

March 7, 2008

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RICHMOND JAPANESE IMMERSION

Richmond Shinbun

THE DIRT!

An Update from the Richmond Garden Committee

We do believe Spring has Sprung! Daffodils everywhere do not lie. That said this is always a bit of a tricky time for planting as a hard frost can nip our seedling efforts in the bud.

Check out the cleaned-up North Garden (across the parking lot). A work party group fixed the falling-down fence, mended the gate, weeded, sifted compost and constructed a pea trellis. It was a beautiful Saturday to work together. **Thank you so very much to all who participated!!!**

The preschool leads the way with planting efforts there. Garlic is flourishing from last fall, peas have gone into the ground, bulbs are breaking out into bloom. In the classroom starts abound awaiting their trip outside. Thanks to Elizabeth Cramer for focusing efforts there.

Richmond's Fourth grade is beginning to link their curriculum to the garden. Fourth grade social studies focus is Oregon State history, Lewis and Clark's journey and Native Americans. This Spring they will plant the "Three Sisters" combination of corn, beans and squash. Native Americans discovered this symbiotic planting relationship of shade, nitrogen and trellising. They will also study and press some native plants.

Look for news of ground-breaking on the South Garden (in the field just adjacent to the playground). We are refining the design and plan to break ground in April. A big work party effort is being planned. This will be another fun and fulfilling opportunity to work together. How often do we get the satisfaction of seeing the instant results of our efforts?

Also, coming in April will be regular Friday after-school work parties. Many kinds of projects and help will be needed. This is one more opportunity for children and adults to be hands-on in the garden!

There are many funding sources specific to gardens out there. And we have a fundraising subcommittee that could use help. If you want to be involved in growing our garden at Richmond and have skills or interest in this area, we want you! The work would be focused and project oriented: grants and solicitation of some in-kind contribution donations. If you are interested call or e-mail Kristin Bacon-Brenes: kkbrenes@yahoo.com or 503.288.1429.

Track the Transfer Numbers!

The following chart shows how many *first place* applications for transfer to Richmond have been recorded in the District's online system. The deadline was today, March 7th and we've filled our open spaces in pre-school and kindergarten.

	PreK	K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5
# and % of App's Rec'd	47 152%	94 136%	11 69%	6 60%			0 0%
# of Slots	31	69	16	10	0	0	12

News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

Kristina Kallen
President

Kim Tanada
Vice President

Mika Obara
Treasurer

Sonciray Bonnell
Secretary

Yoko Sato
Special Events

Volunteers for Spring Festival!!! The planning time for the May 17th third annual Spring Festival is upon us. Meg Matsushima and Kim Tanada have generously offered to cochair the festival yet again!!! Thank you Meg and Kim!!! Last year we had 117 volunteers help make this event a success. Because our community is even bigger this year and because we are giving the neighbors a special invitation, we need even more. Next week your room representatives will begin contacting parents from each class to sign up volunteers for the various tasks. Some of the volunteer needs are:

1. Help distribute invitations to our Richmond neighbors.
2. Send out thank you letters to sponsors (and the PTA will even give you a letter template that you can use to simplify this).
3. Promote the event to your friends and neighbors.
4. Mail flyers to businesses.
5. Recruit volunteers to staff the games.
6. Work as a team of four people to find sponsors for the festival.
7. Sew table skirts that can be velcroed onto the tables (so we are more “green” this year and are not throwing away loads of paper used as table skirts).
8. Help decorate the day prior to the festival.
9. Help set up.
10. Help clean up.
11. Sell game bracelets.
12. Visit local publications, give them a flyer, and ask them to donate advertising space in their publication.
13. Staff the bounce house.
14. Staff the obstacle course.
15. Staff the tricycle race.
16. Work as a cashier at the festival.
17. Work at the silent Keepsake auction (artwork only created by children of Richmond) in setup, cashiering, will call, and clean up.

And these are just a few opportunities! If you see something on the list that you would like to help with, please contact your room representative or Kristina Kallen at kmk456@comcast.net. Many hands make light work so join us in making this Spring Festival the best ever!!!

LET'S HOST AN INTERN!

We are in need of families to host interns.

- Hosting an intern is a great way to support our schools and the JMP program.
- An intern can be a wonderful addition to your family.
- Your child/children will benefit from having a native Japanese speaker at home, from exposure to linguistic, social and cultural aspects.
- Many host families find themselves establishing life long friendships with their interns, some even visiting them in Japan!

**Application materials are available at the Richmond
Elementary School Office or by emailing Sarah Stephens
at csstephens@gmail.com**

A big thank you to all the current and past host families for all their generous hospitality. Host families are an absolutely critical part of making the interns stay in Portland wonderful, memorable and possible.

For more information please contact:
Sarah Stephens - (503) 788-3980 - csstephens@gmail.com

Buy Coffee in compostable bags to Support Richmond's Elm Trees

Richmond school's 20 American Dutch Elm trees need to be inoculated every 3 years to resist Dutch Elm Disease which can kill the beautiful trees that shade our school grounds. During inoculations in June of 2007, we used 800 microinjections of a fungicide recommended by foresters to protect our trees. The cost per injection was \$3.50 for a total of \$2800. For the next round of inoculations in 2010, prices and shipping costs are expected to be slightly higher.

To raise money for the inoculations, Save Our Elms, a 501c(3) non-profit, partners with Portland Roasting to sell delicious, freshly roasted coffee to the Richmond community. \$4.60 from every bag of regular coffee sold allows us to buy approximately 1.31 microinjectors. (Save Our Elms gets \$5.05 from every bag of decaf coffee, too!) The coffee is delicious, environmentally friendly and costs **\$10/pound for regular and \$11/pound for decaf**. When you finish your coffee, you can remove the metal tie and put the bag in your compost or bury it in the ground.

If you haven't tried the coffee yet, ground regular coffee is available for purchase in the office. The price is \$10 /pound (checks made to Save Our Elms, please.) You can look in the coffee basket on Patsy's counter for the variety you like and either give your money to Patsy or place it in the box marked "Save Our Elms" on the office front wall. I place orders every Thursday morning at 8 AM for whole bean, decaf, and additional ground coffee. For an order, please fill out an order form (some are usually available on the table in front of the office or on Richmond's website) indicating your coffee choice and whole bean or ground preference and attach payment. (Please note decaf coffee costs \$11.00 a pound.) Coffee from orders will be available in the office by the next afternoon and it will be held in Patsy's coffee drawer just for you. Patsy can retrieve this for you; she is a great supporter of this program. We accept donations as well.

Portland Roasting descriptions:

All coffees for Richmond 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. We pay 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.

Ethiopian – Kochere: This coffee is part of Project H.O.P.E., which stands for Hope and Opportunity for the People of Ethiopia. We are helping build a much needed community center for the Ethiopian farming community of Kochere to 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

(new) Tanager's Song – an organic blend (Central American and Indonesian certified shade grown coffees), silky-rich and full-bodied with a caramel-like finish.

(new) Papua New Guinea - a single varietal that is passive organic.

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 with your checks (made out to SAVE OUR ELMS) in the Save Our Elms mailbox in the school office or contact Mary Klinger at (503) 234-5147 or dustin-mary@comcast.net. For orders submitted by 8:00 AM Thursday, coffee will be available in the office by Friday afternoon. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

Save Our Elms Coffee Order Form

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____ or email _____

Coffee	Ground	Whole Bean	Totals
Ethiopian - Kochere			\$10/lb x lbs = \$
French Organic			\$10/lb x lbs = \$
Tanager's Song			\$10/lb x lbs = \$
Papua New Guinea			\$10/lb x lbs = \$
SWP French Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs = \$
SWP Morning Decaf			\$11/lb x lbs = \$
Totals			

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

Revised 1-08

RICHMOND PARENT PLEDGE DRIVE – THANK YOU DONORS!

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

The Richmond Foundation would like to gratefully acknowledge the many parents, families, friends, staff and businesses who have generously contributed their money, time, and effort to the Richmond Parent Pledge Drive. Every effort has been made to list all contributions accurately from July 1, 2007 thru the beginning of this week. We continuously update this list each week. It is up to date as of February 20th, 2008. If, however, an error has been made, please accept our apologies and notify Tim Gooding (timjgooding@aol.com).

Thank you Richmond Community! You are helping keep our school exceptional!

NAME

Anonymous
Amano, Shigeki & Kaora
Andrew, Mike & Mueller, Jacqueline
Barber, Duane & Brackbill, Lise
Bauer, Henry Jr
Bauer, Maxine & Burt, Rich
Birke, Richard & Zehavoc, Angela
Burns, Jean & Phil
Chrisman, Charles & Shinobu
Clark, Norm & Ozaki, Mona
Durnil, Tim & Brenda
Felcher, Andrew & Wolf, Ariane
Fisher, Erin
Fusak, Michelle & James, Colin
Gefroh, Julie & Brian
Gibbs, Gregory & Kyoko
Golden, John & Lull, Laura
Gooding, Dale & Claudia (grandparents)
Gooding, Tim & Tam, Sara
Green, Veronica
Gregor, Jennifer & David
Grimm, Peter & Lauren
Gunderson, Cindy & Artie
Hagg, Daniel
Hardy, Jeff & Yuko
Heming, Karie
Hinkle, Stephanie
Hoesly, Fred & Mae (grandparents)
Hratar, Chas & Kathy
Hutson, Kim
Iverson, Jill & Jeffrey
Jacobson, Robert & Mary Ann
Kaliszewski, Jeanne and Joe
Kennedy, Shelly & Yackley, Eric
Kisinger, Michelle
Klinger, Dustin & Mary
Kott, Gregory & Bonnie Richardson
Kott, Phyllis (grandparent)
Little, Jody & Stephen
Luers, William & Katie
Malone, William & Catherine
Matsumura, Andrea & Martin
Matsushima, Meg & Matt

Mays, Sally & Robert Head
McGee, Mikael & Jolene
Mueller, Jacqueline
Munro, Suzanne & McGranaghan, Mark
Olenich, Mark & Harumi
Peters, Doug & O'Brien, Colleen
Pifher, Jim
Poole, Steve & Shannon
Potter, Amanda & Gutmann, Steve
Powers, Morgan & Kai, Mary
Reents, Brad & Yoshiko
Sanger, Irion
Schubert, Stacey & Piumarta, Ken
Schultz, Teresa
Shapiro, Many
Shawen, Richard
Sherrill, Carrie & Coonradt, Pete
Sinclair, Anne & Robert
Slyman, Jean (grandparent)
Slyman, Mike & Cathy
Stephens, Sarah (Dinner Voila)
Taber, Ruth Reitz (great-grandparent)
Tam, Reba & Milton
Thomas, Rand & Amy
Thorp, Micah & Nicole
Ticknor, Belva (grandparent)
Tomlinson, Mark & Angie
Uchiyama, Dawn & Sadafumi
Virnig, Dennis & Aimee
Wilkinson, Robert & Maluaka
Yanase, Craig & Lisa
Yano, Mayumi
Zaerr, Joe & Lois
Zaerr, Jon & Cathy

BUSINESS/RESTAURANTS

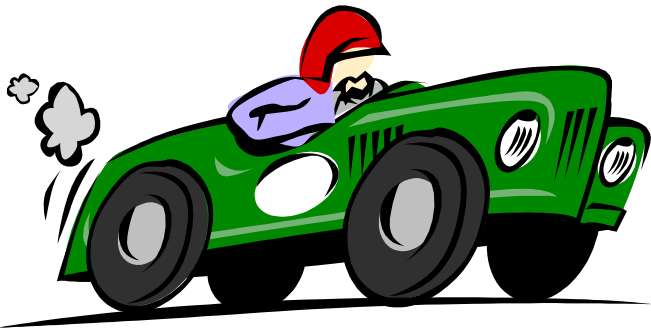
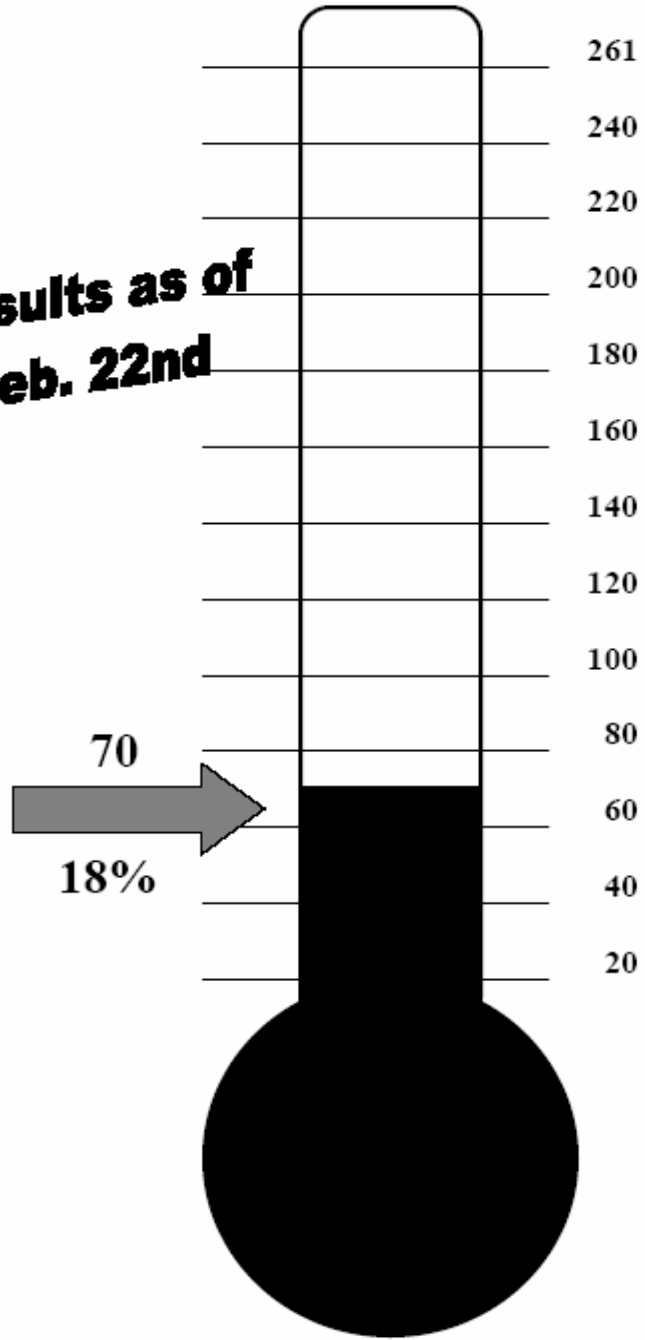
Lauro Kitchen
Academy Theatre
Pizzacato
Clinton St Theater
Mio Sushi

MATCHING

Pepsico

GOAL 380 FAMILIES

**Results as of
Feb. 22nd**



TOTAL DONATION

\$	0	2	7	5	2	9
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Parent Request for Japanese Tutoring

Richmond's Japanese interns are available for tutoring sessions with your child beyond the school day and year. The cost for tutoring beyond the school day or year is \$20 per hour and paid directly to the intern. Please complete the information on this form and return it to the office at Richmond. An intern will contact you within one week to make arrangements for your child's first tutoring session.

Parent Name: _____
(first) (last)

Child's Name: _____
(first) (last)

Child's Age: _____ Child's Grade at Richmond: _____

My child needs tutoring support for (please check all that apply):

- Speaking
- Listening comprehension
- Reading
- Writing (composition of original writing in Japanese)
- Recognition of kanji, katakana, hiragana characters
- Writing of kanji, katakana, and hiragana characters

My child's teacher has recommended tutoring (circle one): Yes No

Day(s) of the week for tutoring (check all that apply): _____ Mon. _____ Tues.
_____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun

Time you need tutor session to start: _____ AM/PM and end: _____ AM/PM

Location of tutoring: 1) At Richmond Elementary (circle one): Yes No -OR-

2) Location away from Richmond: _____

Nearest Tri-Met bus line: _____ (address)
(bus #) (color of bus line)

Contact phone: _____ - _____ - _____ OR _____ - _____ - _____

Contact email: _____

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Come cheer on
RICHMOND ELEMENTARY girls
HOT SHOTS BASKETBALL team!!!
We play on Saturdays at the times listed below.
Games last about an hour.

GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME LOCATION AND TIME
2/16/08	Peninsula Community Center 1:50pm (700 NE Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97211)
2/23/08	Capitol Hill Elementary School 1:50pm (8401 SW 17th Ave, Portland, OR 97219)
3/1/08	Peninsula Community Center 12:40pm
3/8/08	Peninsula Community Center 12:40pm
3/15/08	Peninsula Community Center 1:50pm

Portland Taiko Offers Parent-Child Workshop

Portland Taiko is offering a one-time parent-child workshop on **Sunday, March 9**. The workshop is from 11 a.m. to noon, for ages 3-6 and the cost is \$40 per pair, with a limit of 12 pairs. Folks who are interested can call the office at 503-288-2456 for registration information.

Parent-Child Workshops are a one-time, hour-long introductory workshop for kids and their parents to get a taste of taiko. Activities include stretching, drum rolls, repeating basic rhythms and games to encourage cooperation and focused energy.

We also offer kids taiko classes, though we're mid-session right now. The next session starts in May.



**Portland Public Schools
Japanese Magnet Program**

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Richmond office hours are

7:30 AM—4:00 PM

To reach Patsy Burke, Secretary:

503-916-6220

pburke1@pps.k12.or.us

**To reach Kathryn Anderson, Richmond
Principal:**

503-916-6220

503-329-1681 (cell)

keanders@pps.k12.or.us

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CALENDAR FOR March 7-April 11, 2008

- Fri. Mar. 7 **DEADLINE for transfer applications to Portland Public Schools enrollment and transfer office by 5:00 PM to be valid for 2008-09 school year**
- Sun. Mar. 9 **Daylight Savings Time—move clocks one hour!**
- Mon. Mar. 10 Scrip order day
Intern & Host Family Party at 7:00-8:00 PM in the cafeteria
Foundation meeting at 6:30 PM in the staff room
Grant committee meeting at 7:00 PM in the volunteer room
- Thurs. Mar. 13 Second grading period ends in trimester yearly schedule
Scrip pick up day
- Fri. Mar 14 **NO SCHOOL**—Teachers prepare report cards to be sent home with students on Fri. March 21st
- Mon. Mar. 17 Scrip pick up day
- Tues. Mar. 18 Oya No Kai Board meeting at 6:45 PM
- Wed. Mar. 19 Superintendent Carole Smith meets with all PTA Board members from every school in the Franklin Cluster. Meeting held 6:30 PM in the library at Franklin High School (5405 SE Woodward)
- Saturday, March 22—Sunday, March 30 is Spring Vacation!**
- Mon. Mar. 31 Students and staff return to Richmond from Spring Vacation fun!
Scrip order day
- Wed. Apr. 2 Host Family Training at 7:00 PM in the library (babysitting available)
- Fri. Apr. 4 Scrip pick up day
- Tues. Apr. 8 Pizzicato Fundraiser for Richmond Foundation (61st and Division)
- Thurs. Apr. 10 School Assembly with students in grades 3-5 performing taiko with our Artist-in-residence for students in grades PreK-2. Assembly at 1:30 PM in the cafeteria
Evening Taiko performance with students in grades 3-5 at 7:00 PM
- Fri. Apr. 11 **NO SCHOOL**—Teachers' professional development day (District)
- Mon. Apr. 14 **NO SCHOOL**—Teachers' professional development day (Richmond only)

