

April 25, 2008

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RICHMOND JAPANESE IMMERSION

Richmond Shinbun

Richmond Foundation 2008 Annual Parent Pledge Drive

To do her job, Ando-Sensei needs your help.



RICHMOND'S EXCELLENCE DEPENDS ON YOU!

今、あなたの援助をお願いします。

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Together we
can do it!

Issho ni
Ganbarou!

"Mixed grades will have a severe impact on students' academic growth next year for sure. All the teachers in Richmond are VERY dedicated and willing to sacrifice their own time to give the best practice, developed over the past 20 years, to our students. In case we need to adopt 4th and 5th grade mixed grade classes due to the lack of adequate funding to add another teacher to 4th or 5th grade level, we must let something go — it could be Japanese language, Math & Science, English & Social Studies? We want our students to learn as much as possible in their school day. Foundation needs donations from our Richmond families. Please give any amount today." ~ Ando Sensei

Without your support,
we will not be able to
fund all four 4th and
5th grade teachers.
Please donate \$295 to
the Annual Richmond
Foundation Parent
Pledge Drive now.



And yes, our students learned Biology
that day with the help of chickens.



RICHMOND'S EXCELLENCE DEPENDS ON YOU!

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お願いします。



- You send your children to Richmond to give them an above average education... this requires an above average participation.
- Richmond has smaller class sizes and lower student: teacher ratio than other schools because you fund an extra teacher every year.
- Every year, Richmond Foundation asks all families to give the equivalent of one's month's K tuition. We all paid this every month in kindergarten...we can do it just once this spring too.
- We need every family to donate \$295 to reach our goal to fund one teacher. Any size gift, big or small!
- This year, if we do not reach this goal, our 4th and 5th grade will have to combine.
- For ongoing and in-depth information about the Richmond School Foundation's efforts, please read the shinbun every week at www.richmondjmp.org/newsletters.html, keep you eyes out for listserve mailings, and talk with Richmond Foundation representatives.

The entire staff supports this effort!

Our 4th grade Japanese teacher Ando Sensei says: *"Mixed grades will have a severe impact on our students' academic growth next year."*

Please give one month
of K tuition (\$295.00).

Participation from
every family matters!

Together we can do it!

Issho ni Ganbarou!

頑張りましょう!!

Donation form on reverse side.

Richmond Elementary School – Japanese Immersion Program
Richmond Foundation Donation Form

There are three simple ways to give – (1) personal check or (2) online by credit card or (3) using credit card from you can mail in. Use whichever way works best for you. And remember your donation is tax deductible.

- ☐ **BY CHECK:** Please fill out the following and drop off at school or mail with your check.

Name: _____

☐ Check here if you wish to remain anonymous

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Amount Pledged: \$_____ **Please check one:** ☐ One-time donation ☐ Monthly donation

✓ Please make checks payable to *Richmond School Foundation*.

✓ Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox or

✓ Send to Richmond Elementary School

ATTN: Richmond School Foundation 2276 SE 41st, Portland, OR 97214

- ☐ **ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD:** The Portland Schools Foundation has a secure website.

✓ It is fast and easy.

✓ Log on to Portland Schools Foundation website at www.thinkschools.com

✓ Click on DONATE NOW – on the left hand side of webpage.

✓ Fill out the simple online form.

✓ **IMPORTANT:** Be sure, under the '**donate to**' section of the online form, to use the drop down menu to choose **Richmond Elementary School** (There are 80+ schools in Portland's public schools...make sure if you donate your donation goes to Richmond!)

- ☐ **OR USE CREDIT CARD FORM:** You can use the form below.

✓ Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox or

✓ Send to Richmond Elementary School

ATTN: Richmond School Foundation 2276 SE 41st, Portland, OR 97214

For Credit Card Donations

Gift Amount: \$ _____

Name of your school: _____

Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Credit Card number: _____ ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Amex

Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Thank you very much for supporting our terrific program!

See reverse side please >

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 April 22th, 2008. If, however, an error has been made, please accept our apologies and notify Tim Gooding (timjgooding@aol.com). Also if you would like to be removed from the PSF (Portland Schools Foundation) mailing list please e-mail Tim as well.

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

NAME

Anonymous
Amano, Shigeki & Kaora
Andrews, Mike & Mueller, Jacqueline
Barber, Duane & Brackbill, Lise
Bauer, Henry Jr
Bauer, Maxine & Burt, Rich
Birke, Richard & Zehavoc, Angela
Bonnell, Sonciray
Boyer, Deann & Mary
Burns, Jean & Phil
Chrisman, Charles & Shinobu
Clark, Norm & Ozaki, Mona
Dandlovic, Roeline
Duncan, Steven & Sato, Yoko
Durnil, Tim & Brenda
Felcher, Andrew & Wolf, Ariane
Fisher, Erin
Fusak, Michelle & James, Colin
Gefroh, Julie & Brian
Gibbs, Gregory & Kyoko
Golden, John & Lull, Laura
Goldfarb, Teresa
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
Jones, Clinton & Keiko
Kaliszewski, Jeanne and Joe
Kennedy, Shelly & Yackley, Eric
Kisinger, Michelle
Klinger, Dustin & Mary
Kott, Gregory & Bonnie Richardson
Kott, Phyllis (grandparent)
Leffel, Ryan & Ridenour, Dawn
Little, Jody & Stephen
Luers, William & Katie
Malone, William & Catherine
Matsumura, Andrea & Martin
Matsushima, Meg & Matt
Matsushima, Yoji & Martha
Mays, Sally & Robert Head
McGee, Mikael & Jolene
Munro, Suzanne & McGranaghan,
Mark
Olenich, Mark & Harumi
Paisner, Jonah
Peters, Doug & O'Brien, Colleen
Pifher, Jim
Poole, Steve & Shannon
Potter, Amanda & Gutmann, Steve
Powers, Morgan & Kai, Mary
Reents, Brad & Yoshiko
Renshaw, Barb & Shaw Skip
Sanger, Irion
Schubert, Stacey & Piumarta, Ken
Schultz, Teresa & Oslund, Steve
Shapiro, Many
Shawen, Richard
Sherrill, Carrie & Coonrad, Pete
Sinclair, Anne & Robert
Skiles, Paul
Slyman, Jean (grandparent)
Slyman, Mike & Cathy

Smith, Tim & Paula
Stephens, Sarah (Dinner Voila)
Shaw, Skip & Renshaw, Barb
Sweet, Shannon & Robert
Taber, Ruth Reitz (great-grandparent)
Tam, Reba & Milton
Thomas, Rand & Amy
Thorp, Micah & Nicole
Ticknor, Belva (grandparent)
Tomlinson, Mark & Angie
Trostel, Jean & Woodrow
Uchiyama, Dawn & Sadafumi
Virnig, Dennis & Aimee
Wilkinson, Robert & Maluaka
Yanase, Craig & Lisa
Yano, Mayumi
Zaerr, Joe & Lois
Zaerr, Jon & Cathy

BUSINESS/RESTAURANTS

Clinton St Theater
Mio Sushi
Urban Development Partners
Rich Coffee
Burgerville
iGive.com
Academy Theatre
Pizzacato
Lauro Kitchen

MATCHING

Pepsico

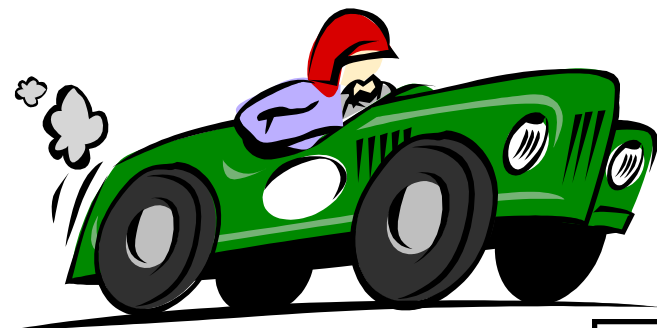
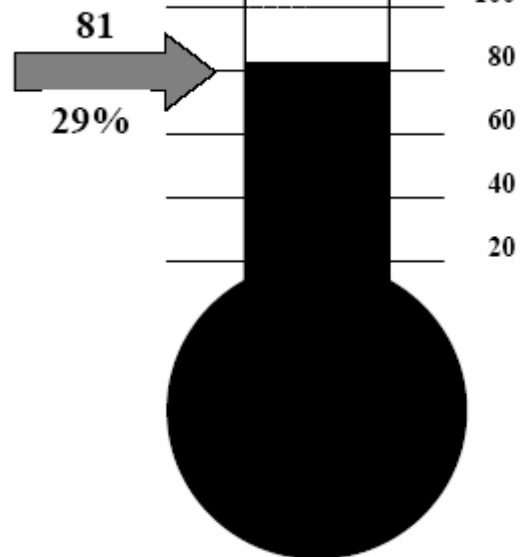
Richmond Foundation Results

GOAL 280 FAMILIES

Results as of
Apr. 22nd

Ganbari mattaku!

Let's persevere altogether!



TOTAL DONATION

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2008 spring festival

venue location

Richmond Elementary School
2276 SE 41st Avenue, Portland

date and time

Saturday, May 31, 2008
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are pleased to host our Third Annual Spring Festival which is sponsored by Richmond PTA. This family event celebrates the Japanese Magnet Program in Portland by inviting and educating the community in a full day of contemporary and traditional Japanese Activities, Food, Music, Demonstrations and Performances along with participation from representatives of citywide Japanese organizations. Drawing on Richmond School's strong ties to Japan and to Portland's Japanese community, the event will provide a rich and authentic array of offerings. Local Japanese restaurants and churches will be represented at the Festival which will provide a wide selection of sweet and savory foods.

The Japanese Magnet Program is now in its 18th year and we want to share with the broader community the cultural experiences and friendships we have developed over these years. We are delighted to enter Spring with a Portland festival that will be fun for children, families and participants of all ages. There is no admission fee for the Festival. Small participation fees will be charged for some of the activities.

please inquire about:

sponsorship opportunities

volunteer opportunities

vendor booths (hard goods & food)

exhibitor & demonstrator booths

performance slots

..... and back by popular demand, our Iron Chef Competition hosted by Mr. Junki Yoshida!

For more information, contact Meg Matsushima at 503.335.7777 megmatsushima@comcast.net

-or- Kim Tanada at 503.804.9991 ktanada@verizon.net.

Sponsored by Richmond PTA, 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization. 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. Portland Public Schools (PPS) does not fund, sponsor, or endorse this event. PPS is not responsible for conducting or supervising this event. PPS employees who choose to participate in this event are not acting in their capacity as PPS employees and do so at their own risk.

News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

Kristina Kallen
President

Kim Tanada
Vice President

Mika Obara
Treasurer

Sonciray Bonnell
Secretary

Yoko Sato
Special Events

Spring Festival Keepsake Auction: We have some wonderful ideas pouring in regarding our PTA Keep-sake Auction taking place at the Spring Festival on May 31st. We are so lucky to have so many creative parents dedicated to ensuring our children have an outstanding, enriched academic experience here at Richmond with an adequate amount of classroom teachers. If your class doesn't have an auction project coordinator yet, please let Kristina know at kmk456@comcast.net so we can work with the room reps and call some artsy parents. We want to make sure each and every classroom has an art project representing each child in that grade level so parents and grandparents may bid on their little one's art.

New PTA President/PTA Executive Board Elections Coming Soon! If you love being involved at Richmond and you like to work hard to make a difference, please consider running for president for next year's PTA executive board. It has been wonderful working with such a dedicated group of staff and families and I could not have asked for a more supportive board. However, it is time for me to step aside and let someone else have a turn so please consider this fabulous opportunity. If you have questions or would like to discuss what this involves, please call me or send me a note at kmk456@comcast.net and we can discuss it.

School Board Meeting Monday, April 28! The PPS School Board is voting on the proposed PPS budget on Monday evening, 4/28 at 6:30. Depending on how our meeting went today with Mark Murray, PPS Budget Director, (who has been more than helpful and very kind) we may be asking as many parents and grandparents as possible to fill the seats of the boardroom so please watch your e-mail this weekend for an update. We will also be inviting other schools within the Franklin cluster to do the same, again, depending upon the outcome of our meeting.

Mini Muffins
Tuesdays & Fridays
at Rich Coffee
(7:45-8:15am by Volunteer Room)



Working or Not

We still need your old cell phones

Old digital cameras

Old notebook/laptop computers!!



Cell phone count as of April 25 = 174

We still need a lot more phones to reach our goal of 435.

EVERY item we ship will make some \$\$\$.

Pre-K=5

K (Amy & Jill)=12

K (Kelly & Yoshida)=14

1st grade (Meier & Uchida)=40

1st grade (Murphy and Mishina)=60

2nd grade=0

3rd grade=4

4th grade=9

5th grade=3

*If you need to get the smiley stickers on the "chart by grade" across the Rich Coffee ladies, let them know.

Only few more days!

If you are bringing large items (notebook/laptop computers), just contact Yoko Sato @ duncan.s@comcast.net to schedule the drop-off. NO desktop computers and monitors.

PTA Technology Recycling Committee

Help Support Richmond by Donating Used Children's Clothes for Special Occasions



Sunday church dress
Easter dress
Summer dresses
Shirts, Shoes for
piano recitals...
Any special clothes!



Japanese yukata and kimono, zori and geta
小さくなったゆかた、着物、ぞうり、甚平なども！

Bring them to the special clothes box in the
volunteer room. It will be sold at the Spring Festival
on 5/31. All proceeds to Richmond Foundation.

ボランティアルームの箱に入れてください。売り上げは
全て Richmond Foundation に寄付されます。

Contact Yoko Sato (503)775.5615 for questions.

ZAKKAYA @ SPRING FESTIVAL 2008

Zakkaya (variety store) run by volunteer moms this year will include:

おかいものひろば **CHILDREN'S SHOPPING AREA**
where children can use their money skills to buy little items that are between 5¢ and 25¢.

Please bring the items below into the white plastic bin in front of Rich Coffee ladies.

**Unbroken, clean tiny toys
McDonald prizes, fun erasers, marbles,
any little items safe for children to use**



*All proceeds will be donated to Richmond Foundation.
Thank you and look forward to our store at Spring Festival.*

Contact Emi Avondstondt emiandlaur@msn.com if you have questions.

*Zakkaya
Spring Festival Volunteer Moms' Store*

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 501(c)(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



Are you worthy of the Golden Hashi?

ARISE IRON CHEFS!

Are you quick in the kitchen?

Are you quick on your feet?

Do you like to cook?

Do you like to put on a show?

IRON CHEF CONTESTANTS WANTED!!

*Can you handle the pressure?
If so, Mr. Junki Yoshida wants YOU!*

**Please join our returning emcee
Mr. Junki Yoshida in this fun-filled event!**

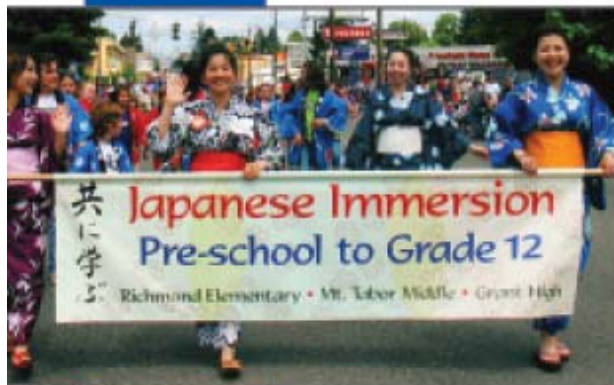
**Saturday - May 31, 2008
at Richmond Elementary School, Portland.**

Contestant Space is limited!

Contact Sara Tam at (503) 335-3135
or email saratam@juno.com

2008 spring festival

- Hosted by Richmond PTA -



Let's be in the
 Jr. Rose

Parade



Calling all Japanese Immersion Families • June 4, Wed.

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Learning
 Together

We are going to be in the Portland Rose Festival Junior Parade on Wednesday afternoon, June 4th. Let's enjoy this time together celebrating our program and allowing others to see what they can be a part of too. Here's what we need:

- ☐ **Marchers** from Grades 1-5 (Permission slip below. Our Cultural Specialist, Ritsuko Fujiwara will be working with the children.) ~ commitment of practicing in the Richmond Gym after school on Wednesdays, **beginning May 7**, continuing to practice **May 14, 21, & 28**. This is not a dance performance. It is a simple routine, walking with Japanese instruments and singing.
- ☐ **Walkers** are also needed! Children and their parents in the program willing to wear Japanese clothing, wave flags and walk behind marchers. You will need to sign your child out of school and have them to the location site at 12:45pm, fed and restroom breaks already taken. We cannot close school that day so the teachers will be at the school for those students that cannot make it to the parade. **Please have the permission slip filled out and turned in by May 2 to the Richmond office so we can figure approx. how many people will attend.**

Thank you for making our program so wonderful and something we want to celebrate!

CONTACT:

Ritsuko Fujiwara, Cultural Arts Liaison, Richmond Elementary, 503-916-6220, ohisamakaipdx@yahoo.com
 Melanie Scheuermann, JMP Parent, 503-775-2865, wmdrj@comcast.net
 Please return this permission slip to the box in the Richmond office or fax it to 503-916-2665.

CHILD & PARENT PARADE COMMITMENT FORM *(please print)*

Student ~

- ☐ I am committed to be a **marcher** with the intent to march in the parade on June 4, 2008.
 I am in the JMP 1-5. I understand that I am making a commitment to be on time and do my best.
 I will attend practices on 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 & 5/28; Place: Gym; Time: 2:20pm - 3:20pm

- ☐ I am committed to be a **walker** with the intent to walk in the parade on June 4, 2008.

Parent ~

- ☐ _____ will pick up my child in the Gym at 3:20pm on Wednesdays in May.
- ☐ I am committed to be a **walker** with the intent to walk in the parade on June 4, 2008.
- ☐ I will support my child to be a part of the parade by providing transportation to and from the parade.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Grade _____ Email & Phone #: _____

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 25– May 16, 2008



Portland Public Schools Japanese Magnet Program

RICHMOND JAPANESE IMMERSION

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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| Fri. Apr. 25 | Spring for the Arts Run! PreK-gr. 2 at 9:30 AM and gr. 3-5 at 1:00 PM |
| Apr. 26-27 | Garden Work Days on the Richmond field, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM |
| Sun. Apr. 27 | Toyama Speech Cup at the World Trade Center, 121 SW Salmon St. Richmond students will perform during the intermission. |
| Mon. Apr. 28 | M.U.S.E. Band Festival at the Kennedy School, 9:00-10:30 AM
Scrip order day |
| Tues. Apr. 29 | Mad Science—Chemworks at 2:25-3:25 PM |
| Wed. Apr. 30 | Grandparents' Brigade meeting in volunteer room at 9:00 AM
Parent Presentation—"Why Do They Act This Way?" a evening of insight for parents of adolescent and pre-adolescent children by Amy Ruona, specialist with Portland Public Schools Prevention Services Office, 6:30-8:00 PM in the cafeteria |
| Fri. May 2 | Scrip pick-up day |
| Thurs. May 8 | Presentation for Richmond parents about Portland Public Schools' plan for the Richmond school building, 6:30-8:00 PM in the cafeteria |
| Sat. May 10 | Asia Fest at the Oregon Convention Center, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM |
| Mon. May 12 | 4th grade field trip to Champoege State Park, 8:45 AM-1:45 PM
Scrip order day |
| Wed. May 14 | Practice for the Rose Parade, 2:15-3:15 PM |
| Fri. May 16 | Scrip pick-up day |

- 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

Please Check Richmond's Lost & Found!

Have you been wondering where to find your child's missing sweater, hat, jacket, sweatshirt, or cardigan? If so, please take a peek at the two racks of clothing in Richmond's Lost & Found. It's located in the cafeteria, right next to the doors connecting the walkway to/from the main building. All unclaimed items at the end of each month are boxed and sent to the PTA Clothes Closet, per the information in the Richmond Parent Handbook.