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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

Oya No Kai Update

Dear Richmond Families,

Last week this section of the *Richmond Shinbun* included an update about our work to help and support Oya No Kai through the organization's transition to booster club status. This week, you have a chance to read a letter from Monica Mueller, Oya No Kai president, that summarizes the organization's latest work on their booster club plan. Monica's letter appears below.

As you begin your winter vacation, please know that all of us at Richmond hope your family will be able to share extended time together with the special people in your lives. Have a lovely holiday and a joyous New Year celebration. See you in 2007!

Fondly,

Kathryn Anderson, Principal



Dear JMP Community,

I believe Oya No Kai has come up with a workable proposal to send to the District to give our organization booster club status. While we no longer have a December 31st deadline for our temporary status, I believe we can get this resolved and our organization moving and doing what it does best by that date.

One of the changes the ONK Board approved was a change to our by-laws to now allow staff members, administrators of JMP schools and other members of the community to be full voting members of ONK and eligible to serve on its board. We have refocused our program goals as follows:

- Cultural exchanges both to and from Japan
- Japanese speaking interns in every grade
- Interschool interactions (such as Camp Westwind and Spring Festival)
- Promotion of the JMP (recruitment and retention of students)
- Outreach to the Japanese Community
- Grant writing

There will be a general Oya No Kai Inc. meeting in January to discuss the changes and to get feedback on how we can best achieve our goals. It is our intention to shift responsibility of Richmond only activities to the Richmond PTA and we will continue to work collaboratively with all parties involved.

Oya No Kai Inc. Board of Directors would like to thank Kathryn Anderson, Richmond PTA, Richmond Site Council, Strategic Fundraising Committee, and the District for helping us.

Sincerely,

Monica Mueller
Oya No Kai Inc.
President

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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

Richmond Elementary



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December 15, 2007

Dear Richmond Families:

We wanted to take a moment of your time during this busy season to let you know how much we appreciate everything you are doing to make our school fabulous. Under the leadership of Kathryn Anderson, the expertise of our terrific teachers, and the dedication of our extraordinary interns, we have achieved an exceptional rating from the Oregon Department of Education. With your support and continued assistance, we will ensure we maintain that level of quality education for our children and for the program.

The Parent Teacher Association is the oldest and largest organization in the United States whose sole purpose is to serve as an advocate for the education, health and safety on behalf of children and youth. Our mission is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation. We have also pursued a proud tradition of full transparency both financially and through the active voting of our members with appropriate representation. By its nature, our organization is truly democratic ensuring each member has a voice in decisions, thereby providing a collective result.

Because we take our mission seriously, we are working toward achieving a vision developed and approved by the site council, Kathryn Anderson, Richmond teachers, the Strategic Funding Committee (SFC), and PTA members. We have partnered with the Foundation to raise money to hire a Japanese Immersion Specialist that would foster local and international partnerships through trip leadership, Japan-America Society of Oregon, Japanese Garden; write and coordinate grants for school improvement work; refine our curriculum and instruction; and expand the cultural enrichment opportunities.

Thank you for allowing us to be stewards of the dollars that you raise here at Richmond to keep our program strong. We appreciate all your hard work, time, and energy to make our school exceptional and you are truly treasured!

We wish you a healthy, peaceful winter break.

Sincerely,

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

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.

Public Input Needed for Adoption of Class Books

Portland Public Schools is inviting the public to review materials for adoption in six curriculum areas:

- PreK-5 English/Language Arts
- 6-8 English/Language Arts
- 9-12 English/Language Arts
- K-12 English Language Development (English as a Second Language)
- 9-12 Social Studies
- 9-10 Science

Materials under consideration are on display this month at Gregory Heights Middle School, 7334 NE Siskiyou. Dates and times for review by staff, students and the community are:

- Monday, Dec. 18, noon-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday, Dec. 27, noon-4 p.m.

Additional dates and times will be posted to the web site soon. Questions about viewing opportunities may be directed to Christine Gilman at cgilman@pps.k12.or.us or 503-916-5404, ext. 1020.

Committees made up of teachers, students, parents and the community will review the materials and take comments, questions and suggestions before making a recommendation to the superintendent in late March. A public meeting on March 7 is also planned. A dedicated e-mail address, otlfeedback@pps.k12.or.us, is available for anyone wishing to comment.

For the last decade, Portland schools have received little central office support in their efforts to improve the curriculum - what is taught and learned in classrooms. The Portland Public Schools curriculum department was all but wiped out by the first cuts made under Measure 5, leaving schools to fend for themselves. Principals and teachers researched their own teaching methods, PTAs raised money to buy classroom materials (many schools did without), and professional training was hit-and-miss.

Portland Public Schools is starting to turn that around by implementing a strong core curriculum for our schools. That core curriculum will provide greater equity and opportunity for success for all students, and will balance a common learning framework with the innovation and variety that are among Portland Public Schools' virtues.

Materials are one of several components of the district's core curriculum. Adopting new materials is one of several steps the district is taking with its core curriculum. For more information on the improvement plan for the PPS core curriculum please visit our Web site at www.pps.k12.or.us.



Richmond Kindergarteners Perform at Mochitsuki

Richmond kindergarteners are going to perform at the community stage at Mochitsuki. The time will be at 12:10 pm. Please join us at Mochitsuki for this wonderful performance.

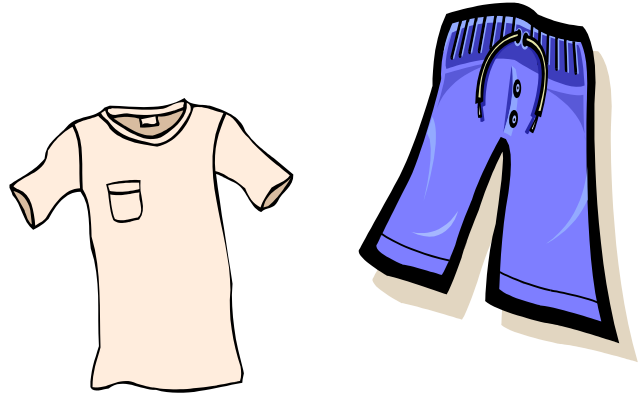
Richmond will also have a booth to display information about our program in preparation for Portland Public Schools' transfer process beginning February 3-March 23, 2007. Please look for our booth!

Richmond Office Needs Clothes for Accidents!

The Richmond office is in desperate need of clothing for students who have accidents (e.g. illness, bathroom, playground) and need a change of clothes. Our greatest need is for the Pre-K and Kindergarten students. All sizes up to size 10 would be greatly appreciated (pants and sweatpants especially). Please drop off any items you care to donate in the school office and we will thank you profusely!

Domo arigato!

Patsy Burke, Richmond Secretary
pburke1@pps.k12.or.us



Powell's Annual Book Pledge Underway Dec. – Jan. 1st

Powell's Books will attempt to raise 50,000 books for Portland and Beaverton public schools between now 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.

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 <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.



P. T. A. News!

Book Fair Huge Success!!! Many thanks to all of you who worked at our book fair and who purchased books and merchandise. Because of you, we were able to make \$4263.39!!! This is an increase of \$1000 over last fall's book fair and \$2000 more than the spring book fair. This translates in \$1187.22 in profit for our library as well as earning us \$183 in free books for the library. Great job book lovers!!!

Craft Fair Outstanding: Heartfelt thanks to everyone for working so hard to make our craft fair such a fun, family event! It was an evening of creativity and joy for children and parents alike. Special thanks to Suzanne Munro and Sarah Stephens for chairing the event. They are so courageous and energetic!!!

Christmas Tree/Bake Sale Great Fun: Our 2nd annual Christmas tree sale at Figgy Pudding Farms owned by the Reid family was a "warm fuzzy" event if there ever was one! Everyone was happily drinking hot chocolate and apple cider while looking for the perfect tree. And the goodies made by our tremendous Richmond bakers were a HUGE hit! Everything went quickly and was delicious!!! Please watch future newsletters for a grand total of the day's events.

Kristina Kallen, PTA President

Celebrate! Portland Public Schools at Expo Center

On Saturday, February 3, the fun returns. Celebrate! Portland Public Schools enters its fourth year with a new home, at the Portland Expo Center, expanded resource options, and parent workshops. Join parents, teachers, community members, and district staff in showcasing the quality programs Portland Public Schools has to offer. Visit your neighborhood school, or check out one of the many focus options. Discover school and community resources available to you. Listen to student performances and view a collection of student artwork. Seminars on enrollment and transfer, kindergarten readiness, and school involvement will provide families important information all in an enjoyable and upbeat atmosphere with free shuttles, interpretation services, and childcare for kids four and older.

Join in the Celebration! 10:00am – 3:00pm, Saturday, February 3, at the Portland Expo Center. For more information call 503-919-3304.



Seven Important Auction Tidbits

- 1). Oya No Kai/Richmond PTA auction is **February 9, 2007 at 5:30pm**. Have you marked your calendar? Watch for your invitation in early January.
- 2). With two months to go prior to auction, we have procured donations worth approximately \$32,000. Our goal is to procure \$100,000 by January 12, 2007.
- 3). For a successful auction, we need everyone to continue procuring through the holidays. Remember that you can **download procurement forms** on the auction website www.oyanokai.org/auction07
- 4). We need a few confident individuals to procure specific things to complete oral auction packages. Call Melanie or Jody for details.
- 5). We are selling ad space in our auction catalog. Consider advertising your business or placing a photo of your child. Ads can be in color or black and white. See the attached form for details.
- 6). We are recruiting volunteers for many jobs on Auction Day. Can you help? Contact auction volunteer coordinator, Karen Alexander at 503-771-4658 or karen.alexander@comcast.net
- 7). Our wonderful auction website has information on silent auction items, oral auction items, special events and more. Check it out at www.oyanokai.org/auction07

Enjoy your holidays!

Volunteering and Procuring with you,

Jody Little and Melanie Scheuermann,
Auction 2007 Co-chairs
littlej@qwest.net 503-232-4782
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Here is your chance to advertise!

Do you have a business you would like to promote?
Do you have a special message and photo of your child?
Do you have a special Thank You or other acknowledgment?

Don't miss out!

We have Business Card, Half Page and Full Page ad space available in our
2007 Our Dreams Take Flight Auction catalog.

***Prime Ad Space is available! Grab your Full Page spot on the
Inside Front Cover, Center Spread or Inside Back Cover.
Inquire for pricing and availability.***

The deadline for ad submission is Friday, January 12, 2007.

For questions regarding Ad Sales and Payment,
contact Raschel Barton at vicious_cycle@earthlink.net or (503) 929-3027.

For information about Catalog Production and Design,
contact Kim Tanada at ktanada@verizon.net or (503) 804-9991.

**CATALOG AD SALES FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE.**

2007 Our Dreams Take Flight Auction Catalog Ad Sales

Date: ___/___/___

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Business name: _____

B/W Ad		2/c Ad	
___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$150	___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$172
___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$75	___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$86
___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$35	___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$40

4/c Ad		Is this ad for student acknowledgement? _____ (If yes, you will receive a 10% discount)
___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$187	
___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$93	
___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$43	
		TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED (minus discount, if applicable) : \$ _____

Artwork Submission

- All artwork must be submitted NO LATER than **Friday, January 12, 2007**.
- All ads should be built non-bleed and submitted in PDF format. Please double check correct sizing before submitting.
- If sending in photos to be scanned, please label them with your contact info if you would like them returned after the catalog is printed.
- Electronic files accepted. Please email final PDF files to ktanada@verizon.net.
- All other files can be dropped off into the Auction box in Richmond's Office to the attention of Kim Tanada.

Please remit payment with this form. Make checks payable to: *Oya No Kai, Inc.*

Credit cards (Visa/ Mastercard) also accepted:

Credit card number: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___

Name on credit card: _____

Signature: _____

For additional information contact Raschel _____, Ad Sales, at _____
or Kim Tanada, Catalog Design, at ktanada@verizon.net or (503) 804-9991.



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1, 2006-JANUARY 15, 2007

Portland Public Schools

Fri. Dec. 15 Scrip pick up day

Sat. Dec. 16 Installation of new playground structure!!!

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Japanese Magnet Program

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Tues. Jan 2 First day of school following winter break

Thurs. Jan. 4 Auction meeting at 7:00 PM in Richmond cafeteria

Mon. Jan. 8 Scrip order day

Fri. Jan. 12 Kindergarten to the Children's Museum 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Scrip pick up day

Mon. Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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



11TH ANNUAL JAPANESE AMERICAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Mochitsuki2007

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 • Portland Community College Sylvania Campus (12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland)
FREE PARKING • TriMet routes 44 & 78 • Latest schedule and info at www.oregonnikkel.org or (971) 226-3571

MOCHI DO ABOUT NOTHING

Performances at 1:00 PM & 3:15 PM
Performing Arts Center

Featuring

LAWSON INADA

Poet Laureate of Oregon

PORTLAND TAIKO

Asian American drum performance group

ROBERT KIKUCHI-YNGOJO

Internationally renowned storyteller

TANUKI TAIKO

FUJINAMI-KAI

Dance

SAHOMI TACHIBANA

Dance

Admission

Adults \$12, Students/Srs \$9, Children \$5
Includes admission to the Cultural Fair

Tickets from Brown Paper Tickets
1-800-838-3006 or BrownPaperTickets.com

Tickets are subject to convenience charge
All Ticket Sales final

CULTURAL FAIR

Noon to 4:00 PM, College Center
Suggested donation of \$2 for adults & \$1 for children

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