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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 2008-09 school year.

This is the first of thirty-six issues of Richmond's weekly newsletter that you can find in several easy-to-access locations: 1) Richmond's website at www.richmondjmp.org, 2) email alert using your grade level Listserv; and 3) posted each week on the bulletin board in the cafeteria.

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
- **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** of classroom teaching and learning.

Writing and assembly of the *Richmond Shinbun* is a project I share with our new office assistant, Kimberly Rose. Please do not hesitate to share your feedback about the newsletter (the good, the bad and the ugly) so we 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

Do we have your volunteer information?

Richmond has a new volunteer information packet that gives you a chance to review all of the volunteer opportunities offered in our school. You can download a copy of the packet on the Richmond website or pick one up in the school office.

Portland Public Schools requires you complete two additional forms before you can volunteer in any capacity. They are also available in the school office.

1. Confidentiality Agreement - must be completed once during your child's tenure at Richmond.
2. Criminal History Verification of Volunteers — must be completed once every three years. PPS also requires a \$5 processing fee to accompany this completed form.

Important Reminder about 2008-09 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 2008-09 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 2, 2008.

Nutrition Services Department
Portland Public Schools
503-916-3399
www.pps.k12.or.us



Mt. Tabor School Auction

Support our neighborhood middle school by joining the fun at our annual Garden Party Auction: Saturday, September 27th at Portland Nursery. Tickets are \$35 per person (price goes up to \$40 on September 17th, so buy early!). To purchase tickets, email Cindy Alford at tully@pacifier.com. Raffle tickets are also available (need not be present to win). Prizes are a brand-new Wii, 2 round trip Southwest Airlines tickets, and a framed and signed Molly Cliff Hilts print.

News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

Jeanne Kalisweski
President

Sonciray Bonnell
Vice President

Mika Obara
Treasurer

Carol Shaw
Secretary

Yoko Sato
Special Events

The PTA at Richmond welcomes everyone to the 2008-2009 school year, the 100th anniversary of Richmond Elementary School. We have some exciting events planned in the next couple of months, so please mark these on your calendar:

- **Friday September 19th at 6:30 – PTA General Meeting and Outdoor Movie Night**– Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy an early fall evening at Richmond., We will have a brief PTA general meeting followed by an outdoor screening of “Neko no Ongaeshi” or “The Cat Returns”. This is a G-rated Japanese anime film that came out in 2002. It is a charming story about a high school girl who saves a cat, then finds herself involved in a magical cat world.
- **October 4th – Harvest Fair and 100 Year Celebration** – Please look for upcoming information about this great event to be held on October 4th. Thanks to Andrea Obana, Emi Avondstondt, Etsuko Austin, Sachiko Nishikido, Angie Tomlinson, and Yoko Sato-Duncan for all the work they are doing to prepare for this event.

The PTA will also be hosting **Room Representative training on Monday September 22**. Serving as a room rep is a great way to volunteer at Richmond and contribute to your child’s class. Room Reps are responsible for maintaining classroom bulletin boards, helping organize class parties and events, and serving as a liaison between parents and classroom teachers. Thanks to those who have expressed interest in serving as a room rep. If you are interested in becoming a room rep for your child’s classroom and have not let us know, please contact either Jeanne Kaliszewski at <kaliszewski_jandj@yahoo.com> or Carol Shaw at <shawtrostel@earthlink.net>.

This year our library will be entirely run by volunteers. We will need 25-30 volunteers to help with managing our checkout system, shelving books, laminating, and reading books to classes during their weekly library time. Training will be provided and times and days can be flexible. Please indicate your interest on the Volunteer Form sent home the first day of school. The sooner we hear from you, the sooner we can begin library services for our kids. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Sara Tam at <saratam@juno.com>

We would also like to announce one change to the PTA Board. Due to some personal and professional obligations, Kim Tanada has stepped down from the PTA Board. However, Sonciray Bonnell will continue on as sole vice-President extraordinaire. Thanks to Kim for all the work and energy she has given, and continues to give, to Richmond Elementary.

Rich Coffee again!!
Starting on Sept. 22nd
In front of the library

7:40-8:20am

Coffee, English tea, Japanese tea, *Hot cocoa
Muffin (Tuesday and Friday only)

*Hot cocoa is sold only between 7:40-7:50am.

Students must finish drinking at the table before going to their classrooms.

\$1 per cup for those who bring own cup

(Richmond's 100th anniversary mug will be available for purchase soon.)

\$1.50 per cup for those who need paper cup

50 cents per muffin

\$10 for Rich coffee card -> 1 free cup upon purchasing

(You can use your Rich Coffee card from the spring.)

Please bring quarters as much as possible if paying cash.

Wanted new helpers!

Please contact Emi Avondstondt @

emiandlaur@msn.com

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 which 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**.

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

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

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.

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Saturday, October 4
11:00am-3:00pm

Richmond Elementary School
Playground

Rain or shine

Fall harvest activities and crafts,
music, garden tour, garden workshop,
plus much more.

Bring picnic lunch

This is the very first Harvest Festival at Richmond (that we know of).

Admission is free. All proceeds will benefit the PTA.

This event is a part of a series of 100th Year Anniversary events.



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Japanese Magnet Program

Mark your calendar!



Events for the weeks of September 12-30, 2008

- Sun. Sept. 14 **Richmond Back-to-School fun at Oaks Park**, noon to 4:00 PM, to benefit the 5th grade trip to Japan
- Mon. Sept. 15 **Artist-in-Residence with Takata-sensei, muralist, begins today.** Students from every grade level, every class, will begin working on the drawing portion of the two new mosaic panels long the outside cafeteria wall on SE 41st Ave. Takata-sensei will be with us this fall through the end of October.
- Scrip order day!**
- Richmond Foundation** meeting at Richmond in the staff room 6:30-8:00 PM. Please join us!
- Tues. Sept. 16 **Richmond Site Council mtg.** at 2:30-4:30 PM in the staff room
- Wed. Sept. 17 **Grandparents' Brigade mtg.** at 9:00 AM in the staff rm.
- Fri. Sept. 19 **Scrip pick-up day!**
- PTA Movie Night & General Membership Mtg. under the stars on Richmond's Playground:**
6:00 PM—Picnic, bring blanket & dinner
6:30 PM—PTA meeting
Showing of "The Cat Returns" by Mayao Miyazaki to start after meeting. Bring a flashlight for post-movie clean-up.
- Mon. Sept. 22 **Room Rep mtg.** at 8:15 AM in the staff room
- Wed. Sept. 24 **Curriculum Night for Grades 1-5** at 7:00-8:30 PM
- Fri. Sept. 26 **Seminar with Dr. Karen Rogers for parents of TAG children** at the PPS central office (501 N. Dixon), Board room, at 7-8:30 PM
- Sept. 27-28 **Festival of Japan at Uwajimaya** - Richmond will have a booth with information and pictures about our Japanese immersion school
- Mon. Sept. 29 **Scrip order day**
- Tues. Sept. 30 **Deadline for first deposit for 5th grade trip to Japan**
- Pizzicato Fund Raiser for Richmond Foundation**

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

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