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Important Dates

Oct. 2: Principal's Coffee
8:15 Cafeteria

Oct. 9: No School
Teacher In Service

Oct. 14 : Late Opening

Oct. 21-22-23:
Parent Teacher
Conferences

October 30

No School

Principal's News

Richmond Foundation's Fall pledge drive kicks off this week with a **READ-A-THON**. **Oct. 5th to Oct. 19th** will be the dates that the READ-A-THON will happen at school. Classes will read for 30 minutes each day for those 10 days. (One day is no school for students as it is an in service day, Oct. 9th). Funds raised in our **Richmond Read-a-thon** will be donated through the Richmond Foundation to help pay for our staffing needs. The staff and I so appreciate all of your support and your children directly benefit with more personnel in the building to keep your children safe and learning in a more successful model. Students earn RAT (**Read-A-Thon**) bucks that they can go on line to purchase gifts for themselves.

Parent/Teacher conferences are here in two weeks or **Oct. 21, 22 & 23rd**. Here is some advice about preparing for conferences that I have shared with parents in the past.

Parent-teacher Conferences an Important Link to School

By, Rene Mandley, as appeared in the Nov 18, 2009 StatesmanJournal.com

"Here are strategies to help you get the most out of your time at different grade levels: To gain the most from conferences, prepare ahead. Talk with your child about what's going well and what

could be better. Does your child have a question they'd like you to ask? Write your questions down ahead of time so no critical topic is missed. If a significant event is affecting your

child or family, let the teachers know, so that they have a better understanding of your student. During the conference, take notes to help you remember dates, examples, or other important information. Tell the teacher your questions up front, so they can be sure to address them, but also be clear that you are ready to listen as well and to support



See attendance news: **Make Every Day Count: Boost School Attendance**

"Students with regular attendance are more likely to read well by third grade and score higher on tests. They also tend to be more engaged in school and feel better about themselves. Being absent for two days every month can put a child behind academically." These are a few of the outcome of your child's attendance. We will be sending attendance letter reminders around conference time.

We are off to a fabulous start and a fabulous fall. Sincerely, Mrs. Pruitt

PTA Updates

PTA Board Positions Open- new leadership needed

Next year, several critical positions will be open on the PTA board. In order to keep Richmond amazing (festivals, movie nights, teacher support, school and field improvements) we need new leadership. Do you want to make a positive difference in your child's elementary school experience? Please join us at a PTA board meeting this fall and find out more about what role you could play with PTA. There are opportunities for all levels of involvement. Bring your ideas and talents and join our team. Email Sara DeLuca at sarackdeluca@yahoo.com.

Tuesday at Rich Coffee -

PTA Membership - Thinking about joining the PTA? All new members who sign up until the Harvest Festival will be entered in a raffle with the chance of winning one of four great prizes: 1 box of premium, delicious apples courtesy of Richmond's apple sale; coupons to Salt'n'Straw Ice Cream; a Woodblock Chocolate sampler; or a Richmond Bulldog hooded sweatshirt. Looking for a way to join online? Please go the following link: <http://www.richmondptapdx.com/store/>.

Tuesday at Rich Coffee - Donut Time! Every Tuesday morning, Rich Coffee will have 2 dozen Coco donuts available for sale. First come, first serve. A huge thank you to Coco donuts for making this contribution to Richmond. Rich Coffee is also looking for new volunteers! There's no better opportunity to get to know new people, have fun and drink a free cup of coffee. Please email Emi Avondstondt at emiandlaur@msn.com.

PTA Upcoming Events

Oct 9: Last day to order apples/pears - This Friday is the last chance to order apple and pears from the Kiyokawa Family Orchard, a local third generation Japanese-American family orchard and support Richmond PTA. Order on line at www.richmondptapdx.com/store. Apples and pears will be delivered Wednesday, October 14th, after school.

Oct 10: Breakfast in the Garden and Nature Path Re-Planting, 9:00 am-noon -Come for an hour or two and help us replant the Nature Path with hundreds of new plants and lovely small trees. This is a great opportunity for kids to take an active part in keeping their school grounds beautiful and learn about community service. Enjoy tasty treats and coffee. Bring gloves and shovels! Please email Greg Byrd for more information at gregbyrd@hotmail.com.

Oct 15: Cultural Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House - To celebrate the completion of Richmond's new Cultural Center in Room 17, the PTA Cultural Committee will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:00 am on 10/15 and hosting an open house during the school day for teachers and other interested individuals to see the new space.

Oct 15: PTA Clothing Center - Richmond Volunteer Day - This is a great opportunity to donate an hour or two between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at Marshall High School's Clothing Center and help struggling PPS families provide much needed winter clothing to their kids for the school year. Help kids coming to the center "shop" (at no cost) for essential winter items including coats, shoes, jeans, and socks. Or help sort donated items and put them out on the floor. Please email Natasha Banks at natasharbanks@gmail.com to sign up.

Oct 17: Harvest Festival and Costume Parade 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Come in your costume for the event of the season!!! En-Taiko will lead off the costume parade at noon. We will also have a taiko performance immediately after the parade, a special fall show for the kids, our yummy bake sale, pumpkin donuts on a string, cider samples, bike rodeo, bike raffle, Bugs and Bones haunted garden, and many many more crafts and games! Rich Coffee will offer hot dogs, onigiri, and miso soup and the 5th graders will be selling pizza.

<http://www.richmondptapdx.com/2015/10/02/harvest-festival-october-17th/> We also need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. Please email Kate Fleming at flemingkp1206@gmail.com to sign up.

PTA Upcoming Events continued...

Oct 21 and 22: Potluck for the teachers during conferences

Every year, the PTA hosts potluck lunches and dinners for our amazing Richmond teachers and staff who work extra hours during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our fabulous parent cooks have made this annual event a favorite with the teachers. This year we will be serving both lunch and dinner on Wednesday, 10/21, and Thursday, 10/22. Please volunteer to bring something homemade and delicious for the teachers to share during these busy days. Watch for sign up sheets outside the office or RSVP directly to Sara DeLuca at sarackdeluca@yahoo.com.

Oct 29: Special PTA Budget Amendment Meeting: Integrated Arts Technology Proposal

Come hear about Sparrow-Sensei's proposal to make photography, film making and digital story telling part of the arts curriculum at Richmond through the purchase of new technology. Meeting to be held in the Art Room at 2:30-3:15 pm. A vote will be required in order to pass this as part of the 2015-16 PTA budget.

Foundation

Happy Autumn fellow Richmond families,

There is so much happening this month, with the first-ever Richmond Readathon, Harvest Festival, parent- teacher conferences, and Halloween, you might just forget about the other important Foundation events - dining out at the HUB (Hopworks) [on Monday, October 5th](#) and supporting the Foundation during the Fall Fundraising Campaign, that also begins [on October 5th](#) with the in-class Readathon and ends [on October 19th](#). Please make sure your children have created their Web Page for the fundraising part of the Readathon. The forms were sent home last week. Let's make this a successful event. Also, please go to www.allhandsraised.org to make a contribution or place a check made to Richmond School Foundation in the blue mailbox by the front office.

We will also be selling our cool, blue "Swimmy" t-shirts at the Harvest Festival! Let's all have a fun and exciting October together!

Arigato gozaimasu!

Student Intervention Teams

Student Intervention Teams(SIT) will occur every month, with teachers discussing behavioral supports & interventions for students at their grade level who are not being successful in class, on the playground or in other areas of school.

These **conversations are to be looking for solutions** for students who are struggling in class or who have received Stage one referrals. Stage one referrals are entered into the district's data and we want to avoid that by preventing inappropriate behavior as soon as it appears. This may be done with a problem solver or some other communications from your child's teacher. If your child is struggling your teacher should be in communication with you.

A building SIT team will meet after students have received 3 stage one referrals. We will ask parents to come meet with our building Student Intervention Team if the inappropriate behavior continues. These additional supports have been put in place to avoid suspending students which is one of our district's goals. (See letter on page 5)

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