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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Richmond Shinbun

# Curriculum Night Wednesday, October 4th

Parents of students in grades 1-5 have a chance to learn the details of Richmond's English & Japanese curriculum this coming Wednesday evening. Teachers will make formal presentations about their classroom curriculum and show how their lessons and units of study are linked to the Oregon content standards.

## Agenda for Curriculum Night

6:30-7:15 PM Presentations in 1st & 2nd grade classrooms

7:15-7:30 PM Break

7:30-8:15 PM Presentations in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade classrooms

**Bring your calendar to Curriculum Night!** Parents will also be able to sign-up for parent/teacher conference times at Curriculum Night. The dates and conference times are listed below.

No school for students during conference week, November 20-22nd:

Monday, November 20—Conferences between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 21—Conferences between 12:00 –8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22—Conferences between 8:00 AM—Noon

## Who to call when the bus is late!

Many parents have been concerned about the fact that Portland Public Schools' buses are not running on time. As a result, you've asked us to share the phone number for the PPS transportation department so you can check on the status of a late bus. Here's the number to call when the bus is late:

**503-916-6901 ext. 404**

Make sure you know the number of the late bus:

- #62—North Portland
- #221— Southwest Portland
- #222— Northeast Portland
- #223- Southeast Portland

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## PTA News

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**Calling all Room Reps!** Friday, October 6 at 8:05 a.m. there will be a room rep meeting in the staff room. We will go over position duties, timelines, and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for volunteering for this fun and worthwhile position!!!

**Phone banking volunteers needed!** Sunday, October 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 is our next opportunity to make calls regarding the local option campaign. Please email me at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) if you can come down to the headquarters at 1024 NE Davis (across from Franz Bakery) and make some calls. We would really appreciate it! This past Monday we had 5 dedicated parents come down and work with Rose City Park Elementary School calling previous voters. If you have a chance please give a big thank you to Sally Mays, Paula Smith, Chris Hogness, and grandparent, Dorothy Fisher for donating their time and energy.

**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!!!



## Gift Wrap Sales Are Going Well :)

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Hopefully your children's Gift Wrap sales are going well. If your children have sold 12 items please fill out the coupon for a Penguin Party Animal and return it to the big Gift Wrap Box in the office or e-mail [megmatsushima@comcast.net](mailto:megmatsushima@comcast.net) and let her know. Your child doesn't have to turn in their order forms with the coupon they can keep selling. Your child will receive a little penguin for selling 12 items as well as their name will be entered into a drawing for a large stuffed penguin you can see in the display case by the office.

All orders are due back on Wednesday Oct 4th (Curriculum Night).

Volunteers are needed on Friday Oct 6th to help count the orders; if you have even a few minutes to give we would appreciate it! We will be meeting in the Volunteer Room at 8:05 AM. Thanks you in advance for helping!

Meg Matsushima

## Richmond Playground Update!

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The Richmond Elementary JMP Playground Committee was established in October 2005. We are committed to continuous improvement of our playground. We have big plans, and are reaching them step-by-step with one small success at a time.

If you have any interest in supporting the playground and this committee please contact Maylorie Townsend at 503-235-0362 or 971-506-2885. Anyone is welcome to join the committee, but even more so we could really use volunteers to help with work days and equipment installation days.

Hope to hear from some of you!

Maylorie, Committe Member and Grant Writer.

## Auction News - Read All About It!

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Can you believe this year marks the 13<sup>th</sup> auction for our Japanese Immersion Program? To me, that shows how hard working and dedicated parents are to the continued success of our great program.

Last's year auction was amazing, bringing in over \$70,000. Can we do it again? I believe we can. And consider this, if we do bring in that amount, Richmond PTA will earn \$17,500 to use right here at Richmond School.

Please join us for our monthly auction meeting on **Thursday, October 5 at 7:30pm in the Richmond Cafeteria**. We will be discussing the estimated budget, food and drink, procurement, sponsor tables and more. We welcome and encourage your input.

Each week, I would like to acknowledge a few of the wonderful volunteers who have contributed to the planning of this year's auction. This week I want to thank the following individuals:

- **Michelle Mundt**
- **John Blackmun**
- **Steve Alexander**
- **Melinda Young**
- **Rachel Mundt**
- **John Baumgardner**

These volunteers have spent numerous hours combing through last year's donor list, searching for addresses, deleting multiple entries, verifying zip codes and more. It was a huge job, and I thank them all!

If you still want to help with the auction, but are not sure where you fit, please call or e-mail Melanie or me.

Volunteering like you,

Jody Little [littlej@qwest.net](mailto:littlej@qwest.net) (503) 232-4782  
Melanie Scheuermann [wfdrij@quik.com](mailto:wfdrij@quik.com) (503) 775-2865

## Scrapbook Committee Forms to Showcase Our School

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This year a committee is forming to make a SCRAPBOOK of our fabulous school and it's children and events!!! This will be an ongoing project headed by Nina Nakagawa (4th grade parent) and Chiho Whiteford (1st grade parent).

No experience or special talents necessary. Nina and Chiho will show you what to do. This album will become a chronological memory book showcasing all that the Richmond students and it's community have done! The Richmond scrapbook can be shown to visitors and prospective parents as a way to introduce them to our nationally recognized school! The first completed volume is available to view in the office. Come see it and then sign up to join this fun and meaningful project! Our first "meeting" will be

Tuesday October 10 at 8:00 AM in the volunteer room.

Contact Nina Nakagawa 503-288-4079 or Chiho Whiteford 503-233-8129 if you have any questions or to sign up! You can email Nina at [Nina@makesmemories.net](mailto:Nina@makesmemories.net) or Chiho at [Whiteford@comcast.net](mailto:Whiteford@comcast.net)

See you on Tuesday, October 10th in the volunteer room!

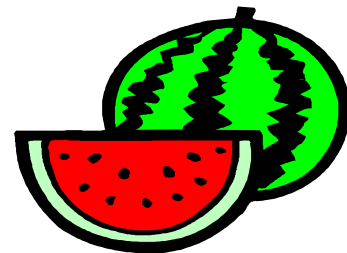


## Fresh Produce From the Farm in School Lunches!

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PPS is working towards increasing locally grown products in our school menus. The watermelons featured at lunch during the month of September are being delivered fresh from the farm. Sam Pollock, of Pollock & Son in Hermiston, has donated over 30,000 lbs of melons so our students can enjoy the taste of fresh picked fruit.

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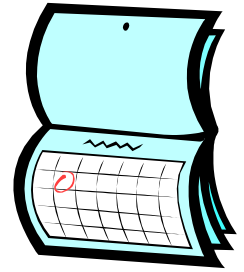


Pollack & Son Farm in Hermiston, Oregon donated watermelon for school lunches in September!



## Portland Public Schools

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 29- NOVEMBER 1, 2006



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### *Japanese Magnet Program*

- Fri. Sept. 29 Scrip pick up in cafeteria  
Pre-school/kinder parent tea at 8:00 AM in cafeteria
- Mon. Oct. 2 School Fundraising Committee Mtg. at 6:30 PM
- 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!  
Bank Day starts this morning at 7:45 AM in room 17 (in cafeteria)  
Richmond Curriculum Night (adults only) at 6:30-8:30 PM
- Mon. Oct. 9 Scrip order day in cafeteria  
Site Council Meeting at 2:30-4:30 PM
- Thurs. Oct. 12 Hearing Screening (follow-up for some Kinder, 1st and 2nd)
- Fri. Oct. 13 SCHOOL CLOSED—Oregon Teacher In-service Day
- Mon. Oct. 16 Scrip pick up day (Mon. this week due to Fri. school closure)
- Mon. Oct. 23 Scrip order day
- Tues. Oct. 24 Katoh students arrive from Numazu, Japan!
- Fri. Oct. 27 Picture re-take day  
Scrip pick up in cafeteria
- Sun. Oct. 29 Fukuno students arrive from Nanto City, Japan!
- Tues. Oct. 31 Halloween
- Wed. Nov. 1 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Professional Development Day

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

## Site Council Election Next Week

You've read in previous issues of the *Richmond Shinbun* that we have two openings on our Site Council for 2006-07 and will hold elections for these positions during the week of October 2-6. Annual elections for vacant parent and staff positions are a requirement of the Oregon Education Act for the 21st Century.

- Jenny Bravin (parent of new kindergartener)
- Ann Fyfield (parent of 5th grader)
- Dawn Uchiyama (parent of pre-schooler and 3rd grader)

We are fortunate to have three wonderful parents who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise for our Site Council. Here are their names listed in alphabetical order:

Ballots will be available in the school office next week. Please vote!