



Richmond Shinbun

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Important Dates

Jan 16 – No School (holiday)
 Jan 18 - Late Start 10 a.m.
 Feb 3 - No School for Students (Report Cards)
 Feb 6 – Switch Day
 Feb 10 – Lottery Opens
 Feb 10 – Report Cards Home
 Feb 10 – Sumaura Students Arrive in the Afternoon
 Feb 11 – ONK Auction
 Feb 14 – Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
 Feb 15 – Late Start 10 a.m.
 Feb 20 – No School (holiday)
 Mar 9 – Lottery Closes
 Mar 20 - Laurelwood Restaurant Fundraiser
 Mar 21 – Late Start 10 a.m.
 Mar 26-30 – Spring Break

Principal's News



Welcome back! Happy New Year and best wishes to all your families as we move forward into 2012. Hopefully, you enjoyed a rewarding and renewing holiday. We were blessed with many gifts and well wishes in our office. We appreciate all of the thoughtfulness shown to us by all of you!

Richmond students are back with New Year's resolutions to be on time, to be at school daily and to be academically ready to do well in the new year!

Please see page three of this newsletter where we recognize our wonderful students at Richmond. These monthly assemblies have begun so that we may hear from student council, learn about the character word of the month, and be recognized for a variety of excellent behavior and academic traits. Great news! Student attendance was up last year to 96.2%. This was *above* the district's average at 94.6%!! It is important that students are here to learn on time to begin a successful day. Thank you families for making prompt attendance a priority!

State testing starts in February. Please read Mr. Goldstein's article on page two about testing to learn more about this facet of testing. Lastly, the student report cards will go home with students on February 10th.

The school report card is out from the state of Oregon reporting last year's OAKS testing data. As the graphs found online show Richmond students continue to do well and outperform the other district schools, other state schools and especially important, the students have outperformed comparisons schools (schools that are most like us). Our students, staff and families continue to work diligently and succeed in English AND Japanese.

See the full report online at: www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx





Message from Matt

State assessments are on the way...

Starting in February, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will begin taking the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (better known as OAKS). Students complete online assessments in reading and math, and our 5th grade students will also take the science assessment. These evaluations are just one piece of a year-long comprehensive assessment system. Teachers work very hard to prepare our students for these assessments without compromising the integrity of our immersion program and other aspects of the curriculum.

One change this year is that students will NO LONGER see their score on the screen upon completion of the test. Teachers still have immediate access to the scores and will work to find an appropriate time to share the results with students and families. If necessary, students have up to three opportunities to take the assessments.
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PTA – Rich Coffee Curtain Call!!

Please stop and gaze in awe at the newly purchased STAGE CURTAINS!

Thank you to each & every purchase made by you or your student! And a GIANT thank you to the Rich Coffee Team who made this dream come true: Yoko Sato-Duncan, Sachiko Nishikido, Etsuko Austin, Katharina Cahen, Yoko Breyfogle, Kyoko Ross, Keiko Jones, Robbie Treblehorn and others who help out!



We have so much to be thankful for at this school – a strong community of dedicated students, teachers and parents/ grandparents that are here everyday contributing to improving our school and program.

A case in point that we

want to highlight is our Rich Coffee Team, a PTA committee. Faithfully, every morning our star-studded Rich Coffee crew is ready to greet us with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, baked goods and snacks to get our morning off to a great start. This smiling and laughing team deserves a HUGE thank you for their daily dedication, which has resulted in an amazing gift for our school!

Thank you PTA & Rich Coffee!

Oya No Kai - Auction

Oya No Kai's **Annual Auction**, which serves as the primary means of funding our amazing intern program and life-changing Cultural Exchanges, is scheduled for the evening of **February 11th at the Leftbank Annex**. It will be a wonderful night filled with friends, fun, and music with the 3 Leg Torso performing before the live auction. Patron and standard tickets are available for purchase in the cafeteria and front hall before school, or any time at our website:

<https://onk.tofinoauctions.com/auction2012/register>.

See you there!

Testing News, continued

Grade	2011 – 2012		2010-2011	
	Meeting	Exceeding	Meeting	Exceeding
Third	211	224	204	218
Fourth	216	226	211	223
Fifth	221	230	218	230

In each of the subject areas, the state sets the scores needed to either meet or exceed the benchmark. These scores, commonly referred to as “cut” scores, have been raised from time to time (math increased last year). This year, the state has done the same thing for reading.

Please feel free to contact Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal, mgoldste@pps.net or (503) 916-6220 with any questions or comments you may have about testing.

Student News – Monthly Assemblies

We will be having monthly assemblies at Richmond for the remainder of the year. Each classroom teacher recognizes four or five students each month for some accomplishment or amazing behavior in the classroom. Listed below are December's Students of Recognition:

Kinder – Amy & Jill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bea Clark • Linna Hopper • Mika Blandy • Nolan Day • Gavin Prime • Olivia Norrish • Tyler Lewis • Asher Dubin 	Kinder – Kelly & Reiko <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabrina Montgomery • Sophia Johnson • Henry Harris • Aiden Harris • Ben Talmadge • Aiden Wood • Sarianne Gripenburg • Sara Postlewait 	1 st grade – Murphy/Mishina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eli Filner • Hazel Spoons • Ida Price • Zaida Ferguson • Rebecca Calaba • Luca Utsumi • Genevieve MacNair • Edie McDaniel • Spencer Nagle
1 st grade – Meier/ Uchida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nola Vigna • Sam Dody • Sully Kroeger • Benjamin Cicilian • Aurora Callahan • Bennett Roque • Cady Shawen • Elena Thompson • Adrian Wilkinson 	2 nd grade – Denlinger/ Mogi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominic Hammer • Jane Ernst • Silas Huber • Mia Lowenthal • Lauren Barr • Caden McIlhenny • Mitchel Munzing • Nina Takahashi 	2 nd grade – Kapranos/Scheiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiko Bibb • Sabine Bravin • Seamus Holland • Gracine Siegel • Bryan Yanase • Kika Garcia • Maia Goldberg • Brennan O'Brien • Leo Wheelock • Aili Yamakawa
3 rd grade – Schulz/Nagakura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madeleine Wheelock • Raymond Nakanishi • Oweghn Egusa • Jesse Flint • Daisuke Lull 	3 rd grade – Martin/Hirahara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmet Thompson • Marcus Matsumura • Ronan Chamberlain • Vesna Kesic • Alexandra Helkey • Jarl Branum 	3 rd grade, continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephany Castellanos-Welsh • Lily McDonald • Niko Mizani • Julia Yilmaz
4/5 th grade– Kitazawa/ Aubrecht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob Dirkx • Maya Gibson • Elizabeth Kuhns • Isabel McIlhenny • Rowan Wilkinson • Erica Ham • Arden Luers • John Peter Neighbors • Christopher Yamasaki • Jamie Fields 	5 th grade - Ando/ Kapranos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maya Lorton • Keira Malone • Cinclair Mathies • Gabrielle Paisner • Julia Semprevivo • Zoe Beyler • Eleanor Golden • Gwen Kaliszewski • Jacob Parvankin 	4 th grade – Jacobson/ Kamata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zachary Barmon • Saki Jones • Lily Ma • Keiyu Schramm • Sophia Talmadge • Talia Felcher • Miya Klein • Willie Shiozawa • Caroline Namikas • Gabriella Tangkilisan • Rebekka Purcell



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Pre-K Classroom News – Melissa Sensei

Momiji Pre-K has been having a fun and exhilarating year!

This month we are busy celebrating the New Year and learning all about O Shogatsu. This week we learned about the Daruma, and played a Daruma game, which is similar to "pin the tail on the donkey." We are also learning about water and weather. Check out our weather graph on the wall outside our classroom! Coming soon, we'll be engaging in two days of Water Works! Momiji kids will be putting on our scientists' hats and conducting a variety of water experiments. I am sure that we will have fun, get wet, and learn a lot!

Happy year of the dragon! Melissa Sensei

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.



Lottery, Lottery, Lottery!

The 2012-2013 lottery cycle has begun! Tours are hosted almost weekly on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. by our parent docent team led by Keith Schreiner. This important introduction to our program has made the Richmond lottery quite competitive. Word of mouth is our best (and most economical) form of advertising. Call 503.916.6220 to register for a tour date.

There are **3 easy steps** for new families, as well as incoming Pre-K & Kindergarten siblings, to enter the lottery.

- 1 – Go to PPS “School Choice” and register online between Feb 10th – Mar 9th.**
http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php
- 2 - Attend one (1) mandatory meeting. either Feb 21st or March 5th at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. No need to register ahead of time, just come and sign in. Curriculum and lottery information will be covered and the Richmond Statement of Understanding form will be included in your packet of materials.**
- 3 - Fill out and sign the Richmond Statement of Understanding form and return it in the packet handed out at the Mandatory Meeting.**

Looking forward to another busy year and exciting lottery! Call 503.916.6220 with any questions about the lottery or registration.