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Richmond Shinbun

Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive Update

THIS WEEK: 23 additional families gave money for a total of more than \$5,000.

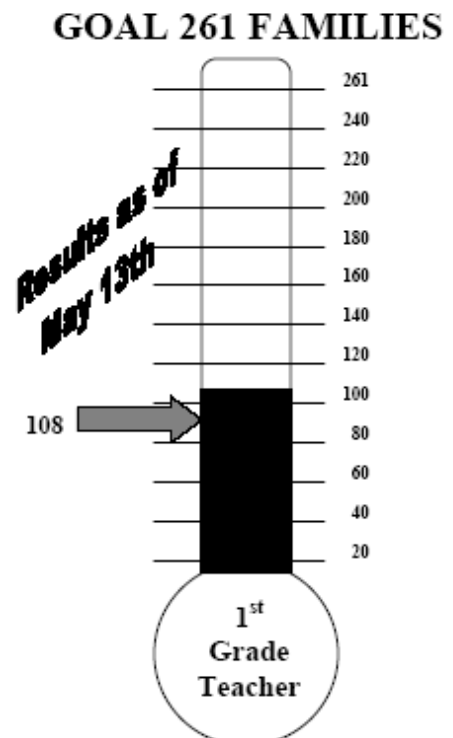
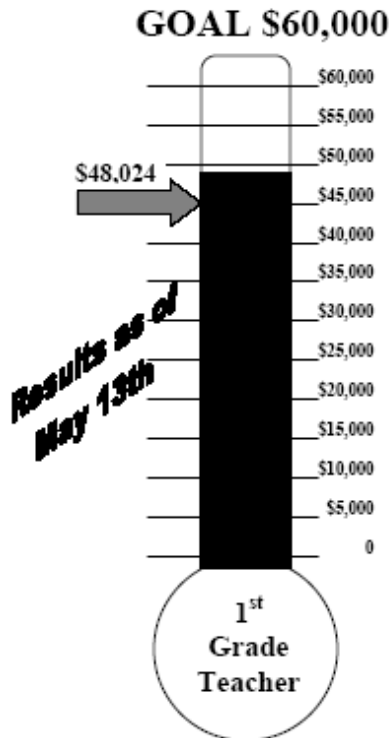
- TOTAL PARTICIPATION AS OF 5-13-07: 108 out of 261 families for 41%!
- TOTAL AMOUNT AS OF 5-13-07: \$48,024.50 which is more than 2/3rds of the way to our goal of \$60,000.

PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK: Two years ago, 10% of families donated to the Parent Pledge Drive. Last school year, 20% donated, and this year, already 35% have donated. You have chosen to send your child(ren) to a program that offers more than a standard education. Our children get two languages, two cultures, and so much more. Maintaining this great program costs more, and you are responding. Thank you.

BUT IT ISN'T OVER: We do need more families to donate. We are still asking for one month of kindergarten tuition (\$265). At this amount, we still need 40-50 families to donate, BUT please know that every family donation, no matter how large or small, makes a difference.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES IN ALL GRADES: Every student benefits from the staff supported by the Richmond Foundation. Last year, it was the librarian. This year we are focusing on a fourth 1st grade teacher. We are all in this together, and we all need to our part as each is able to do. (You can even ask your relatives to donate...many have already.)

A STRONG COMMUNITY: We are doing it Richmond Families! We are stronger as one team. Thank you so much.



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 is 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

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 41st, 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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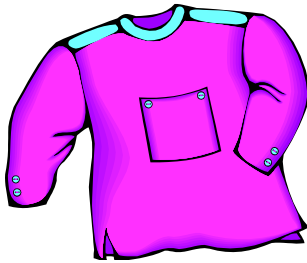
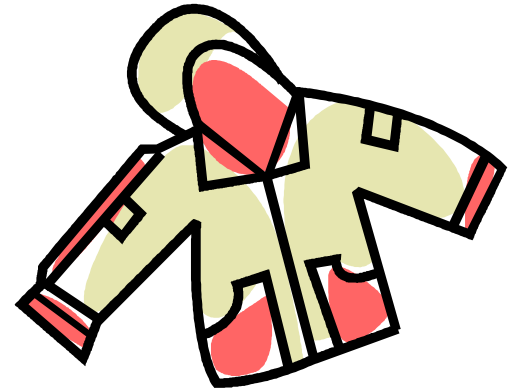
For more information please contact any Foundation member.

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Please Check Richmond's Lost & Found

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!

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



Join the Fun in Richmond's Garden!

Need worm wranglers? We have 'em.

Want to eat fresh peas, strawberries, radishes, carrots, cucumbers, and potatoes? We do.

Love fresh flowers on your table? So do we.

Can't get enough dirt on your clothes? Neither can we.

Who are we? We are the pre-k classroom that has been lucky enough to work in the Richmond Garden all year long. Thanks to a great Garden Committee that readied the garden over the summer, the 3, 4, and 5 year olds have been weeding, planting, composting, harvesting, pruning, painting, singing, sketching, and dissecting all year long.

And now, we are not the only ones enjoying the Garden. The 3rd graders have planted vegetables and ornamentals. You can find them out in the Garden sketching, watering and weeding. They've even named their plants! In addition to the 3rd graders, the Native American Head Start Montessori class is moving in. The more the merrier!

Please join us at the Spring Festival. The Garden will have seed planting activities for all ages and if you feel the need to weed, well, hai douzo!



Jaina-sensei

Richmond's pre-school English Teacher

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



Mandatory 4th Grade Parent Meeting

Yes, you read that correctly, another mandatory parent meeting. We need to vote on a trip planning chairperson and trip treasurer. We will discuss some very important issues including: trip itineraries, chaperones, and fundraising strategies. If you would like to have a say in these matters, here is your chance. If your child will not be attending the 5th grade trip, please come to discuss the larger goals of our class.

Sunday, May 20, 2007

4 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church

1333 SE 28th Ave.

Desiree Miller- 971-998-8724
Alison Walcott- 503-772-5156

kaibaby@aol.com
awalcott@lclark.edu

P. T. A. News!

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!!!

AMAZING SPRING FESTIVAL!!! Our second annual spring festival was an incredible success this year! We took in nearly \$10,000 in ticket sales!!! We are finalizing our expenses this week so all the grand totals will be in next Friday's newsletter so watch for more information! A special thanks goes out to Meg Matsushima and Kim Tanada for chairing the festival, Mrs. C. (the mix-mistress of ceremonies), the grandparents' brigade, all the teachers who attended and participated in many, many ways, Richard and Kathryn Anderson for opening the place up and closing down the school with us at 8 p.m., and all the countless volunteers who made this event a resounding success. We had over 120 volunteers supporting this special day. You have the heartfelt gratitude and respect of the PTA and Oya No Kai!!!

SPRING FOR THE ARTS WINNERS!!! It is our pleasure to announce the following winners for the April 20th Spring for the Arts for Richmond's arts enrichment activities. (The final dollar amount collected will be announced in next week's newsletter because money is still coming in as of Thursday evening!)

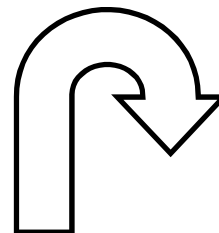
FIRST PLACE WINNERS: (Origami set, hardback encyclopedia or dictionary, medal, certificate, lanyard, and scented pencil.)

PRE-K: Keita Bacon
Kinder: Gabe Harris
1st: Kalea Tetsuka
2nd: Keli'i Clark
3rd: Anna Claire Reid
4th: Narumi Nakagawa
5th: Maddy Kinsella

SECOND PLACE WINNERS: (Medal, certificate, lanyard, and scented pencil.)

PRE-K: Hazuki Bacon
Kinder: Papillon Veillet
1st: Sydney Jones
2nd: Joby Walcott
3rd: Eli Hacker
4th: Caleb Walcott
5th: Maya Unfred Montgomery

Look for more winners in the PTA News section continued on the next page!



P.T.A. News continued

THIRD PLACE WINNERS: (Certificate, lanyard, and scented pencil.)

PRE-K: Mariko Tanada

Kinder: Madelaine Johnson

1st: Kai Henderson

2nd: Sierra Smith

3rd: Milo Hart

4th: Alison Mueller

5th: Sam Youngs

ADULT WINNER: Colleen O'Brien is the lucky winner of a \$64 gift certificate to Aqua Terre Massage.

Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated!!!

Kristina Kallen, president

Satoko Moran, treasurer

Kim Tanada, secretary

Lend Your Voice to the New Superintendent Search

The Portland School Board, moving to recruit a new superintendent for Portland Public Schools, has scheduled a series of community meetings before Memorial Day to hear from students, parents, teachers, staff and other interested community members. These public hearings will help the School Board define the criteria to be used to recruit and hire a new leader. Scheduled meetings:

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to noon

Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont St.

Child care and translators will be provided

Wednesday, May 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Gregory Heights Middle School, 7334 NE Siskiyou St.

Childcare and translators will be provided

Thursday, May 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

Abernethy Elementary School, 2421 SE Orange St.

Childcare and translators will be provided

Friday, May 25, noon to 2 p.m.

Multnomah County Central Library, U.S. Bank Room, 801 SW 10th Ave.

Translators will be provided

RICHMOND PARENT PLEDGE DRIVE – THANK YOU DONORS!

(UP TO DATE THROUGH MAY 6TH)

"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 May 6, 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!

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CALENDAR FOR May 18 - June 15, 2007

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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. 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
- May 28-June 1 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in room 104
- Thurs. May 31 Kindergarten Zoo field trip 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
- Fri. June 1 Grandparents' Day!
Chris Kurtz, children's author to visit and make presentations:
8:15-8:45 AM for grades K-2 in cafeteria
9:00-9:45 AM for grades 3-5 in cafeteria

Tea House Unveiling at 1:30-2:15 PM with grades 4 and 5
- Mon. June 4 Scrip order day
- Wed. June 6 Jr. Rose Festival Parade
- Thurs. June 7 5th grade field trip to Oaks Bottom Park at 8:30 AM-1:30 PM
- Fri. June 8 Kindergarten Picnic (all kinder classes) at Richmond 5-8:00 PM
Scrip pick up day
- Mon. June 11 Field Day for all classes
3rd grade field trip on the Willamette jet boats (8:30-11:30 AM)
- Wed. June 13
- Fri. June 15 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
5th grade Graduation at 12:30 PM in the cafeteria



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 if you are willing to help with this fun activity.