

December 12, 2008

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JAPANESE IMMERSION SCHOOL

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Interested in Calligraphy?

Master calligrapher Daigo-sensei has 5 spots remaining in her after-school calligraphy program. Students must be in at least second grade, and must furnish their own *shodo* kits. The class meets every other Wednesday from 2:45-3:30pm in room 208 at Richmond. Lessons are \$20 per month. If you are interested, please contact Kiyoka Ogura at kiyokao@yahoo.com for more details.

A GREAT RESOURCE!

Here is the address for a great parenting website called “Babble”. The especially interesting article “Bilingual Education: Si or Non?” can be found there, and has also been added to Richmond’s website for your reading pleasure!

<http://www.babble.com/bilingual-education-for-children-good-or-bad-dual-language-programs-no-child-left-behind-standardized-testing-french/index4.aspx>



TREES FOR OUR TRIP!



Come on out to **Figgy Pudding Farm** in Beavercreek between 10am and dusk on Saturday, December 13th and between noon and dusk on Sunday, December 14th and find your perfect Christmas Tree! **A portion of the sale from each tree bought by JMP customers will go to the 5th grade Cultural Exchange Trip Fund!** So, be sure when you buy your tree to mention “JMP!” There will also be warm treats and cozier indoor temperatures available in the Fellowship Hall near the Tree Lot. Trees will be cut the morning of the sale—doesn’t get any fresher than that!

Christmas Tree Fundraiser from Figgy Pudding Farm!

Come to Beavercreek United Church of Christ
on Saturday December, 13th or Sunday, December 14th
to get a FRESH-CUT Christmas Tree
proceeds from every JMP sale donated to JMP!



*six miles south on Beavercreek Road from Hwy 213
go to www.bucc.org for directions

Directions to the Farm:

From 205 (N or S)-Take Exit 10.
Head S on 213 for 3.2 miles.

LEFT onto Beavercreek Road

STAY on Beavercreek Road for 6.6 miles (through two very sharp curves to the left and then the right).

The Beavercreek United Church of Christ is on a steep hill on the RIGHT about 1 mile past the Beavercreek Firehouse and has a shiny green roof.

SEE YOU THERE!



Portland Public Schools
Japanese Magnet Program

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Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

Mark your calendar!



Events for the week of

December 12-December 19, 2008

Friday December 12th—12月12日 金曜日

Scrip Pickup Day

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Sunday December 14th—12月14日 日曜日

Richmond Performance @ Pioneer Courthouse Square

12:45-1:30 pm

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Monday December 15th—12月15日 月曜日

Scrip Order Day

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Tuesday December 16th—12月16日 火曜日

Site Council Meeting

2:30-4:30pm

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Wednesday December 17th—12月17日 水曜日

Parent & Child Calligraphy Class with Daigo-Sensei

2:30-3:30

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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.

Richmond Elementary



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Holiday Craft Night a Huge Success

Richmond's cafeteria was filled to capacity with crafty kids and their parents last Friday night. Ornaments were made, canned goods donated, and lots of fun was had by all!!!!!!

Richmond families donated \$31 and 6 bags of groceries for the Oregon Food Bank. Also, two big hefty bags of warm, clean clothes were sent on to the PTA Clothes Closet which provides clothes to school-aged children from Portland Public Schools.

Thank you so much to all the families who attended, to all the amazing parents who led tables and helped our kids create unique holiday gifts, and to Suzanne Munro and Yoko Sato for once again organizing such a fun family evening. Thank you and arigato gozaimasu!

Scholastic and Kinokuniya Book Fairs

Last week was a big week! The Scholastic and Kinokuniya Book fairs were also hugely successful. Many thanks to Kinokuniya, who will donate 10% of their book sales back to Richmond. With the earlier 10% donation from the pre-sale, Richmond was able to buy 12 books for our Japanese classrooms. Many parents also purchased books for the Japanese classrooms from teachers' wish lists. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have not picked up your pre-ordered Kinokuniya books, you can get them from the Rich Coffee table any morning before school. If that is not convenient, please contact Yoko Sato at duncan.s@comcast.net.

And again (I know this may be getting tedious) thanks to Yoko Sato, special events coordinator extraordinaire.

And finally, many thanks to Sara Tam, our Richmond book guru, who organized the Scholastic Book Fair. And thanks to the parents who volunteered at the Scholastic Book Fair (I hope your eyes have recovered from the low light conditions!).





Going on now! Richmond School Library Japanese Book Drive 2008

Currently, Richmond's library doesn't have an adequate number of Japanese language children's books for the size of our school. (Less than one book per student.) This will become more of an issue as our school enrollment increases by at least 100 students per year over the next 3 years. Japanese books can be expensive so, the Richmond Library is collecting used (or new) Japanese language books to help expand our school's collection. (See guidelines below.)

Drop-off sites: Mailbox outside Richmond's library or your child's classroom

Please be sure to let us know who made the donation, so we can attach a bookplate(s) in your name. thank you!

Guidelines for book donations

- ❖ Gently used or new, paperback or hardcover, books
 - ❖ Appropriate content, pictures, and language for elementary age children (PreK thru 5th grade)
 - ❖ All genres accepted: reference, fiction, non-fiction, board books, folktales, manga/graphic novels
- ❖ Richmond's Japanese Book Committee will review all materials to determine which books will be included in the library.
- ❖ Questions? Please contact Sara Tam, [sarata...@juno.com](mailto:saratam@juno.com)

Thank you! Arigato gozaimasu!





The Cultural Center Committee beats the rain and installs the Pacific Northwest section of the Teaching Garden at the entrance to the school. While there is still sod and fencing yet to arrive (and two fruit trees in January), coastal pines harvested from forest service land in Newport are pruned and in place along with vine maples and other natives. Garden designer Sada Uchiyama gave volunteers a lesson in pruning trees and tying knots to secure bamboo barriers and plant supports. Along with the parent volunteers our amazing staff members, Dan Alexander and Kimberly Rose, along with her partner Nathan Pancoast, deserve our thanks and appreciation for their support and hard work. Thanks so much to our dedicated team last Saturday; Sada Uchiyama, Mike Baker, Artie and Cindy Gunderson, Matt Kallen, Bill Malone, Joe "Knot Master" Cameron, and Chun Wong.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Cultural Center Committee please contact Catherine Malone at catherinem@harsch.com.

THANK YOU!

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, 2008 thru the beginning of this week. We continuously update this list each week. It is up to date as of December 10th, 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

Anonymous
Anonymous
Bauer, Maxine & Burt, Rich
Brakstad, Erik & Ciario, Catherine
Chrismar, Charles & Shinobu
Clark, Norm & Ozaki, Mona
Deeb, Imad
Diffely, NT & RJ
Dragich, Melissa
Felcher, Andrew & Wolf, Ariane
Felix, Don
Fischer, Jon & Robinson-Fischer, Amy
Gregor, Jennifer & David
Gumann, Steven & Potter, Amanda
Heming, Karie
Hinkle, Stephanie
Hoesly, Fred & Mae (grandparents)
Lehman, Stalky & Judy
Luers, William & Katie
Mays, Sally & Head, Robert
McGraw, Kara
Mueller, Monica
Munro, Suzanne & McGranaghan, Mark
Nakamura, Motoya & Beth
Ninomiya, Harue
Obara, Mika & Wong, Chon
Olenich, Mark & Harumi
Ozaki, Alyce
Peters, Doug & O'Brien, Colleen
Powers, Morgan & Kai, Mary
Reents, Brad & Yoshiko
Rivas, Mark & Julie
Schallert, Deborah
Shapiro, Manya

Shawen, Richard & Kari

Shiozawa, Kazuomi
Skiles, Paul
Slyman, Jean (grandparent)
Takashima, Kaz & Marcie
Tam, Sara & Gooding, Tim
Thomas, Rand & Starr Thomas, Amy
Thompson, John & Sweeney-Thompson, Catherine
Thorp, Micah & Nicole
Tomlinson, Mark & Angie
Uchiyama, Dawn & Sadafumi
Umberger, Helen
Yanase, Craig & Lisa
Zehava, Angela

BUSINESS/RESTAURANTS

Clinton St Theater
iGive.com
Academy Theatre
Lauro
Pizzicato
Noho's Hawaiian Café
Oregon Buddhist Women's Assn.
Sather, Byerly & Holloway

MATCHING

PepsiCo
Portland General Electric
Nike
HSBC
Wells Fargo
Applied Materials
Boeing

THANK YOU!

CRAFT FAIR!

The cafeteria was filled with industrious children busily creating gifts and holiday decorations on Friday night, Dec. 5. The children had the choice of sixteen craft activities, three of which were organized by our dedicated interns! Making fish prints, putting together decorative lanterns, and frosting holiday cookies were among the many wonderful activities planned by parent volunteers. In addition, for the second year, 5th grade class parents sold food as a trip fund raiser. One table in particular had a poignant story behind it, as related in the following message from Deborah Weekley, a community member who organized the popular beading table:

We had a good time last evening, wow was it busy! Last year we had two tables. This year there were no extra tables and it was crowded all evening. This is a wonderful thing to see at Richmond. I want you to know that we left a large cardboard box of beads and lacing....I left a piece of paper in it to let you know who donated it. Fumi had recently been placed in an adult foster care facility due to Alzheimer's [disease]. We are very sad. However a beautiful part of her life has been her many crafting activities. I believe some of her grandchildren attend or have attended Richmond. One of her last acts was to donate her crafting supplies to the church. We separated out all of the plastic beads and bells and used them last evening. It would make her very happy.

Deborah Weekley, Epworth Church



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 100th 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

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 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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Richmond 100th 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

100th year anniversary committee:

Angie Tomlinson
Emi Avondstondt
Etsuko Austin
Sachiko Nishikido

Special goods

- ♦ 100th year anniversary T-shirts (limited quantity)
- ♦ 100th year anniversary stainless travel mugs (limited quantity)
*contact Sachiko Nishikido (stepn55@gmail.com) for pre-orders
- ♦ 100th year anniversary photo books (May 2009)
*contact Angie Tomlinson (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) She will put it on the site: <http://www.richmondjmp.org/history.html>

And more!!

Contact Angie Tomlinson (angieT@bes.ci.Portland.or.us) if you want to help with the 100th year anniversary projects.