



Richmond Shinbun

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Bev Pruitt Principal

Dave Allen, Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving

(No School)

Dec. 4 Asst. Principal Coffee

Dec. 16 Late Opening

Dec. 19 Winter Break

Jan. 4 School Starts

DBRAC Timeline

September/October: PPS and District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee collaborate on proposals to manage growth in support of learning.

October: PPS and advisory committee release proposals.

October/November: Community meetings, survey, Twitter and Facebook Town Halls to review proposals and gather feedback.

December: Advisory committee uses feedback to refine proposals.

January: Superintendent Carole Smith makes final proposal to the Portland School Board.

January/February: Board considers proposal, takes additional public comment.

February: Potential board vote on final growth management plan.

Fall 2016: Implementation of any board-approved plan expected to begin. Current policy allows students attending a school to remain there in the event of a boundary change in most cases. The school board would have to approve any proposal to change this policy.

Principal's News

Dear Richmond Families,

Thank you to our PTA who put on a tea ceremony for our **Almost Principal for a Day** guest, **Senator Diane Rosenbaum**. Richmond parent and PTA planner, Andrea Obana, was the narrator for the ceremony. The tea was served by Saori Grigonis to Mr. Allen, our AP, and Miho Washington, another Richmond parent.

Helping to serve and prepare the tea were parents, Minori Fukushima, Emi Avondstondt, Yoko Niki-Breyfogle, and Kara Coffey.



Standing in front of the Ro Zu An Tea House are (left to right) Mrs. Pruitt, Mrs. Batchelor, and Senator Rosenbaum. The tea house was given to Richmond by Henjyoji Temple.

Nihonmachi: The Place to Be

Thank you to Japanese Consul General Furusawa who invited us to the play: Nihonmachi: The Place to Be which was sponsored by Oregon Nikkei Endowment and others. All our 4th and 5th graders went to the Monday matinee. This is the book that our 8th graders read and how wonderful for our students to get to see the musical with actors from LA.

Scenarios for Balancing Enrollment Among Schools

On Oct. 29, PPS released two possible scenarios for balancing enrollment. The scenarios are a starting point for community discussion about how best to "right size" schools. A School Board decision is expected in January/February, and any changes would start in Fall 2016 and be phased in over time.

Scenario #1 Most K-8s become K-5/middle schools: Most overcrowded/under-enrolled K-8 schools right sized.

Scenario #2 Some K-8s become K-5/middle schools: Most overcrowded/under-enrolled K-8 schools right sized.

Goal for Scenarios 1 & 2: Create a better mix of K-8 and K-5/middle schools so that more schools are offering the academic program in buildings of the appropriate size, supported by a sufficient number and distribution of students.

Scenarios for Balancing Enrollment Among Schools (continued)

Community Meetings	Time	School/Organization	Address
Monday Nov. 9	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Hosford Middle School	2303 SE 28th Place
Tuesday Nov. 10	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Cesar Chavez K-8	5103 N. Willis Blvd <i>bilingual</i> (Spanish/English)
Thursday Nov. 12	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Center for Intercultural Organizing	700 N. Killingsworth St.
Monday Nov. 16	10 a.m. to noon	Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	8114 SE Division St.
Monday Nov. 16	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	West Sylvan Middle School	8111 SW West Slope Dr.
Tuesday Nov. 17	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Charles Jordan Community Center	9009 N. Foss Ave.
Tuesday Nov. 17	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Madison High School	2735 NE 82nd Ave. (in Spanish)
Wednesday Nov. 18	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Roseway Heights K-8	7334 NE Siskiyou St.
Monday Nov. 23	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Markham K-5	10531 SW Capitol Hwy.
Monday Nov. 23	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Lane Middle School	7200 SE 60th Ave.

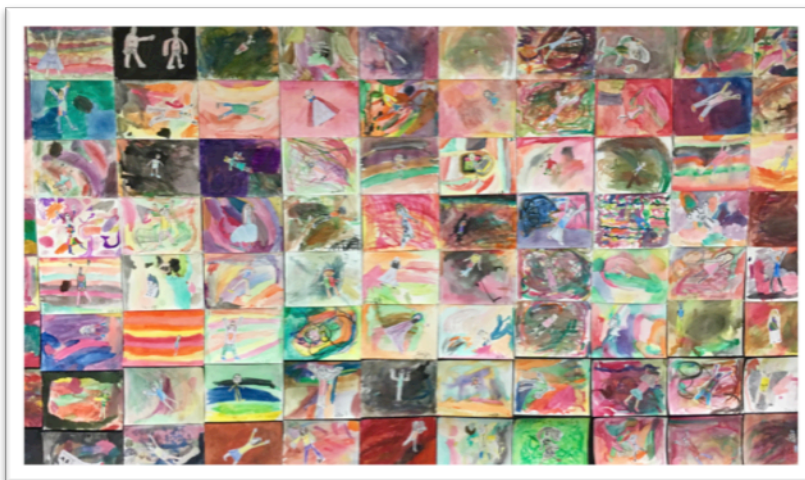
Share Your Views: Staff questions and feedback on scenarios is invited and welcomed at ppsgrows@pps.net; Twitter and Facebook Town Halls; community meetings Nov. 9-23. An online survey is coming.

Learn more: Go to the Growing Great Schools website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/9522.htm> for historical context (including a great photo from Measure 5 era, circa 1990); a video; meeting dates, materials and much more! Website is in all supported languages.

First Grade Art Show

Our wonderful first grade artists from Richmond are having their art exhibit at the Belmont Library during the month of November. The show will be up all month for viewing. The Opening Reception was Thursday, November 5th, 2015 in the community room.

First grade students from Richmond Japanese Immersion school created their own sky color dreamscapes based on the book by Peter H. Reynolds. Students used watercolor washes to create their own skies, stretching their imaginations beyond the color blue. The artists then practiced using simple shapes to create a small portrait of themselves floating in their skies.



Foundation

Thank you Richmond community for the generous support and participation in the Read-a-thon this year! We are still short of our goal of raising \$50,000. Although the Read-a-thon is over, you can still contribute to the Foundation, either online at www.AllHandsRaised.org or by placing a check in the blue mailbox next to the main office. Another great way to support the Foundation is through participation in the monthly restaurant drives. Equinox just hosted this past Saturday, November 7th and is owned and operated by a Richmond family, so thank you for supporting the Foundation while eating delicious local food! Also, look for an announcement about a special event coming up at one of Portland's best breweries- space is limited for this year's Small Glasses, Big Hearts event, so be ready to sign up when the posters appear around school. Issho Ni Ganbarou! Together, we can do it!

PTA Updates

Cultural Center and Tea Ceremony

On October 15th, the PTA Cultural Committee hosted a ribbon cutting and tea ceremony to celebrate Richmond's new Cultural Center. This center is intended to provide a space to enhance cultural offerings to Richmond. Oregon Majority Senate Leader, Diane Rosenbaum, who was at Richmond for Principal for a Day, cut the ribbon. A huge thank you to the individuals who led and facilitated the ceremony: Andrea Obana, Miho Washington, Saori Grigonis, Emi Avondstondt, Minori Fukushima, Kumiko Yoshioka Fisk, Kara Coffey, Miyuki Norrish, and Yoko Niki-Breyfogle.



Harvest Fest Better than Ever

It was a day of Taiko drums and fun costumers. There were 540 donuts, 22 pizza pies, 100 hot dogs, crepes, miso soups, and 300 onigiri eaten, 120 bug suckers consumed, 25 owl pellets examined and 150 mini pumpkins won. The bake sale had beautiful home-made fall desserts, and the kids ran thousands of times through the bike rodeo.

Nature Walk Looking Beautiful

Thanks to the over 40 volunteers who juggled their Saturday soccer schedules to come out and plant on 10/12! Over 200 plants are in the ground and thriving with recent rains, thanks to you.

Thank You's

A big shout out to the following volunteers who worked in the PTA Clothing Center on 10/15: Natasha Banks, Tricia Waineo, Amy Seaholt, Naomi Easton, Laina Wright, Krista Messer and Kristina Rheaume. And thanks to everyone for the lovely dishes, desserts and support provided to the teachers during conferences. You know who you are!

PTA Membership

Thanks for all who have joined as 2015-16 PTA members. A few lucky members won the following raffle prizes at Harvest Festival:

Morgan Kunze: Richmond Bulldog Sweatshirt
CL Swatland: Woodblock Chocolate Sampler
Aaron Kunze: Salt and Straw Certificate
Jennifer DeThomas: 1 box Kiyokawa Premium Apples

Still meaning to get that membership application in? There's still time! Drop your form & funds into PTA's red mailbox!

Integrated Arts Technology Proposal Passes

On 10/29, there was a special budget amendment meeting held to discuss adding \$3300 to the 2015-16 budget to make photography, film making and digital story telling part of the arts curriculum at Richmond through the purchase of new technology. Excellent feedback was provided by interested Richmond parents, the budget amendment was passed, and Sparrow Sensei received input regarding most effective options for launching this program.

PTA Upcoming Announcements

Richmond Field Update: Last spring the PTA went to work in the Richmond field, filling holes, leveling deep ruts, reseeding the grass and watering as much as prudent. Many, many thanks to parent Matt Giacomini who, with Custodian Dan Alexander, spent countless hours repairing irrigation lines and managing the watering schedule throughout the summer. Without Matt and Dan, much of the initial improvement effort would have been for naught. In mid-November, the PTA will break ground on the highly anticipated perimeter walking path that will circumvent the field. This all-weather path will allow for safe outdoor PE and recess even in the wet winter months ahead. (Note: The field will be closed during path construction. Please help keep our children safe by supervising them closely and out of clearly marked work zones during before- and after-school play.) The final phase of the field improvements will be a second grass reseeding and fertilizing in spring 2016, after the walking path has been well established and the rains soften up the ground. Many thanks for your patience as we get our outdoor space in tip-top shape for our children.

Dogs on the Richmond Field: Please note that all areas of the Richmond playground - including the field - require all **dogs to be on-leash at all times**. Richmond has an extreme off-leash dog problem, and the County will be issuing \$150 citations to dog owners who allow their animals to run the field freely. Please show respect for our children and community by keeping your dog on-leash at all times, and by picking up their waste and disposing it in an appropriate location.

Movie Night November 13th, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Cafeteria: The long awaited family event is finally here!!! Featuring *Ponyo*, a classic Miyazaki film, this is not one miss! Offering popcorn, delectables from Rich Coffee, and pizza from our 5th Grade fundraisers, there will be lots of yummy treats available. Shorts in Japanese to start the evening feature include Phineas and Ferb. Bring blankets and pillows and find a comfy spot!



Portland Roasting Coffee Beans for Sale to Benefit the Elms

Many of you may have noticed the loss of more elms on the Richmond playground to Dutch Elm Disease. Portland Roasting coffee beans will now be available for sale to raise money to take care of the elms through pruning to prevent and slow down the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. Order online at the Richmond PTA website at <http://www.richmondptapdx.com/store/>. Find hard copy order forms on top of the PTA red mailbox outside of Room 110. Orders received by Tuesday morning of each week will be delivered on Friday to Room 110 where they can be picked up. If you do not pick up at school on Friday, coffee can be delivered to your child's cubby or locker. Please contact Tess Sandgathe for more information at yogathes@gmail.com.

Shamrock Run

If you are a runner, athlete, or just like to be social, please consider signing up for the 2016 Portland Shamrock Run, and join the PTA-sponsored Richmond Elementary Team! If you sign up by January 31st you will get \$4 discount off your entry fee. And even if the race is full, as a team member you will still be accepted. Anyone can join as part of the Richmond team so please spread the word to all of your friends and neighbors. Our team number is 2885, and it is a business team. If we have over 75 people sign up as part of the Richmond team, we will receive \$5.00 per person back to our school. More details are on the Shamrock web: <http://www.shamrockrunportland.com/> or contact the team captain Shuli Rutzick shulirutzick@gmail.com.

November 2015

Oya No Kai, Inc.

A parent volunteer 501(c)(3) supporting Interns & Cultural Exchanges at Richmond, Mt. Tabor and Grant

Dear Richmond Families,

Welcome to fall! Leaves change, the rains come and we try hard to do our best to manage early darkness, colds and flus, and yes, even homework!

The Oya No Kai board has had a couple of changes I want to share. First of all, this President's note is coming from a new President! This is Jeff Hopper, father of a 4th grade Richmond student and an 8th grade Mt Tabor student. I have taken on the presidency as Danielle Madderra steps off the board. Thank you Danielle for your many years of service! Here is the new board:

Jeff Hopper - President

Peter Bilotta - Vice President

Kathy Black - Treasurer

Ilyse Ring – Secretary

Danielle Lanier - Fundraising Chair, Auction Lead

Keri Moran-Kuhn - Community Events

Andrea Matsumura - Cultural Exchange Liaison

Allison O'Brien – Communications

To keep things simple, you can now contact the entire board using the Google Groups email

ONKBoard@googlegroups.com or by sending an email to info@oyanokai.org.

We have had a terrific fundraising effort selling Chinook Book coupon books. Both elementary and middle school students and parents have raised around \$10,000 in this sale, selling over 1000 books. WOW! Nice job JMP! Keep up the terrific fundraising!

Jeff Hopper, Oya No Kai President



Upcoming Events

December 12

PTA Craft Night! JMP interns will be assisting in seasonal craft creations!

March 5

Oya No Kai Auction
Revolution Hall in SE Portland

PPS DBRAC - Rebalancing

PPS is working on many school boundary changes to better distribute students throughout Portland schools.

At this point there are no changes in either of the two solution proposals that will affect the Richmond/Mt Tabor/Grant hosting of the Japanese Immersion Program. A team of Oya No Kai and PTA parents are keeping an active eye on the process and will keep you in the know. Thank you!

Thank you Host Families!

Our classroom interns changed homes to new host families last month. As you may know, our intern program would not be possible without this generous and very personal donation. Thank you for being host families from spring through fall this year:

Karl & Lisa Schroeder family
 Matt Giacomini & Rebecca Melcher family
 Sara & Dallas DeLuca family
 Melissa & Tom Peloquin family
 Allison & Denis O'Brien family
 Justin Brown & Helen Umberger family
 Jen & Rich Nakanishi family
 Sean & Diana Egusa family
 Caitlin & Keith Kroeger family
 Liane & Xian Crigler family
 Jim & Vivienne Blandy family
 Keri & Scott Moran-Kuhn family
 Terry & Kim Tanada family
 Mari Kai & Morgan Powers family
 Jim & Theresa Deibele family

Additionally, we had a Japanese school visit Richmond and Mt Tabor over the Halloween weekend. Katoh School is a private K-12 school in Numazu-city, Shizuoka prefecture and the first school in Japan to offer English immersion. This year, Katoh school students attended Richmond school for 4 days and were all welcomed in the 5th grade classes. During their stay, they enjoyed trick-or-treating with their host families. Thank you to the families who opened up their homes to our guest students!

Bonnie Richardson & Greg Kott family
 Joe Phillips & Kate Fleming family
 Jen & Rich Nakanishi family
 Arlene & Robert McCashew family
 Harper Kalin & Eric McDaniel family
 Alenna Merrihew & Jason Love family
 Joel Gregie & Chika Saeki family

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact our host-family coordinator Yoko Niki-Breyfogle: ynbreyfogle@gmail.com



Annual Auction 2016

Date: Saturday, March 5th

NEW LOCATION: Revolution Hall
 in SE Portland!

The Oya No Kai auction is a program-wide fundraiser, raising money to support the JMP intern program, 5th Grade Cultural Exchange, 8th Grade Research Residency and the high school 6-week Summer Institute.

Auction planning is happening as we speak, from classroom art projects to procurement of auction items. Here are your contact points this year for volunteering your time and services!

Danielle Lanier: Procurement Chair to assist with organizing and gathering donations, Please contact soulsoothing@msn.com

Kyle Begley: Classroom-created auction art projects. Please contact Kyle.Begley@gmail.com

The night of the auction we will need volunteers too to help make this event run smoothly.

THANK YOU! This auction event is such a celebration of our wonderful and unique program.



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After School Activities

All after-school activities at Richmond are not part of the school program. Activities are put on by private vendors or parents. Flyers and other advertisement can be found in the acrylic boxes in front of the office. Management of the events and activities are the responsibility of the vendors. We do not coordinate or facilitate these opportunities but provide space as permitted by space available in the building.

Richmond's Mission

Our mission is to provide an excellent education for our students while developing and maintaining fluency in both the Japanese and English languages.

Richmond's Vision

Richmond Elementary School will be the best Japanese immersion school in the world by all measures of success.



Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

The Counseling Department has been very busy this fall! In September students learned about Kindness and Empathy, and we practiced "bucket filling" and "walking in each others shoes". In October we focused on Self-Esteem as well as Gratitude. Students learned about how positive self-talk and appreciating what they have can make them happier. November's theme is Problem Solving, which means Kelso the Frog is back! K-2 will be learning conflict resolution with Kelso's Choices, while 3-5 get some advanced problem solving skills.

4th and 5th Bulldog Brigade members are now out on the playground during recess helping younger students solve problems, and being good sportsmanship coaches. The Student Store is open every Tues and Thursday morning at 7:40 a.m. so wake up early and bring your Bulldog Bucks! Richmond Rockstars and Lunch Bunch groups are about to start. Student Council is planning more fun Spirit Days and community service.

Speaking of service events, we had 20+ families show up on Halloween to participate in the Race to End Child Homelessness. It was so fun to run together for a good cause! Richmond came in 5th place out of all the teams for fundraising, with a total of \$579. Overall it was a very successful event for the New City Initiative, with their original goal of raising \$2,300 surpassed by a total of \$11,485, all going towards the 2, 225 homeless children in Multnomah County. Thank you so much to the Student Council representatives and other families who participated!

Claudia Sterry and Lizzie O'Leary

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DROP IN PARENT OFFICE HOURS MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 7:45-8:45 A.M.