



RICHMOND SHINBUN

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PAM JOYNER, INTERIM PRINCIPAL
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January Events

JAN. 19 – No School (MLK, Jr. Day)

JAN. 21 – Late Opening

JAN. 30 – No School for Students
(Teacher Planning Day)

February Events

FEB. 2 – Switch Day

FEB. 6-13 – Sumaura School Visit

FEB. 16 – No School (President's Day)

FEB. 18 – Late Opening

Safety Meeting – Our next safety meeting is February 3rd at 7:30 a.m.

TAG Parent Meeting – Please join us for our next TAG parent meeting on February 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ann Matscheiner.

Switch Day - Second quarter switch day will be February 2nd.

Sumaura School Visit - Our annual Sumaura Elementary School visit will take place from February 6th to 13th. Fourteen students from Sumaura will be at Richmond. This is an exciting event for both schools and we are looking forward to their visit.

Dear Richmond Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new interim principal of Richmond Japanese Immersion School for the remainder of Ms. Pruitt's leave. I have many years of experience as a teacher and administrator in Portland Public Schools, including nine years as an administrator of immersion schools. I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader to Richmond and to work with you as a partner to ensure your child's academic success.

In my first days at Richmond, I have been so impressed with both students and the teaching staff who are deeply engaged in learning. Along with Mr. Allen and the skilled teachers and support staff, I will work hard to support the success of academic achievement established at Richmond by building strong relationships with parents, students, staff, and school partners, while also spending much of my time in classrooms supporting instruction. We will continue to focus on academic excellence with our standards-based rigorous curriculum in English and Japanese, providing a warm and nurturing environment for students, offering engaging enrichment opportunities for all students, and fostering a diversity of perspectives within the school.

As interim principal, my door is always open, and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to continue to keep Richmond one of the top schools in the district.

I look forward to working with you and your child.

In partnership,
Pam Joyner
Interim Principal



THE NEW YEAR

あけましておめでとうございます! As we begin the New Year, we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. There is much to do in the New Year as we look forward to a number of events and activities that will take place during the remainder of the school year. These include a visit from Sumaura Elementary School, a visit from Sapporo High School, the annual science fair, spring festival, monthly assemblies, field trips, and fundraising events.

APPRECIATION

Adoptive Family & Secret Santas - A big thank you to all of you that gave gifts and/or supported our adoptive family for the winter holiday. We also want to recognize what a wonderful school community we have with our students, parents, teachers, and other community members. In addition, thank you to Counselor Sterry and all the Secret Santa Student Council members in giving such thoughtful gifts to the Richmond staff.



PTA Craft Night & New Year's Celebration - A huge thank you to Rebecca Melcher and Kate Fleming for coordinating the PTA Craft Fair and the New Year Celebration! The Craft Fair was a fun night of decorating cookies, creating reindeer candy canes, making popsicle trees, beading, making kadomatsu, and other fun activities. At the New Year's Celebration we saw an incredible performance from en Taiko as well as a demonstration of making mochi. A number of students got a chance to try and pound the mochi.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richmond Foundation - Hello Richmond families, Happy New Year! The Richmond School Foundation would like to wish all of you a prosperous and fulfilling 2015! Thank you for all of your continued support. Together, we can do it! Issho Ni Ganbarou!

Tree Planting - Over the last two years Richmond Elementary School has lost six mature elm trees to Dutch elm disease. These trees were removed by Portland Public Schools who is partnering with Portland Parks & Recreation to replant with a diverse selection of evergreen and deciduous trees native to Japan and Oregon. The trees selected for this planting include trees important to Native Americans (western red cedar and Oregon white oak), prehistoric trees (Japanese umbrella pine), and trees important to Japanese culture (the Hinoki cypress and Japanese cedar). These six trees will be planted by Richmond kindergarten students who will be able to care for these trees and watch them grow over the next five years.

Battle of the Books - Battle of the Books is coming. Competition begins the week of February 2nd. This year we have 25 teams battling 4 battles in the first round for the most points. The top eight teams will have a double elimination in round 2 until we have a final winning team that will go to the state regionals.

Geo BEE - The preliminary rounds of the "Geo Bee" will take place the week of January 19, 2015. The 10 students who score the highest in the preliminary round will move into the final round to be held on January 28th. The Richmond Champion will take a written geography test on January 29th. This exam will be submitted to the National Geography Office to be scored. The top scores in the state will move into the state Geography Bee on March 27th, 2015.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Feb 6, Movie Night, 6:30 pm, Richmond Cafeteria - Join us for a fun-filled family evening of popcorn, pizza, Rich Coffee delicacies and more. Stay tuned for the movie selection.

Feb 19, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria - The State of Oregon has adopted the Common Core and a new testing system called the Smarter Balanced Assessment will be implemented this spring in PPS. Come learn more about how this assessment differs from OAKS testing and how Richmond administration and teachers are preparing our kids for the new tests. Walk through sample tests with Pam Joyner and Dave Allen. Also, at this meeting will be updates on the 5th Grade Technology Initiative and implementation efforts for the Superintendent's new Transfer and Enrollment Policy. Child care will be provided.

March 13, Science Fair, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria - Mark your calendars and start thinking about fun projects with your kids. More details coming soon.

CURRENT PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Elms Champion: We love our beautiful surviving elm trees surrounding Richmond, and to keep them, we need to make sure they are inoculated and monitored. Our previous champion has graduated from the school, and we are looking for a new person to head this effort. Fundraising for inoculation is already in place through coffee sales.

Box Tops Coordinator: We have a collection site for box tops, but we need someone to coordinate collection and depositing box tops. It's an easy way to get more funding for our classrooms. Looking for a fun project that will have minimal time commitment? This is for you!

Pop Masters: We'll need two to three extra hands to make popcorn at the Feb 6 movie night to avoid long lines. Mark your calendars now if you can spare some time to help out.

Science Fair Committee: We need a group of two to three brainy parents to help organize the best science fair ever on March 13th! If science is a passion, please consider joining us.

Spring Festival: This year's festival on May 16th promises to be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars. We'd love your help the day of event, but would also love your help in planning and preparation. More details to follow.



Please email sarackdeluca@yahoo.com if interested in helping with any of these efforts.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND TRANSFER

Tours for the upcoming 2015-2016 lottery will be every Wednesday (except late opening) beginning at 8:15 a.m. Tours will be led either by Keith Schreiner or Amy Starr Thomas. Please call 503-916-6220 to reserve space for an upcoming tour.

To enter the lottery, there are three steps for **new families as well as incoming kindergarten siblings** to follow:

1. Go to the PPS School Choice Transfer Cycle site and complete an application between February 9th until March 6th.
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/schoolchoice.htm>
2. Parents of prospective students new to Richmond need to attend one mandatory meeting either on February 10th or March 4th at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. (Parents/Guardians of currently enrolled students are not required to attend the meeting.) Curriculum and lottery information will be covered and the Richmond Statement of Understanding form will be included in your packet of materials.
3. Please complete and sign the Richmond Statement of Understanding form, write your child's name and grade on the envelope, and the return it in the packet handed out at the Mandatory Meeting.

Please call 503-916-6220 if you have any questions about the lottery or registration.

Student Recognition

The following primary grade students were recognized this month at our student recognition assembly for giving:

Kindergarten

Amy Sensei/Jill Sensei - Avery O'Shaughnessy • Ellery Woods • Meadow Mack • Deacon Dawson • Kaito Maiorino • Taliyah Norensky

Yoshida Sensei/Kelly Sensei - Avery Onstad • Elliott Huelshoff • Lameah Brown • Harlan Templeton • Jayson Broaddus • Mae Pence

First Grade

Uchida Sensei/Mrs. Meier - Cora Lanford-Crick • Kailer Trebelhorn • Ren Fraser • Gus Dodge • Megan Baer

Rivera Sensei/Mrs. Gaynor - Tai Henry • Pai Halverson • Astrid Hopkins • Demetre Pertuis • Victoria Barua

Second Grade

Scheiman Sensei/Ms. Welle - Kelan Egusa • Sayuri Hara • Audrey Merrill • Lennon Kalapsa • Alyssia Broaddus • Henry Thoman

Mogi Sensei/Mr. Denlinger – Jasper Mizani • Nour Almahalawy • Oscar Plechl-Moriki • Oren Moran-Kuhn • Yuina Schramm • Ivan Palmer

Student Recognition

The following intermediate grade students were recognized this month at our student recognition assembly for being responsible and giving:

Third Grade

Hirahara Sensei/Mr. Kiggen - Kana Barlag • Sophia El-Ebrasi • Ben Kaplan • Charlie Kapranos • Conall Wilkinson • Sarianne Gripenburg • Natalirose Leonard • Jake Myers • Emma Poudayel • Nicolas Siegel

Fujiwara Sensei/Mrs. Gross - Alex Downing • Kalen Higa-Mar • Scout Funk • Olivia Norrish • Max Lowenthal • Georgia De Thomas • Mika Heshiki • Norah Nakaji • Jack McNulty • Gavin Prime • Judson Williams • Chihiro Madderra

Fourth Grade

Kamata Sensei/Mrs. Martin - Jaden Banks • Sofie DeLuca • Ella Forness • Edie McDaniel • Lukas Pollack • Noah Gregie • Anna Wilson • Kai Tsugawa • Fiona Mertlich • Sophie Kelten

Kitazawa Sensei/Mrs. Kapranos -

Fifth Grade

Ando Sensei/Mr. Aubrecht - Aidan Austin • Ruth De Thomas • Jakob Lanier • Ellison Begley • Bea Cardenas • Zoey Camp • Brena Dorsey • Nova Schreiner • Noah Walcott • Aili Yamakawa

Tomita Sensei/Mrs. Loveland – Ciela Barrow • Dominic Gefroh • Davis Glenn • Yuumi Smith • Bryan Yanase • Cedric Grutbo • Kirra Hartney • Mia Howard • Ruby Patrick • Maya Tetsuka

During our December recognition assembly, one primary and one intermediate class award received a class for each special for following directions, being engaged, showing interest, etc.

Class Awards

Art	Music	Library	PE
Kelly Sensei	Scheiman Sensei	Scheiman Sensei	Jill Sensei
Tomita Sensei	Hirahara Sensei	Mrs. Loveland	Kamata Sensei

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