICHMOND— 11:00 am to 5:00 PM
- Sun. May 13 Mother's Day
- Mon. May 14 Scrip order day  
Site Council meeting in the library at 2:30-4:30 PM
- Thurs. May 17 PTA General Meeting in Library at 6:30-7:00 PM  
Oya No Kai General Meeting—7:00 to 8:30 PM in cafeteria
- Fri. May 18 Scrip pick up day  
4th grade field trip to Champoeg Park
- Thurs. May 24 Safety Patrol Picnic at Oaks Park  
Battle of the Books at Mt. Tabor (afternoon for 5th grade)
- Mon. May 28 Memorial Day—Schools Closed
- Thurs. May 31 Kindergarten Zoo field trip 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM



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*Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P*

## Bank Day: • Keep the Deposits Coming! • Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help staff Richmond's wonderful banking system every Wednesday in room 17, within the cafeteria. The time commitment is 7:30-9:00 AM on Wednesdays. Young siblings are welcome, but childcare is not available.

Please contact Hannah Hurley at [phhurley@teleport.com](mailto:phhurley@teleport.com) if you are willing to help with this fun activity.

**This week's raffle winner was Hazel Sanger in 1st Grade. Please congratulate her!**