



RICHMOND SHINBUN

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March Events

MAR. 18 – Late Opening

MAR. 23-27 – Spring Break
(No School)

April Events

APR. 10 – Teacher Planning
(No School for Students)

APR. 13 – Switch Day

APR. 15 – Late Opening

Safety Issues at Richmond

Slow Down! – A student was recently hit in the crosswalk on 41st Avenue in front of the school. (The student is okay.) Also, families living on 41st have contacted the office to express their concerns about how fast cars are going by. Please consider parking a block or two away and enjoying a nice walk to school to lessen traffic in front of the school.

Keeping Kids Safe – A number of students are left unattended after school which has led to children climbing on the garden structure, jumping over the fence and into the street, and running out in front of the school during dismissal time. Please keep an eye on your children to keep them safe as well as others.

Safety Meeting – Our Next Safety Meeting is Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 a.m.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE TO RICHMOND

I am thrilled to be returning to Richmond from a medical leave. The staff and parent cards that I received sharing all of your well wishes were a huge blessing and made me very happy. I received the sweetest letters from our students as well. All of them brought so much joy! Thank you!

The staff has been even more amazing than they usually are. They have continued to work for students' success and advocated for Richmond, too. I thank them for carrying on in my absence. I miss them and can't wait to see the kids again. I am now ready to return to Richmond and work harder than ever.

We have a wonderful school! Please stop in to see me any time after March 13th.

Sincerely,

Your Principal, Mrs. Pruitt

LUNCH MONEY

Parents, the negative balance for students' meal accounts is very high at this time. If you receive a letter or phone call from the cafeteria regarding a negative balance for your child, please pay for his/her meals as soon as you are able. Also, it would be very helpful if you made sure there was money on the lunch account before your child eats. You are able to pay for meals in the cafeteria or online at www.lunchmoney.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop by. Thank you! - Ann Roger



RICHMOND FOUNDATION

Hello Richmond families,

Cherry blossoms are blooming and it is Springtime in Portland! Our March 2015 restaurant drive was on the 10th provided by our neighborhood Pizzicato. Thanks to all of you who purchased pizzas and salads in support of our school. The Foundation's next restaurant drive is a two-night event scheduled for April 13th & 14th with Pastini Pastaria. We at the Foundation would like to wish everyone safe travels this month during Spring Break and a fond farewell and thank you to our school's wonderful interns. Domo arigato gozaimasu!

WRIGHT THIS WAY!

**Frank Lloyd Wright:
Japanese Art as a Means to Organic Architecture**

Lecture by Kevin Nute



You're invited to the 3rd annual Wright This Way party on Friday, March 20, 2015, 5:00-7:30 at Design Within Reach at 1200 NW Everett, Portland. Come join friends and colleagues for an evening of Japanese music, sake and snacks, wine, and cheese. Professor Kevin Nute will speak about his book *Frank Lloyd Wright and Japan*. RSVP www.thegordonhouse.org or call 503-874-6006.

UPCOMING PTA ACTIVITIES**March 14, Breakfast in the Garden, 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

The flowers are starting to bloom! Come drink coffee, eat pastries, and help weed, prune, and maintain our three garden spaces at Richmond: South veggie garden, front NW/Japanese garden, and the Nature Walk.

March 30, PTA Clothing Center

Monday, March 30th, is Richmond's designated day to send volunteers between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to help kids from low-income families coming to the center to find suitable clothes as we head into spring and summer. This is a great opportunity to help the families in our PPS community that are struggling financially. It is both fun and very rewarding to work with the PTA Clothing Center staff and the kids coming to "shop." If interested in lending a hand for this very worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please email natasharbanks@gmail.com.

March 30, Spring Plant Sale

Look for a flyer in backpacks after spring break for a chance to get your garden starts or order flowers for Mother's Day or your favorite teacher. Plants will be delivered May 5th. Proceeds go to the Super Green Team to fund projects that enhance sustainability efforts at our school.

April 14, Science Fair, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria

Please note this new date for our exciting Science Fair. It is the night before a Wednesday late start. Spring break is a perfect time for your child to get their presentation ready.

April 18, Breakfast in the Garden, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Another chance for planting and care of our garden spaces while enjoying coffee and pastries with friends. A great chance for kids to help out too.

April 24, Run for Richmond (for Art Enrichment and Technology)

Support our amazing kids as they collect pledges and run their hearts out for their school and a chance to financially support our classrooms and teachers.

May 16, Spring Festival

The crown jewel of Richmond events, Haru Matsuri, is a Richmond cultural tradition. Big bouncy houses in the Richmond field, classroom "booth" games/activities, and Japanese and other cultural culinary delights. We will be featuring student performances in the cafeteria in English and Japanese. Mark your calendar - specific grade level times to come!

Student Recognition

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

Kindergarten

Amy Sensei/Jill Sensei - Levi Adams • Lukas Yamagishi • Mayson Kelly • Julian Deluca • Maya Hernandez • Thatcher Haldors
Yoshida Sensei/Kelly Sensei - Bran Moore • Isa Black • Mika Sun • Adine Decker • Greta Duey • Vuki (Yamato) Kesic

First Grade

Uchida Sensei/Mrs. Meier - Jake Jinnah • Viola Wilson • AJ Echeverria • Arnet Clemen • Claire Holyk • Cole Thomas
Rivera Sensei/Mrs. Gaynor - Jack Perdue • Wes Davidson • Marlie Maffit-Schluter • Alice Waldeck • Ava Petrillo

Second Grade

Scheiman Sensei/Ms. Welle - Eliza Barrow • Kai Maeda • Katie Reed • Stella Bielavitz • Petal Peloquin • Beckett Suib
Mogi Sensei/Mr. Denlinger - Waverly Davidson • Seth Filner • Kota Nguyen • Owen Caughey • Madeline Collins • Lolo Gibson

Student Recognition

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

Third Grade

Hirahara Sensei/Mr. Kiggen - Egan Crigler • Iris Doyle • Soren Hieggelke • Isaiah Irwin • Kellie Shiozawa • Grace Kelsay • Tyler Lewis • Karina Murai • Stella Seaholt • Evan Wright
Fujiwara Sensei/Mrs. Gross - Cooper Thyken • Cora Messer • Jake Haldors • Lia Black • Lia Levine • Luc Hertling • Mika Blandy • Mika Heshiki • Mina Greenberg-Motamedi • Roxy Crunchie • Seiji Tani • Sofia Whang • Tristin Gabriel

Fourth Grade

Kamata Sensei/Mrs. Martin - Adrian Wilkinson • Andrew Baumann • Sean Dunning • Espen Ooyevarr • Samuel Dody • Caden Songster • Leilani Snyder • Ai Avondstondt • Ren Gibbs • Elizabeth Madsen
Kitazawa Sensei/Jaina Sensei - Lola Hatakeyama • Talley Leeman • Kirin Nontavarnit • Forrest Peloquin • Olivia Yilmaz • Gwyneth Joy-Busani • Manuel Klein • Emmett McGee • Sophia Takahashi-Rosales • Liam Yanosy

Fifth Grade

Ando Sensei/Mr. Aubrecht - Jane Ernst • Lilie McRee • Olivia Prime • Xander Trostel-Shaw • Ian Baer • Rykki Hodges-Kaufman • Isaac Lasky • Grayson Stephens
Tomita Sensei/Mrs. Loveland - Lauren Barr • Sabine Bravin • Ada Conaty • Kellen Farrenkopf-Bihn • Mozah Guadron • Dominic Hammer • Keven Higa-Mar • Kaizen Littman • Leilani McMurray • Elena Smillie • Kai Tani

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

Class Awards

Art	Music	Library	PE	Counseling
Ms. Welle	Ms. Welle	Scheiman Sensei	Mr. Denlinger	Yoshida Sensei
Jaina Sensei	Mr. Kiggen	Mrs. Martin	Mr. Kiggen	Tomita Sensei

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