



Richmond Shinbun

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Kurabu Summer Camp 2009

Kurabu is a Japanese summer day camp for children who are entering kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall of 2009 and are currently in a Japanese immersion program or who speak Japanese at home. It will take place at Mt. Tabor Middle School in collaboration with Portland Parks and Recreation SUN Community School program.

Please go to the Richmond website at richmondjmp.org, click on “News & Information” and then “Forms & Documents”. You will find the Kurabu registration form under “Oya No Kai”.

Absence Line
503-916-3667

Richmond Calendar

March 23-27	SPRING BREAK
March 30:	Scrip Order Day
March 30:	PPS Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 PM
March 31:	Hearing Screening Re-check Day
April 3:	2nd Day of Hearing Screening Re-checks
April 13:	SWITCH DAY
April 15	Naylor/Mogi to Franz Bakery
April 21:	SITE Council Meeting 2:30-4:30 PM
April 24:	Spring for the Arts Day 10:00 AM—K, 1, & 2 1:15 PM — PreK, 3, 4, & 5
April 28:	MAD Science begins again
May 1:	Kapranos/Fujiwara to Franz Bakery
May 16:	Spring Festival at Richmond
May 21:	Safety Patrol Picnic—Oaks Park
June 8:	Field Day
June 10:	Last Day of School!!

PTA News

The PTA will have lots of news and events coming to Richmond after Spring Break. Things to look forward to are: Spring for the Arts, PTA goals and survey results, Spring Festival, and the Book Fair. In the meantime, please enjoy a happy, healthy, and (hopefully) warm Spring Break!



School Choice Lottery Update

The School Choice deadline was March 13th. Below are our final numbers of applicants who have completed all steps to be included in the lottery process. Results will be mailed out on May 1st.

Grade Apps.	Transfer Slots Available	1 st Choice Apps.	2 nd Choice Apps.	3 rd Choice
PreK	39	55	0	0
Kindergarten	78	83	7	2
1st	7	16	1	1
2nd	18	1	1	1
3rd	20	1	0	0
4th	4	0	0	0
5th	2	0	0	0

TAG News

Teachers will be sending home TAG plans for newly identified students to your homes by April 1st. Parents need to return the plans to their child's English teacher by April 19th.

To All TAG Parents: The summer Saturday Academy's catalogue is on the black table outside of the school office.

Some Kind Words from Mr. Zeller

Patsy and Liz Nominated as Local Heros



Can you believe that Patsy is now temporarily stepping up to publish the newsletter? Meanwhile nearby, Liz scoops a crying child up into her arms; the wail falls to a soft sob, a whimper and finally just the sweet sound of a child's resting breath? As Richmond is caught in the midst of a tumultuous spring with report cards, field trips, playground accidents and more, Richmond Administrative Assistants continuously rush to put out the fires with calm voices and smiles on their faces. In addition to the umpteen million extra duties that principals, parents, and teachers request, the newsletter too? Wow! While we all pull up our bootstraps to sprint to the finish line and enjoy some relaxation time with our friends and families, let us remember our blessings. I'd like to suggest that in the honor of doing so, we stop and appreciate all the work that happens in the office on a regular basis to help the Richmond community thrive and grow through it all. I'd like to nominate these two for the First Annual Local Hero's Award. Thanks you two.

Going Green

Thanks to the sustained work of Kristen Bacon-Brenes and Julie Gefroh, the devoted fifth graders and many other parents who are washing dishes to help out, Richmond is going 'Green' There are now reusable trays, cloth aprons and now Compost Fridays. Worm bins are coming soon so we can transform our food scraps into compost and then fresh veggies. Way to go Richmond!

Please send your newsletter submissions to pburke1@pps.k12.or.us by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.