



# Richmond Shinbun

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## Spring for the Arts

### April 24th

Spring for the Arts is on Friday, April 24th on the Richmond school field. It is our very own Richmond arts run where students run laps that are sponsored by generous donors. **ALL money raised goes to Richmond arts education.** Thank you donors!

Sponsor Sheets are due on Tuesday, April 21st.

Look for sponsor sheets in cubbies and backpacks.

Let's run for the arts!

## Richmond Calendar

- April 7: Cultural Center Committee Meeting at 5:30 in the Staff Room — All Welcome!
- April 8: 4th Grade Concert at the Schnitzer 9:00-12:30
- April 10: School in Session (Snow Make-up Day)
- April 13: **SWITCH DAY**
- April 13: Scrip Order Day
- April 14: Green Team Meeting at 6:30 in the Staff Room
- April 14: Garden Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM - Staff Rm.
- April 15: Naylor/Mogi to Franz Bakery
- April 16: Paint Party—Upstairs Hall—6:00-9:00 PM
- 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
- May 25: No School— Memorial Day
- June 8: Field Day
- June 10: Last Day of School!!



### Come to the Paint Party!

The Cultural Center Committee is going to paint the already-primed corridor in the main upstairs hallway on Thursday, April 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Please wear your old clothes and join us. Email Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net) to sign up!

**Absence Line**

**503-916-3667**

**Art4Life News:** Art4Life will be providing care for pre-K through 5th grade next year at Richmond. Enrollment forms come out on May 1st, returning parents have until the last day of school to enroll, and after that it is open enrollment. Please call Art4Life @ Richmond 503 962-9466 with any questions you might have.



## PTA News

**Save the Date, Lots of Dates** — the PTA has a lot of wonderful events planned for the spring, so save the dates for the following events:

Spring for the Arts: April 24th

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 4-8th

Spring Festival: May 16th

**Book Swap:** A book is a terrible thing to waste! Bring your gently used books to the Spring Festival on May 16th and go home with 'new to you' reading. Bring easy reading, beginning chapter books, or chapter books to the Spring Festival and we will have a swap. If you are interested in volunteering for this great event at Spring Festival, please contact 1st grade parent Kim Dody at [kimdody@mac.com](mailto:kimdody@mac.com). Thanks!



## Green Team News

Reusable Lunch Trays are in the cafeteria! We have one dedicated volunteer loading the trays into the dishwasher from 11:15 to 12:00 each day. We're realizing the job goes so much quicker with a second helper who can stack and put trays away. We're looking for two to three more volunteers who can commit to coming into the cafeteria one day a week to help dry and stack trays. Interested in helping out? Please contact Julie Gefroh, [jbgefroh@gmail.com](mailto:jbgefroh@gmail.com), 503-736-9976. Are you interested in seeing other environmental learning and wellness activities in the school? The Green Team could use some volunteer help to increase our recycling efforts, energy conservation, waste reduction. There are also other opportunities to investigate with the Safer Routes to School program. The Green Team meets at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month in the Staff Room. Please join us! If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to get involved, contact Julie Gefroh.



## PTA Plant Sale

Don't forget to turn in your order form for these gorgeous locally grown plants by Monday, April 13th! A hanging basket makes a great Mother's Day gift, and the plants will be delivered just in time.....May 7th! You can turn in your order forms in the office in the designated plant sale order form box. If you can't find a form or have some questions about the sale, please email Kristina Kallen at [kmk456@comcast.net](mailto:kmk456@comcast.net). Thanks for supporting your Richmond PTA!



### **Camp Westwind is Full**

We're sorry to report that Camp Westwind is full for Memorial Day weekend. There will be a 2nd weekend scheduled for family camping, scheduled in the near future. We'll keep you posted!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Supporting the 5th Grade Cultural Exchange**

**Saturday, April 18th from 12:00 to 5:00 PM**

The 5th grade class will be hosting a Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Saturday, April 18th at the Lloyd Center store from Noon to 5:00 PM.

We will be in the children's section where your child can make origami and bookmarks and buy a few books! There will be teachers' wish-list books available to purchase.

Curious George will be there at 11:00 AM and at 1:00 PM.

April 18th begins Barnes & Noble's Educator Appreciation Week, where teachers will receive a 25% discount on books they buy. Barnes & Noble will be giving us a percentage of their sales from the afternoon.



### **Redefining the Japanese Immersion Experience: Roadmap To Superior Proficiency:**

PreK –12 Portland Public Schools (PPS) Japanese Immersion parents, students, and community members are invited to learn more about the significant changes happening at the secondary level in the PPS Japanese Immersion Program and the opportunities surrounding these changes.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carl Falsgraf, Director of the Center for Applied Second Language Studies at UO

### **Intern Assembly**

All Richmond students enjoyed the play of "Ponta no jidouhanbaiki" (Ponta's vending machine) by our wonderful interns on March 11th. It was a story about friendship and each intern became a fun animal character, including "Totoro". There was a nice piano accompaniment and singing. After their show, our students said some warm "thank you" words to them and sang a song. It was a heartfelt moment and there were many wonderful feelings. Some of the interns have already gone back to Japan and we wish them well. Thank you for sharing your great talents throughout the year for our Richmond community!

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