



Richmond Shinbun

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Bev Pruitt, Principal
Dr. Gretchen Schlag, Assistant Principal

September 2013

Upcoming Events

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| TBD | • Innisbrook Gift Wrapping Paper Sale |
| 14 | • Breakfast in the Garden, 9 – 11:30 |
| 15 | • PTA Fundraiser see article for details |
| 19 | • Back-to-School Night
6:00 to 7:30 pm |
| 26 | • Picture Day!
• PTA General Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00 |
| 28 | • Harvest Festival, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm -- PTA |

Richmond PTA fundraiser at  **Pizzicato** on SE 60th and Division on Tuesday **October 15th**. Come by and help raise some dough!



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Richmond Families,

We are still enjoying the “newness” of this school year and we are enjoying seeing your children again. They all seem so eager, happy and working so hard for their teachers. Thank you for helping them to come to school ready to learn. The weather continues to be mostly spectacular, and we are trying to enjoy it as much as possible and still focus on the learning. This year, a monthly school-wide newsletter will be coming home the second Friday of the month. Starting in October, PTA and other parent organizations may also send you news items with our newsletter.

An important upcoming event for all families (adults only) to attend is our **Back-to-School Night**, **Thursday, September 19th from 6:00 to 7:35**. **We will begin at 6:00 in the cafeteria and meet all of the staff**. Please do not go to the classrooms first as they will be closed as all staff will be in the cafeteria. Everyone will be invited upstairs at 6:25 to attend the first of two sessions in the classrooms. Teams will have 30 minutes to give you a handout which you may take home to learn about our expectations for this year. See notice and times at the bottom of this newsletter.

Staffing News... We are enjoying a new counselor this year as Claudia Sterry joined us from Ainsworth. Her office is on the stage and in room 17 for Thursday and Friday. We gained a new English teacher at third grade, Ms. Artie Knight. We added a part-time music teacher, Lavonna who has three last names and requests that the students call her by her initials Mrs. ZWB. We welcome a new Learning Center teacher, Emily Martine, and of course all our fabulous returning classroom and support teachers such as teacher Deb in PE and Kari in the Library. Dr. Gretchen Schlag is our new Assistant Principal and comes with multiple years of administrative experience in Beaverton. It is truly a very talented and dedicated group of professionals working with your students this year. We are also back to full capacity with Kristina and Terry in the office and nurse Marta here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I enjoy working with professionals and your wonderful children.

This year we will have three activities for our older students. Bill Aubrecht will be supervising the Safety Patrol, Claudia Sterry will be moderating Student Council, and our playground conflict management team, the Bulldog Brigade will be lead by Kari Shawen.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pruitt
Richmond Principal

Hello and ‘Welcome Back’ from Teacher Debbie(PE specialist)

I hope you and your family have had a great summer and are anticipating another outstanding school year. The goal of the PE program is to promote a positive learning experience, maximize student participation in all activities, and creating an environment for each child to have the opportunity to be successful. My program focuses on fostering a safe, supportive and non-competitive environment where personal development, fitness awareness and healthy interaction with others are emphasized during all lessons.

When your child is scheduled for PE and for them to have a safe experience, they should wear a supportive athletic shoe. Sandals, Crocs and boots are not safe. Also encourage students to wear clothing suitable for activity.

P.E. Days:



4th and 5th Monday and Wednesday or Thursday
3rd grade Tuesday and Friday
2nd grade Wednesday and Friday
1st grade Tuesday and Thursday
Kindergarten- ask their classroom teacher

Please send a note if your child needs to be excused from PE. My focus for September is playground games and expectations. Cooperation and problem solving in a physical-activity environment will be emphasized. Questions, contact Deb Madore @ dmadore@pps.net



Back-to-School Night

Mark your calendars for Richmond’s **Back-to-School Night**. The evening is our opportunity to have parents come into the classroom and meet with the teachers. There will not be care provided for children, so please do not bring your children to this event. We are starting off the evening at **6:00 pm** and will break out to the classrooms starting at 6:30 pm for the first session in the classroom. The second classroom session will begin at 7:05 pm and continue until 7:35pm. This is a great opportunity to be in the classroom and hear the first hand information regarding your child’s education.



Come see your bookfair \$\$ at work. Due to many successful Scholastic book fairs the library was able to purchase several fun new beanbag-type couches for reading nooks. The students have enjoyed the new coziness of the library plus many new books added into the shelves from Scholastic fairs in the past.

-Kari Shawen



Volunteering at Richmond -- Background Checks

Things just keep getting better here at Richmond, and much of that is directly due to the amazing work of our volunteers! A **BIG** change to helping increase our pool of volunteers comes to us as a new way to submit your volunteer background check. This can be done by going to <https://volunteer.pps.net> and completing the appropriate questionnaire. Make sure that you click on the two statements of understanding at the bottom and then the submit button. One less piece of paperwork!

Yaaaaayyyy!



Bull-Dog Bucks – Caught being good!

Student Council will begin a Richmond Student Store this year where students may purchase items using Bull-Dog Bucks. Bull-Dog Bucks are Richmond Currency that students may earn by following the counselors word of the month, or by following the rules of being a good citizen. Many of the characteristics for being a good citizen can be found in the Richmond Elementary **School Student Management Plan.**

More information to come...!

Counselor's Corner

Hello Richmond Community!

I'm Claudia Sterry, your new counselor. I am so excited to be here and begin Meeting all of the parents and students. I'm looking forward to learning about the Japanese language, and all of the cultural traditions at Richmond.



I'm coming from Ainsworth Elementary (Spanish Immersion) in SW Portland, and have been an elementary school counselor for nine years.

As the school counselor I am available for all parents as a resource for any questions or concerns you may have around school and your child(ren). Please don't hesitate to come and talk with me.

I will be teaching guidance lessons to the entire school, with a different theme and focus each month. Feelings, friendship, empathy, problem solving, bullying, and career choices are some of the issues students will be learning about. I will also be working with small groups of students and leading Student Council. I look forward to a busy and exciting school year.

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