



# Richmond Shinbun

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## Upcoming Events

### March



19 Late Opening 10:00 a.m.

24-28 Spring Break

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### April



10 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grading period  
Ends

11 Teacher planning day- **No  
School for Students**

15 Site Council

16 Late Start 10:00 a.m.

18 Run for Richmond

## Message from the Assistant Principal

We did it Richmond! We weathered the snow days and the monsoon rains that followed. Now we can look forward to enjoying the beginning of longer days and new spring growth. I am excited to see the tulips and the daffodils and feel the warmth of the sun ☺.

March is a busy month for learning and growing! Our teachers will be taking your children on field trips, preparing them for the state testing (OAKS), enjoying school wide assemblies, and participating in professional development.

Our school store has been busy! This is a wonderful sign that our students are continuing to be safe, respectful, and responsible. When students demonstrate this behavior in the classroom or throughout the building a staff member can give them Bulldog Bucks. The Bulldog Bucks are then used as currency in our store, which has been overflowing with students. What a wonderful site!! Thank you to all of the parents who arrive early to help us with the store.

As we get closer to spring break it gets more and more difficult to focus on school. We have been talking with students and reminding them to work hard and stay focused on their academics and to continue their good behavior in the classroom and throughout the building. Thank you for your support at home. Bringing their best behavior and best learning efforts to the classroom make it easier for everyone.

I hope everyone enjoys their spring break and takes some much needed time to relax and rejuvenate!

## Type to Learn 4

Type to Learn 4 is the typing program our students work with when they go to technology. If you want to have your children practice their typing at home, you can access the program by going to:

<http://ttl4.sunburst.com/>

Click School login. The user name and Password are the same.

They are: your child's first name and first initial of the last name. No capitals and no spaces. Ex: Jane Doe would be janed  
The school access code is 135904.

## RICHMOND ELEMENTARY – Waffle Window Waffle



**Thank you for supporting Richmond and  
Purchasing the Richmond  
Waffle at Waffle Window!  
298 Richmond Waffles were sold!  
That earned \$447.00 for Richmond!!**



## Safety Messages

### Students MUST wait in the cafeteria

Please remind your child to wait in the cafeteria and NOT in the halls in the morning. There is no supervision for them before 8:00.

### Child Waiting for Tutoring?

We do not have supervision for your children after 2:15. Your child/children need to stay with you at all times. If you are waiting for your child's Japanese tutor time you **MUST** be with him or her in the building or on the playground.



## New Card Readers and Access to the Building

Richmond is receiving new card readers for teachers along with security cameras. Portland Public Schools is improving security in all of their schools. One way to do this is to add card readers and security cameras to the schools that do not currently have them.

During the month of March we will receive our card readers and security camera with a monitor in the office.

## What does this mean for you?

- 1- The East and West doors as well as the cafeteria doors will be open from 7:30-8:15 for drop off. They will open again at 1:45 for pick up.
- 2 – After 8:15, all doors are programmed to lock except for the front door.
- 3- If you arrive after 8:15 you must use the front doors to access the building and check-in (Remember to always check-in at the office).
- 4- For dismissal the East and West doors and the cafeteria doors will open at 1:45.

## A Note from Parents of Richmond:

### Idling Cars Can Turn Schools into Air Pollution Hot Spots

<http://katu.com/news/problemsolver/idlingyour-car-can-hurt-your-kids-242773781.html>

Research shows that idling can turn schools into air pollution hot spots, as parents gather in large numbers outside with engines running. You can't see the toxic exhaust, but children have to wait in it and walk through it to get home/school. Please do not let your car idle while in the school parking lot or while waiting for pick up or drop off.

## Richmond School Foundation News

Thank you to everyone who came out to HUB to support Richmond!!! It was a great turnout and very fun to see lots of Richmond folks!

We made \$310.00 for RSF!

Thank you also to everyone who came to Equinox last month! All of your support is fantastic and makes a difference!

Please mark your calendars for the next event on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Pizzicato!! (Late opening the next day)

Richmond's Foundation supports staffing in the building. Next year's staffing comes out in April. Thank you for rounding out our program.

## Sumaura Visit and Tea Ceremony

The Sumaura students visited Richmond and Portland February 10-14. Thank you to all of the Richmond families who opened their homes and hosted Sumaura students! The students enjoyed our school, seeing the sites of Portland and all of your generous hospitality.



### Tea Ceremony

Each year we are able to experience and enjoy traditional tea ceremony with our Sumaura Exchange students thanks to the generous donation of the tea house by our Hanjoji Temple Ladies.



### Front Garden News

Please encourage your children to enjoy the front gardens by viewing them with care and respect. Help us keep the maintenance and cost down and the plants healthy by not playing on or in the gardens.

## Oregon State Immunization Laws are Changing!

The Oregon State immunization laws are changing. Please be on the look out for information coming out in the spring.

### Not Feeling Well? Child Sent Home Sick?

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





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 February 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

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  
Minoru Fukushima & Martha  
Kaoru Kitazawa & Jaina Kapranos  
Yoshiko Kamata & Beth Martin  
Miki Tomita & Jen Loveland  
Atsuko Ando & Bill Aubrecht

## Students

Lila Effros, Marlie maffit-Schluter, Wes Davidson, Jack Perdue, Leo Fraley, Ren Fraser, Grady Morgan  
Calvin Stuczynski, Jinki Tomita, Sadie Melville, Theo Kunze  
Owen Caughey, Leif Darling, Seth Filner, Shelby Knutson, Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, Ren Gregie  
Ian Love, Nicolas Costello, Noah Bassett, Christian Littman, Henry Till  
Kaya Zuch, Emma Poudayle, Ehtan Vuong, Lydia Madderra, Jack McAnulty, Carter Gilliam  
Jake Haldors, Gifford Hertling, Hillary Kuhns, Oscar Diberardinis, Raymond Shaw, Seiji Tani  
Sten Brakstad, Jake Burnett, Talley Leeman, Isley Tomlinson, Gavin Rocket, Bouba Khouma, Lola Hatakeyama  
Henry Snuffin, Benjamin Cicillin, Elizah Filner, Erika Holder, Kai Tsugawa  
Carl Luens, Zooeey Whang, Grahm Davis, Noah Walcott, Silas Huber  
Aidan Blatter, Shannon Moehling, James Downing, Pierson Manome, Koen Michaud, Ian Parks  
Adrian Clement, Kai Fulbright, Hazuki Bacon, Cortez Ravarra  
Mikio Obana, Henry Backus, Hazel Chance, Marcus Matsumura



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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](mailto:amystarrthomas@mac.com).

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