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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Shinbun

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER PLEASE READ ASAP!

Dear Richmond Families,

I received Richmond's staff allocation this week from our district office and want you to know and understand the details. I also want you to know that Richmond's staff allocation is consistent with all elementary schools in Portland Public Schools—we're all in the same boat because our allocation is based on the same formula using the Average Daily Membership, the average number of students enrolled on any given day. Elementary schools were staffed at a 23.5 to 1 student/teacher ratio. Middle and high schools were staffed at a 22.7 to 1 student/teacher ratio. This means that for every student enrolled, middle and high schools received almost a full staff allocation more than an elementary school (0.80 FTE). Here's what this looks like for Richmond:

18.50 FTE

WHAT WE NEED: Total full-time equivalent staff positions required to maintain current immersion program and maintain class sizes of 24-28 for 2007-08.

15.71 FTE

WHAT WE RECEIVED: Richmond Staff Allocation for 2007-08

<2.79 FTE>

STAFFING DEFICIT: Amount needed to 1). Preserve existing enrichment positions of PE, library and reading specialist (2.00 FTE total); 2). Maintain class sizes at 24-28; and 3). Add an immersion specialist to provide support for all cultural exchanges (including 5th grade trip), partnerships with businesses and cultural groups, manage residencies of artists and experts to work with students inside the school day as well as beyond the school day or year.

How much of our essential staffing will 15.71 FTE cover? We'll need 14.00 FTE to cover classroom teaching positions in our partial immersion model:

14.00 FTE

Pre-school staff paid entirely with tuition, so their positions are not figured into this formula.

- 2 FTE for 4 kindergarten classes (2 FTE paid by tuition; 4 teachers total)
- 4 FTE for 4 first grade classes
- 2 FTE for 2 second grade classes
- 2 FTE for 2 third grade classes
- 2 FTE for 2 fourth grade classes
- 2 FTE for 2 fifth grade classes

+1.71 FTE

Amount remaining to cover secretary (0.50 FTE), principal (1.00 FTE) and ALL enrichment (0.21 FTE). The "enrichment" allocation equals one day per week for enrichment services and can cover music, PE, library and art. Secretary and principal allocation may not be converted to teaching positions.

So, what can be done to help the central administrators in Portland Public Schools understand the severity of Richmond's 15.71 FTE allocation and correct this mistake? **Cont. p.2**

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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 Staff Allocation cont.

Portland Public Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Vicki Phillips, shared this news with the media and the Board of Education at their meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007:

I am pleased to deliver to the Portland Board of Education and the entire Portland Public Schools community a proposed budget that—for the first time in more than a decade—does not propose sweeping budget cuts to our schools. Thanks to the Oregon Legislature's reauthorization of our gap funding, and more importantly, Portland's strong vote last November for the local option, we are facing several years of budget stability.

Dr. Phillips went on to say...

While still tight, the proposed budget offers hope as we deliver on our five-year Strategic Plan. I believe the stable funding will allow us to continue to increase student achievement from elementary grades through high school. And leveraging our staff in new and creative ways, we will take the first steps toward ensuring all of our students a well-rounded and enriched curriculum that includes wellness, music and the arts.

Hopefully, Richmond's staff allocation is a miscalculation, given the encouraging budget news in Dr. Phillips' message to the Board of Education and the media. I have given our Area Director, John Horn, a detailed proposal outlining the necessity of an 18.50 FTE allocation supported by staff and enrollment data. I will meet with him several times in the next week to review this information so he can help me successfully advocate for correction of our allocation. I will keep you informed via the newsletter and list-serve as this work proceeds.

Where can you go to get more information or share your priorities for Portland Public Schools' 2007-08 budget? The proposed budget for 2007-08 can be found at this link to the PPS website: <http://cms9.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/10311>

Parents can comment on the budget during public feedback portions of regular Board of Education meetings on:

- **Monday, February 26th at 6:30 PM** at the district office located at 501 N. Dixon (near the Rose Garden, one block North of Broadway and Interstate)
- **Monday, March 6th at 7:00-9:00 PM** at the district office. Note: This is a meeting entirely about the budget.
- **Monday, March 12th at 6:30 PM** at the district office

Comments and questions may be e-mailed to the Board at SchoolBoard@pps.k12.or.us or sent via regular mail to School Board, P.O. Box 3107, Portland, OR 97208-3107 .

Please do not hesitate to share your questions, thoughts and ideas with me in the weeks ahead. I deeply appreciate your wisdom and passion about Richmond's immersion program.

Fondly,

Kathryn Anderson
Principal

Richmond families with young children ready to enter Richmond's pre-school or kindergarten in 2007-08 — please complete the transfer form NOW!!! Your completed transfer application will help us make the case for more staffing. See article on page 3. *Domo arigato gozaimasu*

Learn About the PPS Core Curriculum

Portland Public Schools will hold four meetings to discuss issues, myths and facts around our core curriculum. All meetings will run from 7-8:30 p.m.

The schedule is:

- Feb. 21 at Roosevelt High School-Cafeteria
- Feb. 27 at Grant High School -Cafeteria
- March 1 at Franklin High School -Cafeteria
- March 13 at Wilson High School -Cafeteria

Also, the final public meeting for the Curriculum Materials Adoption will be March 7, 7 p.m. at the BESC, 501 N. Dixon.

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Take Richmond's Childcare Survey!

Are you satisfied with your current childcare provider?

Would you use childcare services at Richmond if they offered more Japanese language, art and cultural activities along with daily homework help in English and Japanese for all grades/ages?

How frequently do you need before/after school childcare services?

These are just some of the questions we need your feedback

about in our Zoomerang survey, currently linked on Richmond's website: www.richmondjmp.org

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and should give us a wealth of information to help us make decisions about the kind of childcare provider Richmond families need and want. Thank you in advance for your help!

JMP Parents with PreK, K Students in 07/08

Do you have one or more children already in the Japanese Magnet Program with another child ready to enter at the PreK or Kindergarten level? If so, you need to apply now in order to help us inform our district about needed staff positions for 2007-08.

Remember, siblings have first priority for enrollment at Richmond in all grade levels.

Parents have three ways to apply for transfer into Richmond. Here's how:

1). Apply online via Portland Public Schools website. The link for the online application for all grades (preschool to grade 12) can be accessed from this web address:

www.enrollment.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/11204

2). Pick up a paper copy of the transfer application in Richmond's office, complete it and return it to Patsy for mailing to the PPS Enrollment & Transfer Office.

3). Download a paper copy of the transfer application from the above web address, complete it and send it to the PPS Enrollment & Transfer Office on your own.

Project Second Wind—March 5-9th

Did you know....

- 72,000 children receive emergency food from the Oregon Food Bank *every month*.
- 47% of families seeking emergency food had at least one adult who was working. That's up from 43 percent in 2004 and 37 percent in 1996.
- The 2006 Project Second Wind Food Drive raised over 320,000 pounds of food and served more than 6,200 Oregon families.
- "Youngsters from impoverished homes get sick more often, have much higher rates of both iron deficiency anemia and serious ear infections and are hospitalized more frequently," according to Dr. J. Larry Brown.

The Board of Education has designated Project Second Wind as the official winter food drive for schools in Portland Public Schools. Since the first food drive in 1971, students in Portland Public Schools have collected more than 5 million pounds of food for Oregon's most needy citizens. Richmond students have participated every year.

During the week of March 5-9th large food baskets will be set up outside classroom doors for students and families to drop off donations for Project Second Wind. Items most needed for the Oregon Food Bank:

- Dry beans, peanut butter and any form of meat (e.g. canned tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Cheese
- Pasta
- Oats in any form or package
- Nuts
- Any variety of cooking oil

P. T. A. News!

Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB)/Cascadia: The response has been overwhelmingly in favor of pursuing the issue with PSRB/Cascadia on a 3-prong level, i.e., school safety/security, the good neighbor agreement, and siting/zoning of a PSRB program within sighting distance and in such close proximity to a school. Please watch the newsletter and your email for some next steps. Thank you so much for your feedback!!!

Run for the Arts: We will be hosting our own version of Run for the Arts on April 20 so we can keep all of the money raised right here at Richmond and not "give away" 15% to Young Audiences and Run for the Arts. However, we need to choose a new name because we are not allowed to use Run for the Arts unless we use their program. We need something catchy and creative while including the arts. One catchy suggestion by Karen Wilson is Spring for the Arts. Another new and exciting change is that we are going to host an adult competition as well!!! We always have so many teachers and parents who run too, so we thought it would be fun to have a contest for the adults as well! They will receive sponsorship forms as well and will also help in bringing in money to support the arts. Each student who participates will receive a scented pencil that is made of recycled newspapers, and each grade will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner! The 1st prize will be a gold medal, a hard-cover Encyclopedia (hard-cover dictionary for pre-K through 3rd), a certificate, a lanyard, and the scented pencil. The 2nd prize will receive a medal, a certificate, a lanyard, and the scented pencil. The 3rd prize winner will receive a lanyard, a certificate, and the scented pencil. The adult 1st prize winner will receive some type of spa gift certificate. As always, we need volunteers to make this event happen so please email me to volunteer to help the day of the race marking laps, tallying the results sheets, encouraging students and adults, and putting up materials prior to the race. Now let's all go out and start getting in shape for what will be a fabulous, fun, family-friendly race!!!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 18th! Details to come in the months ahead.

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

Scrapbook Committee Need Your Photos!

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!!!!

The scrapbook committee is in need of photos you have from school and related events!!! Nina Nakagawa and Chiho Whiteford are putting together a scrapbook of the various events that Richmond and it's community have. So if you have any photos from: Back to School Night, Halloween, Special Assemblies, Craft Fair, Mochi Tsuki, Spring Festival, Run for the Arts, Field Day, Science Fair, Artist in Residence Days , Children's Day at Washington Park, OMSI Overnight, Field Trips etc., please donate them to the RICHMOND SCRAPBOOK.

A black box labeled "SCRAPBOOK INBOX" is located on the table in front of the office. Please label the date/event on the back of the photo and place it in the box. Thank you for your donations!!! If you would like to help with this project, please contact Nina Nakagawa 503-288-4079 Nina@makesmemories.net or Chiho Whiteford 503-233-8129 whiteford@comcast.net



Spelldown Word List for Grades 3-5

Spelldown is the annual spelling contest coordinated by the Talented and Gifted office of Portland Public Schools. Last year Richmond had an intermediate students, Hana S., win the district-wide spelling competition for her grade level. Many parents have asked for a list of spelling words to help their children practice at home. The following list comes from our district's Talented and Gifted office and contains words used in the Spelldown competition for the elementary level.

3rd Grade Words	TROUBLE	PIECE	POSITIVE	MEMORIAL
COMPANY	WAGON	SEASONAL	PREVENT	REQUIRES
CANCEL	ESCAPE	LIBRARY	CARAVAN	GORGEOUS
KNOCK	PANIC	MOISTURE	CRAVE	VEGETABLE
PATIO	SQUEAK	WARRIOR	VANILLA	NEIGHBORS
YOUTH	ACHE	GLANCED	CELERY	NARRATIVE
REMOVE	WISDOM	SPARERIBS	STROLL	TELEVISION
MESSAGE	INJURY	LODGING	IVORY	SCENIC
SPRUCE	SUPPORT	BERRIES	CHOCOLATE	MISCHIEF
PUPIL	BREATHE	PASSAGE	CHOIR	WEDNESDAY
AWHILE	GARAGE	WEALTHY	CUPID	PIRACY
GRIDDLE	OBTAIN	EDGE	CALENDAR	ENVIRONMENT
DAILY	ONION	IDENTIFY	4th Grade Words	ACHIEVEMENT
COMPARE	FRIENDLY	CHANGING		VICTORIOUS
TRAVEL	YOLK	GARLAND		ENVIIOUS
MUSEUM	TERRIBLE	EXPOSE		RECOMMEND
	FLIMSY	BATHE	RITUAL	SYMPATHY
	AUTHOR	BAKERY	ENERGETIC	SHEPERD

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Are your civil rights at risk?



CO-SPONSORED BY PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR JAPANESE STUDIES

The Portland JACL invites you to a program that examines the state of civil rights in the U.S. today.

FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN AN ERA OF TERROR

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Portland State University

NEW LOCATION: George C. Hoffman Hall • 1833 SW 11th, Portland, OR 97201

Free admission to the public

Panel Discussion

Peggy Nagae: Peggy served as the lead attorney on the *Yasui v. United States coram nobis* case. She will discuss the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II and parallels to today.

William Funk: Professor Funk is a constitutional law professor at Lewis & Clark Law School who drafted the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). The act gained national attention after *The New York Times* reported on President Bush's National Security Agency secret eavesdropping program. Professor Funk will discuss electronic surveillance and civil rights issues.

Charles F. Hinkle: Charles is a former president of the ACLU of Oregon, and has been an ACLU cooperating attorney for 35 years. He will provide a summary of laws enacted post 9/11 that adversely impact civil rights and liberties.

Helen Ying: Helen is a former president and board member of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Portland Lodge. She will discuss racial profiling issues within the Asian community.

Brandon Mayfield: Brandon was wrongly jailed in 2004 as a "material witness" in the deadly Madrid train bombings. Brandon filed a lawsuit against the FBI alleging that his civil rights had been violated and that he was arrested in part because he is a Muslim convert.

Film Viewing

The event also features the short film, *A Most Unlikely Hero*, which tells the story of Bruce Yamashita's battle against racism in the Marine Corps. Captain Yamashita and film maker, Steve Okino, will be present to discuss the film after the viewing.



Visit pdxjacl.org for details.



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4th Graders Feast on Mochi!

As you know Japanese eat rice as a staple food. However, they eat Mochi (rice cake) during New Year holidays. Mochi is made of Mochi rice or sweet rice. The 4th graders learned the process of making Mochi and enjoyed the taste and flavor of Japanese New Year on January 30th.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Keiko Kawai (Michiru's mother) and Kevin Kawai (Michiru's brother, 6th grader), Mrs. Yoshiko Reents (Kazuki's mother), Mrs. Sharon Plummer (Andrew's mother) and Ashley Plummer (Andrew's sister, 6th grader), and Mr. & Mrs. Ohira (Friends of Atsuko Ando) for preparing Mochi for both 4th grade classes on Tuesday January 30th. I really appreciate their time and kindness they have devoted to us. We all enjoyed delicious Mochi



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2007-08 Student Enrollment Survey

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is important to have feedback about the students who will continue to attend Richmond next year. Please take a moment and complete the following and return to school by Friday, February 23, 2007

Student Name (s) _____

Grade Level for 2007-08:

PreK (age 4) _____
Kindergarten _____
1st Grade _____
2nd Grade _____
3rd Grade _____
4th Grade _____
5th Grade _____

Please Check One:

_____ My child(ren) will attend Richmond in 2007-08

_____ My child(ren) will not attend Richmond in 2007-08 because...

_____ We do not know at this time

Return to Richmond Office by Friday, February 23, 2007

Buy Coffee to Support Richmond's Elm Trees – every week!

Decaf now \$11/pound

Our school grounds are home to 18 mature Elm trees – about half of the Elms in the Richmond neighborhood. Elms are susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and many communities - including Portland - have lost the Elms trees lining their streets to this disease. Richmond's Save Our Elms chapter, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, partners with Portland Roasting to raise money for inoculations and pruning of our trees through the sale of coffee.

The Richmond chapter of Save Our Elms currently has about \$1800 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, all with the help of generous volunteers. Our chapter has also helped PPS pay a portion of tree pruning costs. Fungicide prices vary every year, but we can expect inoculant prices to cost \$3,000 this summer.

Decaf price change (still a bargain!)

Please consider helping our elm trees throughout the school year. Due to a price increase, Save Our Elms sells Portland Roasting's delicious, environmentally friendly regular coffee for **\$10/lb** for and decaf coffee for **\$11/lb**. \$4.50/lb. of each pound goes to Save Our Elms. We accept donations as well.

Portland Roasting descriptions:

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; 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.

Please put orders in the Save Our Elms mailbox in the school office or email Mary Klinger at 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.

French Organic ground and Ethiopian – Kochere ground coffees will be available for purchase in the office from Patsy at \$10 a pound. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM!

Save Our Elms Coffee Order Form

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____ email _____

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

Coffee	Ground	Whole Bean	Totals
Ethiopian - Kochere			\$10/lb x lbs. = \$
French Organic			\$10/lb x lbs. = \$
SWP French Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs. = \$
SWP Morning Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs. = \$
Totals			

Questions? Please contact Mary Klinger at (503) 234-5147 or dustin-mary@comcast.net for ordering and general questions or Paul Gilles at paul@portlandroasting.com for coffee-related questions.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 16– March 2, 2007

Portland Public Schools

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Japanese Magnet Program

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

- Sat. Feb. 17 Sumaura students return to Kobe, Japan
- Day of Remembrance—Civil Rights program presented by the Japanese American Citizen's League entitled *Fighting for our Rights in an Era of Terror* 1:00—4:00 PM at PSU (see flyer on page 6 of this newsletter)
- Sun. Feb. 18 Jake Shimabukuro concert in Hood River, Oregon at 4:00 PM
- Mon. Feb. 19 Day of Remembrance—commemorates the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II
- Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL
- Tues. Feb. 20 Scrip order day
- Thurs. Feb. 22 Information Night for Prospective Parents at 7:00 PM in café
- Fri. Feb. 23 Scrip pick up day
- Mon. Feb. 26 Volunteer training to support Writers' Workshop in English and Japanese classes, 9:00 AM in room 107
- P. T. A. parent meeting to update everyone on Cascadia Behavioral Health Center, 6:30 PM in the cafeteria
- Wed. Feb. 28 Information night for families considering hosting an intern 7:00-8:00 PM in the cafeteria
- Fri. Mar. 2 Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! Read-in at 8:30 AM in the main hall
- 3 Leg Torso Assembly for grades 3-5 at 1:00 PM in the cafeteria

Spelldown Word List for Grades 3-5, cont.

4th Grade, cont.

POLENTA
SQUADRON
BUSINESS
PETRIFY
ERASER
NOSTILS
GUIDANCE
CEREMONY
SCIENCE
VIGIL
PROPAGANDA
QUALITIES
SCHOLAR
ALMANAC
EXERCISE

5th Grade Words

AUDIENCE
INTOLERABLE
TRIUMPH
CUSTOMARY
PURSUIT
INVISIBLE
SPAGHETTI
APPETITE
PRECIOUS
EXAMINATION
PARTICULAR
ANCIENT
HUMANE
GESTURE
ABSENCE

FREQUENCY
ADEQUATE
VICINITY
CATEGORY
CONTOUR
TEMPORARY
INDEPENDENT
VINTAGE
CRITICIZE
ALUMINUM
SALIVATE
ENVELOPE
MOSAIC
EXCITEMENT
AVENUE
FORCIBLY
PRIVILEGE

CONSEQUENCE
NOTICEABLE
CURRICULUM
EARNEST
PHYSICALLY
PHYSICIAN
MORTGAGE
ETIQUETTE
CRITICISM
TERRITORIAL
PERSONNEL
CONSIDERABLY
IMMACULATE
INTERRUPT
AMETHYST
TANGIBLE
RECIPIENT

EXCEPTIONAL
SPECTACLE
PLAGUE
HEIGHT
ZUCCHINI
INFUSION
GYMNASIUM
GUARANTEED
GRATEFUL
NITROGEN
CONVENIENCE
NUISANCE
INSEPARABLE
YACHT
PARALYZED
ADVERTISE
EUCALYPTUS