



RICHMOND SHINBUN

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February Events

FEB. 16 – No School (Presidents' Day)

FEB. 18 – Late Opening

March Events

MAR. 18 – Late Opening

MAR. 23-27 – Spring Break

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Successful Schools Survey –

The Successful Schools Survey is a chance for PPS to hear from all families. The survey focuses on school climate such as whether a school feels welcoming and safe and in what ways teaching and learning is supported. The survey can be found at:

www.oregonskitchentable.org

All voices matter!

School Safety – As we continue to review our safety guidelines, parents and community members should be aware that only the front doors will be unlocked during the school day. Also, the grating on the windows in the breezeway and around the building has weakened over time from balls being kicked at it repeatedly. Please let children know to **not** kick balls at the grating so the glass remains intact.

Safety Meeting – Our next safety meeting is March 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in the assistant principal's office.

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 as well as the district Statement of Understand form will be included in your packet of materials.

3. Please complete and sign both forms, write your child's name and grade on the envelope, and 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.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

We just completed our first Geography-Bee event sponsored by the National Geographic Society! There were 11 fabulous students who entered the first round and did a great job with some very hard questions. Six students went on to round two until we finally had one winner. Congratulations to Ian Baer! Next step is the state regionals and then on to Washington, DC for the annual National Geographic Bee!



ART AT THE LIBRARY

Currently on display at the Belmont Library are drawings by Richmond kindergartners. The drawings are of animals in the form of dot paintings similar to Aboriginal style. The kindergartners used pencil erasers and paint to create their dot patterns and selected contrasting colors for their backgrounds. The kindergartners' art will be on display until the end of February.



RICHMOND FOUNDATION

Hello Richmond families,

2015 seems to be passing by quickly already; before we know it, there will be cherry blossoms filling up our senses!

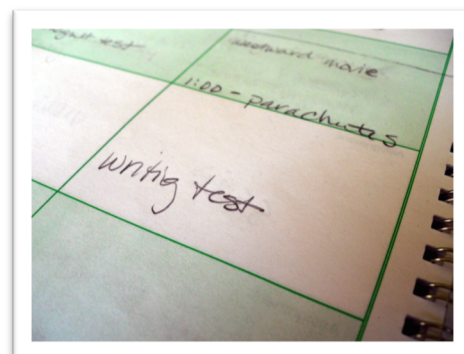
The Foundation does have a few more restaurant drive events scheduled this year, so mark your calendars on March 10th with Pizzicato, April 13th & 14th with Pastini Pastaria, and May 27th with Por Que No! Your support of RSF through dining at these terrific restaurants on these dates is a wonderful way to contribute to the on-going effort to provide the best learning environment for our children. Treat the family to a great meal while raising important funds for our Richmond staff!

Our Spring Campaign will be held May 4th through May 16th, so that is something to look forward to, as well. Thanks again for making Richmond the awesome community it is. Issho Ni Ganbarou. Together, we can do it!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Feb 19, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria

Please join us to learn more about how Richmond is preparing for the new Common Core assessment, Smarter Balanced, which will replace the OAKS test starting in April. Walk through sample tests with Pam Joyner and Dave Allen to understand how this test is different from OAKS. Learn also about how the Common Core is incorporated from kindergarten through 5th grade. In addition, at this meeting will be updates on the 5th Grade Technology Initiative and implementation efforts for the Superintendent's new Transfer and Enrollment Policy. Following the business portion of the meeting, there will be a mochi-making tutorial and a chance to take fresh mochi home.



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 Kizuna en, and the Nature Walk.

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 15. Proceeds go to the Super Green Team to fund projects which enhance sustainability efforts at our school.

April 17, Science Fair, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria

Mark your calendars for this new date and start thinking about fun science projects with your kids. More details coming soon.

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.

Other PTA Announcements

Save the Elms Champion

We are still looking for a person to head the effort to save our elm trees at Richmond. We love our beautiful surviving elm trees surrounding Richmond. To keep them, we need to make sure they are inoculated and monitored. Our previous champion has graduated from the school. Fundraising for inoculation is already in place through coffee sales. If you appreciate our beautiful trees and are looking for a volunteer opportunity with limited time commitment, this could be a good fit. Please email sarackdeluca@yahoo.com if interested in heading this effort.

PTA Clothing Center

Monday, March 30, is Richmond's designated day to send volunteers between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to help low-income kids 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". The center also really appreciates volunteers any Monday or Thursday and donations of kids/teen clothing in good (and new) condition any time. If interested in finding out more, please email natasharbanks@gmail.com.

Student Recognition

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

Kindergarten

Amy Sensei/Jill Sensei

Freja Johnson • Luna Rengert • Oskar Reynolds-Kienbaum • Aleenah Clemen • Keina Ga • Sawyer Allen

Yoshida Sensei/Kelly Sensei

Mira Prenovitz • Renee Reda • Zach Seaholt • Alex Banman • Bayani Pacat • Sienna Vuong

First Grade

Uchida Sensei/Ms. Meier

Adriel Banks • Indiya Hutasangkus • Lila Effros • Saya Tipton • Ava McCandless • Koji Tsugawa

Rivera Sensei/Mrs. Gaynor

Claire Lutey • Quara Bock-Rossi • Noe Newell-Sakamoto • Henry Binzer • Karen Craig • Wyatt Jeffers

Second Grade

Scheiman Sensei/Ms. Welle

Kai Maeda • Owen Martin • Kaito Ono • Ziza Pacat • Lily Lomax • Taylor Lundstrom • Josie Poplarchik

Mogi Sensei/Mr. Denlinger

Pollux Good • Christian Littman • Noah Bassett • Juniper Goldberg • Sasha Gladen-Kolarsky

Class Awards

Art	Music
Yoshida Sensei	Mogi Sensei
Library	PE
Kelly Sensei	Mrs. Gaynor

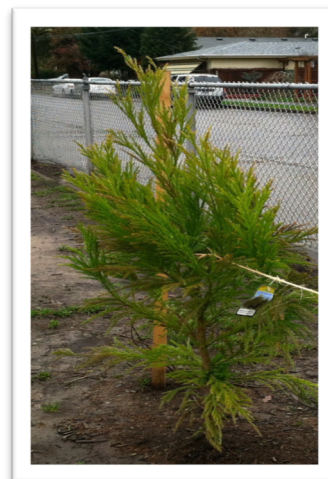


Spring Festival May 16 – Additional Vendor Suggestions?

Spring Festival is quickly approaching on May 16th, and we are looking to recruit a couple additional food vendors to round out the list of marvelous vendors who currently participate in this fun annual event. If you have any suggestions for new vendors or connections to a restaurant, food cart, etc., who might be interested in becoming a vendor at Spring Festival this year, please contact Chris Dodge at artfuldodge2@hotmail.com.

Trees Planted

During the middle of January, several new trees were planted on the west side of the school grounds. Some of the new trees included a Western Red Cedar, Oregon White Oak, Japanese Umbrella Pine, Hinoki Cypress, and Japanese Cedar. The trees were planted by Richmond kindergarten students who will be able to care for these trees and watch them grow over the next five years.



SMARTER BALANCED RESOURCES

Interested in finding more about the Smarter Balanced Assessment?

Five Quick Facts - http://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/sb_quickfacts.pdf

Summary of Core Components - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Smarter-Balanced-Core-Components.pdf>

How Do I Know What a Good Test Looks Like? - <http://stand.org/academic-check>

Better Tests: You Decide - <http://stand.org/national/action/better-tests-you-decide>

Frequently Asked Questions - http://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/smarter-balanced_faq_or_eng.pdf

Smarter Balanced Practice Test - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/>

Smarter Balanced Practice Test (through OAKS portal) - <http://oaksportal.org/students/>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Technology Skills Checklist - http://www.middletownschools.org/uploaded/Curriculum/Educational_Technology/SBACTech/SBAC_Tech_Skills_Checklist.pdf

Common Core State K-12 Technology Skills Scope and Sequence (Smarter Balanced Tech Skills on pages 4 & 5) - http://www.lbschools.net/Main_Offices/Curriculum/Areas/Technology/docs/Common_Core/CCSS%20K-12%20Technology%20Scope%20and%20Sequence.pdf

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