



# Richmond Shinbun

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## RICHMOND GREEN TEAM UPDATE

We are completing our application to become an "Oregon Green School!"

Thanks to all the staff, students and volunteers who have helped work towards this effort! What have we accomplished this year?

1. **5th grade Student Council completed a waste audit in January to discover what's in our trash.**
2. **Reusable lunch trays were introduced in March, and our school has eliminated the largest component of our waste stream (over 900 Styrofoam trays per week!)**
3. **Monthly Walk and Ride to School Wednesday's**
4. **5th graders introduced "Compost Friday's" and have diverted 60 pounds of food waste weekly to worm bins in the North Garden.**
5. **Lunchroom cafeteria helpers are now wearing reusable and washable cotton aprons, instead of disposable plastic aprons.**

**Student Council has prepared recycling containers to capture plastic water bottles and aluminum cans in the cafeteria for recycling.**

Look for additional ideas we'll tackle in the fall: real spoons and forks in the lunchroom, increased school event recycling, student energy conservation, and swaps.

Thank you to our lunchroom tray washers: Fiona Rhea, Masumi Barmon, Sara Tam, Brian Dibert, Lisa Dibert, Julie Gefroh, Karen Tingey, Jeff Hooper, Katharina Cahen and grand-parents Maggie Cramer and Guy Pitts. Also thanks to Kristen Bacon-Brenes who led the Compost Friday teams.

Big thanks to the staff that helped support these efforts: Joshua Zeller, Minori Fukushima, Mr. Kuney, Dan and Lupe.

## Richmond Calendar

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!!

### PARENTS : INTRODUCING A CONVENIENT WAY TO BUY YOUR SCHOOL CLASS SUPPLIES FOR FALL

In the past few weeks, in cooperation with Paula, Patsy and all our great teachers, we have managed to get Richmond registered for the 2009/2010 school year with a local company named SchoolHouse Supplies.

This company will offer Richmond parents the opportunity to buy your child's class supply list as one inclusive package at a competitive low price from their supply store online. Each package will be sent directly from SchoolHouse Supplies to Richmond and personally delivered by volunteers to each classroom during the first week of September. No longer will you have to run around from store to store to find supplies, deliver those bulky supplies to the teacher and organize them. As an added bonus, you will be supporting a local program.

You will find flyers with more details coming home soon in your child's backpack, and reminders during the summer to purchase your supplies before the deadline.

Thanks again to Paula, Patsy, all the teachers and the PTA for working with me to get this program in place so quickly.

Please, take a look at the website at [www.schoolhousesupplies.org](http://www.schoolhousesupplies.org) or contact Jackie Ravarra at 503-206-4086 or [jravarra@comcast.net](mailto:jravarra@comcast.net) with any questions.

### PTA News:

At last night's PTA General meeting, a new Board was elected for the 2009-2010 school year:

Jeanne Kaliszewski, President

Jenny Bravin, co-Vice President

Mary Klinger, co-Vice President

Carol Shaw, Secretary

Jessica Gifford, Treasurer

Mitsue Ham, Assistant Treasurer

Andrea Obana, Special Events Coordinator

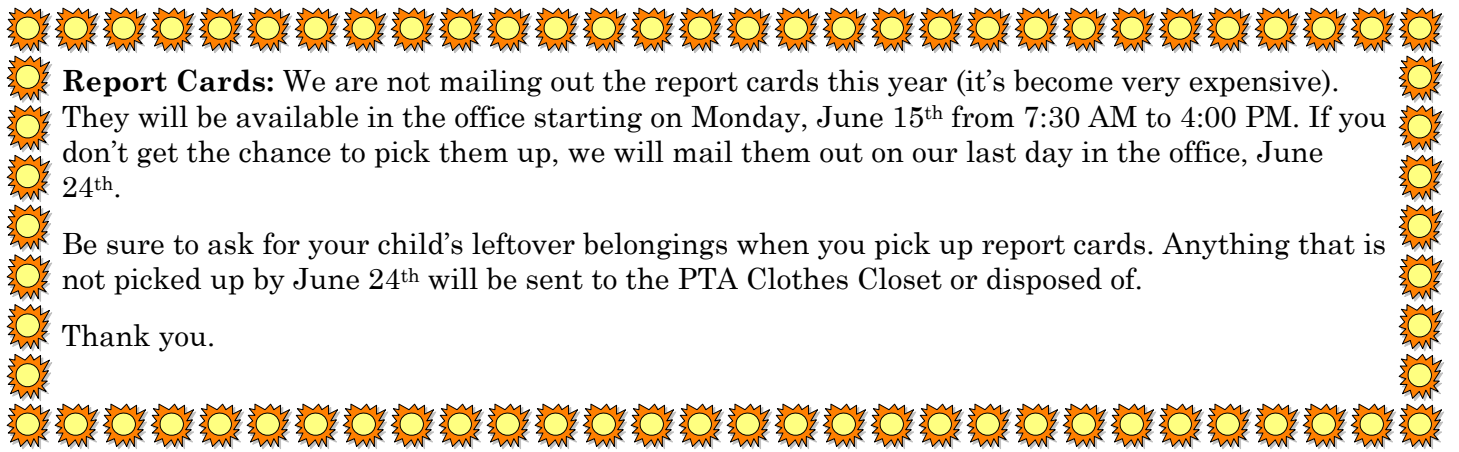
Jeff Hopper, Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator

### Year End Cafeteria Account Balances:

Any remaining account balances (positive or negative) on students' meal accounts at the end of the year will be automatically held for students at their current school or transferred to students' new schools within the district.

If your student is leaving the district, then you may call Lupe Stone, Cafeteria Lead at Richmond, to arrange for a refund.





**Report Cards:** We are not mailing out the report cards this year (it's become very expensive). They will be available in the office starting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. If you don't get the chance to pick them up, we will mail them out on our last day in the office, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to ask for your child's leftover belongings when you pick up report cards. Anything that is not picked up by June 24<sup>th</sup> will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet or disposed of. Thank you.

### **New PPS Web site better connects schools, community:**

The new PPS web site is now online at [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us)! It brings a cleaner, crisper look and easier navigation and will culminate this coming school year in new school Web pages that will improve our ability to interact with families and the community.

The new content management system – Red Dot – is thanks to a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust. PPS took the opportunity of moving to the new system to also redesign the Web site with a more professional and accessible look and feel. The new site unifies the district with a fresh, consistent design yet preserves creativity so that each school can present their unique offerings, including using your school colors.

PPS has been fortunate to have many talented school staff and family volunteers who have worked on their school's current Web pages. A few schools have created their own Web sites not on the district server. The new system means all schools will have access to updated tools from photo galleries and video to a calendar and teachers' pages where teachers can post class projects and showcase students' work. And all school sites will be on the district server so that users searching the site can easily connect to all of our schools.

To see a mock-up of a new school Web page, go to [www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/K\\_8\\_Mockup/](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/K_8_Mockup/) and [www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/hs\\_site/html/index.html](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/hs_site/html/index.html) . In the future, PPS may also expand with forums, blogs and wikis.

#### **Time Line**

The new site is rolling out over time.

Right now you will find new home and news pages and also new tabbed pages for Students, Families and Community that group information for these audiences in one easy-to-find place with links for additional resources. Over the summer, the central office departments will create new Web pages.

Then in the fall, schools will begin work on their new pages. Every school – from neighborhood schools to education options – will ultimately have new Web pages. Peninsula K8 in North Portland has already become the first school pilot and will work over the summer on their new pages.

The IT project team will meet with each school to learn its needs. Each school will choose a staff member as content manager. That person will be responsible for getting trained on Red Dot and keeping the school's site updated.

We hope you will check out the new site and offer feedback by clicking the feedback button on the home page.

### **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](http://www.ofcep.pps.k12.or.us). For questions contact Community Engagement & School Partnership manager, Andre Jackson at 503-916-3078 or [ajackso2@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:ajackso2@pps.k12.or.us)

Please join other volunteers in supporting our schools and students!

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