



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Beverly Pruitt, Principal
Richmond Immersion K – 5
Japanese Magnet Program**

Dear Richmond Parents and Community,

The weather seems to be warm and summer-like for a day or two and then very fall-like the next week. So, too, do the changes evolve at Richmond. As the principal, I am pleased that our amazing staff has returned to teach your fabulous children. There are a few new additions to our team in the specialist positions. They are as follows;



Welcoming New Richmond Staff!!

- Bryan Smith has joined Richmond staff as our full-time certified librarian. Bryan will provide instruction in library and media skills. He will enable staff to drop off their classes as he is a certified media specialist. This will give classroom teachers much-needed preparation time and will give students a longer library time in the intermediate grades.
- Pat Roth will serve as our new Speech Therapist. Pat has been with PPS for 15 years but this is a new assignment to our school. His office is on the stage or in Room 17 on Tuesdays. Angela Schar Becker will be here all day Tuesdays and help our referral team regarding learning difficulties. Her office is on the stage or in Room 17 on Tuesdays.
- Bridget Mullaney is our new Learning Center teacher. She is a resource teacher with eight years' experience in Portland Public Schools.
- Jodi Lovett is a new educational assistant in kindergarten. She came to us from Buckman with many years of experience.
- Cam Lam, our new school nurse has been at Woodstock and Buckman and has been a school nurse for the last five years. She will be here on Mondays & Thursdays.
- Angie Schar Becker is our new School Psychologist
- Kathyrne Rose is an Educational Assistant for the 1st, 4th, 5th & 4/5th blended classrooms.



Back-to-School Night

Monday, Oct 3rd at 6:30 in the cafeteria.

We will meet in the cafeteria briefly to meet all the school staff. The teachers will then be dismissed to the classrooms to present information about curriculum, homework, and behavior expectations. Session 1 will run from 6:30 to 7 pm and Session 2 will be from 7 to 7:30 pm. The two sessions allow parents to attend more than one teaching team's presentations.



HARVEST FESTIVAL is September 24 ~ 11-3pm



This is a PTA-sponsored event. Lots of cool, fall activities are being planned for a day of play for the children. See the announcement in the front hall by the office for more information and volunteer recruitment. Contact Heather Lee Harper to volunteer: hlee719@msn.com. A bike rodeo is planned so be sure to ride your bike to the event!!

LEARN TO EARN at Richmond BANK DAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Open a free account with only \$1
- Deposit as little as a penny
- Get a prize every time
- Free money bag, quarter card, passbook
- Earn interest
- Save for awesome things like college, cars, trips, iPods, bikes, cell phones
- Receive a birthday card and cookie
- Parents and school get special banking benefits
- It's easy and fun



See you in the cafeteria starting at 7:45am on Wednesday morning

SITE COUNCIL

Thank you to Yoko Duncan Sato, Breese Watson and Russell Chamberlain who serve as the parent representatives on our Site Council. Site Council is a committee of parents and teachers who discuss and monitor the academic success and professional development plans each year via our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP). These meetings are held monthly the third Tuesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:00 in the Library and are open to the public.

Reminders!!

- **Picture Day is Tuesday, September 20th** – Please have your student bring his/her order form to the teacher to hand to the photographer or go online to pre-order at: www.hjclix.com our school number is #4009940.
- **Late Opening is Wednesday, September 21st** – School starts at 10 am. No student arrival before 9:50am. Dismissal is still at 2:15 pm.
- The Monthly Coffee with the principals will be the first Friday of the month at 8:15am.
- TAG Meeting is Oct 6th at 6:30pm in the Library

Cheers to a great 2011-2012 School Year!
Beverly Pruitt
Principal

