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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Richmond Shinbun

## Celebrating a Year of Success at Richmond

Dear Richmond Families,

Our General Parent meeting this past Wednesday was a celebration of all the success at Richmond over the last year. In case you missed Wednesday's meeting, the list below charts our accomplishments together as a committed group of educators, parents, interns and community members. Take a look and pat yourself on the back for all we've accomplished together for the children at Richmond!

- **Exceptional school** rating from the Oregon Department of Education in October 2006
- 2005 Goldman Sachs award for **Excellence in International Education**
- **Ambitious school improvement plan**
- New Japanese immersion **pre-school** program for 3 and 4 year olds
- Hosted 1st annual **Spring Festival** in April 2006
- **Four kindergarten classrooms** with reasonable class sizes (21 each) starts the wave of school growth to double school size by 2012
- Fundraising and support for **eight interns**, thanks to Oya No Kai
- **New brochure and parent packet** promotes our school story
- **Professional website** shares our school with the world, thanks to Richmond parent, Jean M.!
- Weekly **Richmond Shinbun** with lots of news!
- **New playground structure** to be installed in November, thanks to the PTA and playground committee
- **Japanese garden plan** for the front entry thanks to Richmond parent and professional landscape architect, Sada Uchiyama
- **Tea house** to be installed on stage, thanks to Richmond's cultural committee
- **Grandparents Brigade** provides daily class and school support, thanks to Dorothy Fisher, grandparent of Benjamin, Juliet and Nicholas
- Record breaking fundraising by the Richmond Foundation to fund our **library aide** AND
- **Reading specialist** funded by collaboration with PTA, Oya No Kai and Richmond Foundation
- **Fundraising plan** developed by Richmond's fundraising committee with three parts: Grants, pledges and special events/sales
- **Grant writing** for school improvement work:
  - \$40,000 Portland Schools Foundation grant pending to support writing instruction with cluster schools
  - Japan Foundation grant planning for revision of Japanese curriculum

This list is proof the sky's the limit when we work together. Thank you for all your support!

Kathryn Anderson, Principal

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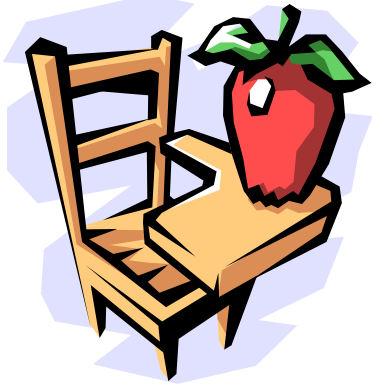
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## PTA News

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**LAST CHANCE FOR APPLES!!!** The Kiyokawa Family Orchard apple sale is wrapping up with orders due in the PTA box by Monday, October 23rd. Please make sure to include your order form with your check made out to Richmond PTA and put it in the PTA box in the office. Thanks for participating and happy crunching!!!

**OREGONIAN PHOTO OP!** The Oregonian will be coming on Friday, October 27 at noon to photograph our apples being delivered. Wendy Oh from the Oregonian has contacted me about our PTA replacing the cookie dough fundraiser with our apple sale and felt it was a great story. FedEx will be delivering the apples for us complimentary again this year, so this is a nice photo opportunity for them as well. It also showcases Kiyokawa Family Orchard which is great for them, too! Please join us at noon to help us unload the apples and organize them to be ready for pickup by 2:15 on Friday. It will be a fun event, and you may just get your picture in the paper!

**SORRY FOR THE LATE START ON WEDNESDAY!** We would like to apologize for starting the General Parent Meeting a few minutes late on Wednesday night. There was a stray cat in the building which Kathryn was handling and PTA waited for her, since she was the lead speaker. We realize your time is valuable and we're sorry for the brief delay.

Kristina Kallen, PTA President  
Kathryn Anderson, Principal

## **Powell's Books Raises the Bar on School Book Donations; Launches Schoolbook Challenge on November 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Powell's Books will attempt to raise 50,000 books for Portland and Beaverton public schools between November 11, 2006 and January 1, 2007. To achieve this goal, the bookseller will be acting in partnership with area schools, Powell's own customers, and Schoolhouse Supplies, a non-profit "free store" for teachers sponsored by the Portland Schools Foundation.

In the nine years prior to 2005, Powell's donated approximately 40,000 books to Portland and Beaverton public schools through its former program, It's for Kids. In 2005, with the help of school administrators and librarians, the company redesigned the program to significantly increase the flow of books into local schools. With the new School Book Challenge program, in just one year, Powell's supplied 54,000 books to local students, exceeding all It's For Kids donations of the prior nine years combined.

Through Powell's School Book Challenge, customers are invited to purchase \$5.95 "book pledges," each good toward one book for Portland and Beaverton schools. At the close of the program, school librarians will receive an equal percentage of the total collected in the form of a credit toward the purchase of their choice of books for their respective schools. The book pledges will be available for purchase at all Powell's store locations, and at [www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com).

For every book pledge customers purchase through the School Book Challenge, Powell's will buy ten additional books, encompassing a wide assortment of reading material – including picture books and novels; history, math, and social science; dictionaries, reference, and language learning tools – that can be used by any school library. Portland and Beaverton school librarians will then have an opportunity to choose from these books at a special Schoolhouse Supplies event in late summer.

For more information, contact Lynne Cummings, Richmond's Library Aide, at 503-916-6220 or via email at [lcummings@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:lcummings@pps.k12.or.us)

## Holiday Wreath Sale Starts Soon

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The first annual Holiday Wreath fund-raiser is underway. For years Oya No Kai has sponsored a holiday poinsettia sale. This year we are instead selling both a 22" evergreen wreath and a 24-26" fir and cedar door swag. Both are adorned with ponderosa pine cones and berry accents and would make a beautiful holiday decoration for your home or business.

Order forms should have arrived home in your child's backpack and are due by Wednesday, November 8th. Completed order forms can be returned to either the Oya No Kai box in the Richmond Elementary office or by mail to: Yoshiko Reents, 4421 NE Wistaria Dr., Portland, OR 97213. Additional forms are also available in front of the Richmond office.

The pick-up date for the wreaths will be Tuesday, December 5th from 2:15 to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Yoshiko or Brad Reents at (503) 460-3559. Thank you for your support!

## Winners of Gift Wrap Fundraiser Announced!

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Pasty has drawn the winning name for our Gift Wrap Fundraisers. Congratulations to the WINNERS:

- **Rachel Kim** in 2nd grade won the BIG penguin - Pasty has it waiting for you to pick up in the office.
- **Grace Gunderson** in Kindergarten won the \$60 Deposit into the Washington Mutual Account
- **Anne Burt** in Kindergarten won the \$40 gift cards for Barnes and Noble
- **Adan Moseler** in 2nd grade won the \$40 gift cards for Toys R Us

Please contact Meg Matsushima, 503.335.7777 to arrange getting your winnings.

Thank you to all our Richmond students, parents, interns and staff we raised \$6,636 with our Gift Wrap fundraiser.

We had 136 total orders and we gave away 61 penguins to students that sold over 12 items. We had 5 orders over \$300 and the top sellers were Max St John in 4th grade selling \$420.50 and Rylan Virnig in 3rd grade selling \$480. This was a very successful fundraiser. PTA is working with Kathryn and the Site Council to determine where this money raised will best support the school so if you have any questions please contact Kristina Kallen, PTA President.

Orders should arrive the week before Thanksgiving break. When we know the date I will let you know.

PTA would also like to thank the volunteers that helped to count the orders Mikiko Mori-Gilles, Shinobu Chrisman, Jeanne Kaliszeoski, Mary Klinger, Anthony Beller, Ann Holland, Desiree Miller and Dennis Baumgardner (before going to school at Mt. Tabor). I hope I remembered everyone.

Meg Matsushima

## Playground Fundraiser Thanks to Burgerville!

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Burgerville Restaurant on SE 26th and Powell Blvd. (across the street from Cleveland High School) has graciously offered to host a series of fundraisers to benefit Richmond's playground project. The dates for these events are:

Thursday, **October 26th** at 5-8:00 PM  
Thursday, **November 16th** at 5-8:00 PM  
Tuesday **December 12th** at 5-8:00 PM

Burgerville will donate 10% of all sales during these hours to the next phase of Richmond's playground!

There will also be ice cream raffles and Richmond can keep all the income from those, as well. We need student volunteers to help run the raffles and greet patrons. A volunteer sheet will be posted in the cafeteria on the bulletin board.

Richmond's Playground Committee



## Save Our Elms Update

For parents new to Richmond, our school grounds are home to 18 mature Elm trees – about half of the Elms in the Richmond neighborhood are at our school. These trees are not only beautiful, but cool our grounds, provide habitat to urban wildlife and help absorb carbon monoxide emissions. Elms are susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and many communities - including Portland - have lost the Elms trees lining their streets to this disease. DED is a fungus that is spread by a beetle who eats dead Elm wood. Once infected, an Elm will die within weeks and can spread quickly to neighboring trees.

The Richmond chapter of Save Our Elms currently has \$1274 in the bank to use to inoculate the trees once every three years with a fungicide to protect them from Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Our trees were inoculated in 2001 and 2004 and are due for inoculation this summer. Our chapter has also helped PPS pay a portion of tree pruning costs and waters three DED-resistant Elms planted with the help of Richmond Neighborhood's Debbie Stoller and Friends of Trees in 2005. Sadly, one of these new Elms was cut down in early September, 2006.

Fungicide prices vary every year, but we can expect inoculant's prices to cost \$3,000 (in 2004, the scientist who developed a new fungicide gave a huge price break and it only cost \$2,000). As you can see, we are currently short of our goal.

To raise money, Save Our Elms has partnered with Portland Roasting to sell coffee. The coffee is delicious, environmentally friendly and costs \$10/lb. \$4.50/lb. of each pound goes to Save Our Elms. We accept donations as well. Much thanks to parents Paul Gilles, Mikiko Mori-Gilles, Mary Klinger and Secretary Patsy Burke for making this program happen.

Please put orders in the Save Our Elms mailbox in the school office or email Mary Klinger at [dustin-mary@comcast.net](mailto:dustin-mary@comcast.net). Please include payment in the order (make checks to *Save Our Elms* only – no cash please!) or arrange to get a check to Mary before picking up your coffee. For orders submitted by 8:00 AM Thursday, coffee will be available in the office by Friday afternoon.

**Here's is a description of the coffees available:**

All coffees for Richmond, including the decafs, are our Farm Friendly™ Direct coffees because as important to us as the quality of our coffee is our social responsibility. We strongly believe that we can make a positive difference in the coffee world through direct, socially responsible coffee sourcing. The foundation of this coffee sourcing is our Farm Friendly Direct™ Programs. These Programs involve paying growers a premium for their coffee with 100% of the premium going to farm and community projects. All of these projects are designed to give back directly to the farmers - furthering the long term sustainable infrastructure. These are extremely important issues to Portland Roasting!

**Ethiopian – Kochere:** This coffee is part of Project H.O.P.E., which stands for Hope and Opportunity for the People of Ethiopia. We combine Portland Roasting's efforts with our coffee broker and farming cooperative to build a much needed community center for the Ethiopian farming community of Kochere. This community hub will provide a common meeting place for educational purposes, as well as a vital medical dispensary for the people of Kochere.

**French Organic** – Certified organic, shade grown; dark roast

**Farm Friendly Direct, SWP (Swiss Water Process) French Decaf** – directly sourced, chemical free, dark roast.

**Farm Friendly Direct, SWP (Swiss Water Process) Morning Decaf** – directly sourced, chemical free, light roast.



**Save Our Elms Coffee Order Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

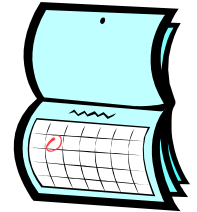
Coffee	Ground	Whole Bean	Totals at \$10/lb.
Ethiopian - Kochere			
French Organic			
SWP French Decaf			
SWP Morning Decaf			
<b>Totals</b>			

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount. Save Our Elms is a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation in the State of Oregon. EIN: 31-1581092.



## Portland Public Schools

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 20- NOVEMBER 10, 2006



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### *Japanese Magnet Program*

- Mon. Oct. 23 Scrip order day
- Tues. Oct. 24 Katoh students arrive from Numazu, Japan!
- Thurs. Oct. 26 Burgerville fundraiser for Richmond's playground 5-8:00 PM at SE 26th and Powell Blvd. (across the street from Cleveland High School)
- Fri. Oct. 27 Picture re-take day  
Scrip pick up in cafeteria  
Apple pick up in cafeteria (*Oregonian* photo op, too!)
- Sun. Oct. 29 Fukuno students arrive from Nanto City, Japan!
- Tues. Oct. 31 Halloween
- Wed. Nov. 1 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Professional Development Day
- Thurs. Nov. 2 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Exhibit at PSU's Littman Gallery through Nov. 29
- Mon. Nov. 6 Scrip order day—stock up now for holiday gifts!  
Japanese Musical Heritage—performance at 7:00 PM at the Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum; tickets are \$10 at the box office (503-226-0973)
- Tues. Nov. 7 ELECTION DAY—Ballots due today!
- Wed. Nov. 8 School Tours  
Wreath orders due today!
- Thurs. Nov. 9 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Planning Day
- Fri. Nov. 10 SCHOOL CLOSED—Veteran's Day, National Holiday



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

## Sign-Up for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November

Please stop by your child's classroom to sign-up for your conference time with your child's teacher during the week of November 20-22, prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Richmond staff have been given permission from our district to modify the conference schedule to allow twice the number of evening conferences for working families. **There is no school for students the week of conferences.** The schedule for the week is as follows:

- Mon., Nov. 20—Conferences from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Tues. Nov. 21—Conferences from Noon to 8:00 PM
- Wed. Nov. 22—Conferences from 8:00 AM to Noon

We are sorry, but it's not possible for teachers to reschedule an alternate conference time for families who are using the week of Nov. 20-22 to travel. Richmond teachers must conduct twice the number of conferences to meet all immersion families and have carefully changed the district conference schedule to allow more conference time during the week of Nov. 20-22. Thank you in advance for your understanding!