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PTA News:

Many thanks from the PTA for such an amazing year! This year has been a bit of a roller coaster for us all, but I am so amazed by the commitment everyone has shown to Richmond and our kids. Many thanks and have an amazing summer!

Medication Pick-up

Please remember to pick up your child's leftover medication by June 24th. If you have not picked it up by then, we will have to dispose of it. This includes over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Thank you.



Richmond Calendar

June 8	Field Day PreK, K, & 1st- 10:00-10:45 (Volunteers report to gym at 9:45) Grades 2, 3, 4, & 5 — 1:00-1:45 (Volunteers report to gym at 12:45)
June 9 & 10	5th Grade Overnight Trip to Camp Kiwanis
June 10	Last Day of School!!
Sept. 8	First Day of School for 2009-10



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 15th 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 24th.

Be sure to ask for your child's leftover belongings when you pick up report cards. Anything that is not picked up by June 24th will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet or disposed of.

Thank you.

Art4Life News

Art4Life Summer Art Camp and 09-10 Registration!

Art4Life Before and After School Program is currently enrolling for next school year. If your child is currently enrolled in the Art4Life program you must register again for next school year. Those families currently enrolled will have priority until the **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**.

Then, new families will be moved off of the waiting list and into the program to fill vacant spots. Remember, new families should turn in a completed enrollment packet as soon as possible in order to get on the waiting list.

There is also space in both summer camps! Find more information and summer registration at www.Art4Life.net or call (503)962-9466, or just stop on by and chat with an Art4Life teacher!

Have a happy, safe summer!



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PPS Calendar for 2009-2010

Next year's calendar has been completed, and there are some key changes.

The **first day of school** for all students will be **Tuesday, September 8**, the day after Labor Day. As in past years, schools may schedule assessments for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students during the first week of school. Your school will provide specifics.

The **last day of school** for all students is **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**.

Parent-teacher conferences will again be during the two days prior to Thanksgiving (November 24 and 25). However, this year Monday November 23 is a school day for students. Your school will develop a specific plan for morning, afternoon and evening conference sessions.

Professional development/training sessions for school staff members will be during monthly two-hour late openings. All schools will begin two hours later than their normal starting times on the third Wednesday of each month, except November and June.

Two-hour late opening dates:

September 16
October 21
December 16
January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19

Late start for teacher training

In the past, professional development sessions took place on five school days, which shortened the school year for our students. Next year's plan increases the number of instructional days for our students and still provides time for our teachers to work collaboratively on strategies to improve student achievement.

These teacher training sessions will focus on the local school improvement plan as well as some important district priorities such as core curriculum, writing instruction, and differentiated instruction for students with disabilities, English language learners, and talented and gifted students.

Could school furloughs affect calendar?

Due to proposed state budget cuts to schools, PPS is considering five employee furlough days next year. This would save PPS approximately \$6 million, but would reduce classroom days to the number of instructional days in the 2008-2009 school calendar. It also requires agreement from labor groups and school board approval. If necessary, we will notify you about any changes in the 2009-2010 calendar as soon as possible.

Portland schools follow either a quarter or trimester schedule. Copies of the appropriate calendar will be available soon at your school. You can also find the quarter and trimester calendars on the Calendars link of the PPS Web site at www.pps.k12.or.us.

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