



Richmond Shinbun

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Test Score Results

Richmond's 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students recently finished their state testing (see back of this page). Yet again, Richmond students performed incredibly well in Reading, Math & Science. Our strong scores confirm the success of our immersion model and the work of our classroom teachers, our students, and the continuous support of parents and guardians!

Important Dates

May 31 Science Fair 6:30 p.m.
June 1 Principal's Coffee 8:15 a.m.
June 8 Field Day
June 13 LAST DAY for students!

**Report cards go home last day
or mailed on June 15th.**

Aug 29 Kinder & Pre-K Parent Orientation 4:15 p.m.
Aug 30 Ice Cream Social 5:30 p.m.
Class lists posted
Volunteer photo badges
Sept 5 First day of school
Grades 1 – 5
Sept 10 First full day of Kinder & Pre-K

Principal's News : Student Placement



Dear Parents:

Student placement is perhaps one of the most important events that we perform each and every spring. Numerous hours are spent carefully placing each child to create balanced heterogeneous groupings. The Richmond classroom placement process utilizes a team approach in providing well balanced, supportive instructional groups in all classrooms. To achieve this balance, teaching teams create learning environments based on the following criteria: Gender, achievement level, behavioral characteristics, special needs, support services, student combinations, ethnicity, parent information, and staff and principal input. Parents provide input regarding any special needs that their child has and any information regarding classroom environments. Your child's teacher knows his/her students very well and is committed to recommending an effective placement for all children. We believe this placement process will assist us in creating fair and equitable learning communities for all our children.

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Staffing Updates

As the school year winds down we want to briefly update you about staffing for next year. While we are certainly in a time of tight budgets and staff reductions, Richmond will continue to be able to offer a rich and exciting program next year. We will be adding a section in fifth grade (½ time English and a ½ time Japanese teacher), maintaining our PE program and counseling position, staffing our new library space with a full-time classified library assistant, and adding a full-time music teacher. We will have 2 sections of PK, 4 sections in K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and 3 sections of 5th grade. We estimate our enrollment will be inching closer and closer to 700 students! We thank the Richmond School Foundation for their amazing support. Funds raised through the foundation continue to fill the critical gap between state funding and the dollars we need to maintain the best program possible.

Safety First – Improving Drop-Off Time at Richmond

As many of you know, the drop-off time at Richmond can be stressful. As our program grows to nearly 700 students, our number one priority is to do our best to keep all children (and adults) as safe as possible. This responsibility does not fall to one particular person or group, but truly belongs to the entire Richmond community. Whether you are driving, walking, or biking, there are ways each of us can help to make this time of day better for all.

Over the last two years I have met with a small group of parents to brainstorm ways to improve the arrival and dismissal time at Richmond (with extra emphasis on the morning).

As a result of these conversations, the city of Portland will be making some changes to the signage around the school. Most notably, the city is going to increase the number of "5 minute/Driver Must Remain at the Wheel spots" along 41st and 42nd Avenues. At the ice cream social on August 30th, we will have maps and other information on the changes.

In addition to improving the traffic flow, we will continue to promote cycling and walking to school, carpooling, parking and walking, and utilizing the school buses. It is our hope that we can work towards making drop off quick, efficient, and most importantly, safe.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Matt Goldstein, Assistant Principal at mgoldste@pps.net or 916-6220.



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Root Beer Floats for Volunteers!

Join the Richmond staff in the cafeteria on Monday, June 11th at 2:15 for a very special THANK YOU for all that you have done as parent and family volunteers!

Our annual root beer float event celebrates our volunteers! Our staff is honored to serve YOU for all that you have done to help the Richmond community!

After-School Activities Update

Due to our ever-increasing student body and the need for classrooms to teach our student body we are running extremely tight on space for extra-curricular activities!

CUBs (Civic Use of Building) requests need to be submitted to the office by August 29th to be eligible for an internal lottery for after – school activity space. Forms can be found online at the PPS site.

The Black Guardians of the Books News

With great pride we acknowledge our amazing Battle of the Books team, the Black Guardians, who took a very close SECOND Place at State! Members Whitney Thomas, Sophie Baer, Malik Khouma, Micah Griffin, and Hannah Strek, were led by Coach Sue Baer onto a 2nd place victory!

Next year the books listed below are on the Battle of the Books list:

Castle Corona by Sharon Creech

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood

The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Ray and Me by Dan Gutman

Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda

Star in the Forest by Laura Resau

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules

Spelling Champ: Isao Hardy

Fifth grader, Isao Hardy, has taken Richmond Elementary to another win in spelling at the county level (MESD) spelling bee. He will be going to the State bee again in September. Now, with Isao's spelling acuity Richmond School has three District wins, two firsts at MESD, and a second place at State!

Congratulations Isao and best of luck in September!

JUNE 8TH FIELD DAY

Are you looking for one more volunteer opportunity? This one will be the most exciting of all...FIELD DAY. Teacher Debbie needs 70+ volunteers on Friday June 8th from 12:10-2:10. This event will be for K-5th students as a celebration of skills acquired during PE this year. Pre-K will not be included for safety and supervision reasons (they will have something to look forward to next year). Volunteers will supervise a station for 45 mins to 90 mins depending on the number of volunteers. Please signup at the rolling bulletin board in front of the office or by emailing Teacher Debbie at dmadore@pps.net

Student Awards for the May Student Assembly

Kinder – Amy & Jill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declan Bilotta • Genji Uzunoe • Judson Williams • Uta Rollin • Evan Wright • Mika Heshiki • Natalirose Leonard • Raymond Shaw 	Kinder – Kelly & Yoshida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asher Kim-Magierek • Cooper Golda • Ethan Vuong • Gigi Bareilles • Max Schnell • Miles Glenn • Oscar DiBerardinis • Quinn Kohles-Yamada • Sasha Flint • Sophia El-Ebrashi • Tomomi Koch • Tristan Gabriel 	Kinder – Kelly & Yoshida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bennett Thomason • Benson Deibele • Carter Gillam • Clara Welty • Georgia deThomas • Grace Kelsay • Jack McAnulty • Kento Breyfogle • Scout Funk • Seiji Tani • Thomas Ishida • Yuuki Quinn 	3rd - Martin/Hirahara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connery Haug • Aidan Leeman • Alex Messer • Nathan Perkins • Ashe Richardson • Jubei Uzonoe • Olive Vigna
1st – Meier/ Uchida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Baumann • Rory Bennett • Nason Holveck • Jude Love • Desmond MacRae • Ian McCandless • Fiona Mertlich • Robbie Nakanishi • Lukas Pollack • Lucy Price • Ruthie Price • Scarlett Thomas • Forrest Peloquin • Riley Berquist • Sean Dunning • Ren Gibbs • Johan Haglund-Wright • Gavin Rockett • Grant Syron • Athena Wooters 	2nd – Denlinger/ Mogi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aidan Austin • Jeffrey Burt • Ada Conaty • Brena Dorsey • James Downing • Milo Fox • Alice Harwood • Mia Howard • Kaizen Littman • Koen Michaud • Mikio Nakamura • Zooey Whang • Josiah Chandler • Jeremy Dirkx • Coen Havlin • Aubrey Joyce • Lilie McRee • Shanon Moehling • Quinn Nakada • Hana Steffen • Noah Walcott • Ezra Yellin 	2nd - Kapranos/Scheiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aidan Blatter • Graham Davis • Annalisa Hagg • Rowan Hertling • Astrid Howells • Finnegan Jarrell • Pierson Manome • Adrian Petrillo • Henry Carlton • Harry Hoeschler • Koji Kubo • Ian Parks • Grayson Stephens • Clara Sweet • Maya Tetsuka • Codi Treblehorn 	3rd – Schulz/Nagakura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorelle Beatty • Finn Bromenschenkel • Aurora Gifford • Ellen Lovre • Jacob Mertlich • Sabine Rivas • Mikio Schmidt • Megumi Toyoda • Molly Vitkevich • Thomasina Yost • Hazel Chance • Reid Gentry • Ellis Gibson • Zoe Gifford • Tomo Hardy • Vaughn Jacobsen • Lucy Knoepfmacher • Frances Peterson • Kaya Viboolsittiseri • Mei Zuch
4th – Jacobson/ Kamata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Byrd • Alexander Thorp • Julianna Namikas • Satoshi Shimada • Spencer Barton • Maia Hawkins • Harmony Pendleton • Ezekiel Viena • Dominique Yost 	4/5th Kitazawa/ Aubrecht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elie Birke • Hannah Strek • Micah Griffin • Mika Schow • Cory Brown • Alara Holveck • Athena McCarver 	5th - Ando/ Kapranos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keira Malone • Zoe Beyler • Gwen Kaliszewski • Eleanor Golden • Eleanor Zaerr • Esme Peters • Annie Burt • Annie Van Valkenburg • Shinoa Greenfield • Grace Gunderson 	5th - Ando/ Kapranos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenji Lamdin • Scully Viktevich • Maya Lorton • Maya McDarragh • Tyler Hutson-Lytle • Kai Roy • Leo Oudomphong • Julia Semprevivo • Bryn Stephens

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

2012-2013

All ballots are due by **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th, 2012**. Please turn in ballots to the office.

VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES



Michael Dunning: Parental involvement is part of what makes Richmond a unique, special school. I am excited for the opportunity to become more involved as a parent representative. My children have shown me what a wonderful gift bilingual and bicultural education can be. I taught ESL in Japan and at Lane Community College, lived in Japan for four years, and am married to a Japanese woman. These experiences have made me appreciate the way Japanese and American culture exist in tandem at Richmond. My background and passion for our school make me an excellent candidate for Site Council. (Child will be in 2nd Grade in 2012-2013)



Kate Flemming: I am familiar with site council, having served on the site councils of Chief Joseph Elementary (2004-2009) and Harrison Park School (2009-2011) as a staff representative, serving as both facilitator and secretary during this time. I know the challenges that face the councils in making decisions regarding school improvement and family involvement, and I relish these challenges as a privilege towards serving the school community. I would like the chance to serve the Richmond community and contribute my planning skills for the good of my own child's school. I do not have any specific agenda coming into this, only to work to the best of my ability for the betterment of Richmond School. (Child will be in 2nd grade in 2012-2013)



Jami Knutson: I have always been actively involved with the schools (including Mt. Tabor and Grant when my step-sons were attending) during my children's education. Moving forward I would like to be part of the Richmond Site Council and, I am very passionate about the success of this school. (Children will be in K and 5th Grade in 2012-2013)



Jonathan Levine: Richmond is not just a fantastic school but also a tremendous community, and since being Japanese-English bilingual is important to everyone in my family, we are grateful and proud to be part of it. My qualifications for service on the Site Council include being a former teacher and having administrative experience with budgets and cost-benefit analyses. My service would be guided by two principles from my current profession of social work: 1) the dignity and worth of each person; and 2) the importance of human relationships. Thank you for your time and consideration. (Child will be in 1st Grade in 2012-2013)



Bryan Thyken: As an energy and automation engineer for a multinational company, I will be able to provide insight to help develop academic paths that are applicable to the private sector as well as facilitate the cooperation between outside entities to partner with the school for events and potential fundraising. (Children will be in 1st and 3rd grade in 2012-2013)
