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Richmond Shinbun



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear PPS Community,

Governor Ted Kulongoski this morning proposed a state budget for 2009-2011 that reflects the tough choices forced upon our state by the dismal economy, and contains some difficult news for our K-12 schools.

The Governor proposed a \$6.39 billion State School Fund to pay for Oregon's K-12 schools. That's \$147 million more than in the current two-year budget, a 2.4 percent increase over two years. By the states own reckoning, at \$6.39 billion, the State School Fund is more than \$150 million short of the amount the state would need to spend to maintain essential services.

The Governor suggested he would ask a supplemental session of the Legislature in 2010 to tap the Education Stability Fund to protect schools in the second year of the budget. To be prudent, he did not ask the Legislature to commit the funding now, in case the economy worsens.

School district's costs are rising far more than 2 percent, in health care, energy, services and supplies, and in salaries for staff, if they are to keep up with the cost of living. In addition, Oregon schools already are taking significant mid-year cuts in our state funding.

That leaves Portland Public Schools facing an uncertain budget future. We have been able to maintain our services and absorb the current state funding cut with some belt tightening and by tapping our reserves, but those reserves could quickly be exhausted.

I have asked our budget analysts to review the Governors budget closely and present a more detailed picture of our PPS financial outlook to the School Board's Finance Committee Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Today's announcement is just the first step in the process of opening a statewide conversation about how to pay for our schools over the next two years, and beyond. We promise to keep you posted, and hope you will join us in advocating for our schools and our students in Salem.

Carole Smith

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### Bank Day moves from Wednesdays to Mondays starting December 8, 2008!

Please note that due to our expanding program, space issues have led us to need to move Bank Day from Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8 in the library to Monday mornings (same time, same place). Thank you all for being flexible, and we hope this new time will work for your schedules. Change always takes a bit of adjusting, so we appreciate your flexibility. Just a reminder too - if you are using your child's bank day account as savings for their 5th grade trip here are some numbers to consider:

We have roughly 30 weeks of bank day during a school year. If your child deposits:

\$1 each week - that's \$30 a year, \$180 over 6 years if starting in kindergarten.

\$5 each week - \$150 a year, \$900 over 6 years.

\$10 each week - \$300 a year, \$1800 over 6 years (slightly under-estimated costs between \$2,000-\$2,500 for the trip).

\$20 each week - \$600 a year, \$3600 over 6 years (should cover spending money and have some to save for the 8th grade trip).

However, Bank day is not exclusively for trip savings!! It's main purpose is to encourage children to establish patterns of saving money for whatever purpose chosen by the child/family. While we only accept deposits at the school, you are free to make withdrawals at any WAMU branch. You simply need to bring your child and either their bank account number or social security number with you for them to access their account. A secondary purpose for bank day is for the students who participate as tellers. It provides a fun and safe environment to develop their people communication, information tracking, alphabetizing, computer and counting skills.

If you haven't set up an account yet, stop by and pick up a form and join us! If you have an account and haven't been depositing please put us on your schedule, and help your children see the value of saving for something they really want.

Hannah Hurley - [handcrafted\\_elegance@teleport.com](mailto:handcrafted_elegance@teleport.com)

Cathy Slyman - [claysgrill@msn.com](mailto:claysgrill@msn.com)

Bank Day co-coordinators



Portland Public Schools  
Japanese Magnet Program

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JAPANESE IMMERSION SCHOOL**

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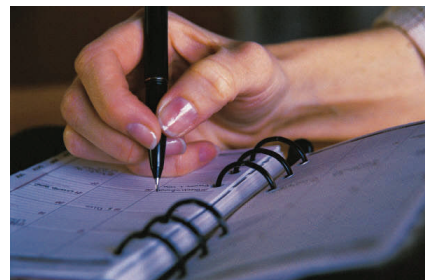
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Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

# Mark your calendar!

Events for the week of

***December 05-December 15, 2008***



Friday December 5th—12月05日金曜日

**Richmond Foundation-Burgerville Fundraiser**

*5-8pm*

**Craft Fair at Richmond**

*6-8 pm ~ Cafeteria*

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Monday December 8th—12月8日月曜日

**Scrip Order Day**

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Tuesday December 9th—12月9日火曜日

**Q & A Session with Judy Brennan**

***Enrollment & Transfer Services-PPS***

*7-8pm Mt. Tabor Middle School Cafeteria*

Questions? Call 503.236.7093

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Wednesday December 10th—12月10日水曜日

**Grandparents Brigade Meeting**

*9am ~ Staff Room*

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Monday December 15th—12月15日月曜日

**Richmond Foundation Meeting**

*6:30-8:30pm ~ Staff Room*

Parent tours are being offered at Mt. Tabor Middle School. Tours will be held 1/13, 1/14, 1/20, 1/21, 1/27, 2/3 and 2/4 from 10-11am. Please call the office at 503.916.5646 to sign up. These tours are for parents only-children are welcome to attend the Open House, which will be held February 3rd from 7-8:45pm.

# News from Richmond's Parent Teacher Association

**Jeanne Kaliszewski**

President

**Michelle Fusak**

Assistant Treasurer

**Sonciray Bonnell**

Vice President

**Carol Shaw**

Secretary

**Yoko Sato**

Special Events

**Mika Obara**

Treasurer

**Karin Schulz**

Teacher Representative

## Craft and Book Fairs this Friday Night

Please join the PTA this Friday night from 6-8 at the Richmond Craft Fair. This is a great family event and a fun way to get ready for the holidays. This year we are also happy to offer the Scholastic and Kinokuniya Book Fairs the same night.

Oya No Kai and the interns will also be participating on Friday, raising money for the internship program by selling some crafts and homemade goodies. The interns will also be hosting some craft tables. We are so happy to have their participation this year. Coffee will also be sold to support our Save the Elms program.

Finally, the PTA will be collecting gently used warm and clean children's clothes for the PTA clothes closet and canned goods for the Oregon Food Bank. Please consider making a donation on Friday.

Thank you to Suzanne Munro and Yoko Sato for chairing this remarkable event and all who volunteer to help our kids make some wonderful creations!

## No Christmas Tree Sale this Year

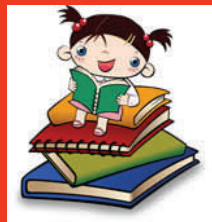
Due to some changes in the insurance coverage at the Reid family's Figgy Pudding Farm, the PTA will not be sponsoring a Christmas Tree Sale. This was a great event and we are sorry we could not offer it this year. If you have any questions please contact Jeanne Kaliszewski at [kaliszewski\\_jandj@yahoo.com](mailto:kaliszewski_jandj@yahoo.com).



## Thank to Everyone for Conference Week

Thanks to all who brought food for the teachers and staff during conference week. And of course, thanks to our amazing teachers, staff, and principal for making that week a success.

***\*PS-For all of you wonderful volunteers who brought food, please remember to retrieve your dishware from the staff lounge. Thanks again!***



Richmond Foundation 2008-09 Annual Parent Pledge Drive

## RICHMOND'S EXCELLENCE DEPENDS ON YOU!

今、あなたの援助を  
お願いします。



- Twice a year, once in the Fall and once again in the Spring, parents at Richmond donate to the Richmond School Foundation to support smaller class sizes, essential additional staff and educational excellence at our school.
- Over the last three years, your donations have funded a reading specialist (three yrs. ago), and an additional 1st grade teacher (two yrs. ago), and an additional 4/5th grade teacher (last year).
- Participation is essential for success. More than 50% parents have donated in each of the last two years. We are seeking for 66% or higher this year.
- Suggested donation is, as always, the same amount as kindergarten families pay each month for tuition (\$320 this year). However, any gift, no matter how large or small, matters.

### The entire staff supports this effort!

*Richmond has successfully maintained small class sizes with a lower student-to-teacher ratio than other schools due to your donations.*

Questions: contact Andy Felcher, RSF President at [felcher@comcast.net](mailto:felcher@comcast.net).

Please donate once in  
the Fall and once  
in the Spring.

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.





## WHY DO I GIVE TO RICHMOND SCHOOL FOUNDATION?

Each month in the *Richmond Shinbun*, the Richmond School Foundation (RSF) is going to highlight a piece from a foundation member or other Richmond parent on why they donate to the foundation. In addition, we'll give you an update on the progress of the Richmond Parent Pledge Drive. You are all amazing parents and your support of your children's education is remarkable. Last month, Rich Shawen wrote an inspiring piece how his daughter motivates him to donate to the foundation. This month, Andy Felcher, the foundation president, will give his reasons for donating to the foundation.

### WHY I DONATE TO THE RICHMOND SCHOOL FOUNDATION:

Dear Richmond Parents,

I donate to the Richmond School Foundation because I believe in good public education and I believe that when we all do our part and work together, we are stronger than as individuals. A school is about a community. And our school community thrives when we all do our part in a way that work for each of us.

Like most of us, I went to public school from kindergarten all the way thru high school. I loved it and the education was very good and prepared me well for college and beyond. In those days, public schools were generally well-funded and high quality. But that was more than 25 years ago. (Don't tell anyone how old I am!) Sure, there were fund-raising events back then...but it was a different time. My parents had bake sales to raise money for extras like camping trips and science fairs. A sound public education system was a given and was adequately funded by the state. My parents never needed to raise money for teachers, music, gym, art...class sizes were all under 24-26.

While I continue to believe a good public school education is essential for our children, times have changed around us. The level of funding for public education has not kept up with the expense of a quality education. It may provide enough for an "average" education, but not an "above average" or an "exceptional" one.

As the president of the Richmond School Foundation, you may be surprised to hear me say this, but I wish we did not have a need for a school foundation. I find it appalling that we need to raise money in order to have reasonable staffing at our school and a high quality education. And maybe someday we won't need to raise funds to supplement inadequate state funding. But at present, if we don't do it, no one else will. For our own kids' sake, I do not want to stand by and have children miss out on the possibility of a better education. It is not worth it to me to make a statement and not supplement our own children's education if we can do it. Their future is not worth the gamble.

So in the end, there are two simple reasons I donate to the Richmond School Foundation. (1) The first is that I believe there is little that is more important than my children's education. There is nothing more important than a good education to help you in your way in the world...whether you want to be a forester, a graphic designer, a doctor, a dancer, a salesman or whatever. It all begins with an excellent primary education. Without the added funds donated by parents for staff at our school, we would not have the exceptional dual-language program we have. (2) The second reason is that I believe we are a community and we can do great things by working together. The basis of the Richmond School Foundation fundraising ethos is that we all participate. We do not have a large event that counts on the generosity of a few. Instead, we have a parent pledge drive that asks everyone to do something...big or small, once or twice, whatever way you can and works for you.

And it is working: each year, more and more families are participating at levels big and small. Over the last four years, the number of families and total raised have continued to rise with more than 50% of families contributing. If 100% of parents donate \$320 twice this year, we will raise \$268,800...enough for 2.6 additional teachers. Small class sizes with art and music anyone? Why not dream?

Our school is exceptional. And it starts with active parents and great teachers and staff.

Thank you to all of you.

Sincerely,

Andy Felcher

Parent of Aaron (JMP4), Nathan (JMP4) and Talia (JMP1)

Email <felcher@comcast.net>

## **RICHMOND FOUNDATION MONTHLY UPDATE:**

The fall half of the parent pledge drive ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we are further along at this time of year than at any year in the past. Parents, grandparents, other family members continue to increase participation and donations at an amazing pace. All of you must agree with Benjamin Franklin that "an investment in education is the wisest investment." Thank you to all the generous families.

- **TOTAL AMOUNT:** As of December 2, we have raised **\$17,069** for staffing at Richmond.
- **OVERALL PARTICIPATION:** The percent of parent participation is already at **13%**.
- **INCREASING EVERY YEAR:** This is, once again, more in total and participation at this point than last year. Every year, families are donating in higher and higher numbers. Your support of your children's education is awesome.

### **HOW TO DONATE:**

It is easy, it is consistent and it is the same every year....donate the equivalent of one month's K tuition twice a year – once in the fall and once in the spring. This year, that amount is \$320. But also, if this amount does not work for you, any amount, no matter how big or small, makes a difference. It is by working together that we make a big difference.

- **DONATE BY CHECK:** We passed out many flyers in your children's mailboxes...each has a donation form on the back...hopefully these are making home to you. Or you can find it on our webpage on the Richmond JMP Website at <<http://www.richmondjmp.org/docs/rsf/RSF%20Donation%20Form%202008-2009.pdf>>
- **DONATE ONLINE:** Maybe easiest is to go the secure online site of Portland School Foundation. 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!)
- **DONATE MONTHLY:** You can also set up a monthly donation...many parents have done this as it is easier to give a smaller amount once-a-month for many families. It works out to \$53/month. You can email our treasurer to set this up. Tim Gooding ([timjgooding@aol.com](mailto:timjgooding@aol.com)).

### **DONOR LIST AS OF NOVEMBER 28, 2009:**

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, 2008 thru the beginning of this week. We continuously update this list each week. It is up to date as of November 26th, 2008. If, however, an error has been made, please accept our apologies and notify Tim Gooding ([timjgooding@aol.com](mailto:timjgooding@aol.com)). Thank you Richmond Community! You are helping keep our school exceptional!

<b>NAME</b>	Mueller, Monica	Yanase, Craig & Lisa
Anonymous	Nakamura, Motoya & Beth	
Anonymous	Ninomiya, Harue	<b>BUSINESS/RESTAURANTS</b>
Bauer, Maxine & Burt, Rich	Obara, Mika & Wong, Chon	Clinton St Theater
Brakstad, Erik & Ciarlo, Catherine	Ozaki, Alyce	iGive.com
Chrisman, Charles & Shinobu	Peters, Doug & O'Brien, Colleen	Academy Theatre
Clark, Norm & Ozaki, Mona	Reents, Brad & Yoshiko	Lauro
Deeb, Inad	Rivas, Mark & Julie	Pizzicato
Diffely, NT & RJ	Schallert, Deborah	Noho's Hawaiian Café
Dragich, Melissa	Shapiro, Manya	Oregon Buddhist Women's Assn.
Felcher, Andrew & Wolf, Ariane	Shawen, Richard & Kari	Sather, Byerly & Holloway
Felix, Don	Shiozawa, Kazuomi	
Fischer, Jon & Robinson-Fischer,	Skiles, Paul	<b>MATCHING</b>
Amy	Slyman, Jean (grandparent)	
Heming, Karie	Takashima, Kaz & Marcie	Pepsico
Hinkle, Stephanie	Tam, Sara & Gooding, Tim	Portland General Electric
Hoesly, Fred & Mae (grandparents)	Thomas, Rand & Starr Thomas, Amy	Nike
Lehman, Stalky & Judy	Thorp, Micah & Nicole	HSBC
Luers, William & Katie	Tomlinson, Mark & Angie	Wells Fargo
Mays, Sally & Head, Robert	Uchiyama, Dawn & Sadafumi	Applied Materials
McGraw, Kara	Umberger, Helen	Boeing

TWENTIETH ANNUAL  
ORIGAMI WORKSHOP  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2008  
1:00-3:00PM

MEZZANINE LEVEL  
**Two World Trade Center. Portland, Oregon**  
**(SW First Avenue-between Salmon and Taylor Streets)**

FREE ADMISSION

**At the 20th Annual Origami Workshop, volunteers from the local community will teach participants the Japanese art of paper folding!**  
*Thousand Cranes, Advanced Decorative Box, Wreath & More!*

Sponsored by  
Consulate-General of Japan in Portland  
Cosponsored by  
Japan-America Society of Oregon  
Portland General Electric

RICHMOND SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER



FRESH • LOCAL • SUSTAINABLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SE POWELL AND 26TH AVE  
(ACROSS FROM CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL)

Enjoy a convenient dinner out before Richmond's Craft Fair night and help raise money for the Richmond School Foundation.

**Burgerville will donate 10% of total sales between 5-8 p.m.**

Money raised for the Richmond School Foundation is dedicated to supporting increased teaching and staff positions for the Richmond Japanese Magnet Program

# RICH COFFEE AGAIN!!

In front of the Library

7:45-8:30am

Coffee, English tea, Japanese tea, \*Hot cocoa

Muffin (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only)

\*Hot cocoa is sold only between 7:45-7:55am.

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

\$1 per cup for those who bring own cup  
(*Richmond's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary stainless  
travel mug will be available soon.*)

\$1.50 per cup for those who need paper cup  
(*We are promoting "less trash".*)

50 cents per muffin

\$10 for Rich coffee card ->

1 free cup upon purchasing  
(*You can use your Rich Coffee  
card from the spring.*)



## **Wanted: New Helpers!**

Please contact Emi Avondstondt @ [emiandlaur@msn.com](mailto:emiandlaur@msn.com)

Emi Avondstondt, Etsuko Austin and Sachiko Nishikido are the  
Rich Coffee Volunteering Moms!



## 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 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**.

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](mailto: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!!!**

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### Save Our Elms Coffee Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 = \$
<b>Totals</b>			



# Richmond 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary

Special events for 2008-2009 at Richmond Elementary School

## December

- ♦ Double book fairs Scholastic and Kinokuniya  
Purchase some English books and Japanese books at Richmond.
- ♦ Portland Taiko Concert
- ♦ Craft fair and 100 x 10 cranes

## January

- ♦ New Year Celebration

## May

- ♦ Spring Festival and 100 scavenger hunts

100<sup>th</sup> year PTA Special Event Committee:

Angie Tomlinson

Emi Avondstondt

Etsuko Austin

Sachiko Nishikido

## Special goods

- ♦ 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary T-shirts (limited quantity)
- ♦ 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary stainless travel mugs (limited quantity)  
\* contact Sachiko Nishikido ([stepn55@gmail.com](mailto:stepn55@gmail.com)) for pre-orders
- ♦ 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary photo books (May 2009)  
\* contact Angie Tomlinson ([angieT@bes.ci.Portland.or.us](mailto:angieT@bes.ci.Portland.or.us)) if you like to take pictures for the photo books

## Richmond History Research

Find interesting facts about Richmond elementary school and send it to Jean Mittelstaedt.  
([jeanm@web-strider.com](mailto:jeanm@web-strider.com)) She will put it on the site: <http://www.richmondjmp.org/history.html>

## And more!!

Contact Angie Tomlinson ([angieT@bes.ci.Portland.or.us](mailto:angieT@bes.ci.Portland.or.us)) if you want to help with the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary projects.