



Richmond Shinbun

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May 22, 2009



Scholastic Book Fair begins Tuesday, May 26!

Come find the Book Fair in the Volunteer Room, Room 19, downstairs across from the gym. We're open from 7:45-8:30 am and 2:00-2:45 pm. We also have a special evening time on Thursday during the PTA meeting from 6-8 pm. Come look at the great selection of books for summer. Approximately 40% of the book fair sales go back to our school to purchase books and supplies for the library!

Spring Festival – What a Success!

Many, many, many thanks to all who attended Spring Festival! And I can not even begin to thank enough all those who volunteered to make this event such a wonderful community event. Thank you thank you thank you!

Special mention must be made, however, of Kim Tanada and Meg Matsu-shima who made this event possible. They are truly amazing, organized, and committed to Richmond!

Finally, please take time to thank Dan Alexander, our wonderful custodian, for working a 12 hour day on Saturday to help our event run so smoothly.....

Jeanne Kaliszewski
PTA President

Richmond Calendar

May 25	No School– Memorial Day
May 28	PTA General Meeting at 6:30 PM
June 1	Scrip Order Day
June 2	4th Grade Field Trip— Champoeg— 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
June 2	Site Council Meeting— 2:30 PM in the Staff Lounge
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 5	Scrip Pick-up Day
June 5	Assembly– 3rd, 4th, & 5th— Singing and Recorders
June 8	Field Day
June 9 & 10	5th Grade Overnight Trip to Camp Kiwanis
June 10	Last Day of School!!

Richmond PTA General Meeting

May 28th, 6:30 pm

The following is a preliminary agenda for the PTA General Meeting, to be held in the cafeteria:

Board elections for 2009-2010 Richmond PTA Board

Standing Rules Vote

Final Budget Presentation and Vote

Presentation on Bank Day plans for 2009-2010 School Year – representative from Umpqua Bank

Discussion of on-line school supply program for 2009-2010 school year

Presentation on Oya No Kai/Foundation/PTA “Triangle” – Andy Felcher

Oya No Kai will also be holding a vote on their Board for the 2009-2010 school year, and we will be treated to an amazing Taiko performance.

Also, the Book Fair will be open during the meeting, so there will be a lot to do and see so please come.

PTA Reminders

The Richmond 100th year anniversary photo book is available for \$26. It will be sold at the Rich Coffee stand and at the office.

Also, some people still have not picked up their pre-ordered T-shirts and mugs. Please collect them at Rich Coffee or contact Yoko Sato (duncan.s@comcast.net) to arrange the pick-up.

Lost & Found: The pile of lost clothing in the cafeteria will be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet on Friday May 29th. Please try to look through the stack for your child's clothes before that date.

Traffic Concerns

The weather is getting nice again so it's time to remind everyone to follow the rules of the road, especially around the school. The traffic flow getting into the parking lot of Richmond is not ideal, so be mindful of children and bikes. Bikers please don't ride on the sidewalks. Cars please slow down.

Parents, please remember to exit the school driveway carefully. With such a narrow street and parking on both sides of the driveway, visibility is poor. Exit slowly and cautiously to avoid parked and moving cars and pedestrians. If you drive a van or large vehicle, parking near the driveway is not advisable, as exiting drivers can't see past your car.

Portland Public Schools
Community Care Day
Saturday, August 29, 2009
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

VOLUNTEER TO PUT A LITTLE LOVE INTO A PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL!!

Help get Portland Public Schools ready for a new school year! Join school and community volunteers in enhancing and beautifying over 100 of Portland Public Schools' buildings and grounds. Your efforts will make a difference for students and the neighborhood.

Please pre-register online at www.ofcep.pps.k12.or.us. For questions contact

Community Engagement & School Partnership manager, Andre Jackson at 503-916-3078 or ajakso2@pps.k12.or.us

Please join other volunteers in supporting our schools and students!



Notes from the Richmond Office.....

The school office has become increasingly busy lately. We're hoping that we can cut down on some of the traffic in the office with these tips:

- Extra copies of forms are almost always on the black table in front of the office or in the plexiglass reference rack in the office.
- Every current activity has a mailbox in the office—if you have something to drop off, just look for the box.
- Please read the newsletter every weekend—we send it out on paper on Friday and it's also on the richmondjmp.org website.
- Please avoid calling the school if you're going to be a little late in the morning or at pick-up time—if your child's teacher has to leave the classroom after school, she will bring your child to the office.
- And please, make those after-school plans in the morning with your child so we don't have to interrupt the classroom during instructional time.

Thank you.

Patsy & Liz

Garden News



Thank you to all those who helped to make our 2nd Spring Festival Plant Sale a great success! To the growers, buyers, organizers and supporters, thank you so much!

AND we still have quite a few plants for sale. They are in the South Garden on the picnic tables. All plants are \$2 apiece, except basil, which is \$1 per pot. It's the honor system. Put your money in the Richmond Garden box in the office (checks can be made to the Richmond Garden Committee)

Enjoy these days when all things in the garden seem to just take off.

The Richmond Garden Committee

Attendance Line is 503-916-3667

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

Save Our Elms Coffee

Thank you to everyone who has supported Save Our Elms this year by purchasing Portland Roasting coffee. We are in good shape to cover the costs of inoculating the elm trees against Dutch Elm Disease next June. Ground coffee is still for sale in the office for \$10 a pound. The deadline for final orders for additional ground coffee or whole bean coffee is Thursday, June 4th by 8:00 am. Stock up for summer or order year-end gifts for teachers and staff! Order forms are available in the office or on Richmond's website. You can also e-mail orders to dustin-mary@comcast.net

Enjoy the shade of the beautiful elm trees on Richmond's playground and help us continue to Save Our Elms! Thank you very much. – Mary Klinger

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