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RICHMOND JAPANESE IMMERSION

# Richmond Shinbun

## Principal's Letter

Dear Richmond Families,

Welcome back to school! It has been so nice to see you and your children walking through Richmond's doors with smiles on your faces as you head to a new pair of classrooms for the 2007-08 school year.

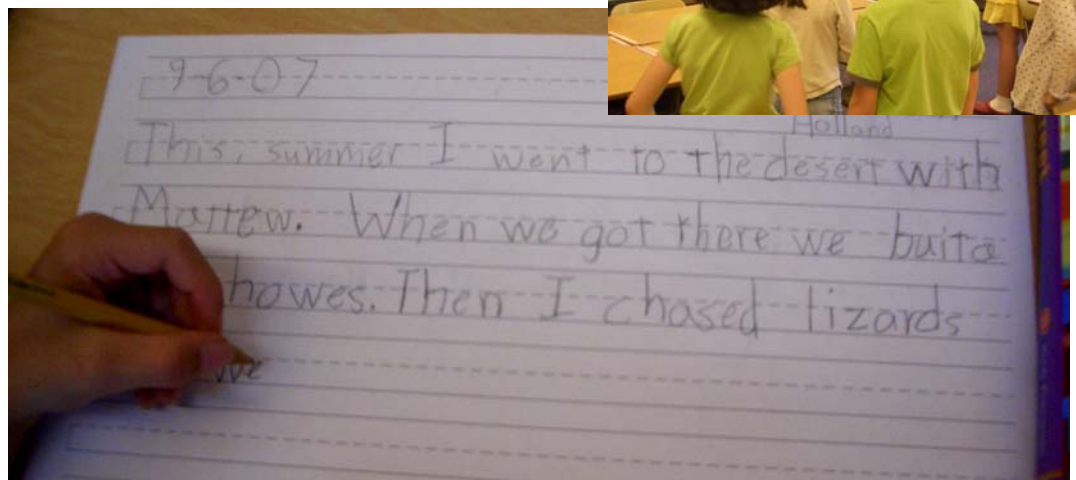
This is the first of thirty-six issues of Richmond's weekly newsletter that will come to you in three ways: 1) via your child's backpack, 2) on Richmond's web-site at [www.richmondjmp.org](http://www.richmondjmp.org), and 3) through an email alert using your grade level Listserv. Richmond's newsletter is the most reliable source for current events, announcements, and information about our Japanese immersion program. Please take a moment to scan the newsletter each week to keep yourself up-to-date on what's happening at your child's school. If you only have a second to look through the newsletter, I recommend you take the time to check these regular features:

- **Calendar of Events**—always located on the last page of the newsletter
- **Looking Ahead in Your Child's Classroom** - located on page 2 of each issue. This feature will contain brief updates for the week ahead in each grade level to help you support your child's learning.
- **Updates from P.T.A. , Richmond Foundation and Oya No Kai**  
These are the key parent groups that provide priceless support to our school program. Look for news about special events and ways to get involved.
- **Pictures** - It's my pledge to include more pictures this year to showcase the wonderful things happening throughout our school.

Writing and assembly of the Richmond Shinbun is my project each Thursday evening, so any errors or omissions are entirely mine. Please do not hesitate to share your feedback about the newsletter (the good, the bad and the ugly) so I can continue to refine this publication and make sure it truly meets your needs.

Thank you for sharing your children with us at Richmond. We love teaching and pledge to do everything in our power to make sure it's a great school year!

Kathryn Anderson, principal



# Looking Ahead in Your Child's Classroom

## PreK

Pre-Kindergarten kicked off their first week with 51 three and four year old students. The students attended school in small groups to help familiarize them with their new environment and teachers. We are thrilled to have 3 full time teachers, a full time education assistant, and 1 Japanese Intern. Pre-Kindergarten begins their full time schedule on Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jaina-sensei, Karin-sensei, Kamata-sensei & Karou-sensei

## Kindergarten & 1st Grade

## 2nd Grade

In the Japanese room 2nd graders started learning how to write their names in Katakana letters except for those whose names are written in Kanji. In math we are working on number facts up to 10. In the English class we have begun the writing process with emphasis on writing sentences that represent a complete thought. We have been playing math games that encourage team building. Next week in both classes we'll continue reviewing about the school/class rules and conflict management wheel to make our classroom environment safe.

Mrs. Naylor & Mogi-sensei

## 3rd Grade

The third grade English class has begun our new reading program and students have already completed a narrative writing sample. The first day back, we shared highlights of our summer vacations, and on Thursday, the students wrote about their adventures. What a wonderful group of writers we have! The year is off to a great start.

Ms. Martin & Parshelle-sensei



## 5th Grade

In the fifth grade classes we have been working on developing both short and long term goals. We have also been preparing and performing short skits about themes from the Richmond Student Handbook. The students have been making posters that demonstrate resolutions to problems that might occur.

Fukushima-sensei & Mr. Zeller

## 4th Grade

Fourth grade has started 2007 -2008 school year by collecting data on plants, writing narratives, making comparisons both in Reading and Math. Students will be learning multiplication, graphs, factors, and multiples in mathematics. Fourth grade students will be reading and writing in all subject areas this year.

Mrs. Jacobson

I was very impressed with all the 4th graders' positive attitude and enthusiasm. I am sure that each student will make a great progress in Japanese this year. We did a lot of speaking activities this week so that they could get used to Japanese-only environment as soon as possible. The first homework went home yesterday (September 6). I hope all of your children are practicing reading aloud our class rules MANY times. They are supposed to explain our six rules to you! I am looking forward to finding out how they did on the first homework next Wednesday.

Ando-sensei



Jaina-sensei shares a book with a new pre-school student in the Library Room, one of four rooms our pre-schoolers will use in a small-groups each day.



Lots of writing from the very first day in Beth Martin's 3rd grade classroom. This picture shows a student working on her personal narrative about a favorite summer moment.

Snapshots from the 1st week at Richmond!



1st graders reading and writing in Japanese with Mishina-sensei!



3rd graders practicing new vocabulary and pronunciation in Parshelle-sensei's Japanese classroom.



# News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

**Kristina Kallen**  
President

**Mika Obara**  
Treasurer

**Kim Tanada**  
Secretary

**Yoko Sato**  
Special Events Chairperson

***Oaks Park Family Fun Day!!!*** It's not too late to buy your ride/roller skating bracelets for our Oaks Park Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 9 from noon to 5. You can buy bracelets at the Richmond PTA table at the park (picnic area #1) on the day of the event. Just e-mail Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) and reserve your tickets. We will have additional tickets to sell; however, we would like to ensure we have enough bracelets at the gate to accommodate everyone. We will also be selling light snacks, Japanese Popsicles, and water for 0.50 each. So pack the picnic, pack up the kids and grandparents, and come on down to Oaks Park for a good old-fashioned community social. See you there!!!



***Volunteers Needed:*** If you are interested in helping sell ride bracelets or snacks on Sunday at Oaks Park, please let us know via e-mail ([Kristina Kallen kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:Kristina Kallen kmk456@comcast.net)) or just stop by the tables at the park on the day of the event. We need about 8 people to take a 1-hour shift selling items.

We are also looking for 2 volunteers to help with picture day on Tuesday, September 11 from 7:30 until dismissal. Both volunteers will receive a complimentary package A for their time and effort. If you are interested, please e-mail Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net).

***Preschool/Kindergarten Tea:*** The Richmond PTA will be hosting a preschool and kindergarten tea on Friday, September 28 at 8:15. Please join us in the cafeteria for refreshments, homemade goodies, and community building!

***General PTA Meeting:*** Thursday, September 20 will be our first general PTA from 7 to 8 in the cafeteria. This first meeting is very important so we can vote in our budget for the school year, adopt our proposed standing rules, and share information about the goals of our PTA as guided by the site council, staff, principal, and parents. We will also be conducting our membership drive that evening so become a member so you can vote. Only PTA members may participate in the voting portion of the meeting.

## ***Why Become a PTA Member?***

1. Statistics show that children whose parents are involved in their education achieve greater academic success than their counterparts whose parents are not involved.
2. As a PTA member, your vote counts! All monies raised through PTA-sponsored events are allocated according to a vote of the majority of the membership. This is your organization and we want to hear your voice!
3. As a member of the Richmond PTA, you will become a member of the oldest child advocacy group in the United States.
4. Get involved in what is happening in Salem concerning our legislative issues affecting children.
5. It is fun!!! Our Richmond PTA believes that creating a climate of fun and family-centered activities is good for the overall health of our school. Join us for our many fun events!!!

# Showcase your Business in the Oya No Kai Directory

Once again it is time to submit your business card, or other ad, as advertising in the 2007-2008 JMP Family Directory. This is the only time of year that you can take advantage of this great opportunity to advertise to your fellow JMP families for their business support. For only \$40 you can place a business-card size ad that will reach JMP families every day of the year. Full page-\$250, half page \$125 and quarter page \$75. You can contact Monica Mueller at 503-287-8677 or [Monica\\_mueller@hotmail.com](mailto:Monica_mueller@hotmail.com). Please mail this form along with your business card or ad with check payable to Oya No Kai, Inc. no later than September 21<sup>th</sup> to be included in this year's directory.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (wk) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions should be directed to Monica Mueller. Please mail this form, business card and payment to Oya No Kai, Inc. PO Box 14392, Portland, OR 97293

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## Oya No Kai Babysitting Directory

If you would like your student to be included in a directory of JMP students interested in offering babysitting services, please complete this form and return before September 21st to the Richmond office or mail to Oya No Kai, PO Box 14392, Portland, OR, 97293. This information will be included in the 2007– 2008 JMP directory.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Red Cross Certified? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Oya No Kai Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, marital status, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin.

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The Directory form only needs to be filled out if you have information that changed over the summer or you did not fill out the update form which was distributed in May 2007. Please try to have the directory form back by September 17<sup>th</sup>. You can find the directory form on Richmond's website at [www.richmondjmp.org](http://www.richmondjmp.org).

## NEW PLAYGROUND OPPORTUNITY!

The **Opus Foundation** has offered Richmond an amazing opportunity. If we raise \$5,000 for the playground, they will grant us the remaining \$15,000 needed to purchase the playground structures. They will also install the playground for us. That's a 3 to 1 donation!

Your donation of \$25 equals \$100 for Richmond.  
\$50 equals \$200  
\$250 equals \$1,000



If we raise this money now, we can have our new playground installed by the end of November! With that in mind, let's raise \$5,000 by **Friday, September 21.**

There will be a donation box in the office as well as donation forms that you can give to others. You can bring them to work, show them to your child's dentist, etc. Checks should be payable to: **Richmond PTA Playground Project.** Let's get this project completed once and for all!

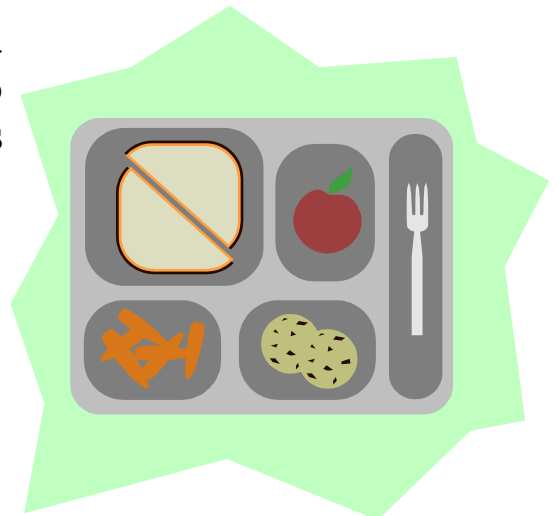
*(Submitted on behalf of the Playground Committee)*

## Important Reminder about 2007-08 School Meal Applications

Students who were receiving free or reduced price meal benefits at the end of last year must fill out a **NEW** meal application for the 2007-08 school year. Any change in free or reduced price meal benefits becomes effective as soon as the new application is processed.

**Students who have not submitted a new application will be required to pay full price for their school meals starting Thursday, October 4th, 2007.**

Nutrition Services Department  
Portland Public Schools  
503-916-3399  
[www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us)





# HUNGRY for KNOWLEDGE

## Public School Fundraisers at Lauro Kitchen

**\* Fall semester is in session! \***

<b>RICHMOND ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 19th</b>
<b>HOSFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 17th</b>
<b>LLEWELLYN ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 7th</b>
<b>ATKINSON ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 5th</b>

Gather 'round the table with friends and neighbors to support Southeast neighborhood schools. Dine with us at Lauro Kitchen on the evenings noted above and 20% of the evening's proceeds benefit important programs for Southeast's finest. No tickets or reservations required. Dinner is served from 5-9 p.m.



3377 SE Division Street | 503.239.7000

mediterranean kitchen



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 7-28, 2007

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#### Japanese Magnet Program

- Sun. Sept. 9 **Richmond Back-to-School fun at Oaks Park**, noon to 5:00 PM
- Mon. Sept. 10 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, PRE-SCHOOL & KINDER**
- Tues. Sept. 11 **Picture Day!**
- Thurs. Sept. 13 **Art Committee** of interested parents and teachers meet to make recommendations for artists-in-residence for 2007-08; staff room at 4:00 PM
- Sept. 15-16 **Festival of Japan at Uwajimaya** - Richmond students will perform at 1:40 PM on Sun. Sept. 16 and our school will have a booth with information and pictures about our Japanese immersion school
- Mon. Sept. 17 **Richmond Foundation** meeting at Richmond in the staff room 6:30-8:00 PM. Please join us!
- Wed. Sept. 19 **Hungry for Knowledge**—fundraiser for Richmond at Lauro restaurant at 33rd and SE Division, 5-9:00 PM (see flyer on previous page for details)
- Thurs. Sept. 20 **P.T.A. meeting** in the cafeteria at 7-8:00 PM
- Thurs. Sept. 27 **Curriculum Night for Grades 1-5** at 6:30-8:00 PM

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

To reach Patsy Burke, Secretary:  
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pburke1@pps.k12.or.us

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Richmond Principal:  
503-916-6220  
503-329-1681 (cell)  
keanders@pps.k12.or.us

Brooke Murphy, our new 1st gr. teacher of English, listens to a student read a piece of his writing



Heading home on one of four school buses that serve Richmond students to and from all four quadrants of the City of Portland.



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



A Richmond 5th grader gets right into the swing of writing in Mr. Zeller's classroom.