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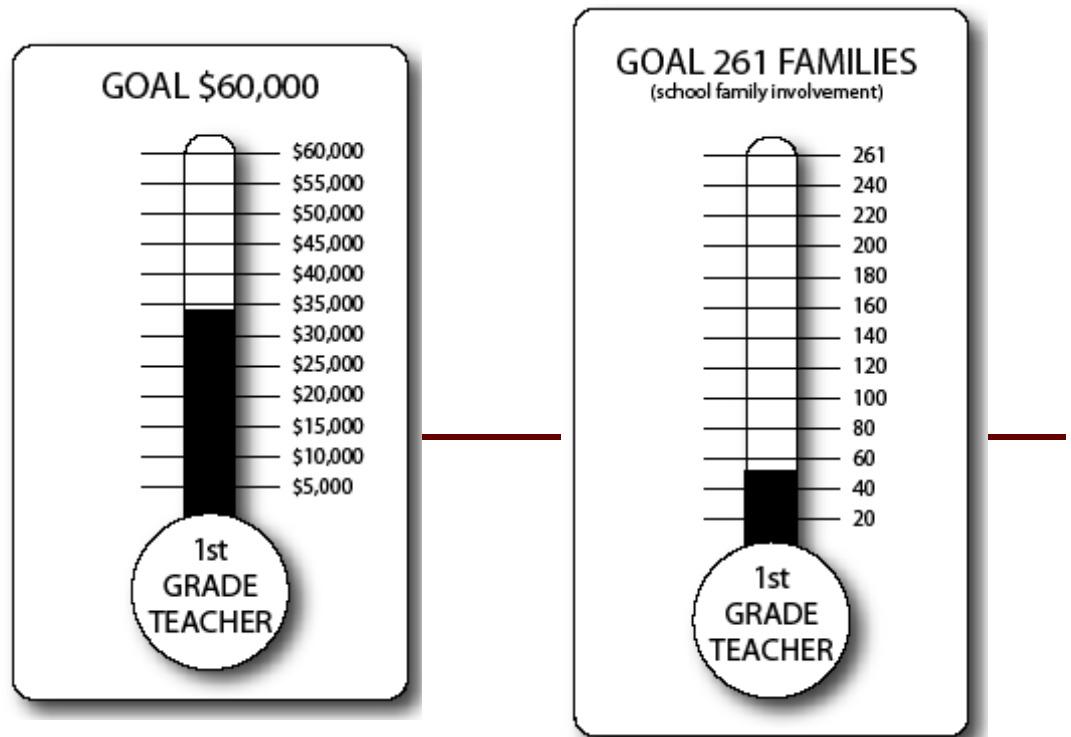
Richmond Foundation Parent Pledge Drive Update

Thank you very much to the 16 families who donated to the Richmond Foundation Pledge Drive last week. As of April 23, **56 families** have made a donation which will help fund an additional first grade teacher next fall. That is **21% of the families at Richmond**. The total as of 4/23/07 is **\$34,125**. We are just over halfway to our goal of bringing in **\$60,000**.

It is not too late to make your tax-deductible donation to the Richmond Foundation, **BUT time is running short**. Some of the best teacher candidates are seeking jobs now. Your donation will help ensure that a great new teacher will be at Richmond in the fall.

Remember that if each family donates \$265, we will meet our goal. Donation forms can be found in the office, the cafeteria and attached with this newsletter. Let's keep Richmond School's Immersion Program exceptional!

Thank you.



Cellphone Recycling Update

16 phones were submitted to EcoPhone. PTA has received a check for \$24.50. The amounts for these phones ranged from 50 cents to \$3 each. Nippon Express USA Inc. (International Freight Forwarding Company) in Portland has been kindly hosting one of our boxes thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Nishikido who placed the box there. We have collected 15 phones there in a couple of months. We will let you know how big the check is when it is received. Here are some things you can do to help the world be greener while receiving some green for our school.

- 1) Bring your old cellphone to the Richmond office. Collect old cellphones from anyone you know.
- 2) Let us know if you have plastic detergent boxes or paint buckets. We convert them into cellphone recycling boxes.
- 3) Let us know if you know any business you use often that will let us place a recycling box.

Technology Recycling Committee at Richmond Elementary School: Yoko Sato duncan.s@comcast.net; Emi Avondstondt emiandlaur@msn.com and Etsuko Austin etsukoaustin@hotmail.com



Richmond Foundation Donation Form

Name: _____ Check box if you wish to remain anonymous

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Amount pledged: \$ _____

Please circle one: 1). Monthly donation OR 2). One-time donation

Donation by (Please check appropriate box):

- Cash – *Will deliver to:* _____
- Check – *Please make checks payable to Richmond School Foundation*
- Credit Card – *Form attached below or can go online at Portland Schools Foundation website at www.portlandschoolfdn.org*

Please give this pledge form to the Richmond Foundation. You can:

- ✓ Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox
- ✓ Send to Richmond Elementary School ATTN: Richmond Foundation 2276 SE 41st Ave. Portland, OR 97214
- ✓ Give to Andy Felcher, Foundation president

FOR CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Gift Amount: \$ _____

Please circle one: 1). Monthly donation OR 2). One-time donation

Name of your school: _____

Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Card Number: _____ VISA or MasterCard

Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOUR DONATION TO THE RICHMOND FOUNDATION IS 100 % TAX DEDUCTABLE!

New Interns are Here!

Thank you so much for everyone's help in finding new host families for the new group of interns. All the new interns arrived and all of them have started assisting at each school. It was very sad to say good-bye to the 2005-2006 interns after one year, but I am sure we will keep in touch and there is always the chance they will come back to visit us in the future!

Here is the list of the new interns and host families. Please say "Hello" or "Konnichiwa" to welcome them when you see them.

Pre-school - **Mamiko Hayakawa** (continuing until June as she arrived last September, living with Bill and Catherine Malone)

Pre-school - **Takako Watanabe** (Michael and Alison Walcott family)

Kindergarten - **Rina Murashima** (Matt and Kristina Kallen family)

1st grade - **Ayaka Kotera** (Mary and Dustin Klinger family)

1st grade - **Megumi Koketsu** (Meg and Matt Matsushima family)

2nd grade - **Mikiko Ohmori** (Melissa Gorgon Clark and Geof Clark family)*

3rd grade - **Fuko Matsushima** (Mari Kai and Morgan Powers family)

4th grade - **Sayaka Abe** (Dana and Anthony Frison)*

5th grade - **Haruka Kikuchi** (Tim and Paula Smith family)

6-7th grade - **Yoko Nakamura** (Nancy and Paul Youngs family)

8th grade - **Chihiro Ohya** (Monica and Don Mueller family)

Grant high - **Yuko Obata** (non-JMP family: Geoffery & Laurie Baum family)

*Thank you also goes to Rebecca and Matt Schulte family for hosting Mikiko, the Nobue and Yoshi Aoyagi family for hosting Sayaka, and Sarah and Sean Stephens for hosting Takako for a short term!

If you are willing but not able to host an intern due to your housing situation or some other reasons, it is still wonderful idea to be a "**buddy family**". You can simply try to invite an intern (possibly your child's grade or anyone) for an outing, event or dinner etc. It is a very nice way to get to know the interns. Simply talk to the intern or the host family if you wish to get something going.

Also, please let me know if you are willing to host an intern for a short period of time when one of our host families is out of town and not able to care for their intern. If hosting for 4 months seems too overwhelming, it is a very good way to help and support.

Of course, I am still in **need of the summer families!!!** Let me know if you are interested in hosting an intern for the summer or winter!

Any questions regarding the hosting an intern, please contact me.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Masako Wieber

(masako.w@comcast.net or 503-281-0956)

Work Parties in the Garden Every Week!

All interested students and parents are invited to work in the vegetable garden! We are "growing" a living laboratory for Richmond's students. This year, our pre-school classroom has used the garden almost every single school day, weather permitting.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING
APRIL 11th
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

Meet at the garden, north end of school grounds by parking lot. No tools are required, but are welcome. Gloves optional. Donations of seeds, starts, bulbs, materials, funds, etc are welcome - please coordinate with the Garden Committee of the PTA. We also need the use of a pick-up truck for a one-time hauling of compost. Please let David Hill know if you can help with this need.

Questions? Please contact David Hill, PTA Garden Committee Chairperson, at 503-230-0522 or at davidcitizen@msn.com. See you there!



Save Our Elms!

The Save Our Elms Richmond affiliate has close to \$2400 in the bank now. We are climbing closer to our goal of saving the \$3000 we will need in July for Dutch Elm Disease inoculations for our beautiful elm trees. Please keep buying the delicious Portland Roasting coffee or consider making a donation to our 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. **Order forms and coffee for purchase are available in the Richmond office!**

If you are interested in helping with the tree inoculation and care this summer or have other questions about this program, please contact Richmond parent Mary Klinger (503)234-5147 or at dustin-mary@comcast.net



Summer at Richmond: Kurabu & YMCA

Greetings all-

The Kurabu 2007 registration form will be available on-line at the Oya No Kai website this week. However, I wanted to drop all of you a quick note to give some answers to your frequently asked questions for this highly valued summer language experience.

1.) *What is Kurabu?* Kurabu offers children a summer camp experience that is rewarding, fun, and reinforces their Japanese language skills. This year's camp will take place at Richmond Elementary School in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation and Oya No Kai.

2.) *Who can attend Kurabu?* Children who are entering Kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall of 2007 and are currently in a Japanese immersion program or who speak Japanese at home.

3.) *What are the dates, times and prices of Kurabu?*

- Session 1 June 25- June 29 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)
- Session 2 July 2- July 6 M-F, 9am-3pm four days \$140 (including materials) No camp July 4
- Session 3 July 9- July 13 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)
- Session 4 July 16- July 20 M-F, 9am-3pm five days \$165 (including materials)

4.) *May I sign up for more than one session?* Yes. Your children will beg you to extend the fun.

5.) *Who may I contact if I have any questions?* Please email Niji Riegler, Kurabu 2007 Director at niji_riegler@yahoo.com <mailto:niji_riegler@yahoo.com>

6.) *Will there be any other chance to discuss Kurabu before summer?* Yes. Please come visit our booth at the Spring Festival on May 12th.

Thanks very much for your interest in Kurabu 2007. We will be posting more information at the listserve over the next few days.

Domo Arigato

David Jacobsen
Oya No Kai Board Member
Husband of Pamela Jacobsen, Kurabu Director Emeritus

YMCA will be at Richmond this summer and will provide their same level of service for our families. YMCA will work from their same classroom space between June 18-July 31st to give Kurabu space in the cafeteria. The YMCA will move into the cafeteria for the month of August in order to allow the current YMCA space to be renovated for a pre-school classroom. Parents should contact the YMCA for summer registration information and rates: www.ychildcare.org

Richmond Foundation 2007 Parent Pledge Drive
リッチモンド小学校基金2007 新学年のための寄付金

FREE *There's no such thing as a* BENTO

リッチモンドにおける健全なバイリンガル教育の明日は約束されていません。
あなたの、そして各家庭の援助なしでは。

You've chosen Richmond for your child because you value Japanese language learning and Japanese culture.

Portland Public Schools provides schools with enough funding to provide only a standard education, not a specialized Japanese immersion program.

You are at Richmond because you want more than a standard education.
You want small class sizes for everyone, exceptional reading and writing skills for our children in two languages, enrichment activities including fulltime gym and library.

ご存知ですか

公立の学校としてのリッチモンド小学校は、日本語-英語バイリンガル教育を行うための特別かつ十分な資金援助は受けておりません。他の小学校と同様、平均的な教育のための、均等な予算しか支給されていません。

私たちの子供達はリッチモンドで平均以上の教育を受けているのです。そうでしょう！

For every family to benefit, every family must contribute.

We will sink or swim as a community.

各家庭から一律265 ドル。新学年を乗り切るため、是非とも。

Please give \$265 today!

(equal to one month of kindergarten tuition).

(幼稚園の子供達は、これと同じ金額を月謝として納めているのです！)



2007 Spring Festival

A Rich Cultural Experience Bringing all Generations Together

Please Join us!

Richmond Elementary School
Saturday, May 12, 2007
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on our Iron Chef Competition with our emcee, Mr. Junki Yoshida!



We are pleased to announce our Second Annual Spring Festival which is hosted by Oya No Kai, Inc. and Richmond PTA. This family event celebrates the Japanese Magnet Program in Portland by inviting and educating the community in a full day of Activities, Food, Music, Demonstrations and Performances along with participation from representatives of citywide Japanese organizations.

Vendor & Exhibitor booths and Performance slots are available!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success.

Sponsorship packets are available by the Richmond office.

For more information contact:

Kim Tanada at 503-804-9991 or at ktanada@verizon.net or
Meg Matsushima at 503-335-7777 or megmatsushima@comcast.net



Mandatory
trip planning
meeting for
4th grade
parents

Sunday, April 29

4:00 PM

Epworth United Methodist Church
1333 SE 28th St.



It is extremely important that all parents attend this meeting. We will be discussing the 5th grade trip and funding for the trip. If you want to have your say in these decisions, you must attend. Please RSVP to Desiree or Alison.

Desiree Miller- 971-998-8724
Alison Walcott- 503-772-5156

kaibaby@aol.com
awalcott@lclark.edu

P. T. A. News!

Spring for the Arts a HUGE Success! Thank you to all the students, parents, grandparents, and staff members who made the run so successful. We had over 210 pledge sheets turned in and over 220 runners! We also had a fabulous team of volunteers who helped us get the sponsor sheets tallied, copied, and returned to the teachers within the same day. This is a record! Many hands made light work so many thanks to all! A special thanks goes out to the Grandparents' Brigade for their generous donation of Popsicles!



Remember, all the money is due into the classroom teachers by May 11. As soon as all the money is counted, we will be able to determine our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. All winners will be notified via letter in the backpacks and will be recognized and receive their prizes at Grandparents'/ Special Friends' Day on Friday, June 1. Congratulations to all the runners...you all did a great job!



One last bit of fun....This year we are having a special competition for adults with first place winning a \$64.00 gift certificate to Aqua Terra massage (you must provide your own Ben-Gay and heating pad immediately following the race)!!!

Grandparents'/ Special Friends' Day: June 1!!! There has been a change in the date due to the state change in standardized testing. The paper and pencil test will now be taking place the middle two weeks of May so Grandparents'/ Special Friends' Day had to be rescheduled for Friday, June 1. This will be a fun day with an author's tea so please let those mature citizens in your children's lives know about this terrific event!!! Don't forget to bring those grandparents and special friends into the book fair so they can see what books those special children in their lives might like to read over the summer, too!

Scholastic Book Fair: May 29 through June 1!!! Our semiannual book fair is right around the corner so please mark your calendars. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading, buy birthday presents for those summer parties, and purchase host family gifts for the trip to Japan! This fund raiser goes directly to the Richmond Library to help us pay for the Dynex system that we use to connect us to the Multnomah County Library and enables us to purchase new books. As always, we need volunteers for the event so please sign up with Kristina at kmk456@comcast.net to let us know that you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer shifts are from 7:45 to 8:30 and from 2:00 to 2:45 Tuesday through Friday. Hope to see you there!!!

Kristina Kallen, President

Satoko Moran, Treasurer

Kim Tanada, Secretary

PORTLAND COUNCIL

PTA

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**Iron Chef
Competition
Contestants Needed!**

DO YOU HAVE A FIRE BURNIN' WITHIN?
DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN CULINARY TALENT?

WE NEED CONTESTANTS TO THRILL THE CROWD
WITH THEIR CULINARY SHOWMANSHIP

**CAN YOU HANDLE THE PRESSURE?
IF SO, MR. JUNKI YOSHIDA WANTS YOU!**

PLEASE JOIN OUR EMCEE, MR. JUNKI YOSHIDA, IN THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT!
SATURDAY - MAY 12, 2007 AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CONTESTANT SPACE IS LIMITED!

CONTACT KIM TANADA AT (503) 804-9991 OR E-MAIL KTANADA@VERIZON.NET

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Richmond Elementary School

Saturday, May 12, 2007

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Help Support JMP by Donating Used Children's Clothes for Special Occasions



Sunday church dress
Easter dress
Summer dresses
Shirts, Shoes for
piano recitals...
Any special clothes!



Japanese yukata and kimono, zori and geta

小さくなったゆかた、着物、ぞうり、甚平なども！

Bring them to the special clothes box in the volunteer room. It will be sold at the Spring Festival.

ボランティアルームの箱に入れてください。売り上げは全てJMPのために使用されます。

Contact Yoko Sato (503)775.5615 for questions.



CALENDAR FOR April 27 - May 18, 2007

Portland Public Schools

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Japanese Magnet Program

Richmond office hours
are 7:30 AM—4:00 PM



Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

- Sat. Apr. 28 Plant sale at Portland's Japanese Garden 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Sun. Apr. 29 Showa Day in Japan
Mandatory meeting for 4th grade parents regarding 5th grade trip planning at 4:00 PM at Epsworth Church (see flyer on page 6)
- Mon. Apr. 30 Scrip order day
- Tues. May 1 3rd grade field trip to Zenger Farms/ Leach Botanical Garden
- Wed. May 2 Richmond garden work group 2:30-3:30 PM
- Thurs. May 3 Constitution Memorial Day in Japan
- Fri. May 4 Greenery Day in Japan
- Sat. May 5 Children's Day in Japan
- Sun. May 6 Children's Day at the Portland Japanese Garden 1-4:00 PM
- Fri. May 11 Set up for Spring Festival—volunteers needed all day
- Sat. May 12 SPRING FESTIVAL AT RICHMOND—11:00 am to 5:00 PM
- Sun. May 13 Mother's Day
- Mon. May 14 Scrip order day
Site Council meeting in the library at 2:30-4:30 PM
- Thurs. May 17 Oya No Kai General Meeting—7:00 to 8:30 PM in cafeteria
- Fri. May 18 Scrip pick up day
4th grade field trip to Champoeog Park

Plant Sale Thanks!



Thank you, everyone who participated in this year's plant sale. We raised more than \$1,500 for the school! A special thanks is due to those who volunteered their help. It was a big job and a lot of work sorting plants and filling so many orders. Great job!