



Richmond Shinbun

2276 SE 41st Ave., Portland, OR 97214 (503) 916-6220

May 8, 2009

PTA Board Elections & General Meeting— May 28th at 6:30 PM

The PTA Board will be holding its elections for the 2009-2010 Board at the next General Meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 PM.

Jeanne Kaliszewski and Carol Shaw will be seeking reelection for President and Secretary, respectively. We are looking to fill 1-2 Vice-Presidents' positions, an Assistant Treasurer, and a Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in helping Richmond by serving on the PTA Board, please contact Jeanne at jkalisze@gmail.com. This is a wonderful way to be involved in your child's school!

This promises to be a fun evening with Oya No Kai, student Taiko performances, and the Scholastic Book Fair. Please pencil us in on your busy calendar! Future Shinbun and listserv announcements will provide a detailed agenda.

100th Year Anniversary T-shirts and Mugs are ready for pick-up.

They are available at Rich Coffee in the morning. They will be available for pick up at the Spring Festival at PTA concession, also.



Richmond Calendar

May 9	Saturday Garden Work Party— So. Garden— 9:30– 12 Noon
May 11	Scrip Order Day
May 12	Green Team Meeting—6:30 PM in the Staff Lounge
May 12	Garden Committee Meeting—7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge
May 13	Grandparents' Brigade Meeting—9:15 AM in the Staff Lounge
May 13	Taiko Student Assembly
May 15	Scrip Pick-up Day
May 14	Battle of the Books at Mt. Tabor
May 16	Spring Festival at Richmond
May 18	Monday Garden Work Party—So. Garden—2:30-4:30 PM
May 21	Safety Patrol Picnic—Oaks Park
May 22	3rd Grade Field Trip— Early City Tour- 9:30 AM - 2:10 PM
May 25	No School— Memorial Day
May 28	PTA General Meeting at 6:30 PM
June 2	4th Grade Field Trip— Champoeg— 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
June 3	Walk and Ride to School Wednesday
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!!

2009 RICHMOND SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 16th - 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

at Richmond Elementary School

- Richmond Spring Festival is proudly sponsored by Richmond PTA -

One week until our much anticipated festival!

You can still pre-order your **Spring Festival game/activity wristbands!**

Need an order form? Contact Kim Tanada at 503-804-9991 or kim.tanada@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS needed!

General Festival volunteers: contact Yoko Sato at duncan.s@comcast.net

Outdoor Game volunteers: contact Denise Nontavarnit at ocean3kai@yahoo.com

Have an outdoor **Pop-Up-Tent** that needs some use? We would like to borrow your tent for the comfort of our outdoor booths and activities. Contact Meg Matsu-shima at megmatsushima@comcast.net

Check your listserv email for more detailed festival information

Questions? Contact Kim Tanada at 503-804-9991 or kim.tanada@gmail.com

Taiko Student Assembly

Wednesday, March 13th

Come see our students drumming!

Performers: 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders + some teachers and interns

Audience: PreK, K, 1st & 2nd graders

8:20-8:50: Hirahara, Ando, & Fukushima

9:00-9:30: Martin, Jacobson, & Zeller

This assembly will be a great way to finish our Taiko Residency, which started in January. A big “thank you” to our wonderful instructor, Kazuyo Ito, who has been providing our students this dynamic musical experience. Our 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders are building on their knowledge of Taiko history and philosophy as well as the basic technique.

Please come!

Ritsuko Fujiwara, Cultural Arts Liaison

Rich Coffee/Zakkaya is seeking baked goods to be sold at Spring Festival. Everything must be baked (no uncooked icing) and will have to be wrapped individually to be sold for \$1.00 each. The bakers will NOT receive any reimbursements on the ingredients (100% donation) and the bakers must include the following information: name of the baked good; name of the baker (it will have a sign that says “baked in the kitchen of”); list of ingredients. Contact Emi Avondstondt at emiandlaur@msn.com if you are interested in donating your goodies. Rich Coffee/Zakkaya will be in the PTA concession booth this year. They will be selling various items, including some Japanese cultural items. Thank you very much.
Yoko Sato



Richmond Video: Over the past year, I worked with Kathryn Anderson to make a promotional video for Richmond JMP. It is a short (6 minutes) video intended to give prospective families, interns, and staff a glimpse into the immersion experience. It can also be shared online with friends and family who might be interested in Richmond. A link to the video is on the home page of the school’s website. In the player controls you will find a share button that lets you email or embed the video anywhere you want. Many thanks to all who helped me put this together.

Will Luers, taylorstreetstudio.com, wluers@gmail.com



Attendance Line is 503-916-3667

- Please call when your child is absent or late
- Non-urgent messages before 1:00 PM

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

We are looking for people to cashier, monitor the book room, and help with setup and takedown of the fair (see the schedule below for times and dates). Please contact Sara Tam at saratam@juno.com if you are interested. For every shift you volunteer for, you will be entered to win one of two \$10 gift certificates to use at the fair.

Book Fair Schedule:

Need 2 more volunteers: Friday, May 22—Setup Book Fair in Volunteer Room at 1:00 PM

Need 3 or 4 volunteers per shift: Tuesday, May 26– Friday, May 29, 7:45-8:30 AM or 2:00-2:45 PM.

Need 2 or more volunteers: Thursday, May 28– 6:00-8:00 PM during the PTA meeting.

Need 2 or 3 volunteers: Monday, June 1– disassemble Book Fair, 8:00 AM.

It’s not too late to buy a raffle ticket for that amazing red Electra Fat Tire Collector’s Edition bike!

Cell Phone Drive Results:

Richmond collected 292 cell phones— Wow! Here are the details:

Pre-K 22
Kinder (Amy, Jill) 43
Kinder (Kelly, Yoshida) 36
1st (Meier, Uchida) 17
1st (Murphy, Mishina) 34
2nd (Naylor, Mogi) 20
2nd (Kapranos, Fujiwara) 66
3rd 30
4th 3
5th 21

Thanks to all who brought the cell phones to school. And a special thanks to those who brought more than 20 phones:

Poole family (2nd grade, Aidan)

Nishikido family (2nd grade, Toma)

Chrisman family (3rd grade, Micah)

Ms. Kapranos’ & Fujiwara Sensei’s classes, who collected the most phones, will be presented with a surprise soon. We will let everyone know how much money we raised as soon as we find out from EcoPhones. It will be used for making our school greener.

Technology Recycling Committee

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

Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30-8:00 PM at Grant High School.

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