



# Richmond Shinbun

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May 2013

## An Evening to Celebrate YOU!



**Calling All  
PTA  
Volunteers!**

We are celebrating your hard work and many accomplishments this year with food and good cheer. Grab your family and join us at the Hopworks Urban Brewery (HUB) on **May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm to 6pm** for free pizza. The HUB is located at 2944 SE Powell Blvd. Thank you to all our PTA volunteers who have helped make this school year a fun and successful year for all! Your time and dedication helps make our "School House" a Home!

## A Message from Mr. Goldstein – Finishing the Year on a Positive Note

We all know that the month of May brings about a great deal of excitement and anticipation – final lessons and field trips, assemblies, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders' final month, and long fun filled summer days on the horizon. When talking about finishing the year off on a strong and positive note, I often remind students that they need to finish strongly (just like that final kick that I saw in many during the Run for Richmond), not getting distracted or losing sight of the hard work that they have accomplished this year. Our teachers and staff still have the same high expectation for student behavior and it is our hope that students will continue to be positive and respectful members of our learning community.

*Thank You*  
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*Thank You* *Thank You*

**Richmond School Foundation to provide Huge Boost – ONE FULL Classroom Teacher for 2013-2014!**

The Richmond School Foundation and all those who donated deserve a great round of applause for their work and contributions this year. The funds raised during the fall and spring pledge drives (as well as on going, monthly donations that are made by some) are truly significant. In light of the present budget situation, and the projected cuts in staffing at Richmond, we lean on the Foundation, now more than ever, to help us fill vital positions in our school. Though it is hard to imagine, without these dollars, our situation would be far worse. The additional FTE that Foundation dollars create will hopefully allow us to add a much needed 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position and to try and hold on to some PE and/or library. We want to thank Foundation President, Allison O'Brien, and her team for working very hard to generate a significant amount of money for our school. We recognize that there are many "asks," throughout the school year and sincerely thank those of you who helped support The Foundation during the 2012-2013 school year. For those of you still interested in making a donation, it is never too late and the dollars are certainly needed. Making a donation is easy on line: Go to <http://allhandsraised.org/> and be sure to designate your donated funds to Richmond Elementary School.



## Taking Orders for Nature Walk Pavers Now

Be sure to place an order for your personalized paver to be forever on display in our new Richmond Nature Walk, being installed this spring/summer. If you didn't receive a flyer via backpack mail, contact the PTA and we will be sure to get you one.

### Important Dates!

- May 1-31 Walk & Bike to School Month 
- May 11 Spring Festival at Richmond 11am to 4pm
- May 15 Late Opening. School Begins at 10am
- May 22 TAG Informational Meeting. 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Room 103
- May 27 Memorial Day Holiday  
**NO SCHOOL**
- May 31 Pajama Day
- June 3 Volunteer Tea
- June 7 Field Day
- June 14 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration  
1:00 pm in Cafeteria
- June 14 Last Day of School

## Richmond Bulldog Sweatshirts and T-Shirts



Bulldog T-shirts and sweatshirts will be back next year! If



you missed out on getting fashionable in the latest Richmond attire, fear not! ALL items will be available at the beginning of next year.

Letting those kids outgrow their clothes is a good thing – and Richmond PTA is here to get them fashionable with school spirit!

**Spring TAG Information Meeting** has your child recently been identified as talented and gifted? Do you have feedback to give Richmond regarding TAG issues? Do you just want more information about TAG identification? We will touch on all of these questions and a few more on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will be from 5:30-6:30 PM in Kelly Marsh's classroom, Room 103. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Kelly Marsh](#) or [Matt Goldstein](#). We hope you can attend!


The sun was shining, the field was dry, and the feet (a thousand plus), were moving! On April 26<sup>th</sup> our annual Run for Richmond was a tremendous success.



Finally, a huge thank you to all those who provided pledges, both large and small. This event would not be successful without the incredible level of participation that occurs and the tremendous support of the Richmond community.



## Congratulations to Sophie Baer – A top speller in Portland Public Schools



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Dear Richmond Parents and Guardians,  
Students and Community,

We will continue to expand our knowledge of music terminology as it applies to and expresses music at hand. For example; our 100-year-old American favorite – “Take Me Out To The Ball Game” combines with three quarter time, a poem, and short story where students learn and do an “Ostinato” and the rhythmic value of a dotted half note as it relates to three quarter notes.

On the evening of April 25<sup>th</sup> songs from around the world filled the cafeteria. Under the direction of music teacher Elizabeth Van Engel, Richmond students performed a beautiful medley of songs. The crowds were large and wonderful – lending great support to our students.

In addition to the music performance, students and families were able to roam the halls reading hundreds of poems that had been posted on the walls throughout the school. Thanks to Elizabeth for her direction and for teaching 19 different songs to Richmond students. A big thank you to our classroom teachers who flexed their schedules, helped with rehearsals, and provided much-needed support during the event.

Finally, we thank the Richmond community for supporting the arts in our school and for attending this great event.

The enrollment process for school choice is over, and the Enrollment & Transfer office (503) 916 3205, is ready to take your questions. To all the parents that worked so hard in getting together the forms and additional documents, a big thank you for making this season run very *smooooothly!*

**Gym Notes from Teacher Debbie!**

As I write this note, we are finishing our fabulous Run For Richmond jog-a-thon. It was a beautiful day with lots of smiling youngsters, hardworking



volunteers and very enthusiastic spectators.

Students have brought home information about ordering Speed Stack equipment. Cup stacking improves hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, focus and reaction time. I set up a Group Order once a year for students to obtain the equipment that is not sold in stores. There are two ways to order: either online or get a paper form from me. Order is open, 4/29/2013 through 5/20/2013. Once closed, items will be shipped to Richmond and distributed.

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS** and consider volunteering for Field Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>, K-1<sup>st</sup> will have a morning field day with 5<sup>th</sup> graders running the stations. Second through fifth will enjoy a PM field day with adult volunteers running the stations.

As the sun peeks out and students begin to wear warm weather clothes and shoes, please ensure they wear safe and appropriate shoes (flip-flops, open toes and/or heels are a no-no) on PE days. First grade M/TH; second grade T/FRI; third T/W; ask their teacher and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> know their days.

FYI- Ask your 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader what pickleball is?

**Cafeteria Balances**

All cafeteria balances must be paid ASAP. Please contact [Anne](#) in the kitchen if you have any specific questions. You can access your students balance by visiting <https://www.mylunchmoney.com/>. In order to log-in you will need your child's student ID # which you can get from your classroom teacher or at the office. Report cards may be held for students who have negative lunch balances. Please attend to this matter.

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

It's hard to believe it's May already and the end of the school year will be here in six weeks. The students have been working so hard in every area, including practicing many of the interpersonal skills they've been taught. We see them successfully solving conflicts, respecting and appreciating individual differences, learning to manage their time, as well as their stress, and becoming more competent in their academic and language skills. As we reflect on the counseling activities we've engaged in this year, it's satisfying to see many of the things we've practiced, (i.e.: active listening, using conflict resolution strategies, calming activities) become more a part of the students everyday experience. In May, we will continue to focus on these skills while broadening our knowledge of Wellness and Self Care. We will take a closer look at how good nutrition, rest, exercise, stress management and happy friendships make us stronger learners and more successful citizens.

The children have been enjoying our focus words of the month, (such as Efficient, Tolerance, Perseverance etc.) and our Riddle of the Week. The new word of the month is Ownership, as in taking responsibility for our actions, behaviors and health.

Feel free to call me at extension 76101 or send me an email at [mmegivern@pps.net](mailto:mmegivern@pps.net)

Sincerely,

Mary Megivern, MS  
Licensed School Counselor

**Spring Festival – Saturday May 11, 2013**

We hope you are able to attend Saturday's Spring Festival. The events will kick off at 11:00 AM and run through 4:00 PM. When students check-in at the ticket counter they will be presented with a very special coupon – this coupon will entitle them to an extra recess and a special surprise! Students will write their name and their teacher(s) name on the coupon and turn it into the "fish bowl" in the office.

**Looking ahead to 2013-2014...**

Although it is wonderful to enjoy the beautiful spring days, we are already preparing ourselves for the 2013-2014 school year. A few things to remind you as we wind down the year:

- All remaining lost and found items will be donated to the PTA Clothes Closet. Please come check the lost and found (located under the stairs as you leave the breezeway).
- Class lists for next year will be posted during the ice cream social. The ice cream social is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. In addition, all students will receive a letter approximately one week before the start of the school year with classroom assignments.
- Supply lists: Supply lists will come home in the final report card of the year. In addition, the supply lists for the 2013-2014 school-year will be posted on the [Richmond website](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/) (<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/>).



## KURABU UPDATE

We still have room in Kurabu for your student! An additional section has been added for incoming first graders during the week of July 8-12. If you have an incoming kindergartner, please consider joining the Richmond interns this summer for Kurabu. We have room in all sessions for incoming kinders, and many open slots for other grades as well. Registration forms are available just outside the Richmond school office.

Questions: Call or email Cathy Zaerr at 503-234-4316  
czaerr@agora.rdrop.com

Here is a general description of the camp. I can provide more details upon request.

Kurabu is an all-inclusive Japanese summer day camp for children who are entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the Fall of 2013 and are currently in a Japanese immersion program or who speak Japanese at home. Kurabu is a partnership between Portland Parks & Recreation, Oya No Kai, and the Mt. Tabor Portland Parks & Recreation SUN Community School.

Kurabu is designed to offer children a bilingual summer camp experience that is rewarding, fun and reinforces their Japanese language skills. Our program is rich in cultural diversity and serves Japanese and non-Japanese children from the Portland Metro Region. All of our staff and volunteers have either studied Japanese, are bilingual or native speakers, and come to us from local and Japanese schools, universities and the community. The day at Kurabu starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM and is located at Mt. Tabor Middle School.

## BIKES FOR BOOKS



The annual "Books for Bikes" event is coming to a close this May 8th. But, we will take your forms until May 15th!!

Students that have finished the reading requirements will be entered in a lottery for ONE of EIGHT new bikes to be given away at an upcoming assembly! Students that haven't quite finished their reading requirements but have made an effort toward the Bikes for Books can still turn in their forms to the library and qualify for one of the other prizes.

Please turn in your Bikes for Books application form to the library before the extended May 15th deadline!!

## Richmond Nature Walk Taking Shape

Over the summer, the north garden will be transformed into a beautiful nature walk. The PTA Super Green Team is leading this great effort. A big thank you to Sara DeLuca and Kristine Forness for the time and energy they both have already put forth on this project.

The path will not only provide a wonderful space for our community, but it will also help guide pedestrians safely into our school. You can be a part of this effort by purchasing a personalized brick (In English and/or Japanese) which will be installed within the walkway. Honor someone special, write a poem, recognize a favorite staff member, or anything that inspires you.

To see a map of the project and to order a brick, go to [www.pps.net/schools/richmond](http://www.pps.net/schools/richmond) and print a form. Please turn in forms into a marked box in Room 110. Feel free to contact Sara DeLuca at [sarackdeluca@yahoo.com](mailto:sarackdeluca@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Annual Volunteer Reception

On Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15 PM in the cafeteria we will honor all the amazing volunteers! We hope you are able to join us!

# Richmond PARENTS SAVE one and one half teaching positions!!!

Thank you to Richmond FOUNDATION and PARENTS who have worked every year asking for parents to donation to support our staffing positions.

NOW, we need ALL of our dollars to pay for 1.5 positions of the proposed 2.3 cuts for next year.

WE are still working on staffing and would like to save PE which is still in jeopardy as of this week. District discussions are still continuing and we will keep you posted of the results and our staffing as soon as we know.

Thank you, PARENTS!!!

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