



# RICHMOND SHINBUN

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## June Events

**JUNE 11** – Last Day of School

## August Events

**AUG. 27** – First Day of School

## September Events

**SEPT. 1** – Kindergarten First Full Day & Welcome Tea for Kindergarten Parents

**SEPT. 10** – Picture Day

**SEPT. 17** – Back-to-School Night

**Successful Schools Survey** – To read a summary of the Successful School Survey, please visit:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/about-us/10281.htm>

**Community Care Day** – Please consider joining us on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. for Community Care Day to clean the outside of our school. This can be a volunteer opportunity for the whole family! For more information, please contact Dave Allen at [dallen@pps.net](mailto:dallen@pps.net)

**First Day of School** – The first day of school for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Kindergartners have a staggered start and will begin their first full day on September 1<sup>st</sup>. (Be sure to put it on your calendars!)

**Care for the Front of the School** – A limb was broken off the persimmon tree in front of the school. Please encourage your children and others to be good stewards of our school and direct children's play to the playground.

## STAFFING

As you head off for a wonderful summer, we want to let you know that we will be working on finishing up Richmond's staffing for next year. Both the counselor and the library were given an extra half-time position by the district to most all schools. We will keep Claudia as our full time counselor as part of the district's staffing formula to schools, and she will continue her wonderful and well-developed program teaching life skills and social wellness to all our students. A licensed librarian/media specialist will be hired to teach media skills. We are currently interviewing for both the counselor and the librarian and should have some more fabulous new staff in the fall.

Foundation has been running their spring pledge drive to help the school keep positions that are not part of the district's staffing formula. Currently, PE is not a district staffing position at the elementary level although when I surveyed the staff they said, "Keep our two-teacher model and PE, especially teacher Deb." To keep our two-teacher model becomes challenging when we have 24 classroom teachers and the district student/teacher ratio earns us 20 positions. This fall, Foundation will be looking at creative ways to further fund Richmond's needs. Our model must have two teachers at every grade level for us to maintain the quality of instruction in English and Japanese. It is a must that we keep Kari and all the great programs she brings along with Sue Baer via the Battle of the Books and the Passport club. Richmond Foundation is not at their goal yet for the fall. This summer Foundation will meet with us to discuss community partners/sponsors and ways to encourage monthly donations. Generating a monthly donation from families has a direct impact on our staffing. Thank you to Jon Knutson and Denis O'Brien and their Richmond Foundation team. Together we will thrive.

Enjoy your family time this summer. Mrs. Pruitt

## FIELD DAY

Although Field Day was a bit different this year, it turned out to be a big success. A huge thank you to Deb Madore and all the parent and student volunteers for making this a wonderful event for all of our students. Some of the activities offered included water games, an obstacle course, egg race, and a popsicle station.



## 2016 BATTLE OF THE BOOK LIST

**Richmond Readers!** The 2016 Battle of the Books list has been released! Summer is the perfect time to get a head start on the 16 titles. Even if your child does not participate in the actual Battles, the reading list is an excellent list of books to enjoy. OBOB books are usually on sale at Powells or can be easily requested through the public libraries in the summer when demand is low on these soon-to-be VERY popular reads.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

- *Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year* by Bill Harley
- *Diamond Willow* by Helen Frost
- *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
- *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo
- *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell
- *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- *Along Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *Mission Unstoppable* by Dan Gutman
- *Mountain Dog* by Margarita Engle
- *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
- *Rooftops* by Katherine Rundell
- *The Sasquatch Escape* by Suzanne Selfors
- *The Shadows* by Jacqueline West
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *What Was Ellis Island?* by Patricia Brennan Demuth
- *What Was the March on Washington?* by Kathleen Krull

### 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

- *Bamboo People* by Mitali Perkins
- *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *Dealing with Dragons* by Patricia C. Wrede
- *Famous Last Words* by Katie Alender
- *The Great Trouble* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Jinx* by Sage Blackwood
- *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger
- *Liar & Spy* by Rebecca Stead
- *Michael Vey: the Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans
- *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool
- *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez
- *The Roar* by Emma Clayton
- *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
- *Strike Three, You're Dead* by Josh Berk
- *What We Found in the Sofa and How It Saved the World* by Henry Clark
- *Written in Stone* by Rosanne Parry

## UPCOMING PTA ACTIVITIES

**Ice Cream Social** – Please join us on **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** for the PTA Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m.

**Kindergarten Parent Welcome Tea** – Please join us on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for a talk with the Principal, Bev Pruitt.

## Student Recognition

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

### Kindergarten

#### Amy Sensei/Jill Sensei

Sasha Blau • Ramona Walvoord • Oliver Thoman  
• Zachary Diaz • Kelly Downing • Ian Messer

#### Yoshida Sensei/Kelly Sensei

Elsa Washington • Sofia Kimura • Taiki  
McCollister • Frank Klein • Dylan McRee • Arlo  
Stultz-Bruggeman • Eva Maris-Petrovskaya

### First Grade

#### Uchida Sensei/Ms. Meier

Alma Washington • Ema Doyle • Leo Fraley  
• Arnet Clemen • Eva Hall • Augie Wolfe-Rocco

#### Rivera Sensei/Mrs. Gaynor

Elise Yilmaz • Greta Vaneck • Violet Grether  
• Sadie Brown • Violet Moehling

### Second Grade

#### Scheiman Sensei/Ms. Welle

Crew Drake • Tess Kaliszewski • Megumi  
McCaskill • Beckett Kroeger • Hana Nakai  
• Emmet Pertuis • Takumi Schmidt

#### Mogi Sensei/Mr. Denlinger

Stella Bleigh • Sofia Lakdawalla • Ian Love • Tessa  
Porte • Jude Fuesser • Lily Sanderling

### Class Awards

#### Art

Mogi Sensei

#### Music

Uchida Sensei

#### Library

Mogi Sensei

#### PE

Scheiman Sensei

#### Counseling

Yoshida Sensei

## ART SHOWING

Our fourth grade students created block prints inspired by water and creatures from water environments. The students inked and printed their designs on Subi print paper, making thoughtful choices about color design and contrast or harmony in their prints.



## SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT RESULTS

On September 17, state test results, including results for Smarter Balanced, will be released to the public. The released data will include results by school, district, and student group as well as a conversion of this year's Smarter Balanced scores to last year's OAKS cut scores. The conversion of Smarter Balanced data to the old OAKS cut score will provide a look at your child's year-to-year growth and should be helpful in your communications with students and parents about the change in test scores. On October 15, school and district report cards will be released. Report cards will include information on student performance on state tests including Smarter Balanced. However, for this year, an overall rating will not be included in the Report Card.

## COUNSELING WRAP UP FOR 2014-2015

What a successful school year! Students this year have learned about Kindness, Friendship, Problem Solving, Stress and Anger Management, Bullying, Sportsmanship, Diversity, Mindfulness, and College + Career Readiness in counseling class. Next year we will continue our learning on these important topics. Student Store: Thank you to all the parent volunteers and their children who came in early to work at the Student Store. We took in hundreds and hundreds of Bulldog Bucks this past week as students came in with their savings! Thanks to the generous support of our Richmond families, we achieved a number of goals for our community service projects which were led by Student Council. Pennies for Patients Success: Richmond raised a total of \$2,291.15 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to fund research for children with cancer. Congratulations to Mogi Sensei's class as first prize winner! They won an Olive Garden lunch party and raised \$261.39! Scheiman Sensei's class was the second-place winner of an extra recess by raising \$227.83! Wow that is a lot of coins! 😊 Project Second Wind: This year Richmond brought in 2,150 pounds of food, more than our goal of 2,000 pounds, and 350 pounds more than last year. Thank you for helping hungry children in Oregon. Thank you to the Bulldog Brigade: These students worked tirelessly each day on a rotating schedule to assist students on the playground with peer-to-peer mediation, problem solving, and facilitating outdoor games. Great job Bulldoggers!!!

Have a safe, happy summer!

Claudia Sterry, M.A., School Counselor

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