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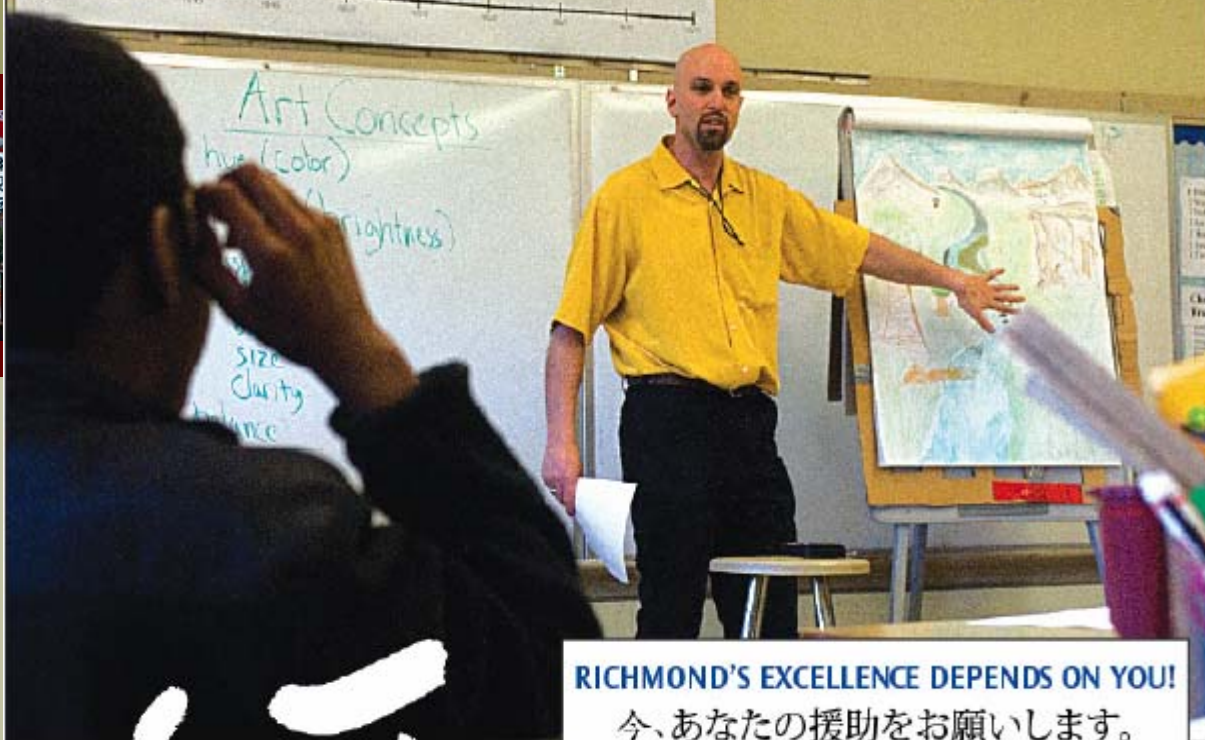


RICHMOND JAPANESE IMMERSION

Richmond Shinbun

Richmond Foundation 2008 Annual Parent Pledge Drive

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



RICHMOND'S EXCELLENCE DEPENDS ON YOU!

今、あなたの援助をお願いします。

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

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Together we
can do it!

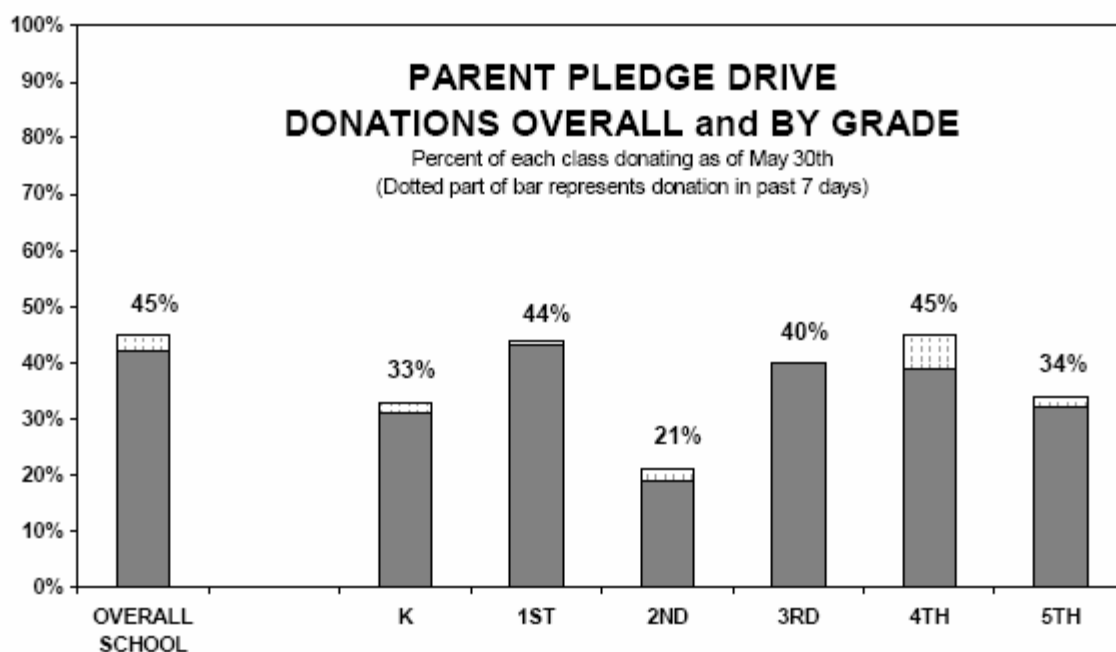
Issho ni
Ganbarou!

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.



Richmond School Foundation

Parent Pledge Drive Results as of May 30th



GOAL #1: We are very, very close to reaching our first goal of this year's drive: **fully funding the fourth 4/5th grade teacher!** With your donation, we will easily reach this goal! Strong work Richmond families!

GOAL #2: As we reach and pass this goal, we are on our way to funding our second goal: **funding part-time enrichment activity at Richmond...art, music, etc.** Together we can do it! Issho ni ganbarou!

GOAL #3: The ultimate goal is to get to a point 100% participation that every family that is able to donate give the equivalent of one months of kindergarten tuition (\$295) twice-a-year: **once in the fall and once in the spring.** And remember, any gift no matter how big or small makes a difference! Three years ago, 10% of families donated; two years ago 20%; and last year 50%. We are currently at 45% participation. With your donation, we can easily go above 50% this year.

- We are all helping each other. We sink or swim as a community...last year we all gave for a 1st grade teacher...this year it is a 4/5th grade teacher.
- We are all helping each other. The specific position isn't that important when you think about it...4/5th grade is really a surrogate...helping fund one teacher funds all teachers...it lets gym be funded, 3rd grade be funded, etc.
- We are all helping each other. Use your economic stimulus to donate...the federal gov't gave you \$300 per child...use it on your child.
- We are all helping each other. Kindergarten families – remember there is no PPS kindergarten tuition in June....so you can make a "tuition payment" in June to the Parent Pledge Drive instead.

TOTAL DONATION AMT.						
\$	0	5	8,	5	2	5

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!
ISSHO NI GANBAROU!

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 form you can mail in. Use whichever way works best for you. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

The absolute deadline for donations is June 10th - the last day of school.

- ☐ **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!

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 May 21st, 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

Ando, Takeshi & Atsuko
Anonymous
Amano, Shigeki & Kaora
Andrews, Mike & Mueller, Jacqueline
Baer, Sue & Mike
Barber, Duane & Brackbill, Lise
Bauer, Henry Jr
Bauer, Maxine & Burt, Rich
Beyler, Richard & Snyder, Jennifer
Birke, Richard & Zehavoc, Angela
Bonnell, Sonciray
Boyer, Deann & Mary
Burns, Jean & Phil
Cahen, Katharina & Darroch
Chrisman, Charles & Shinobu
Clark, Norm & Ozaki, Mona
Danclovic, Roeine
Deeb, Imad
Dibert, Brian & Lisa
Duncan, Steven & Sato, Yoko
Dumil, Tim & Brenda
Endo, Yasuhiro & Brenda
Facer, Michael & Kim, Jin Kyeong
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
Greenfield, Daniel & Rachael
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
Knutson, Jami & Jonathan
Kott, Gregory & Richardson, Bonnie
Kott, Phyllis (grandparent)
Leffel, Ryan & Ridenour, Dawn
Little, Jody & Stephen
Lovre, Gary & Jerrie (grandparents)
Luers, William & Katie
Malone, William & Catherine
Matsumura, Andrea & Martin
Matsushima, Meg & Matt
Matsushima, Yoji & Martha
Mays, Sally & Head, Robert
McGee, Mikael & Jolene
Miyashita, Tomoaki & Marie
Moran, Patrick & Satoko
Munro, Suzanne & McGranaghan, Mark
Olenich, Mark & Harumi
Osborne, Barbara & Hart, Jon
Paisner, Jonah
Peters, Doug & O'Brien, Colleen
Pifner, Jim
Poole, Steve & Shannon
Potter, Amanda & Gutmann, Steve
Powers, Morgan & Kai, Mary
Ptasinski, Emily & George
Pua, Patrick & Cecile
Reents, Brad & Yoshiko
Roland, Janai
Sanger, Irion
Schallert, Deborah
Schubert, Stacey & Plumarta, Ken
Schulte, Rebecca & Matt
Schultz, Teresa & Oslund, Steve
Shapiro, Many
Shawen, Richard
Sherrill, Carrie & Coonradt, Pete
Sinclair, Anne & Robert
Skiles, Paul

Skoog, Ann & Erik
Slyman, Jean (grandparent)
Slyman, Mike & Cathy
Smith, Douglas & Fujiwara, Ritsuko
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, Brian & Shaw, Carol
Trostel, Jean & Woodrow
Tuleya, Michael and Jill
Uchiyama, Dawn & Sadafumi
Van Beek, Ray & Ruth (grandparents)
Vinnig, Dennis & Aimee
Walcott, Michael
Wilkinson, Robert & Maluaka
Worth, Lynne (grandparent)
Yamada, Akiko & Kim SongTe
Yanase, Craig & Lisa
Yano, Mayumi
Zaerr, Joe & Lois
Zaerr, Jon & Cathy

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Academy Theatre
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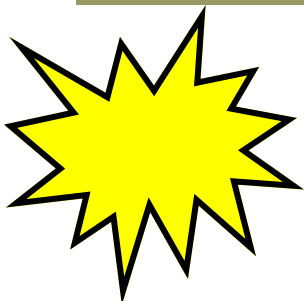
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Pictures of our Garden Installation



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!

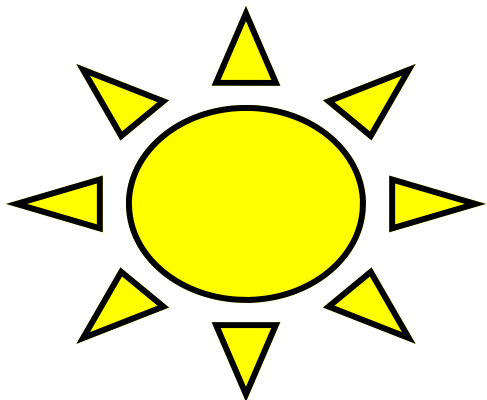


Please visit our new garden! You'll find it at the south end of the playground just beyond the tire swing.

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





We LOVE art!

Check out the latest pictures from the installation of our new mural on the west, outside wall of the Cafeteria building, near the entrance to the parking lot on SE 41st.



Meet **Takata-sensei**, our very talented artist in residence! Her time at Richmond has been made possible with your donations to our ***Spring for the Arts*** event. Thank you!

Update on the Installation of our Mosaic Art



Revised Schedule: Lynn Takata will stay at Richmond until Friday, May 30th to finish the installation of the mural. We have three choices for volunteer times: 8:15-11:00 AM, 11:20-2:00 PM or 6:00-8:00 PM

Grout Training: Takata-sensei will do grout training with parents, interns and staff at 8:15 and Noon on Friday, May 30th. Please come!

We will grout the mural the following week: Monday and Tuesday, June 2nd & 3rd and Thursday and Friday, June 5th & 6th.

Helpers needed for the next two weeks! You do NOT need to work from the scaffolding if you're not comfortable doing this. We have lots of work at ground-level, too! (See the picture on the previous page with the salmon and rocks.) **Tuesday, May 27 – Friday, June 6th**

Questions? Please call or email Ritsuko Fujiwara at:

503-916-6220

ohisamakaipdx@yahoo.com

Satoko Moran,
Richmond parent
of Daniel in 4th
grade, and
Ritsuko

Fujiwara, our
Cultural Arts
Specialist and
Richmond parent
of Kazuma in 3rd
grade, pause to
wave between
mural patterns.



One of the forest animals for the mural that
was created by students in the 2nd grade
(minus one leg still in the kiln).



Amy Osaki, Richmond parent, perches on the top level of our scaffolding during a break from adding mosaic pieces to our mural.



Adelyn Fujiwara, student at Mt. Tabor, and **Kazuku Curtis**, Richmond parent, work on the installation of the stream.

News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

Kristina Kallen
President

Kim Tanada
Vice President

Mika Obara
Treasurer

Sonciray Bonnell
Secretary

Yoko Sato
Special Events

Scholastic Book Fair is Almost Here: Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming June 2-6. We'll be open from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop by and stock up on reading material, birthday gifts, and omiyage for the summer. New this year is a Spring Family Night. Shop at the Book Fair on Thursday, June 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and listen to stories read by Richmond "Guest Readers." Come see the exciting selection of new books and earn money for literacy materials for our school! If you are interested in volunteering to staff the book fair or be a "Guest Reader," please contact Michelle Fusak, michellefusak@yahoo.com or Sara Tam, saratam@juno.com.

General PTA/Meet the Interns on 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 7:00 in the cafeteria to meet the new interns and attend a reception of gratitude for all of 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 this weekend and we have some gorgeous items ready for viewing in the display case across from the office. We have painted toy boxes, a mosaic with children's photos, three quilts, framed artwork, an Adirondack chair with darumas, children's glass plates, a glass necklace, sushi plates, a 10-piece sushi set, an opalescent platter, a free glass making class, a glass Richmond dragon, a foot spa wine/cheese party, and many more spectacular items focusing on children's artwork. **ALL** proceeds from the Keepsake Auction will be donated to the Foundation for the fourth/fifth grade teacher, and we would love to raise \$10,000!!! Swing by the front hall on Saturday and see what our dedicated Richmond Community has donated/created for our children's benefit. A special thank you to all the parents and community members who are making this auction a reality by donating your time, talent, and your marvelous treasures to this worthwhile cause!!!

Calling All Dads For 30 Minutes!!! We still have a few time slots left for volunteers who are available. The times are from 11 to 11:30, 12:30 to 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. We also still have a few volunteer slots for games so please contact Denise Nonatvarnit if you haven't yet signed up (ocean3kai@yahoo.com). Thanks so much for all you do at Richmond and we look forward to seeing you there (with your kind but firm faces on)!

Field Day Volunteers: Can you believe the school year is nearly over? I can hardly believe that we are already asking for Field Day volunteers, yet here we are. Field Day is Monday, June 9 from 9:45 to 10:30 for pre-K through first grade and 1:00 to 1:45 for second through fifth grade. If you can volunteer, please e-mail Kristina at kmk456@comcast.net to be scheduled. We really appreciate your encouraging attitudes and your dedication to making every Richmond event fantastic!

Fundraising Meeting for Next Year: On Friday, June 6th at 5:30 in the staff room Oya No Kai, Foundation, and the Richmond PTA are having a fundraising planning meeting for next year's potential events and goals. If you have input that you would like to give, please contact Kristina Kallen at kmk456@comcast.net so your ideas/information can be shared at the meeting. Thanks for your opinion because it is very important to us!

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.

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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

- *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

CALENDAR FOR MAY 30 – JUNE 13, 2008

Sat. May 31 Spring Festival at Richmond 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Mon. June 2 Scrip order day

Wed. June 4 Junior Rose Festival Parade—Richmond walkers at gathering spot by 12:45 PM (see details on previous page in this issue of the Shinbun)

Thurs. June 5 PTA General Membership Mtg. and Taiko Concert by Richmond 3rd, 4th & 5th graders at 6:30-8:00 PM; This special evening event will give us a chance to recognize a number of special Richmond volunteers, hold elections for PTA officers, and celebrate the taiko musical skills of our intermediate students. Please mark your calendar for this wonderful evening.

Fri. June 6 Scrip pick-up day

Mon. June 9 FIELD DAY!!!

Tues. June 10 LAST day of school for 2007-08

Fri. June 13 Report cards mailed home along with a letter announcing your child's class assignment for 2008-09

LAST CHANCE FOR PORTLAND ROASTING - SAVE OUR ELMS COFFEE

Thank you to all who have supported Richmond's elm trees by buying Save Our Elms coffee from Portland Roasting this year. The trees look great this spring and with your continuing support, we can hopefully keep them healthy and Dutch-Elm disease free.

Thursday, June 5th is our last order date before summer. Please consider your summer coffee needs and stock up! (Our coffee comes in compostable bags, but can be kept fresh longer if you keep it in an airtight container or bag at your home.) This is the same coffee you have been enjoying in the mornings as brewed by the Rich Coffee ladies. The price is \$10/pound for regular and \$11/pound for decaf. (Next fall might see a higher price because of the rising price of coffee, so get it at this price point while you can!)

Orders are due by Thursday at 8 AM in the Save Our Elms box in the office. (Forms for ordering can be found in many places - old newsletters, the office, the website.) You can also e-mail orders to me at dustin-mary@comcast.net. The coffee will be available for pickup at the Richmond office by Friday afternoon on June 6th. Small, but diminishing quantities of ground coffee are available for purchase from Patsy in the office if you can't wait until the order date. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Mary Klinger (503) 234-5147