



# Richmond Shinbun

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## Staffing Update

With summer break truly on the horizon, we are also finalizing our staffing picture for the 2013-2014 School year. At this point, here is our line-up for next year:

- PK: Anne Harper and Melissa Wenger
  - K: Jill Iverson/Amy Grover and Reiko Yoshida/Kelly Marsh
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Toshiko Rivera/TBA and Karen Meier/Sumiko Uchida
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Seth Denlinger/Eriko Mogi and Anne Scheiman/Anna Kapranos
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Martha Gross/Minori Fukushima and Michiko Hirahara/TBA
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: Jaina Kapranos/Kaoru Kitazawa and Yoshiko Kamata/ Beth Martin
  - 5<sup>th</sup>: Jen Loveland/Miki Tomita and Atsuko Ando/Bill Aubrecht
- PE/Dance: Deb Madore
  - Counselor: TBA
  - Library Assistant: TBA
  - Learning Center: Emily Martine
  - Speech Language Pathologist: Anne Schagen
  - School Psychologist: TBA
  - ESL: Lesley Spector

## A Message from Mr. Goldstein - Wishing you a wonderful summer

In this, the final *Shinbun* issue of the 2012-2013 school year, I would like to say thank you for a fantastic school year. It has been a pleasure to work with all of Richmond's students and the entire Richmond School Community. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and exciting summer break! Enjoy those long days, beautiful summer nights, and the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family. We all know you will enjoy a break from the "school routine," especially those early mornings! Of course, we do encourage you to find bits of time to read a great book, work on your Kanji, solve a few challenging math problems, or perhaps write a story about a thrilling summer adventure.

We look forward to seeing you all on August 29<sup>th</sup> at our annual Ice Cream Social here at Richmond beginning at 5:30 pm.

## A Major boost provided by the Richmond School Foundation



The Richmond School Foundation (RSF) had an incredibly successful year. The foundation's fall and spring drives, along with on-going contributions raised over \$50,000 this year. These funds come at a time of great need, as our staffing allocation was reduced by Portland Public Schools. With the help of the RSF, we will be able to maintain our "two-teacher" model at all grade levels for the 2013-2014 school year.

We want to thank RSF President Allison O'Brien and her entire team of volunteers for their dedication to the foundation. Their work, along with all the donations, is the only way we are able to supplement our staffing.

If you want to know more about the RSF and the amazing work they are doing, please contact Allison O'Brien (allisonland@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Richmond Bulldog Sweatshirts and T-Shirts



Richmond PTA will start taking orders for the ever popular, and fashionable Bulldog t-shirts



and sweatshirts at the beginning of the next school year in September.

## Richmond PTA – A Truly Incredible Year

We all know that there are amazing things going on at Richmond. The Richmond PTA has been working incredibly hard to make this a truly exceptional year. We would like to offer profound

thanks to PTA President Amy Starr Thomas, the PTA Board, and all members of the PTA for their contributions to our school community.

## Some Highlights...

**The Site Committee** has worked hard, and with the backing of the PTA will launch a campaign to raise \$400,000 to make significant improvements to the field. The plan calls for a turf field and a walking/jogging track going around the perimeter. Clearly this space has the potential to be a great addition to our school and a great asset to the entire Richmond neighborhood. The PTA committed \$2,000 to re-stripe the playground blacktop

**The Super Green Team's** project to convert the north garden into a nature walk-way is an exciting project that will take place this summer. Thanks to those of you who have purchased bricks and benches! Not only will this project provide a safer way to walk through the parking lot area, but it will create a wonderful spot to read a book, take a stroll, or to admire the natural landscape.

**Rich Coffee** continues to provide the much needed cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. How fortunate we are to have our own "private café." The funds raised continue to provide great additions to our school

**Run for Richmond** – Pledges totaling close to \$30,000 have come in so far, making the 2013 Run for Richmond incredibly successful. These proceeds will enable significant enrichments in the arts and sciences during the 2013-2014 school year.

This is just a sample of the amazing amount of activity coordinated and lead by the Richmond PTA. Every child at Richmond directly benefits from this hard work, commitment and deep level of involvement. Thanks Richmond PTA!

