



RICHMOND SHINBUN

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BEV PRUITT, PRINCIPAL

DAVE ALLEN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

September Events

Sept. 10 Picture Day

Sept. 16 – Late Opening (10 a.m.)

Sept. 17 – Back-to-School Night

(Parents only 6-8:15 p.m.)

Oct. Events

Oct. 2 – Coffee with the Principals

Oct. 5- 19 - Student Read-A-Thon

For Richmond Foundation

Oct. 9 – Statewide In-Service

(No School for Students)

Oct. 14 – Late Opening (10 a.m.)

Oct. 14th – Richmond TAG Eve (6 p.m.)

Oct. 17th – Harvest Festival

Oct. 21, 22 & 23 – Parent/Teacher conferences - No school for students

Oct. 29 – Picture Retakes

Oct. 30 – Teacher Planning

(No School for Students)

Nov. 2 – Switch Day

Safety Issues at Richmond

Please consider parking a block or two away and enjoying a nice walk to school to lessen traffic in front of the school.

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

NEW, NEW, NEWS!!!

Welcome parents and Richmond community to a wonderful new year with new beginnings and opportunities. We have new staff with the addition of **Karen Wilson** as our office secretary; with a new fourth grade Japanese teacher, **Gori Kawasaki**; a new Librarian, **Ann Hanson**, who is working with Kari; and a new part-time counselor, **Lizzie O’Leary**, who is working with Ms. Sterry. The rest of our fabulous staff is back and listed in the newsletter. We are thrilled to have such an amazing staff, and we love the kids you send our way. A perfect match, I think.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pruitt, Richmond Principal

Richmond Read-A-Thon



RICHMOND FOUNDATION needs our help to raise approximately 20K for staff support for THIS SCHOOL YEAR. We think the kids reading as a fundraiser is a great academic way to help pay for our fabulous teaching staff. The kids will get pledges online and then read 10 sessions for 30 minutes. **The Read-a-thon will be for 10 days from Oct. 5 to Oct. 19th.** The Foundation will talk about the drive at **Back-to-School Night on Sept. 17th**. Then students will have two weeks to get pledges for their reading efforts. Everything is online including student prizes for reading. Ninety percent of the money stays at the school; 15% goes to the student to buy awards, and again, everything is done online. Flyers are coming soon. Thank you to **Denis O’Brien** and **Jonathan Knutson** our Richmond Foundation Presidents.

Thank you Richmond parents!!

Over the summer, many improvements were made by PTA under the leadership of PTA President, **Sara Deluca**, who worked with our **AP Dave Allen**. Parent, **Greg Bryd**, has been instrumental in painting the entry arches by the office and has made numerous improvements as his role on the PTA garden & environment committee. Joining these three were **Alexia Zerbinis, Natasha Banks, Andrea Obana, Qiana Rickabaugh Rich and Bruce Talmadge**. They all put much effort into creating a new cultural center in Room 17 off the cafeteria. This will be a wonderful gathering place for our visitors from Japan. **Amy Thomas** has been working for PTA to renew our field with upgrades, plantings, and removing hazardous items from this area. Thank you for making Richmond safe and beautiful. Thank you to the 20+ parents who came in August before school started to help with Community Care Day. Mr. Allen and parents cleaned up and put bark out front of the school. Thank you to **Jeff Hopper** who repainted one of our classrooms. It looks like a blue lagoon now!

*The Kari and Sue team are back
to make sure
Richmond Rocks with fun student events again.*

As in the past, this dynamic duo (& now Ann) plan, run and make learning fun via **THE PASSPORT CLUB, THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE and BATTLE OF the BOOKS**.

THE PASSPORT CLUB- The purpose of the Passport Club is to get students excited about geography. This program provides them with accurate and interesting study materials that keep pace with our ever-changing world. Second through fifth grade students who participate receive a passport and a blank world study map. Then once a month students are checked by parent volunteers to see how much they have learned. Students gather stamps each month as they participate.

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE – The Geo Bee is a geography competition for any interested student in the fourth or fifth grade. The Geo Bee takes place in January and is a one-day event. A winner from Richmond has the opportunity to participate in the Oregon State Geo Bee.

BATTLE OF the BOOKS – Battle of the Books: A reading incentive program for third through fifth graders that introduces students to a variety of great books. Students participate on teams and read up to 16 specific books and prepare to answer questions about the books. This is a competition that takes place in late January to mid February.

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT for first through fifth grade

Parents of first through fifth graders are invited to come to school on the evening of **September 17th from 6:00 to 8:15**. There will be **introductions in the cafeteria of all staff at 6:00**. The school's Smarter Balanced scores from last year will be shared, and the Foundation Board will announce the kick off of the school-wide **READ-A-THON**. **The Read-a-thon will be from Oct 5th to Oct 19th**. Since this is a school-wide BTSN, there will be two sessions for each teaching team. The first session will be 6:45 after the meeting in the cafeteria, and the second session will be from 7:30 to 8:15 so that parents with more than one child in our program may attend each team's presentations. Teachers will be sharing their expectations for homework, behavior, communication and the curriculum to be used in their classes. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

RICHMOND SCHOOL STAFF

Staff Member Position/Room

Bev Pruitt	Principal	Office
Dave Allen	Assistant Principal	Office
Kristina Kallen	Principal's Secretary	Office
Karen Wilson.....	School Secretary	Office
Calliema Hoefft	School Nurse	Office

Teachers

Amy Grover	Kindergarten	24
Jill Iverson	Kindergarten	23
Kelly Marsh	Kindergarten	103
Reiko Yoshida	Kindergarten	102
Toshiko Rivera	1st Grade	107
Sarah Gaynor	1st Grade	106
Sumiko Uchida	1st Grade	109
Karen Meier	1st Grade	108
Anne Scheiman	2nd Grade	105
Anna Kapranos	2nd Grade	104
Eriko Mogi	2nd Grade	101
Seth Denlinger	2nd Grade	100
Melissa Wenger	3rd Grade	204
Michiko Hirahara	3rd Grade	201
Ritsuko Fujiwara	3rd Grade	200
Martha Gross	3rd Grade	206
Beth Martin	4th Grade	210
Gori Kawasaki	4th Grade	211
Kaoru Bjornstad/Kitazawa	4th Grade	212
Jaina Kapranos	4th Grade	213
Bill Aubrecht	5th Grade	203
Atsuko Ando	5th Grade	202
Jen Loveland	5th Grade	208

Specialists and Support

Sparrow West	Art	20
Debra Madore	PE/Dance	Gym
Kari Shawen	Librarian	Library
Ann Hanson	Media Specialist	Library
Lavonna ZWB	Music	20
Claudia Sterry	Counselor	205
Lizzie O'Leary	Counselor	205
Emily Martine	Special Ed	37
Megan Stephens	Speech	37
Wakako Sogo	School Psychologist	37
Lesley Spector	ESL	37
Dan Alexander	Custodian	Custodial Office
Jill Carter Baker	Educational Assistant	23
Linda Top	Educational Assistant	102
TBD.....	Kitchen	Kitchen
Emi Avondstondt	Kitchen	Kitchen
Art4Life	Before/After Care	Playcourt

RICHMOND FOUNDATION

Welcome back to Richmond everyone and welcome to all of our new families joining our community this year. As many of you know already but need to hear it again, the Richmond School Foundation (RSF) has a singular mission to raise funds to compensate teachers and staff at our school that do not get funded by the school district. Every year there is a shortage of funds that puts stress on our community, and the RSF works tirelessly to fill that void. Much of this comes from charitable donations from all of you in the form of monthly gifts and participating in our monthly restaurant drives and other events. This year, we are going to kick off the season with a very fun and educational event that everyone can participate in - the inaugural RSF Read-a-thon! In the coming weeks, you will all receive information about this program and be able to help our school retain the fabulous staff we have become accustomed to seeing grace our school every day. Keep an eye on the information board in the cafeteria for notices about upcoming events. Here's to all of us having a great year at Richmond! Issho Ni Ganbarou! Together we can do it!

Denis O'Brien

Counselors' Corner

September 2015

Dear Richmond Community,

This year has already started off so positively with the opening of the new Counseling Center in Room 205 and a new half-time counselor! I feel like I won the lottery☺ I am very excited to announce that there is now a dedicated space for all classrooms to come for counseling lessons and for lunch groups, parent-counselor-teacher conferences, Bulldog Brigade, Student Council, and Rockstars groups to meet. Please come by, say hello, and check out our new space. Dedicated **Parent Office hours: Mondays and Thursdays 7:45-8:45 a.m.;** otherwise please email for an appointment.

Student Council, Bulldog Brigade, and Student Store applications went out last week and are due Friday September 11th in the manila envelope on the board outside the Counseling Center. More info about the counseling program will be shared at Back-to-School Night.

Looking forward to a great school year,

Claudia Sterry

Questions?? csterry@pps.net or x76114

Hello Richmond Parents,

I am Lizzie O'Leary, and I am your new half-time school counselor! I grew up in Seattle and moved to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon where I received a BA in Psychology. I knew that I wanted to be a counselor, but it wasn't until I volunteered with Girls on the Run at Harrison Park Elementary that my path turned towards School Counseling. I graduated this past June with a MS in Counselor Education with a specialization in School Counseling from Portland State University, and I am so happy to be starting my career at Richmond and Glencoe this year.

I will be at Glencoe Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and at Richmond on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday and Friday. At Richmond I will be working with Kindergarten and 1st grade parents and students, as well as running the Rockstars small group program and the Bulldog Brigade.

Sincerely, **Lizzie O'Leary**

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Richmond participates in Jade Market

On August 15, Richmond PTA and Oya No Kai along with parent leaders from the King Elementary Mandarin Immersion Program teamed up to tell the story of PPS Asian-language immersion offerings at the APANO Jade Night Market. We set up a table with information on all the great opportunities for early-childhood language exposure in PPS--including Richmond--and also provided an origami crafts table. The event was a great success with many families stopping by and lots of paper cranes getting folded. It is a model and starting point for greater awareness of our program and cooperation with other PPS language immersion programs.



PTA Highlights

Rich Coffee: Rich Coffee is back up and running. Stop in and have a cup of coffee in the breezeway after drop off in the morning. Last year, Rich Coffee proceeds were used to support the purchase of Chrome Books for the 4th Grade Classrooms and continued to fund PE and outdoor play equipment.

Apple Sale: Watch for fliers in back packs going home in the next few weeks. Buy seasonal apples and pears to support Richmond PTA (funds go to classroom grants). Apples and pears are locally grown by a third generation Japanese family orchard (Kiyokawa Family Orchard). Apples and pears will be delivered in October.

Dates to mark on the Calendar:

September 19, Breakfast in the Garden

Join us for pastries and Peets coffee on Saturday morning from 9-11:30 am. We'll weed, clean and spread mulch and plant cover crops for fall/winter. A great way to involve kids to help maintain and improve their school grounds.

September 23, General PTA Meeting

Come help set PTA priorities for the year. We'll meet from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Richmond Cafeteria. We'll vote on the 2015-16 budget, have updates on all ongoing PTA projects, and meet the intern team for the year.

Oct 7th, International Walk and Bike Day

Wednesday, October 7th, is International Walk + Bike to School Day and Richmond families are encouraged to participate. Let's join 60 other schools in Portland and millions of families around the world by walking, biking, skating, scooting or wheeling to school. Do you take the bus? Walk to the bus stop – it counts! Do you have to drive? Stop 4 blocks from school and walk the rest of the way – it counts!

October 17th, Harvest Festival

Save the date, this is the event of the season! Join us for the Halloween Costume Parade, taiko drumming, pumpkin donuts on a string, veggie bowling, fresh cider pressing, annual bike rodeo, haunted garden, bake sale, and much more!