



Richmond Shinbun

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December 2012

Passing of the Bond

As many of you know, the PPS Capital bond was overwhelmingly approved by voters. Over the course of the next year you will begin to hear more about the projects, the sequence of the work, and what it means for Richmond, Mt. Tabor, Grant, and the entire district. If you are interested in additional detail, visit

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/8153.htm> to read an article with the latest information. The passage of the bond will finally enable PPS to begin to modernize buildings and create the best possible learning environments for our students.



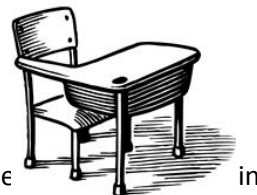
Important Dates!



Dec. 3 – Dec. 7: Scholastic Book Fair –
In the Library
Dec. 7: Craft Night and Kinokunia Book
Fair: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Dec. 12: 2-Hour Late Opening: First
Bell is at 10:00 AM
Dec. 17 – Jan. 1: Winter Break
Jan. 2: First Day back – Happy New
Year!
Jan. 11: Japanese New Year's Festival
Jan. 16: 2-Hour Late Opening: First
Bell is at 10:00 AM
Jan. 21: NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday
Jan. 24 – PTA Meeting
Feb. 1: NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning
Day – End of Second Quarter
Feb. 11 – Feb. 15: Sumaura School
Visits Richmond
Feb. 18: NO SCHOOL: President's Day
Feb. 20: 2-Hour Late Opening: First
Bell is at 10:00 AM

Principals News

I hope all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. The teachers all enjoyed meeting with families during conferences. While it is a fast-paced twenty minutes, we hope you had the opportunity to hear how your child is progressing, had chance to ask a question, and got a better sense in the coming months.



Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the delicious food in the staff room. It was so nice to have lots a great food to enjoy during conference time. We value the Richmond community so much and cannot thank you enough for all your on-going support.

It is hard to believe that we will be out again for Winter break in just a couple of weeks. I hope you all have plans to enjoy time with family, relax a bit, and welcome winter with a smile. With the students out for close to 2 ½ weeks, you might want to find some time to practice those math facts, work on Japanese, or find a great book to read. Research has shown that those students who read at least 20 minutes each day will be more successful in school and throughout life (Nagy & Herman 1987).

Great Assemblies

Argentinian Dancers, Animals from the Outback... The Jefferson Dancers in December, Japanese Storytelling in January, visits from OMSI ... and I am sure more to come! We have had some exciting assemblies in the last month and some fun ones that will be coming our way soon. We thank the PTA for organizing our Run for Richmond. The funds raised pay for all of these amazing learning opportunities. If it is not already on your calendar, the Run for Richmond will be on April 19, 2013.



Bev Pruitt and Matt Goldstein being introduced to Rick's "Little Friend".

Winter time Illness

Please be reminded that if your child is sick, please do not send them to school! Any child who leaves school with a fever cannot return to school the next day. Students with any vomiting, diarrhea or fever must be symptom free, without medication, for a minimum of 24 Hours before returning to school. We appreciate your help in this matter. Our school nurse, Marta Boylen is at Richmond every Tuesday and Thursday. Feel free to stop by and ask her any questions.





Oya No Kai, Inc.

Supporting the Japanese Magnet Program

Oya No Kai, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to contribute to the successful development of the Japanese Magnet Program (JMP) and to develop a network of mutual support among program participants. Oya No Kai's main goal is to fundraise for the Intern Program and Cultural Exchanges. Our parent volunteer Board of Directors meets monthly. We currently have one contracted person who coordinates our 19 Interns, home stays, and cultural exchanges throughout the year.

Intern Program: If you are interested in hosting an Intern in the spring, please contact our Intern Coordinator, Yoko Niki-Breyfogle at ynbreyfogle@gmail.com.

Listserv: Please sign up for our Listserv today. Go to oyanokai.org and follow the directions for signing up. The Listserv (which is different from Big Tent) is used for communications regarding Oya No Kai related events, announcements, etc. and is available to the entire Japanese Immersion Program community.

Directory: Look for information regarding the directory in your child's backpack soon.

Upcoming Events

Mochitsuki 2013: Oya No Kai is excited to be a part of Mochitsuki 2013! Mochitsuki is Portland's annual Japanese New Year celebration. Come down to the Scottish Rite Temple on January 27 between 11 - 4 and visit our booth. We'll be selling ONK T-shirts and our Interns will have a fun craft to do with the kids. To learn more about Mochitsuki and for ticket information, go to mochipdx.org.

Annual Auction 2013

When: Friday, February 22, 6 pm

Where: Castaway, 1900 NW 18th

What: The Oya No Kai auction is the primary fundraiser for Interns and Cultural Exchange scholarships and grants.

Who (to contact with questions)

Auction Chair, Sara Tam,
saralynnetam@gmail.com.

Procurement Chair, Natasha Banks,
natasharbanks@gmail.com. Art
Coordinators, Kyle Begley,
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Hammer,
corinna.hammer@gmail.com.

How (to follow us): Facebook or on our
blog
oyanokaiauction2013.wordpress.com.



Donations needed now!

Do you have a business that can donate to our auction? Have concert or sporting event tickets? Can you host a party? We are looking for fun & unique experiences (for kids and adults), spa/salon related items, hotel stays & getaways, parties, and wine, wine, wine! Please don't wait to donate. Deadline for donations is January 18. We can use your help today! Like us on Facebook/Oya No Kai Auction.

Thank you! A huge thank you goes to Shannon Bromenschenkel for coordinating our annual Gift Wrap sale. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the Intern Program. Together, we raised over \$4500!

If you are interested in fund raising for Oya No Kai, please contact Sara Tam, saralynnetam@gmail.com.

Counselor's Corner

Hi Families,

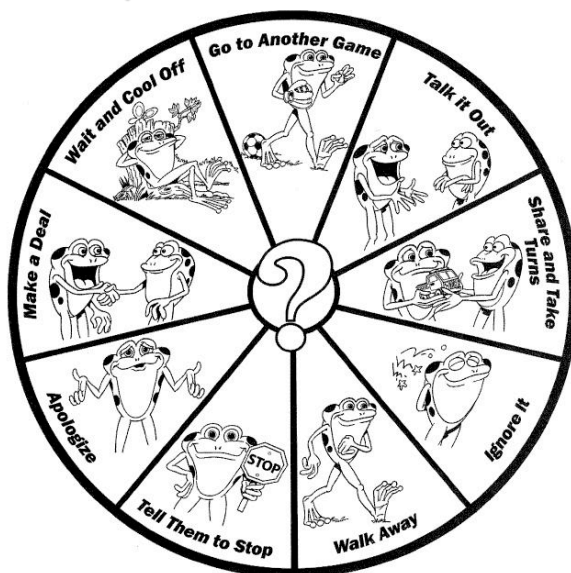
I was on a leave of absence at the start of the school year but I am happy to be back. Kate Mouery, my substitute, has been amazing in carrying out the counseling duties in my absence. She and I will share the job until the Winter break, then I will resume my fulltime status in January. It's been wonderful to see all your children's smiling faces and receive their warm greetings. Currently, I am doing counseling guidance lessons in the primary grades (prek-2) and Kate continues her work in the upper grades.

We have been focusing on creating positive classroom climates and community building, and will continue our focus on problem solving, conflict resolution and peer mediation for December and January. Next week I will present a refresher lesson on the conflict wheel and Kate will spend her time training a large group of 4th and 5th grade students to be peer helpers on the playground, (called Bulldog Brigade). Our new Student Council has been selected and I will facilitate our first meeting next Thursday. We have lots of planning to do, including our school Spirit Day activities, community service projects and our fun Riddle of the Week activity. I can still be reached by calling the main office (503-916-6220) or by email (mmegiver@pps.net). Have a great week!

Mary Megivern

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

If you have a smallish problem, try any 2 of the choices on the wheel



**IF YOU HAVE A BIG PROBLEM,
TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST.**

Student News – Monthly Awards

Pre-K, M. Wenger

Cora Lanford-Crick Kael Uyeda
Kai Yonago Maya Gates

Kinder, A. Grover

Charlie Carlton Eliza Barrow
Nour Almahalawy Taylor Lundstrom

Kinder, J. Iverson

Alex Setera Caden Rice
Milo Rengert

Kinder, K. Marsh

Claire Coffey Lilly Wilson
Lola Batcheller Owen Martin
Seth Waineo

Kinder, R. Yoshida

Beckett Kroeger Leif Darling
Petal Peloquin River McLeod-Holik

1st, D. Iwersen

Luke Freeman Kaden Funabashi
Charlie Kapranos Clara Welty

1st, S. Uchida

Ben Talmadge Aiden Wood
Lea Yonago Kellie Shiozawa

1st, T. Rivera

Adele Early Isaiah Irwin
Tomomi Koch

1st, S. Gaynor

Peter Cavanagh Mika Heshiki
Eliza Robinson

2nd, S. Denlinger

Elise Coffey Gracie Darling
Nicholas Sandgathe Jude Love

2nd, E. Mogi

Liam Thompson Meg Reed
Spencer Nagle Emily Rambo

2nd, A. Kapranos

Luca Brennan Sofie DeLuca
Anna Gates Adiv Golden
Lola Hatakeyama Noah Gregie

2nd, A. Scheiman

Maia Gregor Edie McDaniel
Marley Russell Scarlett Thomas
Olivia Yilmaz

3rd, M. Nagakura

Olivia Prime Davis Glenn
Eli Farrenkopf-Bihn Aubrey Joyce

3rd, M. Gross

Isaac Lasky Zooey Whang
Jonathan Ham Henry Carlton

3rd, M. Hirahara

Ada Conaty Mia Lowenthal
Caden McIlhenny Ruby Patric
Bryan Yanase

3rd, D. Munoz

Lauren Barr Ellison Begley
Dominic Gefroh Maia Goldberg
Lelani McMurray

4th, M. Jacobson

Sophia Skiles Reed Lando
Maya Feldman-Dragich Dylan Diaz

4th, Y. Kamata

Reid Gentry Niko Mizani
Kate Connors Madoka Blandy

4th, K. Kitazawa

Cameron Kwiatkowski Olive Vigna
Lily McDonald Phillip Zaerr

4th J. Kapranos

Oweghn Egusa Raymond Nakanishi
Ellis Gibson Marina Thompson

5th, A. Ando

Adam Pua Kirk Dibert
Kaiya LaGuardia Sophia Baer

5th, W. Aubrecht

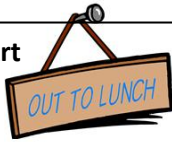
Willie Shiozawa Keiyu Schramm
Caroline Nammikas Isabel McIlhenny

5th, M. Tomita, J. Loveland

Crimson Ravarra Micah Griffin
Julianna Namikas



Lunch Menu Art



Congratulations to 4th graders **Maya Feldman-Dragich** and **Mackenzie Parrott** and 5th Grader **Erica Ham** whose artwork appears in the 2012-2013 Nutrition Services Menu/Calendar. Maya's red radishes appear in September, Erica's great looking apple tree is featured in October, and Mackenzie's "Apples Rock 'n Roll" is in November.



School Closure Alerts and information as it happens!



As we are drawing near to our winter break, watching for the inclement weather warnings helps to prepare for the events of the day. Take a moment and bookmark on your internet browser the following link, <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=69>. This will allow you to sign up for automatic email notifications on the status of Portland Public Schools. Also, you can use this link to check and see the PPSD status without using an email address!



Gratitude grove

Thank you to the PTA Volunteers for the food during conference week. Thank you to the Richmond Parents for setting up, volunteering, and running the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to the Grandparent Brigade for the ongoing support in the office

Bulldog Brigade

On Thursday, December 6th, the first group of students will be trained to be student mediators. Each student will learn how to best solve problems that occur on the playground. Not only will this training help solve those issues, but our hope is that students will also use their newly acquired skills throughout the building and maybe even at home! The number of students interested in being a part of the brigade has exceeded expectations and capacity. We will have two additional trainings later in the year. Because brigade members will miss some instructional time, students who have been late and/or absent more than 10 times during the first quarter may not be considered for a spot because they have already missed a significant amount of classroom time. If students are able to improve their attendance, they may be able to go through a training later this year. If you have any questions, please contact Richmond School counselor Kate Mouery at kmouery@pps.net or 503-916-6220.



Richmond Traffic/Parking Update

Since the last November Newsletter, the Richmond community has done an amazing job of accepting the challenges of our limited parking facilities. We have had only a couple of incidences of parking in front of the garbage cans, and an amazing level of consideration for the Grandparents and Auction Parking Winner spaces. Keep up the excellent work!

Safety Update – Lockdown Drill

On November 28th the entire school participated in a lockdown drill. The drill was monitored by several members of the PPS district safety and security team as well as administrators from other schools in the Franklin cluster. The drill was a definite success – our staff followed all necessary protocols, the students remained calm, and our school emergency team (SET) was mobilized to provide the over-all support and leadership needed in the case of an emergency.

