



Richmond Shinbun

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Our Lost & Found is Overflowing!

Please come by the Lost & Found tables in the breezeway and pick up your child's lost belongings. It's overwhelming how much we have at the moment! Remember that we periodically send our Lost & Found items to the PTA Clothes Closet, so don't wait until the end of the year to claim your child's coat/backpack/lunch-box, etc.
Thanks.



Richmond Calendar

May 4-8th	Staff Appreciation Week
May 11	Scrip Order Day
May 15	Scrip Pick-up Day
May 14	Battle of the Books at Mt. Tabor
May 16	Spring Festival at Richmond
May 21	Safety Patrol Picnic—Oaks Park
May 22	3rd Grade Field Trip— Early City Tour- 9:30 AM - 2:10 PM
May 22	Last Day of Boys & Girls Club
May 25	No School— Memorial Day
June 2	4th Grade Field Trip— Champoeg— 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
June 3	Jr. Rose Parade
June 4	Zoo Field Trip— Kindergarten & 5th Grade— 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
June 8	Field Day
June 10	Last Day of School!!

Spring for the Arts – WOW!!!

Spring for the Arts was an great success. Your kids were so amazing! Thanks to Sonciray Bonnell, Mr. Kuney, and all the parent and grandparent volunteers who helped out on that day.

Donations are due back at Richmond on Tuesday, May 5. Please make all checks out to Richmond PTA and attach your sponsor sheet to your money.

We will hold an assembly to announce the “winners” (I hate to use that word since everyone did great) on Tuesday May 12th (9:30 for PK-1st, 10:00 for 2nd-5th). We should also be able to announce how much money was collected for arts at Richmond at that time.

Thanks everyone!!!!

Staff Appreciation Week

Here are some ways you and your kids can let Richmond's teachers and staff know how much you appreciate them:

Clean their classroom on Monday— if you are available Monday afternoon from 2:30-4:00 to help with this small gift, please contact your room rep or sign up at your child's classroom.

Bring some food on Wednesday— we are still looking for potluck donations, so please contact Kimmie Brunke at bkimmie@comcast.net.

Buy them a coffee coupon – Rich Coffee is offering teacher coupons for sale. Please consider sending a little caffeine!

Help your child make a thank you card – envelopes are up in the cafeteria.

Garden News: It's really starting to feel like Spring! Every grade level is spending some time in the garden now. You can see new growth emerging every week — come and check it out. Our kids and volunteers could use a little extra support from us to do some of the work around the edges. Work parties are a great way to work and have fun together. Have your child show you what they have done in the garden. Here is the schedule through the end of the year (we might add one or two more):

Friday, May 8th from 2:30—4:30. Meet in the South Garden — Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, and if you have a wheel barrow, bring that too!

Saturday, May 9th from 9:30—12:00: Meet in the South Garden — Bring gloves, shovels, rakes and wheel barrows.

Monday, May 18th from 2:30—4:30: Meet in the South Garden — Bring gloves, shovels, rakes and wheel barrows.

Thursday, May 7th: Delivery of New Leaf Greenhouse plants — Volunteers needed to unload and sort plants. Contact Denise Nontavarnit at ocean3kai@yahoo.com

Don't forget to purchase your plant starts grown by our school community at the Spring Festival!

Spring Festival Bike Raffle: Support the 5th Grade Cultural Exchange and get a chance to win an amazing red Electra Fat Tire Collector's Edition bike. Tickets are on sale for \$5 in the office, through 5th Grade parents, and at the Spring Festival. The lucky winner will be announced at the close of Spring Festival. You do not need to be present to win!



Attendance Line is 503-916-3667
Please call this number when:

- When your child is absent
- When your child will be late
- Non-urgent messages before 1:00

Richmond Taiko



Richmond Taiko group did a great performance on Sunday, April 19th for the Toyama Speech Contest at World Trade Center in down Portland. Fourteen students, grades 2 through 5) did their energetic Taiko drum performance and entertained the audience.

Swine Flu Update: At this time, there are no known cases in Oregon, hospitals haven't reported an increase in serious respiratory illness, and seasonal influenza cases are declining. That being said, routine prevention efforts are extremely important in decreasing the likelihood of the spread of diseases, including swine influenza, these efforts include:

- Frequent hand-washing
- Covering your cough (with inside of elbow or sleeve, not hand)
- Staying home from work or school when you are sick
- Only going to a hospital in an emergency situation



We are collaborating with our regional and state partners and watching this situation carefully as things can change rapidly. As the situation develops, we will make additional information available.

Spring Festival Volunteers NEEDED

We hope you are getting ready for our super fun Spring Festival! I will once again be collecting volunteers to help supervise the inflatables and run the one game we will be setting up this year (its gong to be a cool one!). We will have 5 inflatables this year compared to the 3 we had last year, with a bounce house and obstacle course dedicated to the small members of our community (6 year and under). I really am going to need your help! We will need a total of 6 adults at a time throughout the day. We would prefer one-hour volunteer slots but will definitely accept a half hour if that's all you can give. Please e-mail me if you will like to help with this @ ocean3kai@yahoo.com.

I will need your name, e-mail address and the time you would prefer to work. The quicker you get beck to me, the more likely I can get you in your first choice spot! I will need a set up crew from about 9:45 - 10:45 and then volunteers every hour (or half) until 5.

2 liter (empty) plastic soda bottles needed for Spring Festival Game

Please hold on to them and let me know where and when I can get them from you!

Thanks for all your help!!!

Denise Nontavarnit @ ocean3kai@yahoo.com

Book Swap at Richmond Spring Festival May 16th

Bring your already read books to the Richmond Spring Festival and go home with new-to-you books. Trade your kids' pre-readers, easy readers, beginning chapter books, and chapter books. Anything left over will be donated.