



Richmond Shinbun


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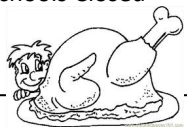
Bev Pruitt, Principal
Dr. Gretchen Schlag, Assistant Principal

November 2013

Upcoming Events

November

- 6 PTA – Sheberu-Kai 8:30 in the Library
- 7 Picture Retakes
- 8 Teacher Word Day – **No School for students**
- 11 Veterans' Day  Holiday – **No School**
- 25,26 Parent Conferences
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 Schools Closed



Upcoming Events

December



- 18 Late Start 10:00 am
- 23 Winter Break Begins



Upcoming Events

January



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



The Richmond School Foundation (RSF) would like to thank the Richmond community for an awesome Fall Pledge Drive! Richmond students put a lot of thought and effort into creating costumes for Swimmy, and our friends and families showed strong support for our school. We are waiting for the final numbers from the online contributions, but the early estimate is that we raised more than \$15,000! It's a great start, but there's a long way to go to our goal of \$100,000. Together we can do it! Issho ni ganbarou!

In other news, we are looking forward to our ちいさな グラス、おおきな 心 Small Glasses, Big Hearts fundraiser at The Commons Brewery (1810 SE 10th Ave, Unit E) on November 17.

This is the first event of its kind for the RSF and we have been overwhelmed by the excitement and enthusiasm of the Richmond community. There may still be some tickets left, so please email richmondschoolfoundation@gmail.com if you missed signing up during the pledge drive.

Speaking of exciting events, please mark your calendars for First THURSDAY at the BakeryBAR on December 5th! The BakeryBAR (2935 NE Glisan St) will donate 10% of ALL dinner sales that evening to the RSF. We hear they make some of the best pizzas in town!

The RSF couldn't do it without the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. A big, well-deserved shout out goes to:

Mark Camack
Dallas DeLuca
Jenn Gregor
Jonathan Knutson
Danielle Lanier

Laura Sanders

Mike Connors
Rachel Downing
Amy Hall
Jami Knutson
Cheryl McClure

Catherine Sweeney-Thompson

Jennifer Darling
David Gregor
Becca Kennedy
Morgan Kunze
Denis O'Brien



Dear Richmond Families & School Community,



Super heroes, scary monsters, princesses and a host of many other costume creatures showed up for Richmond's annual Halloween Parade. KOIN Channel 6



News took video and talked to parents about trick or treat safety. What Fun! We love our hard working-students to have fun and build memories with us, too. Other great fall events were the apple sale and Harvest Festival. We have busy parents and students!



Conferences are the last week of November. Conference schedules have been posted by the teachers' doors since Back-to-School Night. Teachers meet together for a total of about 56 conferences which is double the amount for most PPS teachers. Since our teachers spend additional time already doing conferences, there are no make-up conferences or leaving early conference. The only exception for parents not making their conferences is a medical emergency. Each child is allotted one conference time. Thank you for understanding and supporting our hard-working teachers!





Enrollment & Transfer

We are starting up our tours for prospective Richmond Families! Call now to get your name on the list for the January tours!

The tours are designed for parents only. You will be guided through classes actively being taught as you are escorted through the Richmond campus. Arrive at 8:15 am, sign in at the front office, and enjoy your experience.

For the 2014 – 2015 school year, the Elementary & Middle school lottery opens February 3 at 5:00 pm and closes on March 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm. This is the earliest date that you can complete the application for lottery selection.

In putting together the 2013 – 2014 school year, Richmond Elementary had 121 available slots and received 327 qualified applications.*

For more details, please visit the Enrollment and Transfer Center's webpage at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/index.htm>

* Source: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/6821.htm>



Daylight Savings Time is Here: Lighten UP!

As we have turned back our clocks, the days will become shorter and darker. Make sure students and family members are even more visible as they walk or roll to school.

A few good ideas to stay visible are:

- Attach blinkie lights or reflective zipper pulls to backpacks or bikes
- Wear light or bright clothing
- Wear a reflective safety vest over the top of darker clothing
- Ensure bike light batteries are charged and read to go!

These suggestions are brought to us by Portland Safe Routes to School.

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 October, the following teachers nominated the following students to receive the prestigious PAW Award:

Teachers

Reiko Yoshida & Kelly Marsh

Amy Grover & Jill Iverson

Sumiko Uchida & Karen Meier

Toshiko Rivera & Sarah Gaynor

Eriko Mogi & Seth Denlinger
Anne Scheiman & Anna Kapranos

Michiko Hirahara & Artie Knight

Minori Fukushima & Martha

Kaoru Kitazawa & Jaina Kapranos

Yoshiko Kamata & Beth Martin

Miki Tomita & Jen Loveland
Atsuko Ando & Bill Aubrecht

Students

AJ Escheverria, Kai Yonago, Orion Souders, Jake Jinnah, Verity Winterbower, Alma Washington

Claudia Danner, Maya Gates, Pai Halverson, Quara Bock-Rossi, Cora Lanford-Crick, Katelyn Lewis, Oliver Hoffman

Beckett Kroeger, Petal Peloquin, Evelyn Goldberg, Charlotte Campbell, Keiden Meyer, Stella Bielavitz

Tessa Porter, Oren Moran-Kuhn, Eamonn Murphy, Emmet Pertuis, Hana Nakai, Yuina Schramm

Benjamin Kunze, Sofia Whang, Aidan Wood, Charlie Backus, Nesta Quigley, Ben Talmadge
Sophia El-Ebrashi, Sabrina Montgomery, Jake Myers, Kana Barlag, Mika Blandy, Isaiah Irwin.

Sam Dody, Ben Gooding-Tam, Elena Williams, Liam Yanosy, Elise Coffey, Elijah Doyle, Noah Gregie, Athena Wooters

Alyia Jinnah, Anna Gates, Nicholas Sandgathe, Espen Ooyevaar, Konomi Steffen

Ada Brown, Rowen Hutson-Lytle, Brennan O'Brien, Lauren Barr, Olivia Grether, Cooper McCombs, Madeline Thyken

Graciene Siegel, Mitchel Munzing, Jonathan Ham, Sabine Bravine, Caden McIlhenny, Aili Yamakawa, Finnegan Jarrell

Soyoka Boyce, Liam Eidahl, Philip Zaerr, Ani Cahen, Ellis Gibson, Sam Postlewait
Matigan Dodge, Oweghn Egusa, Gabe Frank, Alex Skiles, Ellen Lovre, Dylan Diaz, Lauren Callahan



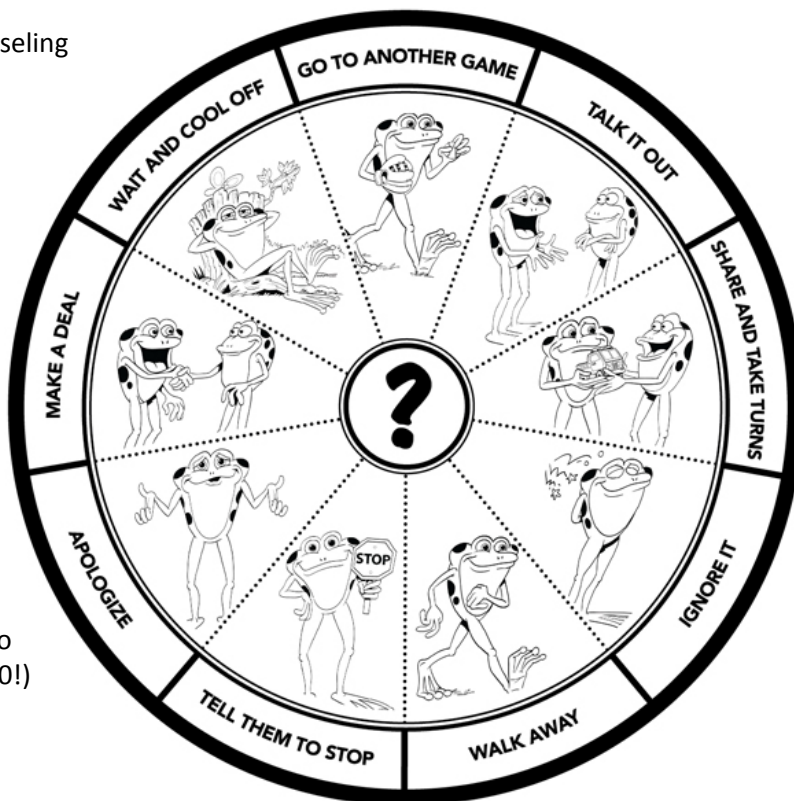
Counselor's Corner

This month's theme is "Problem Solving", so my counseling lessons will be about conflict resolution for small friendship problems. I use the "Kelso's Choices" Curriculum so you'll probably be hearing about Kelso the Frog at home?

Student Council is helping to publicize the PTA's Clothing Drive for Portland Public School's Clothing Closet, as well as planning a Spirit Day for Friday, November 22nd, when it will be 80's Day!

Our next school-wide recognition assembly is November 22nd, and the students from each class who have shown the most "positive attitude" this month will be receiving a Student-of-the-Month PAWS Award.

Parents, please contact your child's teacher first with any emotional or behavioral concerns before calling me. Due to the large number of students here at Richmond (almost 700!) and my job responsibilities, I am unable to have individual meetings with parents at this time. Your child's teacher is a great resource and can speak to what's happening in the classroom. They can then invite me into the conversation and I am happy to be of assistance.



Calling all 3rd to 5th graders! Flyers were sent home this week in Library with the official list of books for this year's **Battle of the Books**. Teams are

formed at Richmond and then compete by answering questions about the books.

This January and February our winner goes to the city and/or state tournament. Richmond has finished in the top five the last two years. Please fill out a signup sheet and return it to the Library. Thank you to parent Sue Baer for her coordination of our teams. You will often see Sue in the library assisting Richmond's Librarian, Kari Shawen.



For the 26th year, the National Geographic Society is holding the **National Geographic Bee** for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in the Department of Defense Dependents' Schools around the world. This year, the 2014 Bee is sponsored by Google.



The winner of the Richmond Elementary School Bee will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$50,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 19-21, 2014 in Washington D.C.

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