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Important Dates

Nov 2:	PTA General Mtg
Nov 4:	Principal's Coffee 8:15 Cafeteria
Nov 7-9:	Pastini's Night
Nov 9:	Crazy Hair Day
Nov 10:	No School Teacher Planning
Nov 11:	No School Veterans' Day
Nov 21-22-23:	Parent-Teacher Conferences

Principal's News



Richmond Foundation's Fall pledge drive was well planned and a successful event last week. Thank you to all the parents and friends of Richmond who donated money to help pay for our "extras" in staffing. The staff and I so appreciate all of your support and your children directly benefit with more personnel in the building to keep your children safe and learning in a more successful model.

Parent/Teacher conferences are here in two weeks. Richmond teachers have a waiver from the district contract so that they may work longer to meet with all of the 58 to 60 parents of the children they teach daily. PPS elementary teachers only have approximately 28 conferences or one class of students. We all appreciate that our staff is willing to vote and approve this waiver every year for the extended work days for them, as it is a good time to meet with all our parents. While it is tempting for some families to leave early for the holidays, please know that conferences are not for extended vacations and are not rescheduled if you choose to miss them. If you have a family emergency and a phone conference can be set up at your assigned time, then the teachers will try to accommodate those types of phone calls. If your child is struggling, then the teachers should have already contacted you and you are probably already talking with the teachers. Thank you for respecting the teachers' time at this hectic time of year. Thank you to PTA and parents for providing dinner for our staff on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.

Enjoy your families and the time with the folks you love and nurture in this world. We are thankful for our work here at Richmond and the rewarding experiences we have working with your children.

Parent-Teacher Conferences an Important Link to School

By, Rene Mandley, as appeared in the Nov 18, 2009 StatesmanJournal.com

"Here are strategies to help you get the most out of your time at different grade levels: To gain the most from conferences, prepare ahead. Talk with your child about what's going well and what

could be better. Does your child have a question they'd like you to ask? Write your questions down ahead of time so no critical topic is missed. If a significant event is affecting your child or family, let the

teachers know, so that they have a better understanding of your student. During the conference, take notes to help you remember dates, examples, or other important information. Tell the teacher your questions up front, so they can be sure to address them, but also be clear that you are ready to listen as well and to support both your student and the classroom."





Gratitude Grove

There are so many members of our community that help make this school the amazing place it is day after day with their dedication and support!

A quick thank you to a few special names...

Keith Schreiner to your daily afternoon help in the office and laughter!

Scott Hohenshell & Greg Byrd for always offering to help out in the office, sweeping the school, etc!

Photo Day volunteers: Jessica Gifford, Heather Lee Harper, Sarah Price & Yukako Meyer.

Moms Gayla Leibenguth, Ann Skoog and Julia Colson who drop in to do a quick job or two or more!

Gena Siegel for helping distribute the school photos!

The Grandparent Brigade led by Dorothy Fisher and her faithful Wednesday workers Yoji, Sammi, John and Janice. Thank you for doing so many projects!

Look for your name here next month!

PTA Updates

Apples, Apples & Apples!

We want to give a big thank you to Shannon Poole and Karen Wilson for organizing the annual apple sale! Make sure to pick your apples up as soon as possible so you can make your

pies and applesauce.

The Craft Fair is coming up! Think about hosting a table with some friends. It is a great event for our kids and community.

Save the Elms coffee order forms are available in the new

parent/staff workroom #110.

Help protect our gorgeous trees by ordering this coffee!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the PTA General Meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Foundation News

The fabulous Fall Pledge Drive week has wrapped up with some great success! The T-shirt sales proved to be very popular – and there are still many more shirts available for purchase at richmondfoundation@gmail.com.

Giving to the Foundation helps our school plan for next year's staffing needs. You are welcome to give at any time ~ any amount!

The red Foundation



mailbox in the main hallway is available for donations. Online giving is made easy by using **thinkschool.org** to click and donate a one-time gift or to spread your donation into affordable monthly payments over the course of the year.

The Richmond walls need more of the bright yellow origami Swimmy fishes to decorate our school! Please bring in any finished fish and deposit in the red Foundation mailbox anytime!

Thank you Richmond Community for your support toward our wonderful teaching staff & curriculum. Together we raised \$15k not counting online donations!

Oya No Kai

The Oya No Kai giftwrap fundraiser has 'wrapped' up for the year! This fundraiser supports the Japanese Magnet Program at all three schools. Orders were received from Mt. Tabor, Grant as well as our wonderful Richmond community.

We are excited to announce that more than 20% of our student population participated again this year! We are also very excited to report that 19 Richmond families made DIRECT DONATIONS to the

intern fund this year - many of those in *addition* to their giftwrap orders. Congratulations and thank you for your support and hard work. You make our program the success that it is!

All of our Interns have moved into new host homes for the next six months! Thank you to host families for all they do for our interns!

Plan ahead and contact Andrea Obana for the next round of interns that arrive in March. Andrea.obana@gmail.com

Thank YOU!

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☺ Thank you to the Foundation team for helping to get pledges to buy staffing!

☺ Thank you to the PTA Rich Coffee team. They purchased the new sound system and microphones that were installed this week. Your morning cups of coffee helped buy this system!

☺ Thank you Super

Green Team for helping the 2nd graders meet their Community Care Day commitment!

☺ Thank you to Robbie Treblehorn for cleaning up the school grounds the last few years, and now a Rich Coffee volunteer – and now taking on Box Tops!

☺ Thank you to Kim

Dody for collecting and mailing in Box Top & Campbell soup labels for the last few years!

☺ Thank you to Brian Dibert for his dedication in laminating all the teaching materials!



Cultural Exchanges in Action: Katoh School Students and Teachers visit Richmond

For the past week, it has been a pleasure to have six students from our sister school, Katoh, visiting Richmond. Katoh School is a private English immersion school located in Numazu, approximately one hour south of Tokyo, on the flanks for Mt. Fuji. As I visited classrooms during the week, it was wonderful to see our Richmond students working alongside their Katoh friends. Thank you to our six host families who graciously opened their homes to our visitors. Please consider hosting a visiting student in the future. We have a large group of students who will be visiting from Sumaura School in February. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Obana at andrea.obana@gmail.com

Thanks for your continued support!



Student News



Another big THANK YOU to all the Richmond families who have made a concerted effort to improve their student's attendance. While absences due to sickness are expected and an occasional tardy occurs we have noticed a tremendous improvement with attendance – especially tardies! Mornings are tough but everyone is doing a GREAT JOB! Keep it up!

Student Council Spirit Days!

Mark your Calendar!!

Nov 9th: Crazy Hair Day

Feb 2nd: Sports Day

Apr 12th: Pajama Day

May 25th: Japanese Dress Day

Classroom news — Anna Kapranos 2nd grade

The four second grade classes have been discussing the importance of communities and how we could give back to one of the communities that provides us with so

much support. We decided to give back to our Richmond School community. On Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 the students raked leaves, composted, prepared

the garden for winter, and used leaves to do crayon rubbings. The students will use the crayon rubbings to make cards for a local nursing home. It was an amazing day of giving back to our community!

As a parent and secretary, here is some ‘mom-lice-advice’. First, make sure your children put their jackets and hats **INSIDE** their backpacks. Second, check your child’s hair often. Daily or weekly checks help you catch it early and get on top of it. Third, whatever method you use to shampoo the live lice - the key is in ‘nit-picking’. You *must* comb and comb and comb. You *must* get all eggs or nits out before they hatch into live lice. Lastly, diligently vacuuming everywhere, endless washing and drying of pillows, sheets, and blankets, bagging up toys, and cleaning car seats helps to reduce the chance of re-infestation.