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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive Update

THIS WEEK: Families, friends and relatives just keep donating. Participation and the total amount just keeps growing! Congratulations Richmond!

- **TOTAL PARTICIPATION** as of 5-21-07: **115 out of 261 families for 44% participation.**
- **TOTAL AMOUNT** as of 5-21-07: **\$51,707.00.** This is more than 5/6th of the way to our goal of \$60,000.

RICHMOND JMP EXCELS: Richmond and the JMP offer 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.

ANY DONATIONS - ANY AMOUNT: We do need more families to donate. Although we have been asking for one month of kindergarten tuition (\$265), please know that every family's donation, no matter how large or small, makes a difference. Families have been giving anywhere from \$50-\$500 or more. Let's try and reach 50% family participation. Every student benefits from the staff supported by the Richmond Foundation. Every family does their part in some way. If donating works for your family, please make your contribution.

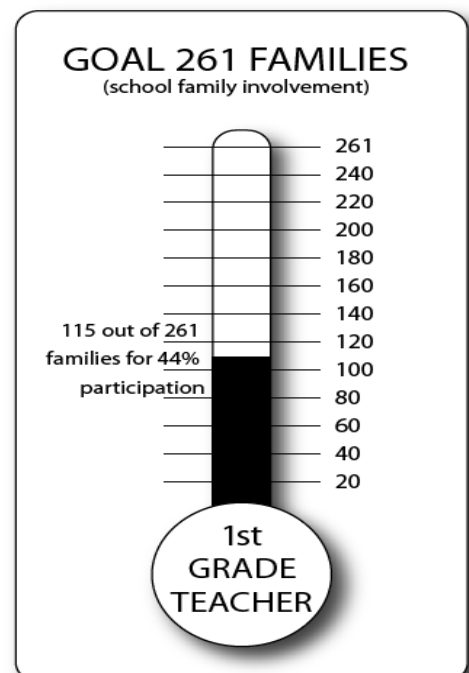
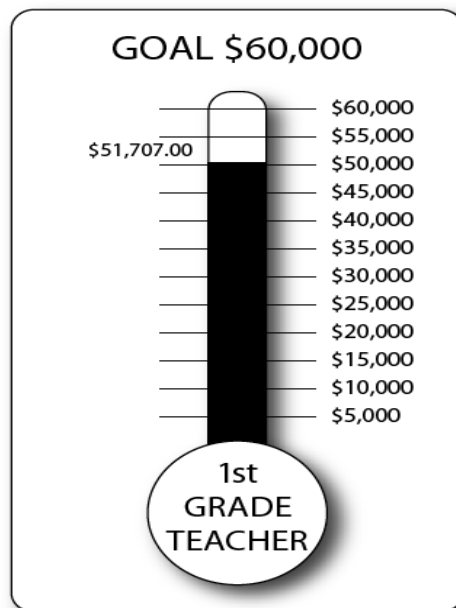
ASK YOUR RELATIVES TO DONATE: A better education is a wonderful gift to give. Why not ask your child(ren)'s relatives to donate? There is a link to the Richmond Donation form on our school's website. You can cut and paste this URL and send to your family members.

- <http://www.richmondjmp.org/docs/07fdnparentpledgeform.pdf>

Or you can direct them to the Portland Schools Foundation website and they can donate online. Be sure, under the 'donate to' section of the online form, to use the drop down menu to choose *Richmond Elementary School*. (There are 80+ schools in Portland's public schools. Make sure if you donate your donation goes to Richmond!)

- <http://www.thinkschools.org/>

A STRONG COMMUNITY: We are doing it Richmond Families! We are stronger together than we are as individuals. 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

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Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Credit Card number: _____ Visa MasterCard

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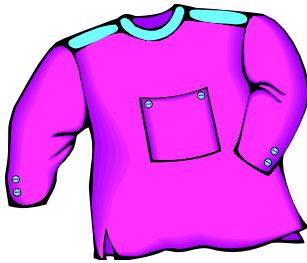
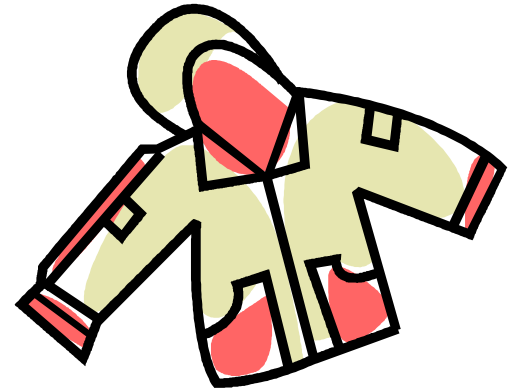
For more information please contact any Foundation member.

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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 \$2600 in the bank now. We are climbing closer to our goal of saving the \$3000 we will need in June 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. **Last order date is Thursday, June 7th. Order forms and coffee for purchase are available in the Richmond office!**

Elm inoculation date is set for Friday, June 22nd. 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

P. T. A. News!

GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY!: Friday, June 1 is Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day. Please join us for an author assembly, poetry reading, and presentation of the Spring for the Arts winners. The celebration for grades pre-K through 2nd begins at 8:15 in the cafeteria and will end with a trip to the child's classroom at approximately 8:45 where the Spring for the Arts winners will be presented with their medals and prizes. The celebration for grades 3 through 5 will begin at 9:00 in the cafeteria and will end with a trip to the classroom at approximately 10. Those Spring for the Arts winners will be presented with their medals and prizes on the stage in the cafeteria immediately following the author assembly and poetry reading. Our book fair will be open in the volunteer room from 10 to 11 for special hours so our grandparents and special friends can shop for the special children in their lives.

SPRING FESTIVAL TOTALS: Our spring festival was a huge success and raised \$4996.46 for our school. The exact totals were \$671.62 for the foundation and \$4,324.84 to be split between Oya No Kai and the PTA. For a complete list of all the expenses and income, please see our PTA bulletin board for a work-of-art spreadsheet by our very own treasurer extraordinaire, Satoko Moran! Thank you to all the volunteers, staff, and committee members for making this year's Spring Festival twice as big as last year. I am already looking forward to next year!!!

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

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.

P.T.A. News continued

TEARS OF JOY PUPPET SHOW/FUND RAISER MAY 31st!!!: Tears of Joy Theatre's Drammy-Award-winning puppet show, Little One Inch, is performed using Japanese-style Bunraku puppetry and Bunraku puppets. Little One Inch is an adaptation of a Japanese folktale that tells the story of a small boy who proves his strength by defeating a rat and sets off to save Japan from a great gre. In his adventures he befriends a kappa, rides a koi, and becomes the playmate of a princess before defeating the ogre in a hilarious battle. The story is sure to delight young children and parents, as well as the young at heart.



Tears of Joy Theatre's mission is to produce, develop, and present puppet theatre that celebrates the diversity of world cultures, and to teach children and enrich their lives by helping them experience, create, and perform art with professional artists.

FIELD DAY IS JUNE 11: We need 26 volunteers in the AM and 26 in the PM. Field day starts at 10:00 AM, so if the volunteers would gather in the gym at 9:45, it would be great. The PM field day starts at 1:00 PM, so if the volunteers would gather in the gym at 12:45, it would be super. If the day is completely rainy (let's hope not!), field day will be cancelled.

BOOK FAIR TIME: Our semiannual book fair beginning next Tuesday and runs through next Friday, June 1. This is the only fund raiser that is dedicated exclusively to the library so get that summer reading off to a good start to benefit your children and our library!!! The operating hours are 7:45 to 8:30 a. m. and 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. with special event hours on Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day from 10 to 11. Please let those grandparents and special friends know they can come in and spend some time in the book fair to purchase those "surprise" gifts for the special children in their lives.

SPRING FOR THE ARTS TOTALS: Our totals are in, and this year we raised \$11,000 for our arts enrichment programs!!! Great job to all the volunteers, children, and staff who made this event such a huge success!!! Please come to the Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day to see the winners receive their medals and prizes (see Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day below for times and details). Great job!

NEW PTA TREASURER: After 2 years of hard work, dedication, and beautiful spread sheets, Satoko Moran is hanging up her hat as the PTA treasurer. We will greatly miss her detailed reports and by-the-book accounting practices, and she leaves some very large shoes to fill. Fortunately, Mika Obara (2nd and 5th-grade mom) has agreed to take the position of PTA treasurer. Mika has an accounting background and is a spread sheet whiz so we will be in good hands. Thank you Satoko and Mika!!!!

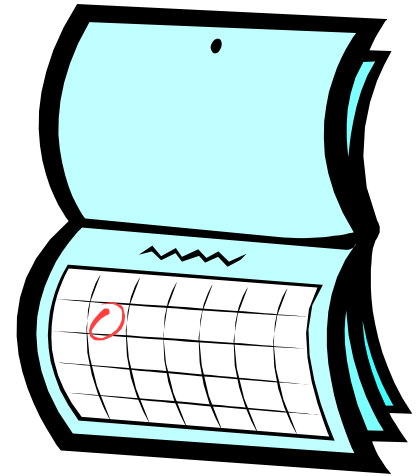
Kristina Kallen, president

Satoko Moran, treasurer

Kim Tanada, secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Last day of school is Friday, June 15th.
- First day of the 2007-08 school year is Wednesday, September 5th.



IT'S BACK! SHIZEN KYANPU (8/19-8/24/07)

Immerse yourself in the Japanese language while studying coastal ecology! OMSI has joined with , Portland Public Schools, Portland Japanese Saturday School, and the Portland-Sapporo Sister Cities Association to present this Japanese immersion science camp at Camp Kiwanilong. Investigate the rocky intertidal areas around Haystack Rock, explore the sandy beaches of Fort Stevens State Park, and hike through the ancient forests of Ecola State Park identifying plants and birds. Practice canoeing on Long Lake, and use microscopes to discover the hidden creatures inhabiting it. Japanese-speaking counselors and instructors will lead the instruction for this program, while OMSI staff will provide program logistics and safety. Participants must be proficient in Japanese and committed to using Japanese exclusively for the week.

Catalog #: 95SK819NC

Date: August 19-24, 2007 (Sun.-Fri.)

Ages: 10-12

Fee: \$485.00 or \$440.00 with member discount

Location: Camp Kiwanilong

Physical Exertion Level: 1

Register on-line at www.oms.edu/camps look under the "Camps for 10 to 12 Year Olds" link

RICHMOND PARENT PLEDGE DRIVE – THANK YOU DONORS!

(UP TO DATE THROUGH MAY 21)

"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 21, 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 25 - June 15, 2007

Portland Public Schools

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Website: www.richmondjmp.org

Japanese Magnet Program

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

- 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)
- Fri. June 15 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
5th grade Graduation at 12:30 PM in the cafeteria
- June 25-June 29 Session 1 for Kurabu (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM—3:00 PM)
- July 2-July 6 Session 2 for Kurabu (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM—3:00 PM)
- July 9-July 13 Session 3 for Kurabu (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM—3:00 PM)
- July 16-July 20 Session 4 for Kurabu (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM—3:00 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

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.

5th graders will be able to volunteer to help each bank day in 2007-08. Parents of 4th grade students, please check with your child about this community service opportunity and mark your calendars for June 6th and 13th which are visitation days for 4th graders interested in volunteering next year.

Please contact Hannah Hurley at pthurley@teleport.com if you are willing to help with this fun activity.

Valerie Duncan was last week's raffle winner! Congratulations, Valerie!