

Richmond Shinbun

November 2010

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**“ It’s
Kick
Off
Time! ”**



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov 5th - No School Teacher Planning
- ◆ Nov 11th - No School Veterans Day
- ◆ Nov 22nd- 24th Conferences
- ◆ Nov 25th - 26th Thanksgiving Break

Principal’s News:

With football season kicking off, here at Richmond we are kicking off the **Richmond Foundation Pledge** with the School-Of-Fish campaign to raise money for additional staffing as needed each year.

This year there will be two big campaigns--one now in November (11/1-11/12) with a second in the spring.

Please help us keep our two-teacher model (one English and one Japanese) and PE teacher and library assistant model safe from budget woes in the spring. Please have your kids participate by coloring in a Foundation fish. They will be posted in the main hallway and the student artist will receive two silly bands. Donations returned in the envelope are greatly appreciated!

Thank you in advance for your donations to the program. This money is exclusively to be spent on staffing and nothing else.

Thank you to the Richmond Foundation board members: President, Rich Shawen, Jeffrey Hardy, Jen & David Gregor, Tim Gooding, Katie Luers, Catherine Sweeney-Thompson, Amy Hall-Bailey, and John McDonald.

Spelling List and Editing Marks

Last year staff agreed to common expectations in creating and using the same editing marks K-5 and the same basic spelling list K-5. This is to add a common expectation for our Richmond students. We are working on Japanese and English rubrics (writing guidelines) to use with our students in the same way this year. Our late openings continue to focus on student writing.

The parent TAG meeting will kick off this Wednesday with three more meetings throughout this year. Come learn how parents may support their TAG student. The objective of meeting the needs of high-ability students may include:

- meeting the learning capacity of the students;
- meeting the students’ rapid rates of learning in all or some areas of study;
- providing time and resources so that students can pursue areas of special interest.

Lessons can be modified through acceleration or enrichment of content. Assignments can be modified through reducing regular classroom work or providing alternate assignments. Scheduling options include providing opportunities for high-ability students to work individually through independent study, shared learning in homogeneous groupings with peers of similar ability and interests, and participation in heterogeneous groupings of mixed-ability students.

Our Richmond teachers provide differentiation for all students on a regular basis. The staff also participates in year-long ongoing TAG training to better meet the needs of all students. Watch for newsletter items regarding differentiation in your teacher’s newsletter.

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New Staff

A heartfelt thank you to all who applied for the office secretary position. We are excited to announce that Linda McCann, a retired Portland Public secretary who worked at Jackson Middle School for 17 years has accepted the position and will be in the office on Wednesdays – Stop in and say hello!

Thank You & Domo Arigato Gozaimasu



♦Much appreciation goes out to our parent and grandparent volunteers who put together great Halloween parties for the children!

♦Kudos to the Grandparent Brigade who faithfully arrive each week eager to accomplish many tasks for our staff and students. New recruits are always welcome to join. Please call Dorothy Fisher (503) 255-9656

♦Thank you Foundation team who are busy with the Fall Pledge Drive.

♦Congratulations to Shannon Poole & Karen Wilson (and all their busy volunteers) for a successful apple sale! Our school earned nearly \$3000.00!

♦Arigato to Cathy Zaerr & Oya No Kai for supporting our interns with another successful gift wrap sale! And, ongoing work by Erin Spangler & team with Scrip!

Hot Lunch News



There is an easy way to keep up on your child's hot lunch balance.

Go online to set up an account:

MyLunchMoney.com

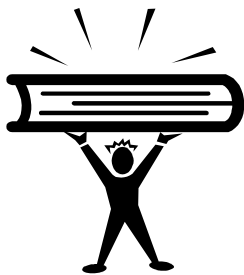
The one-time transaction fee covers all children in your family and you are sent email alerts when the balance is getting low.

If your household has experienced a change in income, your children may now qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

For more information and to apply online go to:

www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition/3948.htm or call: Kendall Rundgerg at 503.916.3247

Library News



The Richmond Library will be having a used 25¢ book sale for all students Nov 15-19th.

Parents can come on the 22nd & 23rd during conferences. PLEASE BRING QUARTERS! Limit two books per student.

PE News

PE Teacher Deb wants to remind students:

All Speed Stack orders must be completed online or submitted to Teacher Debbie by Wednesday Dec 1st. The flyers were sent home with students last week.

Richmond Goes to Space!

Last year, many students & teachers signed their name on a NASA poster headed to space - here is the official update on our poster:

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- NASA's STS-133 mission to the International Space Station is set to lift off at 4:40 p.m. EDT on Mon, Nov. 1. A NASA blog will update the countdown. Originating from Kennedy's Launch Control Center, the blog is

the definitive Internet source for information leading up to launch. During the mission, visitors to NASA's shuttle website may read about the crew's progress and watch the mission's two spacewalks live.

As Discovery's flight concludes, the NASA blog will detail the spacecraft's return to Earth. For NASA's launch blog and continuous mission updates, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/shuttle>

Katoh Students Visit Richmond

Over the last week, six students from one of our sister schools, Katoh School, visited Richmond.

Thank you to Mr. Aubrecht and Ando Sensei for welcoming their new students. The teachers from Katoh School spoke about how kind, respectful, and welcoming all of the Richmond students have been during the visit.

We enjoyed a wonderful welcoming assembly, which culminated with the Katoh students leading

all third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the traditional Japanese song Momiji. It was so incredible to hear all Richmond students join the voices of our friends from Katoh.

A very big thank you to Sayuri Jones who coordinated the home stays for our Katoh visitors and, of course, a warm thank you to the families who hosted those students over the last 10 days. We are looking forward to our next group of visitors from Sumaura School who will arrive in early February.



Talented and Gifted Program (TAG)

The school year is off to a great start and teachers are already implementing multiple strategies to best meet the rate and level of all of our students.

If you have not already had a chance to look at our building-wide TAG plan, please do so - you can find a copy on the TAG bulletin board outside the office or you can locate it on the Richmond website, <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/> or under the TAG sub-folder.

TAG surveys were mailed home a few weeks ago for all identified TAG students. If you did not receive one, please contact Matt Goldstein at 503-916-6220 or mgoldste@pps.k12.or.us

Please remember to bring these completed surveys with you to your child's fall conference.

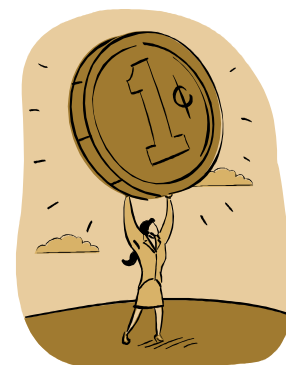
If you are considering nominating your child for TAG you must complete the nomination form by November 20, 2010. The nomination forms are located on the TAG bulletin board or you can access a copy on the PPS TAG web site: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/tag/B_TAG_IDPF.doc

If you have any questions regarding nomination or other issues relating to TAG, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Marsh, Richmond TAG coordinator, or Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal.

Richmond Fundraising Efforts!

- 🌻 **Noho's Hawaiian Café 5-Day Fundraiser!**
Sunday Nov 7 - Thursday Nov 11th
4627 NE Fremont St. location.
Please mention "Richmond Fundraiser." Look for flyers in the halls and more info online!
- 🌻 See the attached **Save the Elms** Coffee order forms to support our playground trees and get caffeinated! Makes a great holiday or hostess gift!
- 🌻 **Rich Coffee Ladies** who faithfully serve our students and parents and raise funds daily to help the school!

- 🌻 Thank you to the PTA for all the funds that helped purchase a MUCH needed laminator for all our school needs! And an extra shout out to our parent volunteer, Brian Dibert, who is the captain of all things laminated. Thank you Captain Laminator!!!
- 🌻 **Box Tops & Campbell Soup labels**
Cut off those box tops and snip those Campbell soup labels to help raise funds for our school needs. Last year over \$600 was raised by this simple act alone! Thank you to Kim Dody for counting and counting and counting!



Communication News

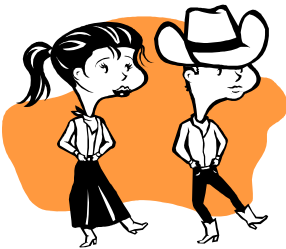


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Keep informed and up to date with all the Richmond news and events via online at our PPS site:

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

Or our BigTent school site:

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

Our school newsletter, the Shinbun, is full of PTA, Oya No Kai, and Foundation news, events, and updates comes out monthly the first week - look for it online and in the front hallway (for those without a computer)!

Our Richmond school calendar goes out the third week of the month also online and in the front hall.

Staff News...and Line Dancing?!

👉 Thank you to 5th grade teacher, Bill Aubrecht, who works with our Safety Patrol Students. The program helps to keep our children safe crossing streets and teaches responsibility to our upper grade students. A dedicated crew of kids are out there daily helping us all get to and from school safely!

👉 All staff are hoping that we as a school can reach our Foundation fundraising goal of \$50k and/or 75% participation by our school population so we as a teaching team can do a "line dance" for students in December! That's right-- teachers doing a line dance to thank you for your support!! Bring cameras!

🎀 School Calendar 🎀

November

****No Late Opening in November****

- Nov. 1-10: Richmond Foundation Pledge Drive
- Nov 7-11: Noho's Restaurant Fundraiser: 4627 NE Fremont
- Nov 5: No School - Teacher grading day
- Nov 11: No School - Veterans Day
- Nov 16: Site Council Mtg 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Library
- Nov 22 - 24: No School - Parent Conferences
- Nov 25 & 26: No School - Thanksgiving - Happy Thanksgiving to all our families!!



December

- Dec. 1: Safety Mtg. 7:30 a.m. in the office
- Dec. 6 -10: PTA Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Dec 8: Late Opening School starts at 10 a.m.
- Dec. 15: Site Council Meeting 2:30 p.m. in the Library
- Dec. 15: LSAC- Local School advisory committee from 7-8 p.m.
All parents welcome to come and talk with Richmond administrators.
- Dec 18th to Jan. 2nd: Winter Break - Happy and safe vacation to all our families!

TAG Advisory Group Meetings

- Jan 13, 2011 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 10, 2011 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- May 12, 2011 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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