



# Richmond Shinbun

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## Principal's News



**APRIL** showers bring Spring POETRY to Richmond!

Thanks to Site Council parents (Breese Watson, Russell Chamberlain and Yoko Sato) who suggested we have a school-wide event, and so we are doing a school-wide poetry campaign this month. Teachers and students have been learning about and writing poetry. Run for Richmond money paid for Author Eric Ode to come to Richmond and hold an

assembly to talk about how he creates and writes poetry. Each classroom received Eric's book of poetry. Please look for a poetry pocket in the hall with your child's favorite or original poem in it. All three parents' positions will be open for Site Council next year. Attached please find a volunteer/election flyer for Site Council and consider signing up for two years.

**APRIL** brings next year's budget and staffing decisions. Your surveys showed us that you valued all the jobs here at Richmond but that in general the first choice after classroom teachers was PE. The district cut one position from this year, and yet we have to add 30 more/new students. To do this in our immersion, two-teacher model, we had to modify and reduce some other positions. We will not have a full-time media specialist but a full-time classified library assistant. We will have part-time counseling but retain part-time counseling and full-time PE. In addition, we will be back to our team-teaching model at every grade except for 5<sup>th</sup>. They will have 3 classes with one team of an English teacher and a Japanese teacher and the other class with a half-time Japanese teacher and half-time English teacher. There will be no split or blended classes next year.

**APRIL** is the month that we ask for parent input regarding student placement for next year. While we have a very complete process for classroom placement, which the teachers and administrators work with, we do ask for parent input in this process. Please see the attached pages regarding classroom placement.

**APRIL** will be very busy with the classroom reports and Run for Richmond coming on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A lot more is in store so please check out the dates and news in the rest of the letter.

~Bev Pruitt



Please welcome our new kitchen manager,  
Anne Rodgers!



## Important Dates

- April 12 – Spirit Day: PJ Day
- April 13 – No School: Planning Day
- April 16 – Switch Day
- April 16 & 17: Pastini's Fundraiser Nights (RSF)
- April 18 – 10 a.m. Late Start
- April 19 – Royal Blues Assembly
- April 20 – Run for Richmond
- April 30 – OMSI Assembly
- May 4 - Principal's Coffee
- May 9 - OMSI Assembly
- May 12 – Spring Festival
- May 16 – 10 a.m. Late Start
- May 28 – No School: Memorial Day
- June 13 – LAST DAY!
- June 14 – Summer!!



## Thank YOU!

A BIG thank you to our treasured Classroom Reps for coordinating class parties and events!

Another BIG thank you to our fabulous Foundation Team who enthusiastically were here morning and afternoon gathering donations in honor of staff during the annual Spring Pledge Week! The school is happily littered with schools of fish and a huge pod of whales!!

...and of course, a HUGE thank you to every dollar donated by our community in support of our program!

Thank you to Catherine Malone of the Cultural Committee for cataloging our Japanese treasures!

Our sweet tooth is satisfied by all the efforts of Cathy Zaerr with See's Candy sales for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Thank YOU!

The Book Fair was a huge hit thanks to all the efforts of Sara Fields and Amy Seaholt and the volunteers!

Thank you Greg Byrd for all your helpful tasks in the office, sweeping out front and washing lunch trays!

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## Say Hello & Goodbye to Our Interns!

Tis that time of year, when we say sad goodbyes to another year of fabulous interns. Thank you to outgoing interns: Mutsumi Sakata, Naoko Adachi. Ayako Yamada, Haruno Nogure, Aki Taniguchi, Asami Sugawara, Kie Fukushima, Sayaka Katayama,

Kunihiro Kodama, Mika Maeba, Koharu Katsura, Satoko Yahari, & Mari Tsukamoto!

Good news is that with every goodbye we get to welcome another exciting, eager and brand new team of interns to our classrooms.

Welcome to new Interns: Yuriko Abuku, Mizuki Horiuchi, Mayuna Hosokawa, Minori Inoue, Chisaki Ito, Akino Kamekawa, Mami Kuniyoshi, Junko Sato, Yuri Suzuki, and Misa Fukuyama!!



## RUN FOR RICHMOND - APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Thank you to the PTA and Amy Starr-Thomas for planning the Run for Richmond scheduled for Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. In the past the funds raised supported OMSI science enrichment activities and assemblies, calligraphy instruction, Taiko classes, and visiting authors.

Students should have pledge sheets that were sent home or extras are available in the front office. Students are asked to recruit friends and family to sponsor them for the number of laps they run. Please return the forms to the orange box in Room 110 by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## April is Poetry Month!



Spring has sprung and it's time to rhyme. April is Richmond's poetry month! Our students and staff have envelopes up with their personal creations inside. Please wander the halls and enjoy each child's creation. We have some very talented and creative young minds at work, and they need a generous audience.

## Sensational Science Section


OMSI will be here at Richmond covering a lot of fun science at two school assemblies. April 30<sup>th</sup> OMSI will do their Gollology assembly and on May 9<sup>th</sup> they will present Electrifying Science. Funds to cover these science enrichments were provided by last year's Run for Richmond.

On the evening of Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> our annual Science Fair will be held in the cafeteria. Parent, Pat Barton is the coordinator of the event and all questions should be sent his way.

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## Student Awards for the March Student Assembly

<b>Kinder – Amy &amp; Jill</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egan Crigler</li> <li>Eliza Knoepfelmacher</li> <li>Nic Siegel</li> <li>Sophie Tsugawa</li> <li>Maya Lum</li> <li>Cooper Thyken</li> <li>Kaden Funabashi</li> <li>Kaya Zuch</li> <li>Ryu Hernandez-Ishikawa</li> <li>Taiji Yamakawa</li> </ul>	<b>Kinder – Kelly &amp; Reiko</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaiah Irwin</li> <li>Lia Levine</li> <li>Maia Lippay</li> <li>Oscar Cavanagh</li> <li>Aki Lindblade</li> <li>Ben Talmadge</li> <li>Kana Barlag</li> <li>Nesta Quigley</li> </ul>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> grade – Murphy/Mishina*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luna Person</li> <li>Sten Brakstad</li> <li>Lola Hatakeyama</li> <li>Kirin Nontavarnit</li> <li>Konomi Steffen</li> <li>Jake Burnett0</li> </ul>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> grade – Meier/ Uchida</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maia Gutmann</li> <li>Toki Hoff</li> <li>Henry Snuffin</li> <li>Anna Wilson</li> <li>Carmina Albor</li> <li>Piper Lando</li> <li>Sylvia McDonald</li> <li>Isley Tomlinson</li> </ul>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Denlinger/ Mogi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jonathan Ham</li> <li>Rykki Hodges-Kaufman</li> <li>Izaya Laguardia</li> <li>Noah Lattin</li> <li>Madeline Thyken</li> <li>Rowan Hutson-Lytle</li> <li>Alex Kageyama</li> <li>Lucas Spangler</li> </ul>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Kapranos/Scheiman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jolynn Tripi</li> <li>Iris Wolfe</li> <li>Teak Hutasangkas</li> <li>Gavin Bailey</li> <li>Kirra Hartney</li> <li>Ethan Block</li> <li>Jakob Lanier</li> <li>Ruby Patrick</li> <li>Yuumi Smith</li> <li>Carl Luers</li> </ul>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Schulz/Nagakura</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malcolm Bagnall</li> <li>Lily Bozzo</li> <li>Easton Coonradt</li> <li>Ila Nixon</li> <li>Marina Thompson</li> <li>Lauren Callahan</li> <li>Cameron Kwiatowski</li> <li>Mia Miller</li> <li>Alivia Perry</li> <li>Hank Reed</li> </ul>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Martin/Hirahara</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kennedy Andrews</li> <li>Maya Feldman-Dragich</li> <li>Henry James</li> <li>Alex Skiles</li> <li>Madoka Blandy</li> <li>Dylan Diaz</li> <li>Jay Facer</li> <li>Sophia Kodachi</li> </ul>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> grade – Jacobson/ Kamata*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thalia Clow</li> <li>Kirk Dibert</li> <li>Riley Huber</li> <li>Precilla Neal</li> <li>Claire Trostel Shaw</li> </ul>
<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> grade– Kitazawa/ Aubrecht</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Danny Casey-Hain</li> <li>Ella Amen</li> <li>Miyuki Machado</li> <li>Miko Wollner</li> <li>Griffin Gray</li> <li>Marin Jurgens</li> <li>Simone Shipiuro</li> <li>Audrey Skoog</li> </ul>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade - Ando/ Kapranos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenji Lamdin</li> <li>Kaleena Bergquist</li> <li>Maya McDarragh</li> <li>Lauren Yanase</li> <li>Isao Hardy</li> <li>Julian Lazaras</li> <li>Tiffany Kanaka</li> <li>Mimi Endo</li> <li>Kana Heitzman</li> <li>Akira Nakamura</li> <li>Mr. Kawasaki</li> <li>Yahari Sensei</li> </ul>	<p>*Our apologies! Student names for Mishina sensei and Kamata sensei will be in the next edition.</p> 



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## District Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11.

Please join in celebrating our teachers by nominating a teacher to be honored during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11. Any PPS elementary, middle or high school teacher, early intervention/early childhood special educator, counselor, librarian, teacher on special assignment (TOSA), curriculum coordinator, coach or student instructional specialist is eligible. Please send nominations to:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/hr/2769.htm>

## Richmond PTA Honors Staff & Secretaries

PTA coordinates Teacher Appreciation Week activities during the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> by requesting parents to volunteer to bringing lunch items, flowers from your garden, or donating professional services if you are a massage therapist, etc. More information coming soon on how you can help honor your child's teacher

Administrative Assistant Appreciation (Office Secretaries) is Wednesday, April 25.

Thank you to Kristina & Kari

~Bev Pruitt



### Richmond's Mission

Our mission is to provide an excellent education for our students while developing and maintaining fluency in both the Japanese and English languages.

### Richmond's Vision

Richmond Elementary School will be the best Japanese immersion school in the world by all measures of success.

