



Richmond Shinbun

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*Daylight savings is no more,
Darkness with rain, let it pour!*

*Indoor time, let there be no
complaint,
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580497,
Which should get your
creativity revvin'!*

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Then Paint, & Decorate, 'til it
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Tho' they are not necessary to
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Greetings from the Assistant Principal

It is a pleasure to be back at Richmond for the 2012-2013 school year. As I begin my third year as Assistant Principal, I feel very fortunate to be a part of this fantastic learning community. Each day there is incredible teaching and learning going on at Richmond. We have a great staff, wonderful students, and a supportive community. Without the countless hours of volunteer effort, the successes that occur every day at Richmond would not be possible. Our PTA, Foundation, and Oya No Kai do fabulous work.



The library/classroom remodel over the summer is a perfect example of a true community effort. Portland Public Schools committed over \$100,000 to this project, our volunteers helped pack and unpack books, and our PTA donated \$5,000 to the project. By the time our students returned in September, two new classrooms were ready, and the library opened a couple of weeks later.

This week the Richmond Foundation is holding the fall pledge drive. The funds that are raised by the Foundation fill a gap created by year after year of budget cuts. Money donated to the Foundation directly impacts all Richmond students. Without these dollars, staffing cuts at Richmond over the last several years would have been far more severe. We thank the Foundation for their tireless work, and we thank all of you who have or who plan to make a donation.



Traveling to Kobe

Our immersion program provides many wonderful opportunities for our students. It is incredible to watch our students change over time. One of the amazing benefits of our program is the opportunity to take part in cultural exchanges with our sister schools. Not only do these opportunities provide "real-world" experiences, they also provide a hands-on chance to use Japanese language skills.



Entrance to Sumaura School

In early October I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Kobe to represent the Richmond community at the 110th anniversary celebration of Sumaura School. Although my visit was short, I had a wonderful time. One highlight was visiting Sumaura and speaking to all the students and the school community. I felt honored to be there on behalf of Richmond students and community members. I presented Mr. Yamamoto, the Sumaura Principal, with a plaque commemorating the special day. In addition, I delivered congratulation cards made by many of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Throughout the weekend, I was treated to fabulous food and had the privilege of meeting many people connected to Sumaura. I felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to make this trip. I hope to return sometime soon!

The Richmond community will have the opportunity to welcome our friends from Sumaura during the week of February 7 – 14, 2013.



Safety



Safety is a very high priority at Richmond. We are in the final stages of implementing Richmond's comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. This plan, funded by a large federal grant, is the result of 1 ½ years of work done at Richmond and throughout the district.

We had our first earthquake drill of the year. All students practiced "duck, cover, and hold-on" for several minutes in the classroom, and then the entire school practiced a controlled evacuation. All students and staff were accounted for, and the drill was a success. In addition to earthquake drills, we also have monthly fire drills and practice our lock-down procedures once a year. PTA sent home a request for parents to provide a comfort kit for their child. Please check your child's back pack for a plastic bag with a letter from Sue Baer that asks you to write a letter to your child and send a juice and bar for their classroom this year.

As many of you are aware, morning drop-off at Richmond can be challenging. First and foremost, ***if you are driving, please do so very carefully and be considerate*** of the neighbors, pedestrians, and cyclists. ALTERNATIVES to entering the school zone are numerous and are strongly advised. Please think about one of the following: Park a couple of blocks from school and enjoy a short walk to Richmond; have your child ride the bus; carpool; or ride that bicycle. I realize that everyone is pressed for time and many parents are trying to get to work, but we must be responsible and ensure that ALL our students arrive to school safely.

Please contact Matt Goldstein with any questions at mgoldste@pps.net

The State Office of Education will be visiting Richmond Elementary on November 8, 2012!

Important Dates

Nov. 2: Health Screenings, Grades PK, K, 1, 3, and 5
 Nov. 7: Wed. Picture Re-Takes
 Nov. 9 and Nov. 12: No School
 Nov. 15: Evening, Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Nov. 19 and 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Nov. 21-23: No School
 Dec. 3 – 7: Scholastic Book Fair
 Dec. 7: Craft Night and Kinokunia Book Fair
 Dec. 12: Late Opening – School begins at 10:00 AM
 Dec. 17-Jan.1: Winter Break
 Jan. 2: Back to School – Happy New Year

Katoh School students visit Richmond

This week we have enjoyed visiting with our friends from Katoh School. Katoh is an English immersion school in the city of Numazu. Numazu is about 1 hour south of Tokyo on the Pacific coast at the foot of Mt Fuji. Katoh students have been spending the week in 5th grade classrooms of their host buddies.

Thanks to the families who have opened their homes to our guests. Hosting a visiting student from Japan is a wonderful opportunity for your family, a great way for your child to practice their Japanese, and a huge help to the entire community. We will be looking for families to host our guests from Sumaura in February. If you are interested, please contact Yoko Breyfogle at ynbreyfogle@gmail.com

Richmond Parking Lot Etiquette – Parking is limited, and with the weather becoming wetter, it becomes increasingly important to respect the designated parking zones. At Richmond Elementary, we have parking reserved for Grandparents, Auction Recipient Space, and Handicapped Zones. The Dumpsters are a NO PARKING zone. To help this wonderful community, consider parking off-site and enjoying a short walk with the beautiful colors of the season!

TAG News

If you are interested in nominating your child for the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG), now is the time to begin this process. The first step is to express your interest with your child's teacher(s). Once you do this, you will need to fill out the Identification Process Form (IDPF). A copy of the form can be found on the TAG bulletin board in the main hallway, outside the office, or on the Richmond website (<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/richmond/428.htm>). This form must be turned into your child's teacher by Monday, November 26, 2012. All students who have been nominated will be assessed in January. Final decisions about qualifying for TAG will be made by the district TAG office. The district TAG office will communicate directly with families in the spring of 2013. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kelly Marsh (kmarsh@pps.net) or Matt Goldstein (mgoldste@pps.net).

Counselor's Corner Parent Newsletter

Dear Richmond Families,

Congratulations on a successful October! I want to begin with a literary toast and give "cheers" to your children on their hard-earned harvest of knowledge during this beautiful fall season. Like the golden and fiery red trees lining our streets, students are growing and changing before our eyes and it is beautiful to see.

My classroom visits this month focused on empathy development, skills for dealing with teases and put-downs, and guided reflections on the experience of immersion learning. It's wonderful to see students beginning to utilize their classroom and staff empathy buckets. We are "catching" one another being kind and considerate and feel great to be getting caught!

For those times when we fall short of empathy, students learned five strategies for responding to teases and put-downs. As you pass by the main office in the mornings and afternoons, take a moment to read the Counselor Corner bulletin and learn the five strategies for teases and put-downs. It is always interesting to see which strategies students adopt for themselves, and I am positive that you will enjoy hearing about your child's selection at home.

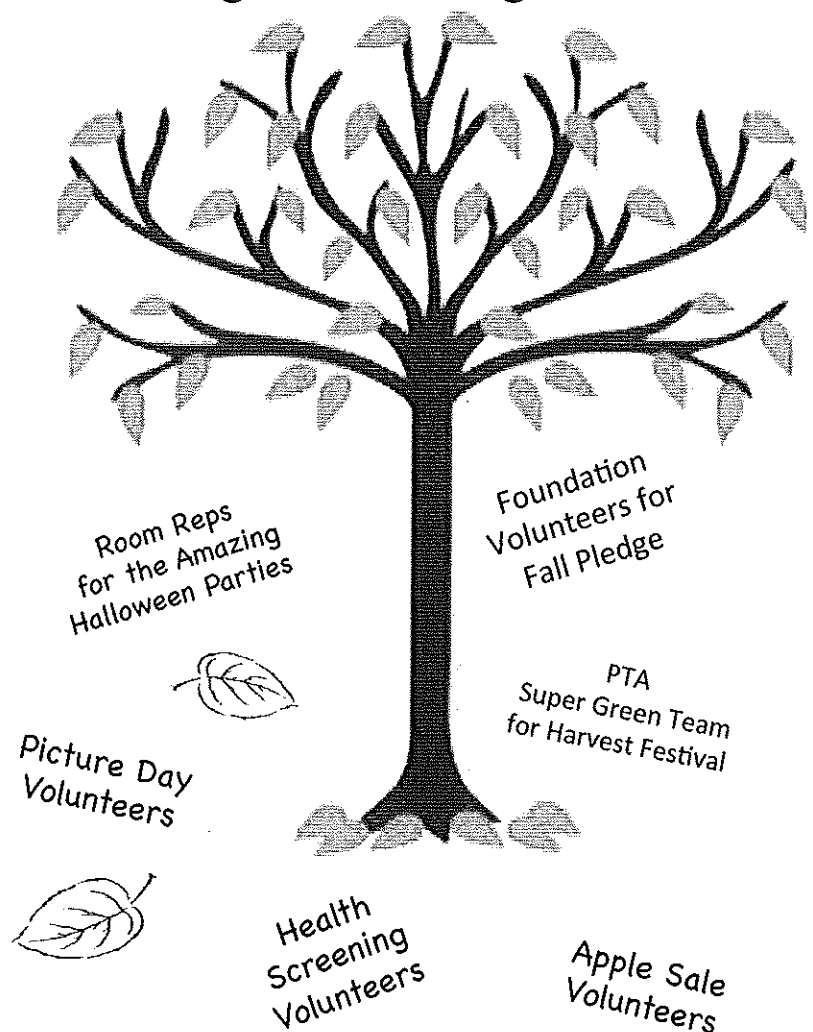
Last but not least, our community circles this month prompted students to reflect and share what it is like to constantly transition between English and Japanese classrooms. Responses to this prompt were rich with feedback and noteworthy information for us all. Richmond is a rigorous learning environment. The opportunity for students to have a voice and influence on their learning communities is ever so important. As educators and parents, we must give the floor to students from time to time and make it our goal to learn from them. Pour a cup of tea, make some popcorn, and talk with your children about their experiences of immersion learning. You will surely learn something and be happy that you did!

As always, I welcome your questions and feedback and invite you to email or contact me via phone. Thank you Richmond families for all that you do and represent!

My Best,

Kate Mouery
Counselor

Gratitude Grove



THANK YOU!

As we get closer to our first awards assembly, and to the end of the quarter, we have an excellent list of students with perfect attendance! I just wanted to get this list out there so students and family's can keep the big effort going! Here are Richmond's perfect attendance students!

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| <u>PreKindergarten</u> | Taylor Lundstrom | Kellie Shiozawa | Anna Wilson | Jarl Branum |
| Stella Bolick | Owen Martin | Nicolas Siegel | Liam Yanosy | Finn Bromenschenkel |
| Campbell Cancro | Megumi McCaskill | Isabelle Suzuki | Zoey Yatabe | Adriari Clement |
| Karen Craig | Audrey Merrill | Genji Uzunoe | Olivia Yilmaz | Easton Coonradt |
| Gus Dodge | Paige Nakada | Kiona VandenHooff | <u>3rd Grade</u> | Shota Diffely |
| Sophie Durocher | Hana Nakai | Emma Vitkevich | Aidan Austin | Kai Fulbright |
| Leo Fraley | Dylan Nakaji | Clara Welty | Ian Baer | Reid Gentry |
| Maya Gates | Kota Nguyen | Conall Wilkinson | Lauren Barr | Alexandra Helkey |
| Cain Giacomini | Quinn O'Shaughnessy | Evan Wright | Ciela Barrow | Kai Kiyokawa |
| Emiko Gillam | Issa Ono | Taiji Yamakawa | Ellison Begley | Frances Klinger |
| Eva Hall | Ziza Pacat | Lea Yonago | Ethan Block | Sophia Kodachi |
| Ruby Hanson | Ivan Palmer | <u>2nd Grade</u> | Ada Brown | Ellen Lovre |
| Leon Hontani | Petal Peloquin | Gabe Adams | Jeffrey Burt | Marcus Matsumura |
| Indiya Hutasangkas | Alice Peterson | Ai-Claire Avondstondt | Graham Davis | Tommi Meyer |
| Samuel Ishida | Addison Postlewait | Andrew Baumann | Ruth de Thomas | Kaito Murai |
| Theo Kunze | Caden Rice | Rory Bennett | Brena Dorsey | Nathan Perkins JR |
| Cora Lanford-Crick | Takumi Schmidt | Sten Brakstad | Kellen Farrenkopf-Bihn | Frances Peterson |
| Claire Lutey | Avery Stokes | Jake Burnett | Dominic Gefroh | Hank Reed |
| Arinze McGee | Ichiro Tanada | Aurora Callahan | Davis Glenn | Hayden Rooney-Fletcher |
| Sadie Melville | Henry Till | Benjamin Cicillan | Olivia Grether | Alex Skiles |
| Ryan Myers | Hudson Tripi | Elise Coffey | Cedric Grutbo | Sophia Skiles |
| Finn Newlin | Shayna Veile Shikora | Gracie Darling | Jonathan Ham | Emmet Thompson |
| Hugh Perdue | Seth Waimeo | Kaiya Dawson | Grace Heriford | Chase Travis |
| Jack Perdue | <u>1st Grade</u> | Samuel Dody | Rowan Hertling | Kaya Viboolsittiseri |
| Sabine Pineo | Declan Bilotta | Sean Dunning | Harry Hoeschler | Julia Yilmaz |
| Koji Tsugawa | Lia Black | Zaida Ferguson | Mia Howard | <u>5th Grade</u> |
| Henry Wines | Henry Bolch | Eli Filner | Teak Hutasangkas | Keita Bacon |
| Kai Yonago | Kento Breyfogle | Ella Forness | Finnegan Jarrell | Sophie Baer |
| <u>Kindergarten</u> | Egan Crigler | Hana Fulbright | Alex Kageyama | Jack Bibb |
| Liam Allen | Roxy Crunchie | Anna Gates | Izaya Laguardia | Siri Brakstad |
| Hana Ashmore | Nolan Day | Ren Gibbs | Jakob Lanier | Thalia Clow |
| Eliza Barrow | Luke Freeman | Adiv Golden | Isaac Lasky | Kirk Dibert |
| Chloe Black | Scout Funk | Noah Gregie | Noah Lattin | Logan Freeman |
| Stella Bleigh | Miles Glenn | Maia Gregor | Kaizen Littman | Peter Gefroh |
| Sofia Bohrer-Clancy | Sarianne Gripenburg | Maia Gutmann | Mia Lowenthal | Kari Gutmann |
| Arden Brimberry | Juliet Hanson | Erika Holder | Lexi Luthy | Erica Ham |
| Noah Carver | Gifford Hertling | Aliya Jinnah | Pierson Manome | Colin Haussler |
| Owen Caughey | Luc Hertling | Sophie Kelten | Mitchel Munzing | Mia Hemming |
| Isabella Cicillan | Mika Heshiki | Edward Kott | Quinn Nakada | Jasmine Hinkle |
| Madeline Collins | Soren Hieggelke | Sullivan Kroeger | Ruby Patrick | Marina Holder |
| Nicolas Costello | Linna Hopper | Luca Larsen Utsumi | Yuumi Smith | Saki Jones |
| Leif Darling | Thomas Ishida | Talley Leeman | Nina Takahashi | Miya Klein |
| Sophia Falaschetti | Sophia Johnson | Jude Love | Madeline Thyken | Mackenzie Knutson |
| Seth Filner | Quinn Kohles-Yamada | Arianne McCashew | Codi Trebelhorn | Kaiya Laguardia |
| Jude Fuesser | Noah Kubo | Edie McDaniel | Jolynn Tripi | Daphne Lomax |
| Lowell Gibson | Hillary Kuhns | Sylvia McDonald | Noah Walcott | Isabel McIlhenny |
| Sasha Gladen-Kolarsky | Jonah Kuhns | Emmett McGee | Zoey Whang | Jacob North |
| Ren Gregie | Benjamin Kunze | Forrest Peloquin | Iris Wolfe | Adam Pua |
| Sayuri Hara | Max Lowenthal | Libby Phillips | Aili Yamakawa | Mika Schow |
| Tess Kaliszewski | Chihiro Madderra | Meg Reed | Bryan Yanase | Willie Shiozawa |
| Kiyoshi Kiyokawa | Leila Matsumura | Leilani Snyder | <u>4th Grade</u> | Maiya Stasiuk |
| Shelby Knutson | Jake Myers | Jackson Strickland | Cami Ansley | Mariko Tanada |
| Rosabel Kott | Norah Nakaji | Grant Syron | Amina Avondstondt | Alexander Thorp |
| Beckett Kroeger | Sara Postlewait | Kai Tsugawa | Hazuki Bacon | Sebastian Thorp |
| Christian Littman | Emma Poudayet | Adrian Wilkinson | Samuel Bacon-Brenes | Claire Trostel-Shaw |
| Lily Lomax | Max Schnell | Elena Williams | Emma Baker | Rowan Wilkinson |