



Richmond Shinbun

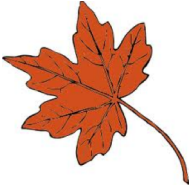
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...CHANGING SEASONS

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Richmond Families:



Transitioning into fall– New classrooms, new teachers, new staff and new students have made Richmond a busy place this past month of September. “Transition” is the word of the October month for our students and is part of the work of our amazing new counselor, Mrs. Mouery. We will begin the riddle of the week, the word of the month and the new Bulldog Brigade of student conflict managers by this first quarter. We think all these new additions and changes will be supportive additions for our students.

New Conference Days - Conference signups are in the halls and parents must be sure to sign up for a conference time right before our November holiday break. Conferences will be over three days starting November 15th and finished by November 20th as school will be **closed Wednesday, November 21st**. Please check your calendars and plan for these meetings with your child’s teacher.

Continuing Success –Even as we grow by about 50 students per year our students’ state English test scores remain in the 90%. Our students continue with meeting or exceeding in Math and Reading. We will focus on students who are struggling to meet those goals and continue to benefit from the addition of special classes in the areas of PE, Library and Music this year. This is a great year for our 670 students.

Continuing Events - October will be the first month for...

- Our student recognition assemblies
- Halloween party which will be the last hour of the day on the 31st. The Halloween parade for the younger students will be in the afternoon starting at 1:15 p.m.
- Late openings occur on the third Wednesday of the month and are used for state mandated training such as TAG (talented and gifted) and district mandated Equity training.
- Monday after school is staff meeting days where the grade level or language teams will meet or as in the 4th Monday of every month teachers will attend district math training.

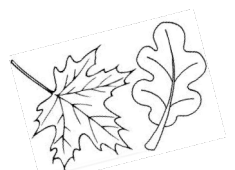
Please stop by and visit our new library in the south basement area. It is a much lighter and brighter area. Students are getting to library and other special classes two times per week. Thanks to all parents who helped raise funds for staffing which helped us provide supplemental classes such as music, PE, library, science, assemblies and artists this year. The Richmond pledge week this fall for next year’s staff, starts October 29th.

Thank you for making our opening days smooth and successful. We appreciate our families who strive to get students here on time, homework done and happy kids coming into their classrooms. We think we have an amazing group of parents and we love working with your children. They make our day!

Even though we have added about 200+ students over the last three years, our test scores remain high and our students appear to grow and thrive in both languages. We are working to make this environment positive and supportive of the time students spend with us. We hope to continue the high level of parent involvement as guided by our parent leadership in PTA, Richmond Foundation and Oya No Kai. **We look forward to transitioning, with all of you, into a successful FALL. Go Bulldogs!!!**

Beverly Pruitt

Richmond Principal





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It is a pleasure to be at Richmond with the special opportunity to teach General Music to all K-5 students.

We begin the year with an introduction to the basic elements of music: Rhythm, Beat, Melody and Harmony through song and movement. Reading and Language skills are enhanced through rhythm and rhyme as well as phrasing and expression.

At all grade levels we will learn about instrument families, great composers and their famous compositions, various styles of music from different time periods of history. We will sing and experience traditional folk songs and music of America as well as from countries and cultures around the world.

Students at different levels will learn and be able to use music vocabulary and recognize music symbols as it applies to the music at hand. This paves the way for reading rhythm values and notes.

These experiences and skills will help students to successfully participate in a Middle School performance class.

Most of all, my wish is that students will gain an appreciation of various music genres and experiences the joy of music in their lives.

-Ms. Elizabeth Van Engel



REMINDER ROAD

October Dates! 5 - Safety Committee 7:30 am in office, Coffee w/ Principal 8:15 in Cafeteria, Apple Sale (PTA)

11 Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm (PTA)

12 No School – State In-Service

14 Technology Committee 7:30 am in office

20 Breakfast in the Garden 9-11:30 am (PTA)

Richmond School Foundation's FALL PLEDGE DRIVE is coming soon!

Richmond School Foundation's sole mission is to raise funds for staff positions at our school. Giving to the Foundation means that you are taking ownership of our school's future – it's a way to ensure stability for Richmond's teaching model, even when times are turbulent for education statewide.

At the end of October, look for more info and a contribution form in your child's backpack. Bring your donation to the BIG RED MAILBOX near the office and get a special thank-you gift! We'll also be selling some great T-shirts.

Your participation is critical to our success.

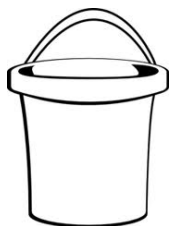
Together we can do it ***Isshoniganbarou!***

Dear Richmond Families,

Congratulations on a successful September! Your strong preparation for the transition back to school is paying BIG dividends. I feel inspired daily by your children buzzing through the hallways and classroom doors with enthusiastic spirits and grand intentions. Your parenting buckets must be overflowing with pride. Keep up the great work!



Counseling curriculum this month will introduce empathy and problem-solving skills. Every classroom will hear the story, How Full is Your Bucket for Kids, by Tom Wrath and Mary Reckmeyer. This is a wonderful story that utilizes the imagery of invisible



buckets to gauge and intentionally impact our own feelings and the feelings of others. Simply put, when our buckets are empty we feel bad, but when our buckets are full we feel great. Empathy is best taught when modeled, so, every classroom will also decorate a class bucket and work to fill it over time. "Drops" in the buckets will note students' acts, observations, and experiences of empathy amongst one another. Drops will be read aloud and celebrated each month during one of my visits.

Custodians, cooks, bus drivers, office personnel, teachers, and specialists have buckets, too! You will soon find an ORANGE staff bucket next to Ms. Pruitt's mailbox outside of the main office. I am thrilled to invite students and parents to complete a drop with a positive thought to fill our staff's bucket. I will read your drops for staff during meetings and assemblies, and I know this will light up their months.

As always, I welcome your questions and feedback and invite you to email or contact me via phone. I know just how lucky I am to be a part of this wonderful community. Thank you, Richmond families for all that you do and represent!

My Best,

Kate Mouery
Counselor

Get Involved!

1. Ask your children what they learned during Mrs. Mouery's classroom visits.
2. Use the word of the month and counseling vocabulary at home.
3. Read Counselor's Corner
4. Volunteer!
5. Contact Kate Mouery via phone or email: 503 916-6102
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TAG News

Kelly Marsh and Matt Goldstein are excited to be back again as the TAG (Talented and Gifted) coordinators for the 2012-2013 school year. To keep our great start to the school year going, the first parent advisory meeting will take place on October 10th at 6:00 PM in Room 103. All in the Richmond community are invited to attend. Those parents, whose children are already identified as TAG, should have received a copy of a survey to complete with your child. The information provided helps teachers to provide instruction that is engaging and at the most suitable rate and level. We look forward to the up-coming year. Please always feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding TAG. We can be reached by email:

Matt Goldstein, mgoldste@pps.net ; Kelly Marsh, kmarsh@pps.net,

or by calling the office at (503) 916-6220

Welcome the new faces to Richmond

Deidre Iwersen	1 st Grade
Toshiko Rivera	1 st Grade
Sarah Gaynor	1 st Grade
Martha Gross	3 rd Grade
Debbie Munoz	3 rd Grade
Miki Tomita/Farrell	5 th Grade
Jen Loveland	5 th Grade
Elizabeth Van Engel	Music
Marta Boylen	School Nurse
Anne Rogers	Kitchen Lead
Marni Fuller	Librarian
Kate Mouery	Counselor
Rain Daniel	Speech Therapist
Susanna Hale	School Psychologist
Sandy O'Neal	SPED
Terry Tanada	School Secretary

