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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive Update

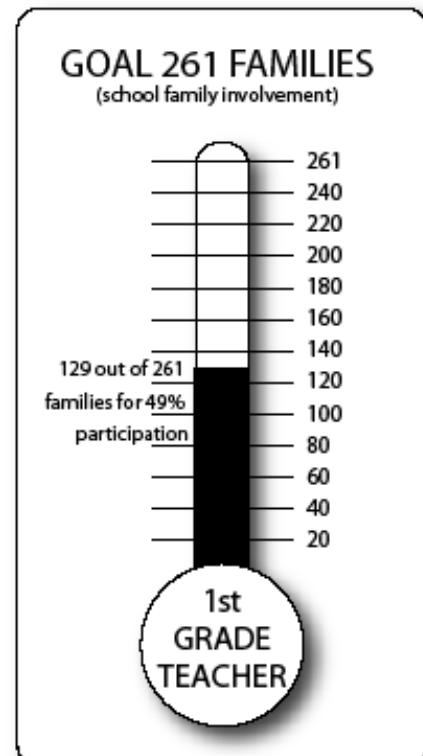
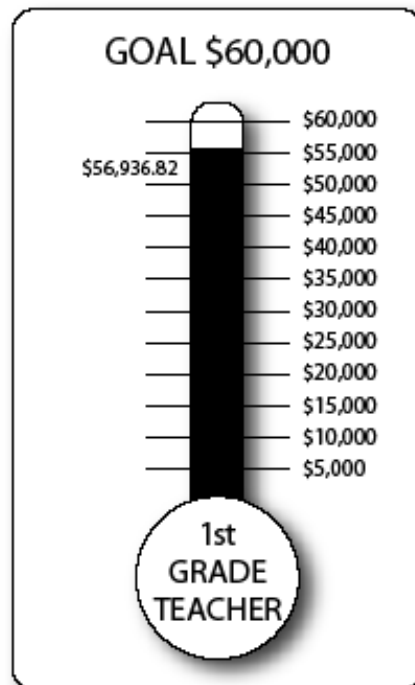
CURRENT AMOUNT AND PARTICIPATION: As of June 6th, we are at 49% participation and \$56,936.82 total. We are almost there! Only \$3,100 to go to reach the \$60,000 goal!

ANY AMOUNT MAKES A DIFFERENCE: As you can see, we are so close. If further donors use the suggested amount of \$265, then we need 12 more families to donate. If you can give \$265, great. If you can give more, great. If you can give less, please do. Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a difference.

AN AMAZING COMMUNITY AND AN EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL: Richmond JMP is exceptional and it is the entire community that makes it so: children, parents, relatives, staff and teachers. At the Spring Festival, a Portland Public School staff member who was not from Richmond said she'd never a community with so much energy, enthusiasm and closeness as the one she saw at the Spring Festival. Way to go Richmond JMP! **Check the list of school accomplishments on page 4 of this newsletter for more reasons why this is such a great place for students, families and staff members.**

PLEASE DONATE BY JUNE 15TH IF POSSIBLE: Although the end of the Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive is officially June 30th (the fundraising year goes from July 1 --> June 30th)...we would really like to have all donations in by June 15th. It helps our principal and Site Council to know before the end of the year how much funding the Richmond Foundation can provide. We will happily accept donations through June 30th...but if you can possibly give by June 15th, it would be great.

THANKS RICHMOND 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 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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Richmond Accomplishments in 2006-07

ACADEMICS:

- *Now rated 'exceptional' two years in a row by State of Oregon...the highest level of student achievement in Oregon.
- *Specific class achievement continues to rise: the number of students meeting or exceeding 4th grade writing benchmarks increased from 64% last year to 85% this year. This is biggest increase of any school in SE PDX.
- *Signing a new before and after care provider, Arts4Life, that will focus on arts and culture.
- *Have kept early classroom sizes (K and 1st) small at 22-24 children providing better student/teacher ratio. Smaller class sizes in kindergarten this year has led to more instruction than in the past...children had finished kindergarten material by March and are learning new and advanced material this spring.
- *A grant award for Richmond to do teacher professional development over the summer instead of during the school year...so our teachers can start the school year running in the fall.

JAPANESE CULTURE:

- *Increased number of Japanese interns from 9 to 10, created new Intern Handbook and moved the timing of Japanese interns experience from March --> March to coincide with Japanese school year.
- *Oya No Kai parent group achieved booster status with PPS allowing the group to continue to work at all JMP schools—Richmond, Mt. Tabor and Grant High School.
- *Revived the garden with new design of Japanese Teaching Garden designed by landscape professional and Richmond parent, Sadafumi Uchiyama.
- *Installation and formal dedication of the Japanese Tea House (see pictures on page 7).
- *New partnership with the Portland Japanese Garden.
- *Second Annual Spring Festival was a huge success with over 6000 tickets sold.

FUNDRAISING/GRANTS:

- *Over 50% parent participation in Parent Pledge Drive for Staffing raising over \$56,000 for staff positions for the fall (as of June 4th...donations are still coming in).
- *New grant committee formed as sub-group of school's Site Council. Over the last 2 years, we are 3 for 5 in grants applied for: grants awarded:
 - *Receiving grants from Lucky Seven for Garden Writing for \$5000
 - *Receiving grant from Schnitzer CARE Foundation for Garden for \$1,000
 - *Received Goldman-Sachs Award last year for \$25,000.
- *Spring for the Arts earned more than \$12,000...the highest amount ever.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- *Installing new playground equipment thanks to PTA fundraising and support.
- *Continued increase in number of students at our school to 440 expected for Fall 2007 with two pre-school classes, four kindergartens, four 1st grades and two classrooms in grades 2-5.
- *Grandparent Brigade continues to be huge success helping teachers with tasks and providing multi-generational experience for children and parents and grandparents alike.
- *Rebirth of the Richmond Community Teaching Garden.

Art4Life is Richmond's new before and after school childcare provider!

Richmond has selected Art4Life as our new before and after childcare provider after three months of research that included a comprehensive Richmond parent survey (paper and online access), presentations by the top five childcare providers in Portland, visits to schools to see each provider in action, and interviews with parents and principals at each school site. A committee of Richmond's principal and parents was established to conduct this research. The committee of parents was structured to give a balanced perspective: parents working outside the home, parents working inside the home, parents currently using the YMCA and parents who have never used the YMCA but wish to have access to on-site childcare. Our committee unanimously recommended Art4Life to be our new childcare provider for the following reasons:

- Art4Life provides a maximum student/teacher ratio of 1:10 to ensure greater student safety and supervision; YMCA currently provides a 1:15 ratio.
- Art4Life teachers must have a minimum education level of a B.A in Fine Arts in order to be eligible to work as a childcare provider. Most Art4Life teachers are practicing artists. YMCA does not require a college degree for childcare providers.
- Art4Life teachers have an average tenure of 3 years at any school. The stability of Art4Life teachers is unmatched among any Portland childcare provider.
- Art4Life has an enormous array of partnerships with local arts and culture organizations, so students regularly take field trips to museums, concerts and plays and get to see the behind-the-curtain world after the show is over.
- Students produce a wide array of art projects and study a different world culture each month. Art4Life regularly schedules special speakers and artisans to work with children. Cooking foods from various cultures is also a weekly part of the Art4Life menu of activities.
- Monthly fee schedule is cheaper than our current provider. Scholarships are available.

	<u>AM & PM</u>	<u>AM only</u>	<u>PM only</u>	<u>All Day (school vacations/holidays)</u>
5 days	\$265	\$130	\$220	\$120
4 days	\$225	\$110	\$175	\$105
3 days	\$190	\$85	\$150	\$85
2 days	\$150	\$65	\$120	\$70
1 day	\$80	\$35	\$65	\$40

Drop in care: AM/PM is \$30; AM only is \$20; PM only is \$25

A letter will be mailed home on Monday, June 11th with greater detail about Art4Life and the registration packet. Registration information will be on Richmond's website within the week.

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: What a GREAT Year!

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!!!

WELCOME ABOARD/NEW POSITIONS: Please welcome and congratulate our newest PTA board members who were voted in at the general meeting on Monday, June 5 prior to the fundraising meeting. Our new board looks like this: Kristina Kallen, President; Kim Tanada, Vice President; Mika Obara, Treasurer; Yoko Sato, Special Events Chairperson; Secretary, currently vacant. We are actively recruiting a new PTA secretary so hopefully this position will be filled by next week for our last newsletter. Welcome aboard and congrats!!!

SPRING FOR THE ARTS TOTALS: Our totals are in, and this year we raised \$12,000 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!

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.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE!!!: I want to take a moment to tell you all how grateful I am for all of our terrific volunteers at Richmond. Without the thousands of volunteer hours you all donate, we would not have all the terrific programs, events, and opportunities for our children and families (see below). Together we have accomplished great things, and I am looking forward to working with all of you next year!!!

Apple Sale, Asia Fest, Auction, Back to School Night, Bank Day, Book Fair, Christmas Tree Sale, Craft Fair, Cultural Center, Docent Program, Field Day, Foundation, Garden Committee, Gift Wrap, Grandparents' Brigade, Holiday Greenery, Japan or Bust Cards, Kindergarten Orientation, Kindergarten Tea, Lost and Found, Mochitsuki, Obon Festival, Oya No Kai, Parent Pledge Drive, Plant Sale, Playground Committee, PTA, PTA Clothes Closet, Restaurant Drives, Room Reps, Save our Elms Coffee, School Beautification Committee, School Safety Committee, Scrip, Spring Festival, Spring for the Arts, Staff Appreciation Week, Staff Luncheon, Trip Committee, and T-Shirt Sale.

Kristina Kallen, president

Satoko Moran, treasurer

Kim Tanada, secretary

Dedication of Richmond's Tea House in Honor of Okada-sensei

Friday, June 4th at 1:30 PM

Guests included:

Daughters of Larry Magee and Okada Sensei

Mrs. Masae Wright

Mrs. Masako Kvocka

Mrs. Mieko Heriford

Catherine Malone

Kristina Kallen

David Komeiji

Amy Osaki and guests (Lynn Bowers-Thompson and Grace Bowers)

Minori Fukushima & Joshua Zeller

50 5th grade students

Sada Uchiyama

David Jacobsen

Linda Isako Angst

Meg Matsushima

Monica Mueller

Nina Nakagawa



Class placement letters for 2007-08 and report cards for the third trimester of the 2006-07 school year will be mailed home the week of June 18th.



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 June 8 - June 15, 2007

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Japanese Magnet Program

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



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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.

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 p hhurley@teleport.com if you are willing to help with this fun activity.

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