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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

Richmond's PTA is Going Strong!

Preschool/Kindergarten Tea
Friday, September 29th at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us for a morning of tea, socializing, and goodies while you meet with your PTA board and other Richmond families. We want to officially welcome you to the school and be available to answer any of your questions you may have. We are so happy to have all you new families to join our Richmond team!!!

Grandparents Brigade News: The grandparent's brigade is getting up and running and will be in full swing by October 1. However, we need more grandparents!!! If you have a parent or grandparent who is interested in coming to volunteer for lunchtime duty, reading with children, making copies for teachers, assisting in the library, socializing with other high-energy mature citizens, etc., please call Dorothy Fisher at 503-255-9656 to sign up. All mobility levels are welcome because there is a job for everyone!!!

Phone Banking Volunteers Needed: September 25 from 5:30 and 8:30 and October 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 are our nights to staff the phones at the local option campaign headquarters. There are phone scripts for each caller and you will be among friends from our Richmond community so come and join the party! The banking will take place at 1024 NE Davis, and we have 20 spots to fill so come one and come all. To sign up, please email Kristina Kallen at kmk456@comcast.net or call 503-282-4435. Thanks for your support!

Playground dime drive!!! We are only \$250 shy of our \$16,684 goal for our new playground!! This week let's give the kids a chance to participate in the pride of working toward our new playground by having a dime drive. Each teacher will have a special jar in their classroom for donations from the students for their pennies, nickels, and dimes and at the end of the week we will count up all the change and post the total collected on Monday, September 25th!

Playground Kudos! Please take a moment to thank our wonderful PTA playground committee (Lisa Bosca, David Hill, Teresa Hill, Gary Kuney, Colleen O'Brien, Maylorie Townsend, and Katy Wolk-Stanley) for all of their hard work in making our playground a reality. We appreciate everyone's time, energy, and hard work, and we especially thank Katy Wolk-Stanley who had been serving as the committee chair last year. This year the committee will be chaired by our own Gary Kuney who has generously accepted this position in addition to all his other duties. Thank you all!

Kristina Kallen, President
Satoko Moran, Treasurer
Kim Tanada, Secretary

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Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

Alert Regarding Dogs on the Playground

We have had a number of problems in recent weeks with dog owners allowing their dogs to run freely on the school grounds during school hours. The City and school district require all dogs to be leashed during the hours the school is open for business. Richmond serves students from 6:00 AM—6:00 PM for childcare and instruction, therefore, all dogs must be leashed when on school property during those hours. New signs have been ordered for the fences to remind dog owners and playground users.

Several folks have been less than compliant when staff have stopped to politely ask that they leash their dog. If you see a dog running loose on school property, please do the following:

1. Never confront the owner if you are with children. We don't want you to risk in-



Dogs **MUST** be on a leash on school grounds during school hours (6:00 AM-6:00 PM)

jury to your child in order to ask for compliance.

2. Alert the school office about the location of dog and description of the owner. Office staff will talk to the dog owner or contact our local police officer for assistance if the situation is a repeat offense.
3. Model good dog behavior yourself if you routinely have a family dog with you when you drop off or pick up your child.

Thanks!

Free & Reduced Meal Applications Due October 2nd

Every parent with a child who received free or reduced priced breakfast and lunch last year must fill out a new application to continue this benefit in 2006-07. Students will be required to pay full lunch prices after October 4th unless they have a new application on file with Richmond's head cook, Cynthia Taylor.

Extra applications for free and reduced priced meals are available in Richmond's office or in the cafeteria. We have also placed applications on the black information table in

the main hallway for your convenience.

Please do not hesitate to let cafeteria or office staff know how we can help you and your family get these important benefits. **ALL information is kept strictly confidential and not accessible by volunteers or school staff.**

We Need Written Notice for Changes to After School Plans

Please send a handwritten note to school with your child when your child's after school arrangements deviate from the normal routine. A handwritten note from you helps us ensure the safety of your child in many ways:

- Children and adults forget changes to the normal routine when we get busy or distracted. A note in our hand helps all of us remember the revised routine.
- We do not always have time or access to email before or during the school day, so an electronic note may not reach us before it's time to go home.
- School bus drivers have been trained to only accept a handwritten note from a parent before allowing a child to ride the bus home with another student.
- A written note helps other school employees or classroom volunteers who may not know your child well (e. g. substitute teacher, intern, etc.) support your revised plan.

Parent Nominations Accepted for Richmond Site Council

Richmond currently has two openings on our Site Council for parents who are interested in working collaboratively with teachers and the principal on school improvement initiatives. Parents are elected by the school community and serve for a period of two years. We intend to hold the election the week of October 2nd to give parents an opportunity to vote at Curriculum Night.

The Site Council meets once per month on the second Monday of the month at 2:30-4:00 PM. All meetings are open to any member of the Richmond school community and children are always welcome to attend with their parents. Our meetings are held in the library. Dates for 2006-07 are:

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 16 (Tues. due to MLK Holiday)
- February 12

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

The purpose of Richmond's Site Council is student achievement and outlined in Oregon's Educational Act for the 21st Century. The duties of the Site Council include:

- Improvement of Richmond's instructional program ;
- Development of plans to improve the professional growth of Richmond's staff;
- Administration of grants for school improvement; and
- Fostering family involvement.

Please contact Kathryn Anderson by Friday, September 29th if you are interested in serving on Richmond's Site Council. You can reach Kathryn by phone at 503-916-6220 or via email at keanders@pps.k12.or.us.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser is Underway!

On Wednesday Richmond kicked off our Gift Wrap Fundraiser. Check your children's backpacks they should have brought home an Innisbrook packet. More packets are on the table outside the office if you need another one. The order forms need to be brought back to school no later than OCTOBER 4th. Checks are payable to Richmond PTA

In addition to the Innisbrook prizes in the enclosed brochure, PTA is offering the following prizes.

\$40 gift certificate to Toys R Us
\$40 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble
\$60 deposited in a Washington Mutual Account.

When orders are returned in on or before OCTOBER 4th your child can enter a drawing to win one of the above 3 items. Fill out the bottom portion of the yellow colored paper that is enclosed in your packet.

This fundraiser is the major source of funding for Richmond. Our goal this year is to raise \$8,000. PTA is sponsoring this fundraiser this year and will wait to determine the best use for this money until we get farther into the school year.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE JAPANESE IMMERSION PROGRAM at Richmond.

To celebrate Innisbrooks 25 years in business: Attached to

the news letter are coupons for your child to receive a party penguin when they sell 12 items. These coupons will also be put into a drawing for a huge party penguin. Please leave the coupons in the big order box in the office. I will check it every day and Mrs. C. has agreed to hand out these cute party penguins at lunch.

If you have any questions please contact Meg Matsushima @ 503.335.7777 or e-mail megmatsushima@comcast.com

SPECIAL THANKS:

On Wednesday we had 16 people help stuff the gift wrap packets. We had all the packets stuff and distributed by 8:18 a.m.. PTA would like to thank Mary Boyer, Kyoko Gibbs, Mikiko Mori, Liz Parks, Sara Tam, Shannon Poole, Carrie Shernill, Kimi Nam, Cindy Gunderson, Melinda Young John Blackmun, Catherine Malone, Monica Mueller, Shinobu Chrisman, James Knudsen and Dennis Baumgardner for helping kick off gift wrap.



Richmond PTA, as an affiliated constituent of Oregon PTA, pledges that membership in PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 6, 2006

Portland Public Schools

Fri. Sept. 22 to Sun. Sept. 24

Portland Taiko Fall Performances of "Ohayo Gozaimasu" at the Newmark Theatre. Check www.portlandtaiko.org for ticket information and performance times.

Mon. Sept. 25 Scrip order day—leave orders at scrip table in cafeteria

Wed. Sept. 27 School bus safety drill for all grades at 9:45 and 10:00 AM

Thurs. Sept. 28 Auction Room Rep. Mtg. in the Volunteer Room 1:45-2:15 PM

Cultural Center Committee Mtg. At 6:30 PM in Vol. Room

Fri. Sept. 29 Scrip pick up in cafeteria

Pre-school/kindergarten parent tea at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria

Mon. Oct. 2 School Fundraising Committee Mtg. at 6:30 PM in Teachers' Lounge

Tues. Oct. 3 TAG Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM for southeast schools at Woodstock Elementary School (5601 SE 50th 503-916-6380)

Wed. Oct. 4 GIFT WRAP ORDERS DUE!

Richmond Curriculum Night (adults only) at 6:30-8:30 PM

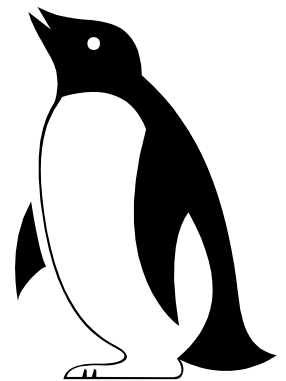
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Japanese Magnet Program

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

Coupon for Penguin Party Animal—Gift Wrap Prize



Help us CELEBRATE
with our biggest and best fundraiser!
Return this form during our sale
and receive a Penguin Party Animal!

Student Name _____

Teacher _____

YES, my child sold 12 or more items in the
Innisbrook Wraps Catalogs!

Parent Signature _____

DO NOT return your catalog at this time. This is a fun way to reward students for taking time to support our sale!
ONE PARTY ANIMAL PER STUDENT!