



Richmond Shinbun

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February 2014

Upcoming Events

February

17 President's Day Holiday –
No School

19 Late Start 10:00 a.m.



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March

19 Late Start 10:00 a.m.

24-28 Spring Break



Happy Valentines Day and Fabulous February!

I hope you are warming up after our snowy start to February! The snow was amazing and the children were so excited when it started coming down and sticking!

I am excited and thrilled to be at Richmond and be part of this fantastic community. I want to share a little bit about me and my background: Personally, I have two daughters Olivia (9) and Maggie (7) who attend elementary school in Beaverton where my husband is a 3rd grade teacher. We have lived in Oregon for seven years and currently reside in Forest Grove...we love the country ☺. Prior to Oregon we lived in SE Georgia right on the coast. We love Oregon and are here to stay. Professionally, I have been in education for 16 years. I have taught Pre-k –first grades while in the classroom and was a teacher on special assignment over the past several years functioning in various roles ; instructional coach, intervention specialist, and student supervisor. I bring all of my experience to Richmond and have the opportunity to apply my skills with students and staff on a daily basis, it is wonderful!!

Listening to the children's excitement over snow, being in the classrooms, hearing the students group discussions, and watching them play and interact with each other are just a few of the reasons I have grown to love Richmond. As the new Assistant Principal, I have learned so much from this community and have enjoyed every minute of it.

I look forward to working with the Richmond community and meeting more of our families as the year continues!

Sincerely,
Gretchen Schlag, Assistant Principal

Guest Speaker Ann Matschiner Coming to Richmond!

February 27th 6:30-8:00 Ann Matschiner, Professor at Pacific University will be speaking on "Parenting the Gifted Child." All Richmond families are welcome and encouraged to attend!

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY – Waffle Window Waffle

Waffle Window is honoring Richmond by naming a waffle after our school! It features fresh sliced pear, Nutella, fresh whipped cream and a drizzle of house-made caramel sauce, and \$1.50 of each waffle will go to the school. Waffles are \$5.50 each. This will run through the end of February. The purchase can be made from either of their two locations (SE Hawthorne or NE Alberta).

Safety Messages

Everyone Please Sign In! Regardless of how long you plan on staying, please remember to sign in when you come to Richmond after 8:15 and before 2:15. For your convenience, we have a new lunchbox drop off sign-in sheet on the counter. This is for the quick drop offs like lunches, backpacks, homework, and library books.

Here before 8:00 a.m.?

An adult **must attend all** students at all times. Please remember your child/children need to stay with you or in the cafeteria until the bell rings if you arrive prior to 8:00 a.m.

Not Feeling Well? Child Sent Home With a Fever?

If your child was sent home from school with a fever or wakes with a fever, he or she **must** remain home until he or she is fever free without medication for **24 hours**.



Enrollment & Transfer

The 2014 - 2015 lottery cycle has begun! Tours are hosted almost weekly on Wednesdays at 8:15 am by our parent docent team led by Keith Schreiner. This important introduction to our program has made the Richmond lottery quite competitive. Word of mouth is our best (and most economical) form of advertising. Call 503.916.6220 to register for a date.

There are three easy steps for new families, as well as incoming pre-k & kindergarten siblings, to enter the lottery.

1 – Go to PPS “School Choice” and register online between Feb 3rd through Mar 7th at http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php

2 – Attend one (1) mandatory meeting, either Thursday, February 20th OR Tuesday March 4th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Richmond cafeteria. No need to register ahead of time, just come and sign in. Curriculum and lottery information will be covered, and the Richmond Statement of Understanding form will be included in your packet of materials.

3 – Fill out and sign the Richmond Statement of Understanding form, and return it in the packet handed out at the mandatory meeting.

Looking forward to another busy year and exciting lottery!



Current Pre-K Parents/Future Pre-K Parents

If you currently have a pre-k child and want to continue on to kindergarten: You **NEED** to pick up & return a packet to the office for your child matriculating to kindergarten. The packets will be available from **February 3rd through March 7th**.

Since you are already in pre-k, you do **NOT** need to fill out an online application.



If you have a child **who is not currently in pre-k and is a Richmond sibling**, you need to come to the office and pick up a new pre-k packet to be returned by March 7th. You also must fill out an online application to enter into the pre-k lottery.

Host Families Needed!

Eighteen interns for next year are due to arrive in late March! We desperately need to secure host homes for each intern in February or the agency in Japan will not approve the interns to travel here in March.

Having an intern in your home is a great way to connect deeper with the JMP community & provide language and culture infusion in the home. Hosting only requires a bedroom and willingness to embrace a lifelong friend to your home for a six-month stay.

To find out more information contact Yoko Niki-Breyfogle at 503-775-4641 or email Ynbreyfogle@gmail.com



Amazing Remodeling!

Look what happened over a long weekend! Painting, new carpet, new tables and a fresh new look in the volunteer room! Thank you for the hard work of Rand Thomas, Bruce Talmadge, John Knutson, and Amy Starr-Thomas

Congratulations to Battle of the Books Teams!

Congrats to the 25 teams who participated in the Battle of the Books! You read 16 books, worked together as a team, and as a group 70 Battles were participated in. Congratulations to our Cheetah Readers who will represent Richmond at the regional competition!!

Child Care Survey For Parents:

Portland Public Schools wants to hear from you about your child care experience.

Please take a moment to complete the confidential online childcare survey by going to: pps.k12.or.us, and click the “Families” link at the top of the page. Please complete the survey by February 14, 2014. If you need a paper survey, contact nhauth@pps.k12.or.us.



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 December students were honored for demonstrating Confidence. A student who feels confident in their ability as learners, having the courage to take risks, applying what they have learned and making appropriate decisions and choices. The following teachers nominated the following students to receive the prestigious PAW Award:

Teachers

Students

Reiko Yoshida & Kelly Marsh

Alice Waldeck, Nicholas Akita, River Begley, Madeline Hickey, Peter Collins, Viola Wilson

Amy Grover & Jill Iverson

Hajime Cancro, Irene McDaniel, Sadie Brown, DJ English, Elise Yilmaz, and Violet Moehling.

Sumiko Uchida & Karen Meier

Audery Merrill, River McLeod-Holik, Quinn O'Shaughnessey, Siana Yanosy, Henry Thoman, Katie Reed, and Clara Dorsey

Toshiko Rivera & Sarah Gaynor

Sayuri Hara, Hana Ashmore, August Uusitalo, Elsa Warner, Crew Drake, Issa Ono, Maddy Ivy, and Ziza Pacat

Eriko Mogi & Seth Denlinger

Kaden Funabaghi, Maycie Glover, Maya Kekana, Miles Glenn, Sophia Johnson, and Lia Levine

Anne Scheiman & Anna Kapranos

Juliet Hanson, Grace Kelsay, Gavin Prime, Egan Crigler, Avery Hughes-Davis, and Clara Welty

Michiko Hirahara & Artie Knight

Hanna Beleck, Maya Gregor, Jake Burnett, Hana Fulbright, Luca Larsen, and Liam Thompson

Minori Fukushima & Martha

Aurora Callahan, Grant Syron, Kirin Nontavarnit, Arianne McCashew, Forrest Peloquin and Gwyneth Joy-Busani

Kaoru Kitazawa & Jaina Kapranos

Reiko Bibb, Sadie Griffin, Iris Wolfe, Mozah Guadron, Harry Hoeschler, Isaac Lasky, and Milo Fox

Yoshiko Kamata & Beth Martin

Dominic Hammer, Leilani McMurray, Noah Lattin, Miles Hartmann, Lilli McRee, and Ethan Block

Miki Tomita & Jen Loveland

Kennedy Andrews, Henry James, Ashe Richardson, Ila Nixon, and Gen Rollin

Atsuko Ando & Bill Aubrecht

Kyra Aramori, Shota Diffely, Alivia Perry, Jesse Flint, Sophia Skiles, Megumi Toyoda

For the latest information regarding Labor Relations/PAT Contract Talks, please see the box on the front page of the Portland Public Schools webpage. You can find the webpage at:

www.pps.k12.or.us.



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• PTA Movie Night - TBD • PTA General Mtg - 2/20/14 • PTA Science Fair - 3/14/14 •

Special Events Volunteer(s) Needed!

PTA is seeking a chair or co-chairs to spearhead the Special Events Committee. Current Chair, Andrea Obana, is retiring after five years of outstanding service. Without new co-chairs, there will be no Spring Festival. This is a very real need, so if you have ever considered helping out with events, now is the time to reach out. PTA has outstanding systems in place for all of our events, so new volunteers will receive all the guidance and support they need.

If you value all the wonderful community gatherings that take place at Richmond, please consider this opportunity. Grab some friends and make it happen - the more the merrier! If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact PTA President, Amy Starr Thomas at amystarrthomas@mac.com.

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