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# Richmond Shinbun

## Portland Public Schools Invites Community Input on Curriculum

Portland Public Schools is inviting teachers, administrators, students, parents, and the larger community to participate as the school district prepares to adopt new curriculum materials in the following subject areas and grade levels:

- Language Arts, from pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Language Arts, 6th to 12th grade
- English Language Development for non-English speakers, Kindergarten to 12th grade
- Social Studies, review 6th to 8th grade to fill in gaps, full curriculum adoption 9th to 12th
- Science, grades 9 and 10.

The curriculum adoptions will bring up-to-date teaching materials to classrooms across the school district. The textbooks, workbooks, technology and lessons generally will include additional materials to support struggling learners, and extensions to challenge advanced students in each area.

The Office of Teaching and Learning will kick off broad participation in the effort in a Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St. Staff will outline the adoption process and timelines, discuss the curricular areas that are the focus of the adoptions and solicit input.

Interested community members also may apply to serve on one of the five advisory committees (one for each subject area). The 15-member Curriculum Materials Adoption Advisory Committees (CMAAC) each will include three community/parent volunteers.

Parents, students and community members will be able to view and comment on the materials being considered for adoption. The materials will be displayed at Gregory Heights Middle School, 7334 NE Siskiyou Street, in December and January. The committees will make recommendations to Superintendent Vicki Phillips, who will present her final proposal to the School Board for adoption in the spring.

Last year, the School Board adopted a new high school math curriculum, and students and teachers started using those new textbooks in September. Portland Public Schools budgeted \$4 million in the 2006-07 school year to continue to build a strong common curriculum and to provide up-to-date materials in these five identified subject and grade areas. The local option levy on the November ballot, in addition to preserving teaching positions, would also provide funding to continue to update the curriculum and buy materials for students and teachers.

For more information or if you are interested in serving on an advisory committee, contact Brenda Gustafson at 503-916-3155, or [bgustafs@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:bgustafs@pps.k12.or.us). The flowchart of the adoption process and other information also will be posted on the Portland Public Schools website, [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us).

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*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*

# Don't Miss the Richmond P.T.A. Craft Fair –Dec. 7th

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*An Annual Favorite, the Craft Fair* is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 7. The spirit of giving thrives on this night as our children busily create memorable gifts for grandparents, friends, and other special people. **We're looking for 10-12 people to each organize a craft table.** You don't have to be a Martha Stewart to do it. Simple gifts such as bookmarkers, mini-photo frames, and window charms are the kinds of items that children can proudly accomplish. *Please contact Suzanne Munro at [suzannemunro@msn.com](mailto:suzannemunro@msn.com).*



## PTA News

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**APPLE SALE RAISES OVER \$2500.00!!!** Thank you to all who participated in our annual apple sale with Kiyokawa Family Orchard. It was such a success on so many levels and I thought I would share with you how your purchase of apples touched the lives of so many people. Randy Kiyokawa of Kiyokawa Family Orchards was so pleased when I told him we were ordering 273 boxes of fruit to be shipped the last week of October. While other farmers were laying off their employees for the season, Randy was able to keep his crew on for another week to pick our fruit. We received crunchy, crisp, healthy goodness, and hard-working people kept their jobs! He was also happy that we were supporting Oregon farmers and keeping our local economy strong. We also surpassed our goal of \$1000 and raised approximately \$2600. Great job!

I also want to send out a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped us unload the apples from FedEx (who delivered the apples to us for free saving us over \$200 in shipping charges!) in such a short period of time. We had only 45 minutes to unload and categorize 6500 pounds of fruit and the volunteers met the challenge! You are amazing, and I cannot thank you enough!!! Now go and make some apple pie....!

**PTA--WE WORK FOR YOU!** Did you know that the PTA is a 100-year-old organization that cannot spend a dime of your money without your vote? It's true! If you are a PTA member, you can vote on how all the money raised at Richmond through our fund raisers can be spent, how much, when, etc. How many other groups can offer you all that for only \$10/person? We need to hear your voice and tap into your talents so join the Richmond PTA today!

**PARENT PLEDGE DRIVE:** The Portland Schools Foundation and Richmond PTA are considering partnering to raise money through an annual parent pledge drive. This proposed plan would enable us to hire a reading specialist for next year, keep our librarian, and hire a Japanese Immersion Specialist who would be responsible for: 1) Partnerships with local, national and international organizations that support Japanese culture and language immersion; 2) Grants; 3) Curriculum refinement; and 4) Extended day/year enrichment activities. We put a vote to our members online and need a 2/3 majority vote to proceed with this pledge drive so please email me with your vote ASAP. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**BOOK FAIR TIME!** Our semiannual Scholastic book fair is coming up the week of December 4th just in time for holiday shopping! The book fair is our only fund raiser for our Richmond library and it allows us to purchase new books and keeps us up to date with the Dynex System. As always, volunteers are appreciated and necessary to make this fair a success. Volunteer hours are from 7:45 to 8:30 and from 2:00 to 2:45. If you are interested in signing up to help, please contact Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) or call 503-282-4435. We will have our semiannual volunteer \$20 drawing as well. Each time you volunteer your name is entered to win \$20 in free books at the fair. Thursday of the fair the names of 2 lucky winners will be drawn so the more times you volunteer the greater your chances of winning. We will also be hosting a student's contest so watch the newsletter for more details!

**CHRISTMAS TREE/BAKE SALE!** Michael and Ann Reid are opening up their very own Figgy Pudding Farm to us again this year for our annual Christmas tree/bake sale. This family event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th so put it on your calendar and join the fun! For anyone who is interested in baking items for the sale or if you are interesting helping people who need assistance in cutting down their tree or getting it secured to their vehicle, please email Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) or call 503-282-4435 to volunteer.

**CONFERENCE WEEK POTLUCK FOR STAFF!!** Our Richmond staff works so hard every year and conference time can be particularly taxing with double the work since there are two classes per teacher. Please join us in appreciating our teachers and staff by providing them with a healthy meal during their lunch and dinner breaks on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21. Please email Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) with what you would like to bring for the staff so we ensure they have a balanced menu. The teachers do not fall under the district policy of nutritional guidelines so chocolate and desserts are definitely an option!!! Thank you for your generosity and gastronomic delights!!!

## Holiday Wreath Sale Underway

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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!

## Auction Update

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**#1** – Our auction website is up and running. Thank you to **Jean Mittlestaedt** for her work in preparing this website. On the website you can find copies of donor letter and forms as well as a listing of silent and oral auction items and special events! Check out the website regularly at: [www.oyanokai.org/auction07](http://www.oyanokai.org/auction07)

**#2** – Past donor letters were mailed this week! The sorting and stuffing of these 1200 letters was a huge job! Thank you to the volunteers who offered their time on one or more mornings: **Akiko Yamada, Sally Mays, Ann Holland, Mary Klinger, Sarah Stephens, Monica Mueller, Brenda Durnil, Michelle Mundt, Rachel Mundt, Luana Parno, Melanie Scheuermann, Jody Little.**

**#3** – Procured items are coming in gradually. Thank you! Please remember to bring your items to the Richmond office and place in the "drop-off" bin. We have received some wonderful donations of artwork, lawyer services, dental services, books and jewelry. Keep those donations coming.

**#4** – The auction is Friday, February 9, 2007 at the Melody Ballroom (615 SE Alder). Doors will open at 5:00. Have you marked your calendar?

Questions, concerns or suggestions? Contact Melanie Scheuermann [wmdrj@quik.com](mailto:wmdrj@quik.com) or Jody Little [litlesj@qwest.net](mailto:litlesj@qwest.net)

## 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 next dates for these events are:

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! **ORDERS AT THE DRIVE-THROUGH DON'T COUNT!**

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

# Free Admission Day at the Japanese Garden!

Friday, November 10, 2006  
10am-4pm

Come see the Japanese Garden in all its fall colors! Friday, November 10, 2006 is FREE ADMISSION DAY at the Japanese Garden in Portland, Oregon. Everyone is welcome.



- Take a free Garden tour at 10:45am, 1:00pm or 2:30pm
- See Autumn Leaves—the world-renowned Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim Bonsai Exhibit
- Visit the Garden Gift Store's fall sale with books, holiday gift ideas, and Japanese cultural and art pieces
- Enjoy this magical place of tranquility and beauty

Come and experience the Japanese Garden again or for the first time for free on November 10, 2006.

The Japanese Garden is located on the west side of Washington Park, directly above the International Rose Test Gardens. A free shuttle bus is available to take passengers from the Garden parking lot to the admission gate.

The Japanese Garden  
611 SW Kingston Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97201  
503-223-1321

[www.japanesegarden.com](http://www.japanesegarden.com)

# Tea Ceremony with Nozomi Maruyama and her Mother!

Nozomi Maruyama and her mom, Ikuko Maruyama showed tea ceremony to 4th and 5th graders. Nozomi was our 4th and 5th grade intern last year and was a chaperone on our 5th graders trip to Japan this past June. The students all sat down on their knees and enjoyed drinking tea and eating Japanese sweets formally.

Atsuko Ando  
JMP 4th grade teacher



# Don't Forget to Vote!

## EXTENDED ELECTION OFFICE HOURS

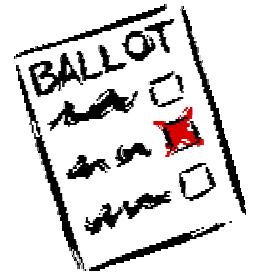
- **Saturday, November 4th**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, November 6th**  
**8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 7th**  
**7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Friday, November 3rd is the last day for voters to safely mail their ballot and be ensured that it will be received at their local elections office by November 7th. Voters should use drop sites after Friday to ensure their ballot is received by the deadline.

**Ballots must be received at an official drop site or any Oregon Election Office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 7, 2006.**

## 24 HOUR DROP BOXES FOR BALLOTS

- A-Boy Supply at 7365 SW Barbur Blvd.
- Goodwill Store at 3134 North Lombard St.
- Gresham Branch Library at 385 NW Miller Ave.
- Midland Branch Library at 805 SE 122nd Ave.
- Multnomah County Elections Office at 1040 SE Morrison St. (located on the East side of SE 11th between SE Morrison and SE Belmont)
- Pioneer Courthouse Square at 700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)
- US Bank at 39th Ave. and NE Tillamook St.



## 6th Graders Make Presentations About Japan



## What is the Children's Choices project?



Each year 10,000 school children from different regions of the United States read and vote on the newly published children's and young adults' trade books that they like best. The Children's Choices for 2006 list is the 32nd in a series that first appeared as "Classroom Choices" in the November 1975 issue of *The Reading Teacher* (RT), a peer-reviewed journal for preschool, primary, and elementary levels published eight times a year by the International Reading Association (IRA). Children's Choices is a project of a joint committee supported by IRA and the Children's Book Council (CBC). IRA is a nonprofit educational organization whose members include classroom and reading teachers, school administrators and supervisors, parents, college/university faculty, and others who are dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy worldwide.

All books on this list should be available through your local library or a local bookseller.

## Young Readers

### **Amelia to Zora: Twenty-six Women Who Changed the World**

Cynthia Chin-Lee. Ill. Megan Halsey and Sean Addy.

The author creates an alphabet book using the first names of the 26 women who have made impressive contributions to the world. The women came from different ethnic groups and countries. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32 pp.

### **Army Ants**

Sandra Markle. Ill. with photographs.

Army ants are scavenger insects living in tropical rain forests. Students who read the photographs as closely as the text will receive a double-dose of information about these unique clean-up crews. Includes a glossary and additional resources. Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner. 40 pp.

### **Chipi Chipis, Small Shells of the Sea/Chipi Chipis, Caracolitos del Mar**

Irania Macías Patterson. Ill. Catherine Courtlandt-McElvane.

This story, written in both English and Spanish, tells of a young girl's special day with her father. They go to the seashore where they gather chipi chipis, similar to small clams, and go home to make a delicious soup. CPCC Press. 40 pp. Pb.

### **Crybiology**

Cherie Winner. Ill. with photographs.

Suspended animation in the form of hibernation happens in many animals' life cycles. Can scientific advancement make it possible to freeze a human body without harming it? The book's simple language allows young readers to learn about this complex topic. Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner. 46 pp.

## More Books for Young Readers...

### **Dzání Yazhí Naazbaa': Little Woman Warrior Who Came Home: A Story of the Navajo Long Walk**

Evangeline Parsons-Yazzie. Ill. Irving Toddy. This book tells of the plight Native Americans endured when relocated to reservations. The words, in both Navajo and English, and the vivid illustrations describe and depict a poignant story of endurance and survival. Salina Bookshelf. 32 pp.



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### **Game Day**

Tiki and Ronde Barber with Robert Burleigh. Ill. Barry Root.

Two American football superstars tell a story of brotherly love, perseverance and teamwork as each helps the other succeed. Readers get a good feel for the game of football and learn that it isn't only those who score touchdowns who win. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 32 pp.

### **The Gruesome Guide to World Monsters**

Judy Sierra. Ill. Henrik Drescher.

How do you protect yourself from a sisiutl? Read this book to be safe! Based on monster folklore around the world, it shares a gruesomeness rating, description, and survival tip for encounters with 63 monsters. Short passages will hook readers. Candlewick Press. 64 pp.

### **Judy Moody Declares Independence**

Megan McDonald. Ill. Peter H. Reynolds.

Judy Moody is caught by the founding fathers' spirit of revolution after her visit to Boston. Young readers greatly enjoy Judy's declaration: Freedom from brushing her hair and from little brothers. The book helps children make connections with this historical event. Candlewick Press. 144 pp.

### **Legends in Sports: Babe Ruth**

Matt Christopher. Ill. with photographs.

Babe Ruth never lost sight of the fact that baseball was a game to be played and enjoyed. Christopher has documented this in kid-friendly language as he describes Ruth's life, spirit and integrity. Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers. 91 pp. Pb.,

### **The Liberation of Gabriel King**

K.L. Going.

Frita Wilson works hard to help her friend Gabe to overcome the fear of bullies in fifth grade. This is an inspiring story about friendship and understanding between an African American girl and a white boy. Putnam, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 151 pp.

## More Books for Young Readers...

### **Magnus at the Fire**

Jennifer Armstrong. Ill. Owen Smith.

Magnus, a strong grey horse, loses his job pulling the steam pumper when the fire chief replaces Magnus with an automotive engine. Children love this story about a faithful and heroic horse who serves the community well. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 32 pp.

### **Mallory vs. Max**

Laurie Friedman. Ill. Tamara Schmitz.

Mallory worries that her brother's dog will overshadow her cat. The illustrator's fun style and the big print of the text add to readers' enjoyment of the story. Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group. 160 pp. US\$15.95. CAN\$23.95. Pb., First Avenue Editions. 160 pp.

### **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**

Kate DiCamillo. Ill. Chris Van Dusen.

Mercy is the beloved pet of the Watsons. When the Watsons are in trouble, Mercy runs out to find buttery toast and cookies. Mercy rescues his masters when he is simply doing what a lovable pig does best. Candlewick Press. 74 pp.

### **Minnie and Moo: The Case of the Missing Jelly Donut**

Denys Cazet. Ill. by the author.

Join Minnie and Moo as they set out to solve a mystery. The comical illustrations add to the storyline that is sure to hit close to home with children...blaming someone else when something comes up missing. HarperCollins Children's Books. 48 pp.

### **Morgy Coast to Coast**

Maggie Lewis. Ill. Michael Chesworth.

Morgy has to cope with moving from California to Massachusetts. This is a warm and fun story about how Morgy tries to care for a greyhound and learn how to play trumpet as he deals with life in fourth grade. Houghton Mifflin Company. 132 pp.

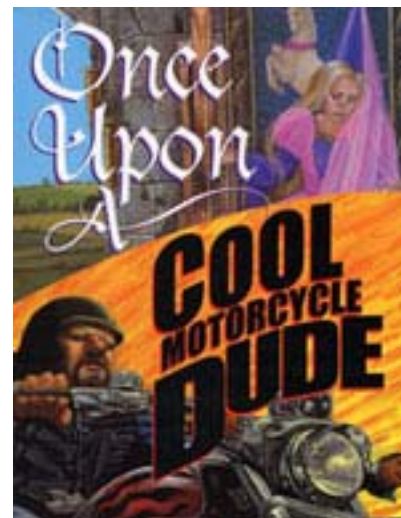
### **Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude**

Kevin O'Malley. Ill. by the author, Carol Heyer, and Scott Goto.

A unique twist on fractured fairy tales, this book fractures a tale from a male and female perspective. One has the prince coming to the rescue; the other has the cool motorcycle dude saving the princess's ponies—for a price!

Walker Books for Young Readers. 32 pp.

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## **More Books for Young Readers...**

### **Paint Me a Poem: Poems Inspired by Masterpieces of Art**

Justine Rowden. Ill. by the author.

Readers get a personal tour of 14 exceptional paintings from the National Gallery of Art in Washington along with an opportunity to see how one poet used a variety of styles to interpret them. Boyds Mills Press. 32 pp.

### **Police Dogs**

Frances E. Ruffin. Ill. with photographs.

This nonfiction book is filled with facts and photographic illustrations explaining how police dogs help in law enforcement. After taking the “puppy test” to determine if they will make good police dogs, they are specially trained to join in catching criminals. Bearport Publishing. 32 pp.

### **Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook**

Shel Silverstein. Ill. by the author.

Nonsensical word play will entice readers to try reading this poetry aloud. A simple switch in the beginning letters of certain words makes language fun and the resulting sounds smile-crackingly funny. HarperCollins Children's Books. 96 pp.

### **Thanksgiving Day Crafts**

Arlene and Herbert Erlbach. Ill. with photographs.

Children will be pleased to find a book of crafts that are pretty and easy to make. Pumpkin napkin rings for the Thanksgiving dinner and a glitter globe brighten up the dark winter days. Enslow Publishers. 32 pp.

### **TIME for Kids: Jackie Robinson: Strong Inside and Out**

The editors of TIME for Kids with Denise Lewis Patrick. Ill. with photographs.

This book will appeal to young readers simply for the content matter. It provides children with a well-written and pictorial account of Jackie Robinson's life and accomplishments. HarperCollins Children's Books. 48 pp.

### **Very Funny Elizabeth!**

Valerie Tripp. Ill. Dan Andreasen.

Colonial American girls Felicity and Elizabeth have a new adventure, until their pranks land them in hot water. Children will connect with the book, seeing that children of all eras have been forever playing pranks on others. Pleasant Company. 82 pp.

### **Walter the Giant Storyteller's Giant Book of Giant Stories**

Walter M. Mayes. Ill. Kevin O'Malley.

Using both tall-tale and fairy-tale giants, this book tells short stories from each giant's point of view. The author provides personality and humor for each of the characters as they plead their case to the readers. Walker Books for Young Readers. 48 pp.

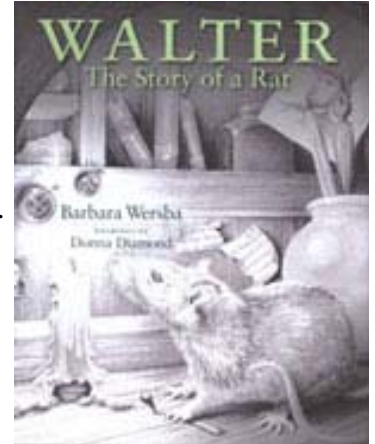
## More Books for Young Readers...

### **Walter, the Story of a Rat**

Barbara Wersba. Ill. Donna Diamond.

Walter is a lonely but literate rat. He lives in the home of Miss Pomeroy, an elderly, reclusive children's book author. A quiet friendship develops between the writer and this furry reader as they pen notes back and forth. Front Street Books. 64 pp.

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### **Wild Dogs: Past and Present**

Kelly Milner Halls. Ill. with photographs.

This nonfiction book is beautifully photographed with information on dogs from prehistoric times until today. Readers enjoy looking at and learning about the fascinating world of wild dogs. Darby Creek. 64 pp.

## Advanced Readers

### **Abner and Me**

Dan Gutman.

Accompanied by his mother, Joe Stoshack time travels to the middle of the U.S. Civil War to meet Abner Doubleday and discover whether he invented baseball. Then the pair attempts to alter history and save President Abraham Lincoln. HarperCollins Children's Books. 176 pp.

### **Capt. Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth**

J.V. Hart. Ill. Brett Helquist.

This action-packed adventure is the story of Captain Hook's childhood and his search for Neverland with his best friend Jolly R. and a pet spider. The trio must overcome societal expectations, rules, and injustice to pursue their dreams. HarperCollins Children's Books. 352 pp.

### **Clarice Bean Spells Trouble**

Lauren Child. Ill. by the author.

Clarice Bean has big plans to be discovered in the school play. But then Mrs. Wilberton announces a spelling bee, and Clarice lands in a load of trouble. Readers learn that sometimes bad luck isn't so bad after all. ) Candlewick Press. 189 pp.

### **Confessions of a Closet Catholic**

Sarah Darer Littman.

Justine wants to give up her Jewish faith and be like her Catholic friend, Mary Catherine. But family ties become significant when her much-loved grandmother dies. To honor her memory, Justine has to find her own Judaism. Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 195 pp.

## More Books for Advanced Readers...

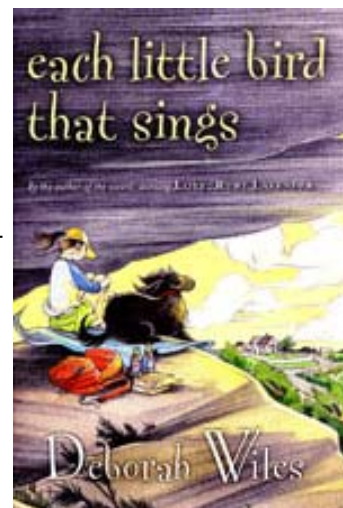
### **Each Little Bird That Sings**

Deborah Wiles.

Comfort's family business has helped her devise the Top Ten Tips for First-rate Funeral Behavior (e.g., what casseroles not to bring), but it hasn't helped her with the crises she faces with her cousin and her best friend. )

Gulliver Books, an imprint of Harcourt. 247 pp.

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### **Egyptian Diary: The Journal of Nakht**

Richard Platt. Ill. David Parkins.

This story takes place in 1465 B.C. as a family moves to Memphis, Egypt. The perspective is that of a 9-year-old boy named Nakht. Nakht and his sister Tamyt visit the royal palace in Thebes and finally get to meet the king. Read about their adventures. Candlewick Press. 64 pp.

### **The Emerald Wand of Oz**

Sherwood Smith. Ill. William Stout.

This book transports the reader back to the enchanted land of Oz, but it is a much different Oz than the one to which Dorothy traveled. Two girls named Dori and Em will try to save Oz from yet another wicked witch. HarperCollins Children's Books. 272 pp.

### **High Rhulain**

Brian Jacques.

Tiria, an ottermaid, goes on a quest and follows in the steps of the High Rhulain, the otter queen. This is another adventure book in the Redwall series. Philomel, imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 341 pp.

### **Magyk: Septimus Heap Book One**

Angie Sage.

This story of a baby switch is complete with midwives, wizards, witches, spells, and mischief. It is a fun read full of imagination and intrigue. Students will enjoy getting to know Sage's characters. HarperCollins Children's Books. 576 pp.

### **May Bird and the Ever After: Book One**

Jodi Lynn Anderson. Ill. Leonid Gore.

Shy May is lured to a forbidding lake after finding an old, mysterious letter. When she is dragged down through the water into the Ever After she must battle disturbing creatures that could prevent her from returning home. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 317 pp.



## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 3-December 15, 2006

### Portland Public Schools

#### JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Portland, OR 97214  
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Website: www.richmondjmp.org

#### *Japanese Magnet Program*

- 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
- Mon. Nov. 13 Site Council meeting in Library at 2:30-4:30 PM; everyone welcome:)  
Scrip pick-up in cafeteria
- Tues. Nov. 14 Mandatory 5th grade class trip meeting at Hinson Church at 7:00 PM
- Thurs. Nov. 16 Burgerville fundraiser for Richmond playground at 5:00-8:00 PM
- Mon. Nov. 20 NO SCHOOL FOR CONFERENCES at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Tues. Nov. 21 NO SCHOOL FOR CONFERENCES at Noon to 8:00 PM
- Wed. Nov. 22 NO SCHOOL FOR CONFERENCES at 8:00 AM to Noon
- Nov. 23-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Mon. Nov. 27 1st switch day for English/Japanese morning class  
Scrip order day—stock up now for holiday gifts!
- Tues. Dec. 5 Wreath pick-up in cafeteria at 2:00-2:30 PM
- Thurs. Dec. 7 P.T.A. Holiday Craft Fair in cafeteria
- Fri. Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Planning Day
- Mon. Dec. 11 Site Council Mtg. at 2:30-4:30 PM  
Scrip order day—stock up now for holiday gifts!
- Tues. Dec. 12 Burgerville Fundraiser for Richmond Playground 5-8:00 PM at restaurant on 26th and Powell Blvd. Across from Cleveland High School—NOT VALID FOR DRIVE-THROUGH ORDERS
- Fri. Dec. 15 Scrip pick up day

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

## Winter Break—December 16, 2006 to January 1, 2007



**Tuesday, January 2nd is the first day of school following the winter vacation.** Please make sure you mark your calendars accordingly!