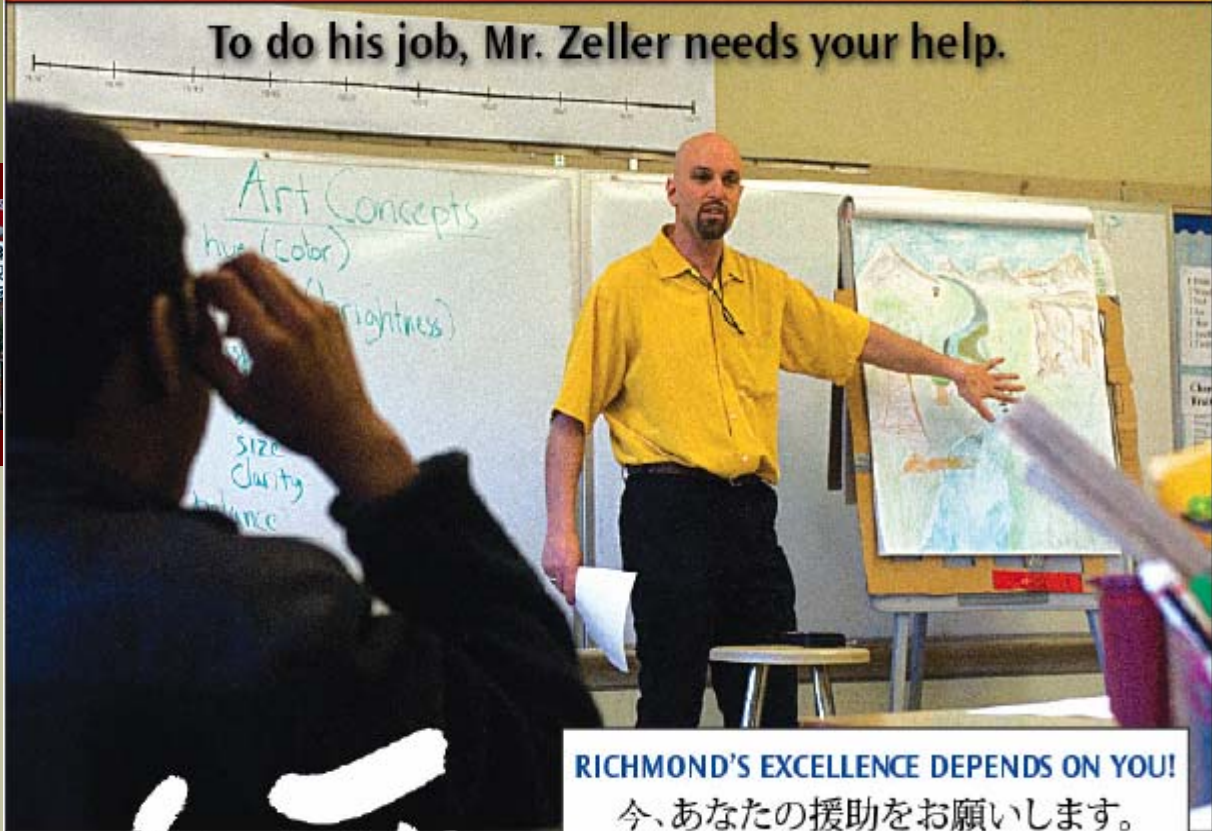


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To do his job, Mr. Zeller needs your help.

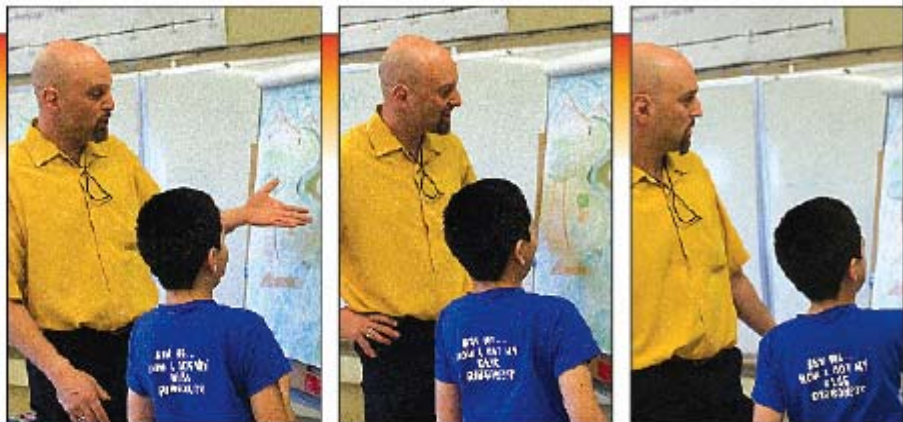
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今、あなたの援助をお願いします。

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Together we
can do it!
Issho ni
Ganbarou!

I love the way our community pulls together and unifies during tough times. We have successfully added classes, raised money for a reading specialist, a first grade teacher, a new playground and a garden. Currently we are working very hard to raise enough money to maintain the current successful model for our Japanese Immersion Program. With class sizes between 22 and 26, it makes it possible for me to meet regularly with every student that needs help. The prospect of going from 22 students this year to 33 students in a 4/5 blend would be like a slap in the face. Instructionally speaking, my job would change from an attainable challenge to an insurmountable obstacle. ~ Mr. Joshua Zeller

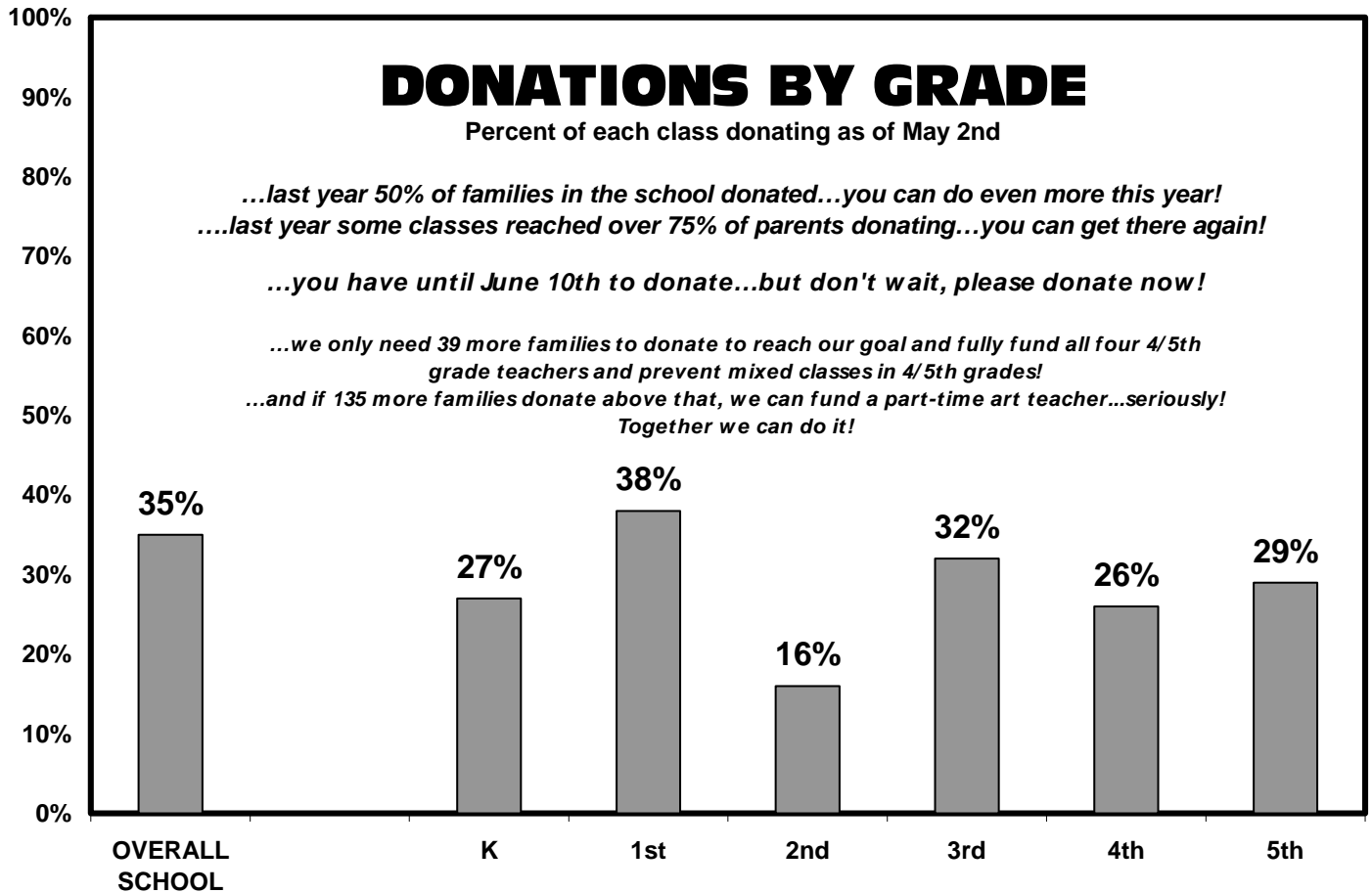
Without your support, we will not be able to fund all four 4th and 5th grade teachers. Please donate \$295 to the Annual Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive now.



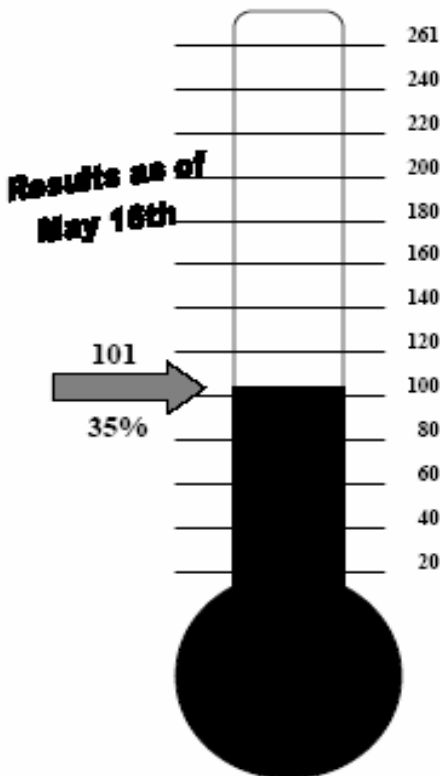
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GOAL 280 FAMILIES



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**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

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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: _____

Thank you very much for supporting our terrific program!

See reverse side please >

Pictures of our Garden Installation



Dave Barman, Richmond parent, and Joshua Zeller, Richmond 5th grade teacher, get to work on the fence around the garden. The garden installation took place over two weekend work sessions: April 26-27 and May 3-4.

Friday work sessions, starting right after school at 2:30 PM, have been set up through the end of the school year. Bring your kids, green thumb, and garden tools for a great time in our new hands-on learning center!

Kirsten Bacon-Brennes (pictured below in vest and lavender shirt) managed to get a great crew of volunteers together for each weekend work session. Here's just a few of the dedicated Richmond parents working overtime on the garden pathways and bedding sections.

Also check out the article in *The Oregonian* about Richmond's THREE gardens! This glowing article, written by Joe Fitzgibbon, was published in the Thursday, May 15th issue insert of "In Portland". Here's the link: portland@news.oregonian.com

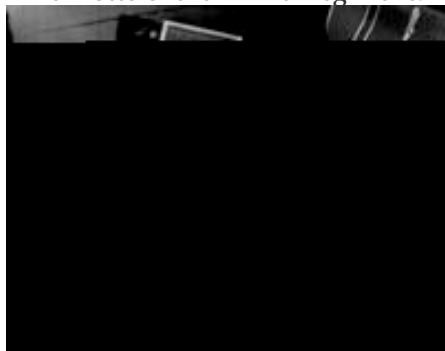


Photography exhibit by M. Nakamura, Richmond parent, on display at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center May 9– Aug. 31

To honor and pay tribute to Oregon Nisei Veterans, Motoya Nakamura, a photographer for *The Oregonian*, created five special portraits of 442nd RCT veterans John Murakami, Roy Maeda, Joe Onchi, Art Iwasaki, and Kazuo Fujii for the article "Fighting Prejudice on Two Fronts" (*Living*, Sunday, November 7, 2004). Please join us for an exhibition of these important and artistic photographs. Motoya's vision and masterful technique created memorable works of art that honor and pay respect to these, and all, of Oregon's Nisei veterans. Accompanying the exhibit will be special artifacts from the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center collection.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army served with distinction during World War Two. A Japanese American unit, the 442nd RCT was the most heavily decorated unit for its size and length of service in U.S. military history. Soldiers enlisted or were drafted, many from internment camps, and served their country with distinction, many fighting in heavy combat in the European theater while their families were incarcerated in the United States. Members of the 442nd were liberators at Dachau concentration camp in Germany. Members of the MIS, the Military Intelligence Service, served in the Pacific theater as translators and interrogators. The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center is proud to honor and celebrate the contributions and service of all of the Oregon Nisei Veterans who served their country with honor and extraordinary bravery.

"The motto of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was 'go for broke.' It's a gambling term that means risking everything on one great effort to win big. The soldiers of the 442nd needed to win big. They were Nisei - American-born sons of Japanese immigrants. They fought two wars: the Germans in Europe and the prejudice in America...



"The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service, in the entire history of the U.S. Military. The 4,000 men who initially came in April 1943 had to be replaced nearly 3.5 times. In total, about 14,000 men served, ultimately earning 9,486 Purple Hearts, 21 Medals of Honor and an unprecedented eight Presidential Unit Citations."

Photos: John Murakami, Roy Maeda, © Motoya Nakamura/*The Oregonian*

About the artist: Motoya Nakamura was born in Nagoya, Japan, and came to the United States two decades ago after falling in love with J.D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*. He saved money by teaching windsurfing ("because I do not have to wear a tie") and enrolled in the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri where he studied documentary photography. He has been working as a newspaper photographer ever since: "Working for newspapers gave me tickets to unknown worlds everyday."

In 2000, Motoya joined the staff at *The Oregonian*, and lives in Portland with his wife and two sons. The article produced in 2004: "Fighting Prejudice on Two Fronts" published his photographs of Oregon Nisei veterans:

"I, as a new wave of Issei, started this project to document and know the Japanese-American history in the first hand. The complexity of the Japanese-American history during WWII overwhelmed me to the point when I could not take it sometimes but people's courage to face it touched me tremendously at the same time. Most of the Japanese-American WWII veterans belonged to the US Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team that were widely acknowledged to be the US Military's most decorated unit for its size and length of service. I believe that my duty as an Issei photographer is to record and honor their courage in the most difficult time in Japanese-American history for the future generation."
– Motoya Nakamura

Exhibit hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, Sundays noon to 3 pm. Admission is \$3 (free for Friends of the Legacy Center).

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97209

Celebrating the 18th Year of the Japanese Magnet Program
of Richmond Elementary, Mt. Tabor Middle and Grant High Schools
Traditional & Contemporary Japanese Cultural fun for the entire family!

2008 spring festival

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- Hosted by Richmond PTA -

Saturday, May 31st 2008 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Richmond Elementary School, 2276 SE 41st Avenue, Portland

Admission is FREE.

Small participation fees will be charged for some of the activities.

Festival opened by *The Consul General of Japan* and taiko group, *taKO hachi*

activities performances sweet and savory foods
hands-on demonstrations vendor and exhibitor booths

Some of our participants include: Kumoricon, Portland Taiko, JAMS (Japanese Abacus Math School),
Konko Church of Portland, JASO, He Makana O Aloha Hula Halau, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center,
The Japanese Gardens, Kinokuniya Book Store, JAACL and JAACL Youth, Kurabu, Oya No Kai and much more!

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Don't miss our
IRON CHEF Competition
with returning concs,
Ms. Junki Yoshida!

For more information contact:

RichmondSpringFestival@gmail.com or call 503.804.9991

(Inquire about Sponsorship, Vendor Booth space and Performance slots)

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Proceeds of this year's Spring Festival will be donated to Richmond Foundation to help fund staffing!
See Reverse Side For More Exciting Event Information.

spring festival wristbands

Pre-Sale
Discount!

Good on all games and activities that accept tickets! Purchase early and save!

Instead of buying individual tickets at the door, purchase a wristband and save money.
Safer for your children so they don't lose money or tickets.

Compare and save! Individual tickets are sold for .50 cents each.

Giant Slide - 1 ticket Obstacle Course - 3 tickets Bounce House - 2 tickets

Tattoos - 1 ticket Calligraphy - 2 tickets Ikebana - 2 tickets Alpaca Exhibit - 1 ticket Games - 1 ticket

Parents may help little ones with the larger games at no cost to the parent.

Wristbands allow unlimited access to all games. Some hands-on activities are limited to one visit.

PRE-SALE ORDER FORM:

1 @ \$12.00 = \$ 12.00

First Child or Family Member in the same household.

_____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

For each Additional Child or Family Member in the same household.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Richmond PTA

If purchased at the door, wristbands will be \$15 for the first, \$12 for each additional.

Order form with payment MUST be received by end of day Wednesday, May 28th.

Please return to your child's teacher or into the SPRING FESTIVAL BOX in the office.

Wristbands will be available for pick up on Fri., May 30 after school in the cafeteria or at

Will Call at the breezeway ticket booth on Saturday, May 31.

Questions? Contact Kim Tanada at 503.804.9991 or ktanada@verizon.net

- For PTA Use -
Date rcvd: _____
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Check #: _____
Rcvd by: _____

Purchaser's Last Name: _____ First Name _____ Phone #: _____

Total Wristbands purchased: _____

Stage Performance Line-up
(In the Gymnasium)

10:50 TakoHachi taiko group
11:00 Opening of the Festival: Kathryn Anderson &
The Consul General of Japan, Consul Egawa
11:10 Uchida sensei/ Mishina sensei – 1st grade
11:30 Kindergarten
11:50 PreK
12:10 Japanese dance by Kamata sensei
12:30 2nd grade: Japanese
12:50 2nd grade: English
1:10 4th grade
1:30 He Makana O Aloha Hula performance
1:50 Ohisamakai Preschool
2:10 1st grade
2:30 3rd grade
2:50 Kendo demonstration
3:10 5th grade
3:30 JAMS (Japanese Abacus Math School)
3:50 TBA
4:10 Shotokan Karate demonstration
4:30 TBA
4:50 TBA

(Schedule subject to change without notice)

A few things that you don't want to miss!

CALLIGRAPHY PERFORMANCE by Daigo Sensei
11:30 AM and 1:30 PM in the Cafeteria.

ART-ONLY SILENT AUCTION
Bid on class projects that Richmond students created!
In the Staff Room - First Floor

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY
In the Staff Room - First Floor

KINOKUNIYA BOOKSTORE
First Floor

ZAKKAYA JAPANESE VARIETY STORE
Basement Level

SUMI-E BRUSH PAINTING by Karen Fullerton
First Floor

**Don't forget to look for our new interns
and give them a warm welcome!**

Iron Chef 2008

Come see the excitement, the drama, the chefs working under
pressure at our second annual Iron Chef competition!

With this year's host Beyond 50 Radio's Daniel Davis and honored emcee Junki Yoshida.

5 Chefs, 4 Judges, 30 Minutes, Only One Winner of the "Golden Hashi"!

Competition to begin at 2:00 PM in the cafeteria.

See it projected live on big screen on the stage!

Sample the finished dishes!

Enter to play our raffle! Great prizes! \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Prizes include:

6 lbs. Portland Roasting coffee (approx. value \$55)

Trader Joe's gift basket (approx. value \$50)

Salvador Molly's gift certificate (\$75)

1 pound of pasta for a year from Pastaworks (approx. value \$75)

Family Plus membership to Portland Japanese Garden (value \$75)

Blue Fin Sushi Bar gift certificate (value \$40)

Whole Foods Cooking Class for 2 (value \$100)

And ... your raffle ticket also doubles as a vote for your favorite chef and/or winner of the competition.

Choose the winning chef and you will be entered in a drawing to win a dinner for 4 catered by
JMP parent, Yasuhiro Endo of Only One Catering.

News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

Kristina Kallen
President

Kim Tanada
Vice President

Mika Obara
Treasurer

Sonciray Bonnell
Secretary

Yoko Sato
Special Events

School Board/District Communication: Yesterday, May 15 was the day the PPS school board was to present the Multnomah County Tax Commission their proposed budget. As of late Thursday night (5/15), we still have no word from the school district. We are strategizing moving forward and if you would like to give you input, please feel free to contact Kristina Kallen at kmk456@comcast.net.

General PTA/ONK Meeting June 5!!! With the year coming to a close, we have many fun and exciting things on our PTA horizon and we would like you to be a part of it. Come to the June 5th meeting from 6:30 to 7:10 in the cafeteria for Oya No Kai's general election and meet the new interns. Then from 7:10 to 8:30 there will be a reception of gratitude for all of the Richmond's many volunteers as well as special recognition for our fabulous Grandparents Brigade. Light refreshments will be served. PTA general elections will be held this evening as well (see article below for exciting news), and the evening will round out with the third through fifth grade students performing taiko drumming! Please bring the family and enjoy a night of celebrating our great community!!!

PTA Elections Create Excitement: We are pleased to announce that Jeanne Kaliszewski has decided to run for PTA President and we have a wonderful candidate as a possibility for secretary! Kim Tanada and Sonciray Bonnell will run for co-vice presidents, and Michelle Fusak will run for assistant treasurer. On the ballot you will also see Mika Obara who will stay on as treasurer and Yoko Sato who will remain the Special Events Chair. Next year's board promises to be warm, friendly, fun, and very effective so please cast your vote for excitement on June 5th at the general PTA meeting from 7:10 to 8:30 in the cafeteria.

Keepsake Auction at Spring Festival!!! Our Spring Festival is only a few weeks away and things are really starting to come together! We have a quilt being made by Dana Frison for the second grade class, an Adirondack chair with children's art work for the fourth grade class, glass earrings and sushi plates being donated by glass artists and many more gorgeous items focusing on children's artwork. **ALL** proceeds from the Keepsake Auction will be donated to the Foundation for the fourth/fifth grade teacher. All the donated/created items will be available for viewing the week prior to the auction and due to requests we are going to begin prebidding a few days prior to the Spring Festival. Watch your e-mail for further details. A special thank you to all the parents who are making this auction a reality by donating your time, talent, and your marvelous treasures to this worthwhile cause!!!

Spring for the Arts Donations Set a Record for Richmond! The results are in and the grand total is astounding. **Richmond students and their donors raised \$18,538.60 for art experiences in 2008-09!** That's \$6,038.60 MORE than the \$12,500 we raised last year. Thank you to all our donors and dedicated groups of volunteers that made this wonderful event possible.

ZAKKAYA is accepting donations of the following items to be sold at our Spring Festival.

1. **Gently used children's clothes for special occasions**
Just drop them off in the box in the volunteer room.

2. **Tiny toys**
Just drop them off in the box by Rich Coffee ladies.



3. **Crafts, artwork**
Contact Emi Avondstondt (emiandlaur@msn.com) for details.
Arrangements must be made 1 week prior to the festival. No reimbursement for the material cost.

4. **Baked goods (cookies, pastries, etc)**
Contact Emi Avondstondt (emiandlaur@msn.com) for details.
Arrangements must be made 1 week prior to the festival. No reimbursement for the ingredients cost.

Rich Coffee Update



Rich Coffee made over \$750 during April.
All proceeds go to Richmond Foundation.
Thank you, hot cocoa drinkers and muffin eaters!

Fresh Fruit Muffins baked in the morning
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

right by the volunteer room

Emi Avondstondt, Etsuko Austin, Sachiko Nishikido

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.

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