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Richmond Shinbun

Message from the Principal WELCOME BACK FROM BREAK!

Along with welcoming our families back from Spring Break, we look forward to a warm and sunny spring! Many events are coming up soon including; Run for Richmond on April 22nd, Science Fair on April 29th, Secretary Day on April 27th, Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6th, and Spring Festival on May 14th.

As spring begins we will start setting up for the next year. Coming out April 6th, you will find a parent input letter for class placements along with the PTA & Foundation newsletters. While staff will develop class lists, we invite parent input if you choose to do so. Classroom and teacher assignments will be mailed to students and their families in August as well as posted at our annual Ice Cream Social Thursday, Sept 1st!

Staffing is more than a month behind our regular process due to state budgets. Staffing next year looks like a class size of 30 students per class, up from 23.7, but we won't know for sure until May 1st. As a staff, we are reviewing different configurations at the upper grades for next year but have not finalized all the details. We do know that your children will return to our excellent highly qualified teaching staff. This is definitely the year to support the Richmond Foundation Spring Pledge Drive for teaching staff – stay tuned for more information from the Foundation!

Happy Spring! Bev Pruitt

Please Note: Ten day absence withdrawal requirement from the state: PPS received an audit finding regarding the failure to *withdraw students after 10-days of consecutive absences*. If students are not withdrawn as required, Average Daily Membership (ADM) is submitted to the state for funding reimbursement for which the District is not eligible. Failure to withdraw these students also results in lower attendance rate (ADA) for the school. *Schools* will be notified on the 8th day *and must withdraw the students on the 10th day*.



Support Japan and Richmond

Thank you to all the students who are turning in coins for Japan. Student council, Miss Mary and Mr. Goldstein have all contributed to making this collection for Mercy Corps a success. We reached \$600 in the first two days and the goal of \$1,500 was exceeded on April 1st with a total of \$2,200 received! Drive ends April 8!

Thank you to Nike CEO Julia Brimm-Edwards for letting us know that NIKE has donated one million dollars and clothing to Japan disaster funds.

Thank you to the Richmond Foundation, PTA and parents from our school who participated in the call center March 31st for the district's bond and levy measures.

Save the Date!

Late Start
Wed. 10 a.m.

☉ April 13th

☉ May 11th

Run for Richmond

➤ April 22nd

Richmond Science Fair

➤ April 29th



Message from Matt

With all the springtime activity and excitement in store, please do your best to stay connected with Richmond. Sign up at <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/richmondjmp> to receive email updates, check the Richmond website, and communicate with your child's teachers.

On Tuesday, April 5th, we will do our annual "lock-in" drill. This drill is an important opportunity to practice the necessary procedures should we have a situation in or around the building that necessitates a lock-in. Officer Hayes, our Portland Police School Resource Officer, will be on site to help conduct this drill. I am confident that our students will take this practice seriously and that the entire school community will be well prepared in the event of an actual lock-in occurring at Richmond.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal mgoldste@pps.k12.or.us



Thank You!

Domo Arigato Interns!!

Our dear interns are heading back to Japan after a wonderful year in our classrooms and our hearts! An extra warm thank you to Momo Nakanishi and Daiki Nakata for staying until mid-April!

Heartbreaking goodbyes to; Shiho Inuma, Miyuki Kamano, Chika Ogawa, Akiko Kawaguchi, Haruka Nagasaki, Ayumi Sakuragi, Ayaka Tsukuda, Chika Matsuno, Yuki Mochizuki, Yuka Tanaka, Emi Morikawa and Yutaro Kazami.

Get ready to welcome our new team coming soon: Mutsumi Sakata, Naoko Adachi, Ayako Yamada, Haruno Nogure, Aki Taniguchi, Asami Surawara, Kie Fukushima, Sayaka Katayama, Kunihiro Kodama, Mika Maeba, Koharu Katsura and Satako Yahari!

Parent Survey Reminders!

☞ We want to hear from you! Go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKQLT2R or turn in to the office the purple copy of the survey sent home in backpacks!

☞ April 1st (no kidding) Report Cards!

Students with PERFECT Attendance!!

We want to acknowledge the following students (and their parents!) for their incredible track record with perfect attendance from Sept 7th until April 1st

Quinn Bennett, Jack Bibb, Soyoka Boyce, Jeffrey Burt, Shouta Calaba, Rhiannon Chamberlain, Aleigh Daniel, Shota Diffely, Gene Facer, Ren Gibbs, Rowan Hertling, Ethan Hopper, Sydney Jones, Natalie Kanaka, Kunsel Lathsang, Daphne Lomax, Mia Lowenthal, Maya McDarragh, Aoi Nakane, Alivia Perry, Sam Postlewait, Willie Shiozawa, Lucas Spangler, Xander Trostel-Shaw, Sophia Tsugawa, Clara Welty, Leo Wheelock. Keep up the great work!

Students with perfect attendance for the month of April will receive a special award!!



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