

Richmond Shinbun

December 2010



A Season of Gratitude



Principal's News

Happy Holidays!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and were able to spend quality time with your friends and family.

We have had much to be thankful for at Richmond including our hard-working staff, busy parent volunteers, and 612 marvelous students. A special thank you goes out to the parents who fed the teachers lunch and dinner on those long conferences days. It was a royal feast! I am so thankful to be part of such a thoughtful community!

Also during this season of thanks - an immense thank you to the Cultural Committee; Meg Matsushima, Cindy Gunderson, Kristina Kallen, and Breese Watson who cleaned out the storage rooms and moved the tea house off the stage and into a new location. We will now be able to better utilize our building with the new space available and better coordinate all the volunteer programs that grace our program with their talents.

Thank you for giving us so much to be grateful for during this holiday season!

Bev Pruitt
Principal

School Day Changes

- ◆ Dec 8th - Late Start
Wednesday 10am
- ◆ Dec 18 - Jan 2 - Winter Break
- ◆ Jan 12th - Late Start
Wednesday 10am

Bev Pruitt, Principal

Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal

Message from Matt:

Thank you to teachers and parents/guardians for attending conferences. Teachers are constantly looking for information to help inform their instruction, and feedback from families assists teachers as they look to meet the needs of each of their students. While this is a challenge, Richmond teachers spend countless hours working towards this goal. Each week they work collaboratively, review and revise curriculum, and look for new and innovative ways to differentiate their instruction.

A few highlights of the great instruction going on in classrooms: flexible grouping in literature; higher level questioning strategies during science lesson; narrowing the focus of instruction to meet individual needs; a variety of math problem-solving tasks, from basic to complex; learning opportunities and lessons for varying learning styles.

In addition to the great work presently going on in the classrooms, teachers and staff are actively engaged in professional development to help further improve instructional practices. Our next two professional development sessions focus on how to best use pre-assessment and ongoing formative assessment to both meet the rate and level of students and to have clear learning goals and targets.

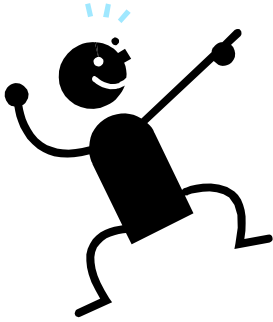
- All nominations have been forwarded to the district TAG office. Students will be assessed in January.
- The next TAG Advisory meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011, 6- 7:00 PM in the Richmond Library.

Please feel free to contact Matt Goldstein or Kelly Marsh with any questions you have about TAG: mgoldste@pps.k12.or.us and kmarsh@pps.k12.or.us or call the office at (503) 916-6220.

Matt Goldstein
Assistant Principal



Thank You & Domo Arigato Gozaimasu



- ◆ Thank you PTA and parents for providing so much wonderful food for our teachers during conferences!
- ◆ Jill Punches for coordinating the See's Candies fundraiser to support the 5th grade cultural trip!
- ◆ Cultural Committee for the super-huge clean-up!
- ◆ Breese Watson and Carpenter Tracy for expertly moving the Tea House to it's new location so it can be better used!
- ◆ An early thank you to all the Book Fair volunteers!! (see below!) Thank you for your time and help toward such a great annual event!

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our **Winter Scholastic Book Fair** is coming December 6-10! We need volunteers to cashier and assist people at the fair. Each time you volunteer, your name will be entered to win one of 2-\$10 gift certificate to use at this fair. We are also looking for a Shift Captain.

Volunteer Times and Dates:
Monday, Dec. 6 - Friday, Dec. 10
 -Morning Shift 7:45-8:30am
 -Afternoon Shift 2-2:45pm
 -Friday, Dec. 10 Craft Fair:
 5-6pm and 6-8pm

**Please contact Sara Fields at
 503-262-9413
 FrankSara@aol.com
 to sign up!**

Craft Fair



Come join the PTA's largest winter time event – the **craft fair!** Friday, Dec 10th from 6:30-8:30pm the cafeteria and breezeway are transformed into craft table stations. Crafts are free to make and take home!

The cultural committee will be selling

the Japanese Garden calendars and doing a special Kadomatsu craft!

The Scholastic book fair and Kinokuniya book sale will be open and ready for business as well as parents selling pizza to support the 5th grade cultural trip. See the PTA page for more Info!

District Milestones Initiative

Portland Public Schools has developed a framework known as the **Milestones** to measure achievement. There are five milestones measurements. Using the data, which includes annual state assessment results, ACT scores and graduation rates, the milestones framework can help predict whether students will graduate on time and be ready for college or career.

1 – Students entering 1st grade should be ready to read: Currently 76% of students meet this measure.

2 – By the end of the 3rd grade, students should be reading to learn: 3rd graders

must exceed the state reading benchmark.

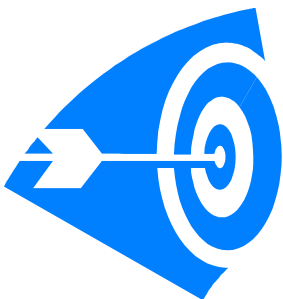
3 – Students should be ready for high school: Studies show that missing 5 or more days each school year creates academic risk.

4 – Sophomores should be on track to graduate

5 – Students should graduate on time, equipped for work and college

More detailed information is available on the district website:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/curriculum/index.htm>

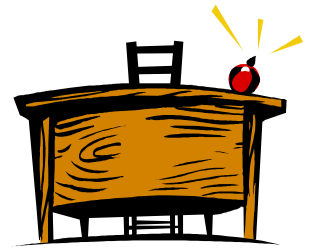


FALL FOUNDATION PLEDGE UPDATE!

Dear Richmond Families,

I wanted to express our gratitude once again for all the support toward the Richmond Foundation during our Fall Pledge Drive. We raised over \$25,000 so far this year and hope it will be significantly greater once all online contributions have been accounted for. So, as you enter the school please enjoy the colorful fish by the main

entrance and staircases. It was really enjoyable to see the decorative fish and your children's creativity. Then as you leave the school take a moment to realize what a wonderful school and staff we have here at Richmond! Please feel free to continue to support the Foundation monetarily anytime! And, we look forward to seeing you again in the spring for our next drive!
Rich Shawen, RSF



Transportation Safety at Richmond

Drop off in the morning can be a hectic, busy and crowded scene at Richmond each morning. Here are some suggestions to keep our community safe:

- Stop and Walk: If time allows, please consider parking 2 - 4 blocks away from the school. There is also an available parking lot at Central Christian Church at 1844 SE 39th Avenue. Stop and Walk allows children to get some exercise before the school day and can greatly relieve congestion.
- DRIVE SLOWLY, come to a full stop at all intersections, and look carefully for pedestrians and bikers.
- Be respectful to neighbors. Do not block driveways, do not park in 'no parking' areas, and do not park on the wrong side of the street. Safety officers have been

called to the school, and may be issuing citations, tickets and towing vehicles.

- Avoid heading south on SE 41st between 7:55 and 8:00, when buses are leaving the school.

Additionally, did you know that our school is located on and near 2 designated bike boulevards? Both SE 41st Avenue and SE Lincoln Avenues are bike boulevards, which means we have the added responsibility of keeping bike commuters safe on our school streets.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Assistant Principal Matt Goldstein (916-6220 or mgoldste@pps.k12.or.us). Community members who are interested in these issues or have suggestions, are welcome to join the next Transportation and Safety Committee meeting, which will be scheduled after the first of the year

RICHMOND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

💰 **Box Tops & Campbell Soup labels**
Cut off those Box Tops and snip those Campbell soup labels to help raise funds for our school needs. Look for a new display outside the office. EVERY dime counts!

💰 **Save our Elms coffee!** Support our playground trees with an easy way to stay caffeinated! Coffee orders filled quickly - Makes a great holiday or hostess gift!

💰 **A huge Domo Arigato (and Danke) to the Rich Coffee Ladies** who faithfully serve our students and parents and raise funds daily to help the school! Thank you to each supporter who keeps them very busy every morning!

💰 **Classroom Art Auction** donations needed to support your student's amazing work of art to be sold at our annual auction. \$5 per student requested - Thank you to artist, Jen McIlenny for coordinating this effort!

💰 **See's Candies** Thank you to everyone who helped support the 5th Grade trip buy purchasing See's Candies!

💰 **Y-ties fundraiser** continues to Jan 21st Feel free to drop off Y-ties forms in the yellow office box. They make a great holiday gifts!!





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Keep informed and up to date with all the Richmond News and Events via online at our PPS site:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/>

Our BigTent school site:

<https://www.bigtent.com/groups/richmondjmp>

Our School Newsletter, the Shinbun, full of PTA, Oya No Kai, Foundation news, events and updates comes out monthly the 1st week.

Our Richmond School Calendar goes out the 3rd week of the month.

Check out both on-line!

READ-A-THON....

Oya no Kai is sponsoring a Read-a-thon to correspond with the winter break. We believe this is a great way to raise class funds and to also promote literacy during the long break.

- * Packets with sponsor sheets and reading logs will be sent home with students Dec 2nd.
- * Students are asked to get friends and family members to sponsor them.
- * The Read-a-thon runs Dec. 19 – Jan 3rd
- * January 15th, students return the sponsor sheets, reading logs and donations to teachers.
- * Donations can also be left in the OyaNoKai box in the office.

Please encourage students to use the log even if they are not collecting donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alison Walcott at walcottma@msn.com or 503-772-5156

🎀 School Calendar 🎀

December

- Dec. 6 -10: PTA Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Dec. 8: Late Opening - School starts at 10 am
- Dec 10: Craft Fair – 6:30pm Cafeteria & Gym
- Dec. 14: Site Council Meeting 2:30pm in the Library
- Dec. 14: LSAC– Local School advisory committee from 7-8pm.
All parents welcome to come and talk with Richmond administrators.
- Dec. 17: Pajama Day!
- Dec 18th to
Jan. 2nd: Winter Break – Happy and safe vacation to all our families!

January & February

- Jan 3 : School starts after Winter Break
- Feb 7: School Choice Lottery Opens
- Jan 12: Late Opening – School starts at 10am
- Jan 17: No School – MLK Day
- Feb 9: Late Opening – School starts at 10am
- Feb 21: No School – Presidents Day

TAG Advisory Group Meetings

- Jan 13, 2011 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Mar 10, 2011 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- May 12, 2011 6:00 – 7:00 pm



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