



# Richmond Shinbun

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## Upcoming Events



### December

- 2-10 Scholastic Book Fair, by the Library
- 18 Late Start 10:00 am
- 23 Academic Winter Break Begins

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### January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 6 Return to School
- 20 Holiday Observance – **No School**
- 22 Late Start 10:00 am
- 27 Teacher Work Day – **No School for students**

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### February

- 17 President's Day – **No School**
- 19 Late Start 10:00 am

Richmond School Foundation is putting together upcoming fundraising events. January 11<sup>th</sup>, The **Equinox** at 830 N. Shaver in the Mississippi neighborhood serves brunch and dinner. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, **Hopworks Urban Brewery (HUB)** at 2944 SE Powell is opening its doors (and taps). Be sure to mention Richmond Elementary school while you are there!



## Principal's News

Dear Richmond Families,



**Bountiful meals** were served to the teachers during conferences by our wonderful families. Thank you so much for your generosity and it certainly helps that you are great cooks, too. We are fortunate to have such a generous and caring school community. The teachers enjoyed meeting with so many parents as we had a good turn out for conferences all week.



**Donations** received by the Richmond Foundation during pledge week last month were plentiful as well. Somewhere between \$16K and \$20k was raised in one week and the online donations continue to come each month, as well. We wish we could thank each one of you personally but know that you all make a difference.

**Your money is helping** fund one full teacher position this year which is a huge benefit to our program and children. With the extra funding from the legislature we were able to take back half of a teaching position funded by our foundation which we will certainly be needed next year to continue the additional teacher position. Additionally, we received legislative dollars back to fund a non-teaching position part time. Therefore, we welcome Josh Boyd who will be instructing our 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders in instructional technology. Hopefully, we will add in our Kindergarteners a little later in an effort to get our students ready for the new standard tests that will require on line typing starting next year.

**Smarter Balance standards** will replace the current state testing for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> called OAKS. OAKS has been an on line computer test as well but does not require typing skills at this time. Smarter balance will bring in national standard or requirements rather than just state standards. Standards are what we call the goals or objectives of what your child should know and be able to do at their grade level. These new standards will be more complex in the answers needed to be successful. They will require more steps and a demonstration of skills rather than just true or false answers. Oregon's OAKS were minimum standards but Smarter Balance will be more difficult testing. The staff's professional development this year is targeted towards successfully teaching these standards.

Thank you all for the bountiful fall as we work towards a successful winter and new year.

Bev Pruitt  
Richmond principal

## Enrollment & Transfer

Tour dates are open, and we are taking reservations in January, February and March. Our tours are every Wednesday morning **except** on **late start Wednesday's**. The tours will begin at 8:15 am, and generally run about 45 minutes.

Mark your calendars! The Enrollment and Transfer Center (ETC) has announced the **transfer cycle season** as February 3 through March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00 pm. For more information go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/schoolchoice.htm>

Richmond Elementary School will be holding its mandatory **Philosophy Meeting for New Families** on **February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Cafeteria. You will only need to attend **one** of these meetings. Be sure to sign our attendance roster as you walk in the door!





## PPS Winter Weather Alerts



**Winter weather** is upon us and we want you to be aware of how the PPS Communications Office will communicate about inclement weather delays or closures.

PPS will post in the red “Alert Pod” on [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) and on PPS Inside – <http://inside.pps.k12.or.us> – when schools are delayed or closed due to weather. This “Alert Pod” also shows up on every school website.

PPS will also send an All PPS email message.

A Flash Alert message. We are phasing out the use of FlashAlert but will continue to use it this year. If you have signed up for it, this is an additional way you will receive information. If you have not, we prefer that you rely on the other communications routes listed here.

Twitter: Follow the PPS Twitter feed @PPSAlerts if you want to receive emergency communications only. If you want to receive all district/school news, in addition to emergency communications, follow @PPSConnect .

FaceBook: We will also post inclement weather delays and any other emergency communications on the PPS Facebook page. Like us at <http://www.facebook.com/pps.homepage>

## Join Us For Breakfast



Teachers know that students who start their day with breakfast at school are focused and ready to learn! That’s why breakfast is available every morning.

Studies show that children who eat school breakfast at the start of their school day have better concentration, memory, and comprehension leading to higher scores on reading and math tests. Eating breakfast at school also has a positive effect on attendance and behavior and results in fewer visits to the school nurse and the principal’s office.

Many students skip the most important meal of the day due to lack of time. Make sure your child is not one of them. Breakfast is also the meal most closely linked to helping children maintain a healthy weight. To boost academic achievement and promote healthy habits encourage your child to enjoy breakfast at school every day.

## School Breakfast Prices

Students: \$1.10 • FREE for students who qualify for free/reduced priced meals • Adults: \$1.85



## Unmet and Unsupervised Students



Our district legal counsel, Jollee Patterson has issued a memorandum directing all principals to tell parents about the process that is required if your child is left unsupervised at the school.

### School hours with adult supervision at Richmond are 7:45 to 2:15.

If your child arrives too early or does not get picked up during these times then your child could come under the following guidelines. You may see other children here but they are expected to be in ART4life which is an on site daycare provider before and after school or the child is with their parent on the playground or at tutoring.

- #1 Unsupervised children’s parents will be called or informed that the child is at school without supervision and that is not allowed for minor children.
- #2 An unsupervised child whose parents have already been called once will receive a letter notifying them not to continue this practice. The letter will go into the student’s file.
- #3 A third incident of unsupervised children at school can result in a call to the school police and a call the DHS or children’s services.

Please pay attention to these rules as school staff are not responsible for your child before 7:45 or after 2:15 so we assume they are safe with you. We work very hard to have after school plans and make sure your child gets picked up and is safely on their way home. We assume you have not intentionally left them on the playground or dropped them off too early. As a lottery magnet, many parents stay after school to visit on the playground or to wait while their child attends Japanese tutoring. Since this is a different culture than most schools that require all students to immediately leave the school grounds it is harder for us to monitor whether a child has been left behind or not. Please help us and make sure your child is not ever unattended at school. Thank you.



Each month, we are awarding **special recognition** to students that demonstrate qualities or attributes that promote the culture of respect at Richmond Elementary School. During our awards assembly for the month of November, the following teachers nominated the following students to receive the prestigious PAW Award for ***Positive Attitude***:

*Teachers*

*Students*

Reiko Yoshida & Kelly Marsh

Augie Wolfe-Rocca, Stella Bolick, Violet Grether, Ava Petrillo, Anna Toyoda, Sam Burnett

Amy Grover & Jill Iverson

Arinze McGee, Lio Lemoine, Meghna Rickabaugh-Rich, Mika Emerson, Molly O'Brien, Alaire Marquis, Eva Hall,

Sumiko Uchida & Karen Meier

Phoenix Martin, Beckett Suib, Jack Wilkinson, Dane Hartman, Kota Nguyen, Shayna Veile-Shikora

Toshiko Rivera & Sarah Gaynor

Belle Cicilian, Jude Fuesser, Oscar Plechi-Moriki

Eriko Mogi & Seth Denlinger

Sasha Flint, Sarianne Gripenburg, Benjamin Kaplan

Anne Scheiman & Anna Kapranos

Scout Funk, Soren Hieggelke, Kellie Shiozawa, Lia Black, Nolan Day, Tomomi Koch

Michiko Hirahara & Artie Knight

Gabriel Adams, Adiv Golden, Emi Ieffel, Luca Brennan, Boubou Khouma, Eadie McDaniel, Jackson Strickland, Anna Wilson

Minori Fukushima & Martha Gross

Genevieve MacNair, Ida Price, Lucas Post, Adrian Wilkinson, Clinton Scism, Silvia McDonald

Kaoru Kitazawa & Jaina Kapranos

Keven Higa-Mar, Ruth DeThomas, Annalisa Hagg, Ellison Begley, Katie Barton, Yuumi Smith, Xander Trostel-Shaw

Yoshiko Kamata & Beth Martin

Natalie Kanaka, Mikio Nakamura, Zoey Camp, Mia Howard

Miki Tomita & Jen Loveland

Quinn Bennett, Stephany Castellanos-Welsh, Leo Thomason, Alex Messer, Emmet Thompson

Atsuko Ando & Bill Aubrecht

Amina Avondstondt, Samuel Bacon-Brenes, Nathan Perkins, Marina Thompson Ronan Chamberlain, Saira Hernandez-Ishikawa, Frances Klinger, Cole Songster

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