

# Richmond Shinbun

March 2011



## Principal's News

**Bullying behavior** is much in the news these days and always a concern for schools. We want all students safe and coming to school **eager** to be here and learn. The Richmond staff does an excellent job teaching students how to problem solve and how to deal with bullying behaviors.

While we do not feel bullying behavior is a predominate behavior for our children or a problem here at Richmond, there is always some bullying where children are gathered together, which in itself is a reason to learn about how to deal with and manage such behavior. Therefore, Mary Megivern, our outstanding counselor, delivers anti-bullying curriculum. She goes into classrooms and helps them set goals of being better citizens or friends to others. She and our Positive Behavior Committee are researching programs, posters, and activities that we may use with our students. Here is information and some ideas you can share with your children at home.

⇒Bullying: When a person or group uses power - such as physical, verbal, or social - to hurt or intimidate someone or a group who has less power.

⇒Listen & be empathetic - Be an active listener and let your child lead the conversation. Occasionally, rephrase the information your child gives you and repeat the information back to your child in your own words.

Bev Pruitt, Principal  
Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal

⇒Listen for the "5 W's" - Listen for the who, what, when, where, and why – but be aware, your child may be sensitive to being asked a lot of questions at one time. Plan on multiple conversations to get the information you need to help your child.

⇒Make changes/Build skills - Based on the "5 W's," discuss ideas on how to safely and effectively stop the bullying.

⇒Role play different approaches and responses with your child so that he or she will be prepared to stop the bullying but not get into a physical or verbal fight.

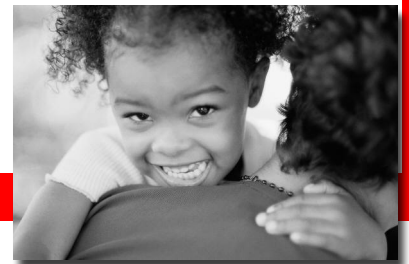
⇒Also, brainstorm ways to increase friendships by developing physical and social skills that are appreciated by other children.

⇒Discuss emotional expression - being bullied can create feelings of anger, frustration, sadness, depression or vengeance.

Teach your child how to relieve these feelings without being violent to themselves or others. Ideas may include talking with other adults and trusted friends, writing in a journal, creating art, doing physical activities, and deep-breathing. Work with the school - If the bullying is happening at school, speak to your child's classroom teacher or the principal so she can help.

When we work together we can make our educational community a place of positive and successful learning.

*Bev Pruitt*



Spring is  
on its  
way...

Honestly!



## School Day Changes

- ◆ Mar 9 Late Start 10 a.m.
- ◆ Mar 18 No School - Planning Day
- ◆ Mar 21-25 Spring Break!
- ◆ April 13 Late Start 10 a.m.

## Thank You & Domo Arigato

- **THANK YOU** to the Auction Team:
  - \*Sarah Stephens & Maya Mori - Chairs
  - \*Sara Tam & Procurement Team
  - \*Jen McIlhenny & parent artist helpers
  - \*And, YOU! For supporting our program!
- Thank you to our fabulous intern teaching team – as you return to Japan know that you will always be in our hearts and memories – Domo Arigato!

- As we say goodbye to this team of interns – get ready to embrace a fresh new team of interns in April!
- David & Jen Gregor for putting together the D-Street Noshery Food Cart Fundraiser! Go there today and enjoy a fun meal with the family!



## Measures to update schools, pay for teaching positions on May ballot

In the May 17 election, voters will decide on two measures:

### Measure 26-121, the school facilities bond

The school facilities bond measure would pay for upgrades at all PPS schools.

- Out-of-date plumbing, electrical wiring, heating and ventilation, fire alarms, lighting and more.
- Classrooms, science labs, and libraries that do not support modern educational programs.
- The need for additional earthquake safety, accessibility and safety in stage areas.

### Measure 26-122, the local option levy

The governor's budget proposal could leave PPS with an \$80 to \$90 million shortfall over the next two years – the equivalent of more than 400 teaching positions cut.

The local option levy on the May ballot would raise \$57 million next year, \$19 million more than the levy voters approved in 2006. The difference would pay for more than 200 positions in schools--teachers and staff. The additional funding from the renewed local option would help preserve teaching positions, educational programs, and class sizes. However, PPS would still need to make substantial budget cuts.

For more information: [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us).

## Lottery Update

Last-Minute Reminder – To register your new incoming kindergartener or pre-k sibling!!

The deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup> – Please pick up a Statement of Understanding packet from the office. If your child is **NEW** to Richmond you need to fill out an online application at: [www.schoolchoice@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:www.schoolchoice@pps.k12.or.us)

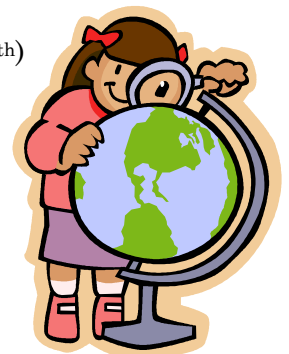
## FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

**Have you seen the D-Street Noshery food Cart cards in your child's backpack? This fabulous fundraiser for the Foundation is a great way to support future teacher staffing at Richmond and get a great meal!**

**Feel part of "Portlandia" and go food-carting today! Carts are: Pie Spot, K-fusion, Awesome Cone, Captured by Porches, Fuego de Lotus, Slice, Oregon Ice Works. Extra cards available in the office in case yours got "lost."**

## CALENDAR

- 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 11: Intern Farewell in Cafeteria – 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Mar 18: Teacher Planning – No School
- Mar 21-25: Spring Break
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# Oya No Kai Auction: March 5<sup>th</sup>

## Lottery Updates

## Message from Matt

### **\$\$ Richmond Fundraising Efforts \$\$**

§ Auction - March 5<sup>th</sup>!!

§ Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels

Keep cutting those labels - It's such an easy way to raise much-needed funds for our school.

§ Foundation Dinners Out!

Division Food Carts: Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Support our school the easy way and

get in touch with Portlandia culture

§ 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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## Richmond Communications

**Feel outta the loop?  
Sign up for BigTent blasts!**

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

**Or check out postings on:**  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/>

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!**

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