



Richmond Shinbun

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October 2013

Upcoming Events

October

- 11 Inservice **NO SCHOOL**
- 16 Late Start 10:00 am
- 16 Tag Meeting 6:00 – 7:00 pm Room 103
- 21 OMSI Science Night 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 22 Health Screening
- 26 PTA Harvest Festival
- 31 Halloween Parade 1:00



Upcoming Events

November

- 6 PTA – Sheberu-Kai 8:30 in the Library
- 7 Picture Retakes
- 8 Planning Day – No School for students
- 25,26,27 Parent Conferences
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 Schools Closed



Upcoming Events

December

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



Richmond Families & School Community,



The leaves are turning colors and the temperatures have dropped. Fall is officially here. The pumpkins will soon have frost on them and then turn to jack-o-lanterns. It won't be long until little ghosts and goblins will be asking for treats. **Our Halloween Parade will be the end of this month at 1:00 pm on October 31st.** Students may bring their costumes to school to put on in the afternoon. Please no "pretend weapons" or face make-up for the parade. Families are invited to come watch the procession. A brief classroom party will follow the parade.

We are looking at a very busy October and we will be welcoming in 2014 before we know it! **On October 8th we will be training the 4th & 5th grade bulldog brigade** who are students who will help on recess with student mediation. **Student Council began this week & they will be presenting Bull Dog Bucks** at the student recognition assembly at the end of the month. Everyone is excited about all the student opportunity for our students this year.



We have **NO SCHOOL for students on Friday October 11th.** This is a state wide in-service day and all schools are closed.

Amazing Animals will be our first assembly paid for by our Run for Richmond activity. Our students love the variety of enrichment that we bring with those monies including OMSI science, dance, music, poets, authors & many other venues.

The Oregon Report card is coming out this month. Of the 278 third, fourth, and fifth grade students tested, Richmond was 91.7% overall in reading & 91.4% overall in math. Amongst the 38 Richmond economically disadvantaged students, averages were 86.8% in reading & 81.1% in math. Of the 12 Richmond students with disabilities, scores of 66.7% in reading & 41.7% in math were reported. We score in the top percentage of school but get no credit for teaching our students Japanese. We will be working on increasing our science scores from 84% and our disadvantaged students who scored lower in math.

There are so many parent and family activities going on this year that I would encourage you to check out the red Richmond calendar that came home in your back-to-school packets for a listing of events. We are all ready to enjoy a glorious October.

Sincerely,

Bev Pruitt, Principal



Make it FUN!

Learn from *Akeelah and the Bee*!

The film *Akeelah and the Bee* is about an 11-year-old girl who beats the odds to win the National Spelling Bee. "When Akeelah has to memorize a tough word, she jumps rope while she's spelling it out," notes education pro Sharon Lockett. "Kinesthetic learning – doing something tactile (like drawing) or physical (like exercising) while you're studying – helps hardwire facts," agrees teaching expert Otis Kriegel.

Read together the new way!

The trick: "Have your child read one page aloud, then you read the next one," says Dr. [unclear] ups comprehension because kids pay closer attention to the story when they know their turn is coming up!



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Enrollment & Transfer

We are starting up our tours for prospective Richmond Family's! Call now to get your name on the list for the November 6th tour.

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





Counselor's Corner

Wow this first month of school flew by! I have so enjoyed meeting all of the students and getting to know each classroom. Thank you all for welcoming me to Richmond ☺!

This month's theme is "**Friendship**", so my counseling lessons will be centered around how to make and keep friends and what it means to be a good friend. I am in every classroom three times a month, which is a wonderful way to teach social and emotional skills.



Student Council has begun, and I have 24 strong leaders excited to boost our school spirit! These students will be helping me open the Student Store at the end of this month and plan spirit days and service projects.



Bulldog Brigade is starting up October 14th, so we will have 30 fourth and fifth graders out on "duty" as trained peer mediators who can help other students solve small problems at recess. This is a great way to empower our students! Our first **school-wide recognition assembly** is October 25th, and the students from each class who have shown the most "respect" this month will be receiving a Student of the Month PAWS Award.

The **student store** will be opening between October 28th and by November 12th. The store will be open three mornings a week before school starts. Students will be able to purchase items with "**Bulldog Bucks**"- our new school wide currency! Students can earn Bulldog Bucks from their teachers for following the classroom rules and behaving appropriately.



Richmond Foundation

The Richmond School Foundation (RSF) has exciting news for the 2013/2014 school year! This year, thanks to the wonderful Richmond community, the RSF is supporting a full-time P.E. position and a classroom teacher. In anticipation of continuing budget shortfalls, the RSF is gearing up for two new fundraising activities:



- First THURSDAY at the Bakery Bar - Supporting the RSF has never tasted so good!

On the first Thursday of each and every month the Bakery Bar (2935 NE Glisan St) will donate 10% of ALL dinner sales to the RSF. The next night will be November 7.

• **ちいさな グラ, おおきな 心** (Small Glasses, Big Hearts): The good folks at The Commons Brewery (1810 SE 10th Ave, Unit E) are helping us put the FUN back into fundraising on Sunday, November 17. Mark your calendars and stay tuned!

The event at The Commons Brewery will be 21+, but First Thursdays at the Bakery Bar will be all ages. As always, please be respectful and supervise your children -- or unruly adults!



Looking for more good news? The RSF Fall Pledge Drive is right around the corner! During the week of October 28 - November 1, RSF volunteers will be available before school and some afternoons to accept contributions, answer questions, and receive students' artwork. Check your student's backpack the week of October 21 for more details. Please email us at richmondschoolfoundation@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering at the RSF table [~30 minutes in the morning(s) or afternoon(s)] or leveraging your contribution through a matching or challenge gift. Together we can do it! いしょうにがんばろう!

Late Openings for school year 2013 – 2014

The tradition of monthly late openings continues for the academic year 2013–2014. This year, late openings are:

- October 16
- December 18
- January 22
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21



Please make note of the dates. To accommodate the needs of transporting students, Transportation Services will modify the bus schedules for late openings to pick up students in response to the Schools Late Opening Times.



From Teacher Debbie,

With the month of September behind, we have so much to look forward to in October.

K-1st will focus on locomotor skills, spacial awareness (being aware of oneself in a space and to see 2 or more objects in relationship to each other and self). I will also teach underhand tossing to a target and a partner (catching).

Second through fifth grade will participate in soccer skill building and lead-up games.

The word for October is 'encouragement'. What does it 'look like' and 'sound like' in a physical activity setting. Watch for Y-Ties (elastic laces for shoes) order forms coming home soon with students. This is fundraiser for PE equipment and other needed items. Why tie shoelaces when you have Y-Ties?

Questions, contact me at dmadore@pps.net.

Labor Negotiations Update

Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) is working through the latest series of negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement.



To keep up on the latest information, go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/laborrelations/index.htm>

Music Notes -- Composed by Lavonna Zeller Williams Bratschi

On behalf of all of the students at Richmond, I would like to extend a BIG "Thank You" to all those that contributed to our request on DonorsChoice for Non-Pitched Percussion Instruments.

Our instruments are on the way and we will be able to enjoy making a lot of music with them!



Parent Teacher Conferences -- Time to schedule those parent-teacher conferences. Please see your child's teacher to get on the calendar for conferences at the end of November. See the related article in this release of the Shinbun to maximize your time with your child(ren)'s teacher

Halloween Reminder

Excitement is building for that spooky holiday at the end of the month. As your kids decide what to do for Halloween, please remind them that costumes are allowed the last hour of the day on Thursday, October 31st. No make up or face paint. No pretend knives, forks, or pointed props at school.



- School Parade 1:00 pm
- School party at 1:30 pm



Exciting news! OMSI Night is Monday, October 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a Richmond Only Event brought to you by Richmond PTA's Run for Richmond!

Parking is limited to first come basis, and is **FREE** as long as there are spaces.



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