



# RICHMOND SHINBUN

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## March Events

**MAY 20** – Late Opening

**MAY 25** – Memorial Day (No School)

## June Events

**JUNE 9** – Field Day

**JUNE 11** – Last Day of School

**Safety Meeting** – Our Next Safety Meeting is Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**Enrollment and Transfer** – If you have any questions related to the lottery or transferring a student to Richmond, please contact the Enrollment and Transfer Office at (503) 916-3205 or visit their website: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/index.htm>.

**Family Health Night** – On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, families will have the opportunity to learn about the revamped 5th grade health unit and other valuable and relevant information as their children move into early adolescence. Given the sensitive nature of the topics covered, this is an adult-only event.

**Field Day** – Richmond field day will be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Students in Kinder and 1st grade will have an AM field day with 5th grade students managing the events. Second through fifth grades will have a PM field day with adult volunteers managing the stations. This is a fun-filled day with lots of novel, cooperative, and sometimes wet activities. Please look for this END-OF-YEAR event to volunteer. More information coming soon.

## RUN FOR RICHMOND

During the Richmond Run on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, our students from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade collectively ran 15,133 laps around the field, or roughly 1890 miles. The following grades ran the most laps during their scheduled times:

K/1 - Rivera and Meier (both classes averaged 24 laps per student)

2/3 - Kiggen (average 24 laps per student)

4/5 - Martin & Loveland (both averaged 26 laps per student)

The total amount pledged by friends and family was roughly \$43,500. This money will fund arts, science, and technology enrichment for next school year. A big thank you to all in supporting Richmond students so generously and for making the 2015 Run for Richmond such an incredible event and one for the record books!

## FOUNDATION

Spring is in full swing here in Portland, and there is so much going on at our school and in our community, that it is difficult to keep track of it all. One event that is extremely important to all of us is the Richmond School Foundation Spring Fundraising Campaign, which is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>. This event generates the necessary money that our school uses to fund staff positions not covered by the District budget. This year, our school really needs everyone's financial support, no matter how great or small, so please make a tax-deductible contribution to the RSF so we can keep Richmond fully staffed next year. Contribution forms were sent home on the 1st. Please fill out the form and drop it off with one of our volunteers at the table by the main office just before school starts or as school gets out each day OR place it in the blue mailbox next to the office. Together we can do it! Issho Ni Ganbarou! Domo Arigato Gozaimasu.



## SCIENCE FAIR

The science fair was a huge success! We had 113 children participate in 83 exhibits. Some of the titles of the exhibits were:

*Pacific Tree Frog*

*How Cats Communicate*

*Salt and Crystals*

*How Was the Milky Way Formed?*

*How Much Salt? A Brine Shrimp Experiment*

*Electromagnetism and Electric Motors*

*Force and Pulleys*

*Monarch Butterflies*

*Wave Energy*

*Potato Clock*

*The Fibonacci Series*

*The Science of Shoe Soles*

*Charles Darwin and the Beagle*

*Fruit vs. Mint*



## PTA-SPONSORED DISTRICT MARKETING MEETING

Thank you to Jon Isaacs, PPS Communication Director, Paige Parker, PPS Writer, and to all those individuals who attended the District Marketing meeting. We shared thoughts about what we value about Richmond, possible misconceptions individuals might have, and what messages we might want to communicate to the community. We are working to increase access to families living in poverty and encouraging a diverse range of families to come to Richmond. Thank you to Sara DeLuca, Jason Lathrop, and Amy Starr Thomas of PTA for organizing this event. A special thanks to Jonathan Knutson and Denis O'Brien, Foundation co-presidents, and Sara Tam, President of Oya No Kai for participating as well. Of course, we want to give heartfelt appreciation to all those who attended: Charlene McGee, Sean Egusa, Dave Allen, Pamela Kislak, Matt Giacomini, Ameliaja Brown, Bev Pruit, MInori Fukushima, Kristina Kallen, Amy Grover, Anne Schieman, and Patricia Haggerty.

## ART SHOW

Currently on display at the Belmont Library are collagraph prints by Richmond first graders. The prints are of animals that are found in the Artic. The first graders used an old file folder that they layered with different shapes cut from other file folders. They then covered the layered file folder in ink and printed the image. The first graders' art will be on display through the end of May in the Belmont Library meeting room.





## UPCOMING PTA ACTIVITIES

### Now until May 29, Walk and Bike Challenge Month

There is still time to join the fun. Pick up a scorecard in the mailroom next to the main office. Turn in the scorecards in the mailroom at the end of May for a chance to win bike helmets and other prizes. Students can participate in any of the following ways: 1) Stop + Walk for families that drive. Park a few blocks away from school or your bus stop and walk the rest of the way. 2) Walk, Bike, Skate, or Scooter to your bus stop or to school.

### May 11-16, PTA Scholastic Spring Book Fair

Save the dates! Stock up on reading materials for the summer and support our Japanese library collection. Proceeds from the Spring Book Fair go to funding our on-site Japanese library materials.

### May 16, PTA 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, Japanese plant sale, and Japanese and other cultural culinary delights. We will be featuring student performances in the Cafeteria in English and Japanese. Specific grade-level times can be found at [richmondptapdx.com](http://richmondptapdx.com).

### May 28, PTA General Meeting

Join us from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Richmond Cafeteria. Come set the direction and priorities for Richmond's PTA for 2015-16 as we review our proposed budget for next year and elect our new board members. Mrs. Pruitt will give a recap of the year and an update on what next year holds. Meet our new interns. Find out the latest on District-Wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (D-BRAC). Hear about outcomes of Richmond's 2015 lottery and current status of outreach efforts.

### June 2, PTA Volunteer Appreciation Party

As a thank you to all the amazing volunteers who make our school what it is, PTA is hosting a party at Kerns Kitchen from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bring your kids for pizza and lemonade and a chance to mark the end of this school year with fellow volunteers.

### Richmond PTA collects Box Tops - even over the summer!

A dime each may not seem like much, but our last submission of Box Tops for Education yielded \$318 for the school. Please continue to save your box tops and drop them off in the collection box in mailroom (110). If you are not familiar with Box Tops for Education, it is an easy way for Richmond to earn money from products you are already purchasing. Products ranging from cereal to trash bags bear the Box Tops for Education label. Cut out the labels and collect them at home and then bring them into school. This is also an easy way for family and friends (even those who are not local) to support the school. Please continue to collect the Box Tops over the summer, and we will bundle those into our fall submission. For a full list of participating products and to learn more about the program, go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of another busy school year we still have a few more fun events planned.

- College Spirit Day Thursday, May 21st: To complement our May counseling lessons' theme of Career and College Awareness, our last spirit day of the year asks that our students wear any apparel from a college or university. Parents can join in, too, and show your alumni school pride!
- Pennies for Patients: This Student Council fundraiser with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society will start on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> and go through Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Your child will be coming home with a letter and coin collection box. All proceeds go towards cancer research for children, and the winning class wins a lunch party catered by Olive Garden.

Thank you for all your support this year. Your children are wonderful, and I am glad to be a part of this amazing Richmond community!

Claudia Sterry, School Counselor  
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## STUDENT RECOGNITION

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

### Kindergarten

**Amy Sensei/Jill Sensei** – Arthur Lord • Simon Stadler • Sophie Heriford • Nicholas Hanolsy • Sacha Kory • Sara Jean  
**Yoshida Sensei/Kelly Sensei** - Dory Wineman • Cantor Soule-Reeves • Sully Caughey • Sam Trimble • Sho Maeda • Arlo Baxter

### First Grade

**Uchida Sensei/Mrs. Meier** - Junon Shindo-Chu • Grady Morgan • Xander Dodge • Jinki Tomita • Katelyn Lewis • Sam Burnett  
**Rivera Sensei/Mrs. Gaynor** - Gabi Trimble • Sadie Melville • Hideo Barlag • Meghna Rickabaugh Rich • Leo Estes • Theo Kunze

### Second Grade

**Scheiman Sensei/Ms. Welle** - August Uusitalo • Hudson Tripi • Liam Allen • Belle Cicilian  
**Mogi Sensei/Mr. Denlinger** – Evelyn Lorinczi • Rosabel Kott • Lily Sanderling • Shayna Veile Shikora • Sofia Bohrer-Clancy

## Student Recognition

The following intermediate-grade students were recognized this month at our student recognition assembly for being positive and humorous:

### Third Grade

**Hirahara Sensei/Mr. Kiggen** - Bea Clark • Sasha Flint • Thomas Ishida • Aki Lindblade • Branden Quinn • Ethan Vuong • Kento Breyfogle • Henry Harris • Maya Kekona • Bennett Thomason • Sophia Tsugawa • Taiji Yamakawa  
**Fujiwara Sensei/Mrs. Gross** – Cooper Thyken • Cora Messer • Jake Haldors • Lia Black • Lia Levine • Luc Hertling • Mike Blandy • Mika Heshiki • Mina Greenberg-Motamedi • Roxy Crunchie • Seiji Tani • Sofia Whang • Tristin Gabriel

### Fourth Grade

**Kamata Sensei/Mrs. Martin** - Benjamin Gooding-Tam • Piper Lando • Gavin Rockett • Sylvia McDonald • Riley Bergquist • Luna Shimakage-Person • Ian McCandless • Sterling Yost  
**Kitazawa Sensei/Jaina Sensei** - Ben Cicilian • Libby Phillips • Ella Spokes • Konomi Steffen • Isley Tomlinson • Anna Gates • Robbie Nakanishi

### Fifth Grade

**Ando Sensei/Mr. Aubrecht** – Graham Davis • Ian Parks • Aidan Blatter • Jeremy Dirx • Zooey Whang • Caden McIlhenny • Shanon Moehling • Clara Sweet • Reiko Bibb • Quinn Nakada  
**Tomita Sensei/Mrs. Loveland** – James Downing • Coen Havlin • Finnegan Jarrell • Aubrey Joyce • Eli Farrenkopf-Bihn • Milo Fox • Astrid Howells • Alex Kageyama • Ezra Yellin

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
Uchida Sensei	Mrs. Gaynor	Scheiman Sensei	Rivera Sensei	Mr. Denlinger
Mr. Kiggen	Jaina Sensei	Mrs. Gross	Tomita Sensei	Mrs. Martin

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