



Richmond Shinbun

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Principal's News – Spring Changes!



Library to Classrooms = Playcourt to Library

Please join all of our community and sign the Thank You letter in front of the office that will go to PPS Facilities and the Superintendent. They are helping us set up two new classrooms for our growing population AND creating a new library! Come see the exciting drawings on the front hall bulletin board.

Changes in staffing will not be complete for a few weeks as we are in the process of interviewing for open third and fifth grade positions. Please return your parent input forms to the office by May 18th. Parent input forms were included in the last newsletter and extra copies can be found in front of the office.

Classroom assignments will be mailed out to families in late August. The class lists will also be posted on the playground at our annual PTA Welcome Back Ice Cream Social August 29th at 6 p.m. The end of summer break seems so far off – so for now we will embrace spring and all its wonderful changes!

Bev Pruitt

Important Dates

- May 4 - Principal's Coffee
- May 9 - OMSI Assembly
- May 12 – Spring Festival
- May 15 – Parent input forms DUE
- May 16 – 10 a.m. Late Start
- May 28 – No School:
Memorial Day
- June 13 – LAST DAY for students!
- Report cards go home last day or
mailed June 15th.
- Aug 29 - Kinder & PreK Parent
Orientation 6 p.m.
- Aug 30 – Ice Cream Social 6 p.m.
Class lists posted
Volunteer photo badges
- Sept 5 - First day of school
Grades 1 – 5
- Sept 10 - First Full day of
Kinder & PreK

SPRING BRINGS NEW INTERNS!

Spring changes bring us more than just wonderful new flowers. Our spring always brings us a wonderful group of new interns! Every year between February and May, we say goodbye & sayonara to last year's interns and hello & konnichiwa to all of our new interns!

Please Welcome:

Mayuna Hosokawa
Yuri Suzuki
Akino Kamekawa
Minori Inoue
Mizuki Horiuchi
Mami Kuniyoshi
Misa Fukuyama
Chisaki Ito
Junko Sato
Yukiko Abuku

PreK
Kinder
Kinder
1st grade
1st grade
2nd grade
2nd grade
3rd grade
4 & 5th
5th grade

Melissa & Anne Sensei
Amy Sensei
Yoshida Sensei
Uchida Sensei
Senga Sensei
Mogi Sensei
Scheiman Sensei
Hirahara & Nagakura Sensei
Kamata & Kitazawa Sensei
Ando Sensei

Thank YOU!

As the end of the year quickly, approaches there are so many people to thank who help make Richmond such a special place for our students and staff!

Our gardens are thankful to Shannon Bromenschenkel who led the plant sale!

Our mornings are made easier by the entire Rich Coffee Team each and every morning! Thank you!

Our Spring Festival would be nothing without all the hours put in by the PTA, Heather-Lee Harper and Andrea Obana and all of our volunteers, vendors and families! Thank you!

Our faithful Grandparent Brigade keeps busy every Wednesday with so many helpful office and staff tasks. Thank you!

Our upcoming **Field day**, on **Friday, June 8th** needs a lot of volunteers and excited parents to cheer on our student body as they get busy and have fun! See the sign-up sheets in front of the office next week! Thank you!

A giant thank you to every parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, friend, co-worker and neighbor who has donated much-needed funds to our several successful fundraisers!

Spring Festival - Saturday May 12th

The annual Spring Festival is nearly here! This hugely successful annual event is the highlight of the season!

The classrooms perform at the times listed to the side. There are lots of games and activities to enjoy. Come savor all the food, available for purchase as we as many crafts and other items.

Volunteers are always needed to help staff this spectacular school-wide event that is held on Saturday, May 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 4p.m.

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Gym Performance Schedule

11:15-11:30	Ando /Jaina (5th)
11:30-11:45	Wenger/Bibb (PreK)
11:45-12:00	Harper/ Fujiwara (PreK)
12:00-12:15	Murphy/ Senga (1st)
12:15-12:30	Uchida/ Meier (1st)
12:30-1:00	Iverson/Grover/Marsh/Yoshida (K)
1:00-1:15	Kitazawa / Aubrecht (4/5th)
1:15-1:30	Scheiman/Kapranos (2nd)
1:30-1:45	Mogi/Denlinger (2nd)
1:45-2:00	Nagakura/Hirahara (3rd)
2:00-2:15	Kamata/ Jacobson (4th)
2:15-2:30	Kikuyo Jurgen's Dance Group
2:30-2:45	Breakdancing

RUN FOR RICHMOND RESULTS!!

A GIANT thank you to Amy Starr Thomas for all of her hard work towards another successful Run for Richmond. This annual event could never "run" as smooth without all the help of teachers, parents, grandparents, pledgees, the PTA and PE Teacher Deb. And, of course, our 596 fabulous student runners who ran almost 15,000 laps! Approximately \$31k was raised with about \$25k going toward future assemblies, OMSI visits, and a variety of enrichments for all students. The remaining funds will go to the PTA to support teachers and the classrooms.

April WAS Poetry Month!

On Friday, April 27 all students spent the last hour of the day roaming the halls reading and enjoying each other's posted poetry. Book buddies helped the younger grades explore and read poems. It was a busy and fun experience for all!

Office says Thank you

Kristina, Linda and Kari want to thank you VERY much for all the kind words, big smiles, and so many gifts and flowers showered upon us for Secretary's Day. We adore working for this kind-hearted community. Thank you again for making this job wonderful!



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Teacher Appreciation - Thank YOU!

What a wonderful week here at Richmond!

The parents, students and younger siblings all worked together to put on another fabulous Teacher Appreciation Week!

The sparkling clean classrooms glowed on Monday after a thorough cleaning by hard-working families! From the aroma of bleach on Monday to the glorious smell of fresh flowers in all classrooms, it was a treat that made everyone smile!

A yummy potluck with plenty of delicious food was beyond words! The staff feels appreciated all year, but this outward display of affection is a treasure and makes Richmond special! Thank you!!

Celebrations! Foundation & Run for Richmond

We have some exciting upcoming classroom celebrations!

The Foundation Spring Pledge drive promised two celebrations: One to the classrooms that raised the most funds and one to the classroom with the highest family participation. It was a tight race, but in the end the same teaching team won BOTH challenges!

Congratulations to the students of second grade team Anna Kapranos and Scheiman Sensei who will receive a double-scoop ice cream party!

The PTA promised each grade level and extra recess for most laps run and the most funds pledged! The winners of an extra recess are: 1st grades Miss Meier & Mrs

Murphy, 2nd grade Mogi Sensei, 3rd grade Mrs Martin, 4th grade Mrs Jacobson, 4/5th grade Mr Aubrecht.

Thank you to the generous families, neighbors and friends that helped support our program this year!

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.

