

# Richmond Shinbun

February 2011



## Principal's News

### GEARING UP FOR...BETTER ATTENDANCE

We did not meet the state minimum for attendance in December and dropped into the unacceptable report card range according to the state report card data.

If we don't get students here and on time, they will not learn. Students who miss entire days require extra work for staff and are disruptive to the other students. Letters are being mailed this week to students' families who have chronic attendance issues. It is helpful if all of us strive to keep our families healthy, rested, and to school on time. School attendance is one of the greater predictors for students who will report to work on time as adults. Let's start those healthy habits now.

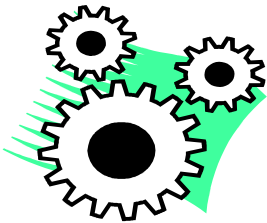
### GEARING UP FOR...SCIENCE AND OMSI

We will have OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) assemblies February 13 and March 15. These assemblies were wildly popular with students last year and will continue to pique their science interest. All teachers have booked two hands-on science workshops lead by OMSI staff that is aligned with the PPS science curriculum to occur in the classrooms over the next few months. Run for Richmond donations paid for these activities. Additionally, the science fair is coming April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### GEARING UP FOR...SITE COMMITTEE WORK

We are approved to add two more classrooms at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level next year. We will be able to house them in Rooms 205 and 17 while keeping two Pre-K classes and Art4Life in place. They will remain as they currently are in size and

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## School Day Changes

- ◆ Feb 9 - Late Start 10 a.m.
- ◆ Feb 21 - No School - Presidents' Day
- ◆ Mar 9 - Late Start 10 a.m.
- ◆ Mar 18 - No School - Planning Day
- ◆ Mar 21-25 - Spring Break!

Bev Pruitt, Principal

Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal

location. We will have space for our enrichment activities such as calligraphy, taiko drumming, and fine arts in the play court or cafeteria. This will result in about 670 students onsite next year. We are glad to finally finish the K-5 expansion to four classrooms at every grade level. We also have a committee of parents meeting to discuss a long-term plan of building use, expansion, and site projects. These meetings are the last Monday of the month (1/31, 2/28, 3/28, and 4/25). Please join us from 6:30to 7:30 in the cafeteria.

### GEARING UP FOR...BUDGET NEWS

The district budget won't be out until after spring vacation or the first of April. We have been told that the class size will be going up which is the basis for the PPS budgets and how the schools are assigned teachers. Due to smaller classes at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, we are planning that we will be one classroom teacher short of our model and partially short a full-time P.E. teacher. A classroom teacher cost about \$96K and the PE position was short \$25K this year. We will need to raise these amounts and the 1/3 matching funds to the tune of about \$160K. Richmond Foundation has done a great job of raising money this year. With leftover funds from last year combined with this year, we have approximately \$66K. In the coming months, we need to raise about \$94K to keep all our wonderful programs and staff in place.

### GEARING UP FOR...THE AUCTION

We have asked ONK and PTA to consider helping us raise some funds for staff and interns this year. If you attend the auction you may direct your funds to be used to purchase staff and interns for next year. Thank you to Sarah Stephens and Maya Mori for their dedication in raising funds our students!

*Bev Pruitt*

### Lottery Mandatory Meetings

- ➔ Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Cafeteria
- ➔ Mar 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Cafeteria

## Thank You & Domo Arigato Gozaimasu



➤ **THANK YOU** to the parents on Foundation, PTA and ONK. These folks have been busy and are looking for some new folks to join in their volunteer efforts for Richmond!

➤ Arigato to Andrea Obana and the PTA for putting together a very successful New Years Celebration on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

➤ Thank you to those families who have already stepped up to host an intern!! The rewards are endless! Nine more families needed!

➤ Jen McIlhenny for her artistic direction and all the parent support working with students and their auction art pieces – amazing!!

## TOP 5 – “WHY I CAN’T HOST AN INTERN”

### 5. My house isn’t clean enough.

There is a misconception that Japanese people are “cleaner” than their American counterparts. We all have busy lives with children underfoot!

### 4. We don’t have a sit-down dinner every night.

As long as you are providing food for your intern, have clear communications about family routines, you don’t have to be June or Ward Cleaver.

### 3. Sometimes I yell at my kids.

Don’t we all? Sometimes it feels uncomfortable to have an “audience” to witness your private behavior, but the interns are here to live in a family environment and experience those dynamics.

### 2. We want to wait until our children are older.

Our family first hosted an intern when my oldest daughter was in kindergarten and my twins were 18-month-old babies! (And again when my baby was only 4-months old!) The greatest benefit I have given my younger children is an early exposure to the Japanese language.

### And the #1 reason is... We are remodeling our bathroom.

We do not require families to provide a private bathroom in order to host an intern. Traditionally, the interns bathe in the evenings and a simple schedule can resolve traffic flow problems.

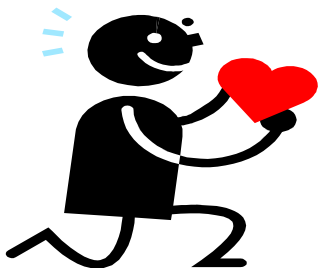
We are still in need of **9** – that’s **NINE**- Host Families for the new interns arriving at the end of March. Without the generous donation of our homes, we cannot receive enough interns to ensure one in every Japanese classroom. Please contact me as soon as possible, before February 10 if you are ready to host!

**Melissa Gorgon Clark**  
Host Family Coordinator  
[mgorgon@yahoo.com](mailto:mgorgon@yahoo.com)

## Immunizations

Immunization Exclusion Day is approaching--February 16, 2011. We are working hard to update all records and avoid any exclusions this year. We truly regret seeing students miss school due to immunization exclusion; however, each school must comply with state law. Please work with us to update your child's records and thereby avoid any exclusions this year. We'd love to report "zero" exclusions to the state this year! We can accomplish this goal!

If you have any questions on the process or would like confirmation from the school regarding your child's immunization status, please feel free to call school or the school nurse, Mary Lou, at 503.916.9220 and choose the option for the school nurse.



## Health Screenings: February 15<sup>th</sup>

We are looking for volunteers to help with health screenings on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We will be screening PK, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for vision and dental. PK and K also get screened for hearing. Volunteer positions consist of bringing classes to and from screenings and managing the flow of traffic. They will take place in room 205 and 17.

~Thanks from Mary Lou the school nurse.

## Oya No Kai Auction: March 5<sup>th</sup>

PLANNING FOR THE AUCTION ON MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> is in full swing! We are still looking for volunteers and we have a job for everyone regardless of skill level or time availability. Please contact Maya Mori at [mayaginmori@gmail.com](mailto:mayaginmori@gmail.com) to volunteer!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE! They are available at [www.onkauction.wordpress.com](http://www.onkauction.wordpress.com) or at the Richmond auction tables (7:45-8:30am) in front of the office and in the cafeteria daily. We have a limited amount of patron tickets left - be an auction patron now!

ONK t-shirts are for sale! They are super cute and on display in the front hall. You can buy them at

the auction table in the cafeteria. If you have any questions, contact Maya Mori at [mayaginmori@gmail.com](mailto:mayaginmori@gmail.com).

For updates regarding art projects, entertainment, food, etc...go to [www.onkauction.wordpress.com](http://www.onkauction.wordpress.com). Sign up for email updates on the home page and stay current on all auction news.

WE STILL NEED DONATIONS!! Drop off at either auction tables in the morning. For all procurement questions, please contact Sara Tam at [saratam@juno.com](mailto:saratam@juno.com). See you there!

## Incoming Siblings for Pre-K & Kindergarten

The lottery opens on February 9<sup>th</sup> and closes on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Online applications can be found at: [www.schoolchoice.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.schoolchoice.pps.k12.or.us)

If you have a sibling attending the program and want to enroll a *new* incoming kindergartener or pre-k student, you **MUST** fill out an online application and pick up an enrollment packet in the office. Any questions call 503.916.6220



## Message from Matt

JANUARY HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS... Our teachers are working hard each day to create meaningful, creative, and rigorous instructional opportunities. Recently, our Japanese teachers worked for a day with nationally recognized immersion consultant Dr. Myriam Met and PPS Immersion Coordinator Michael Bacon to begin the process to outline K-5 proficiency standards.

Our parent community continues to support our school in countless ways. Thanks to Ramon and Claudine Diaz who shared their three Japanese exchange students with us. Our intern, Daiki, said it was a great experience and a nice opportunity to talk about education in the United States.

Our students have been doing amazing work in the classrooms. I hope you have a chance to walk the halls of Richmond and see the incredible collection of work that is displayed in the hallways. The next few months will continue to be exciting and full of great experiences for all of Richmond. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

## \$\$ RICHMOND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS \$\$

💰 **Auction - March 5<sup>th</sup>!**  
Get your tickets! Bring in donations! This is our biggest fundraiser for Interns, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trips, and a great night out with the entire JMP community!

💰 **Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels**  
EVERY dime counts - really it does!  
Drop off box is in front of office.

💰 **Foundation Dinners Out!**  
Laurelwood: Feb 8<sup>th</sup>  
Division Food Carts: Feb 19<sup>th</sup>  
Country Cat: Mar 11<sup>th</sup>  
Support our school the easy way - eat out or take out - either way - easy & fun!!

💰 **Save Our Elms Coffee!**  
Help our big beautiful trees stay healthy and enjoy a great cup of joe by picking up an order sheet in the office and getting fresh coffee!





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**Our BigTent school site:**  
<https://www.bigtent.com/groups/richmondjmp>

The Shinbun, our monthly school newsletter, is full of PTA, Oya No Kai, and Foundation news as well as upcoming events and updates. Look for it in backpacks the first week of the month.

Our Richmond school calendar goes out the third week of the month.

Check out both on-line and stay connected and informed!



## 🎀 School Calendar 🎀

### February

- Feb 7: Sumaura School Assembly – 8:30a.m.
- Feb 9: School Choice Lottery opens
- Feb 9: Late Opening – School starts at 10 a.m.
- Feb 15: Health Screenings – 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. – volunteers needed!
- Feb 21: No School – Presidents’ Day
- Feb 23: OMSI Assembly “Altered States”
- Feb 24: Mandatory meeting for prospective Richmond parents - 7 p.m.
- Feb 28: Site Meeting – 6:30-7:30pm
- Feb 28- Mar 4: Project Second Wind – Canned Food Drive

### March

- Mar 2: Talented and Gifted TAG night for parents as part of PTA. Teachers Ando Sensei, Anna Kapranos, and Kelly Sensei will be presenting along with Principal Pruitt.
- Mar 7: Mandatory meeting for prospective Richmond parents - 7 p.m.
- Mar 7–11 Classified Staff Appreciation Week (Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Mar 9: Late Opening – School starts at 10 a.m.
- Mar 11: School Choice Lottery closes
- Mar 18: Teacher Planning – No School
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