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## OyaNoKai Volunteer Requests

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### Greetings!

As a ONK board member, I am often asked what does OyaNoKai do? Life in the Japanese Immersion Program can be a bit overwhelming. It is often confusing trying to figure out the role each of the parent groups play in our student's education. We thought it might be good to clarify ONK's mission and the various activities we do to fulfill that mission.

We also want to inform you of various volunteer opportunities that give you a way to participate in ONK. The success of our program is due in large part the the hundreds of hours our parents volunteer. To continue on this path of success, we need you. We need each parent to find a way to volunteer. Whether it is data entry from home, organizing a fundraiser, having the interns over for dinner or hosting an exchange student, there is some way you can get involved.

In the coming newsletters, we will be highlighting volunteer needs. Please consider how you can help make your contribution to our program.

### ONK Mission

Oya No Kai's purpose is to contribute to the successful development of the Japanese Immersion Program and to develop a network of mutual support among program participants.

To achieve this, Oya No Kai:

- Financially supports the Intern Program that provides aides for the Japanese classrooms.
- Provides support for the [5th grade Cultural Exchange](#) and [8th Grade Research Residency](#).
- Publishes annual JMP [directory](#).

- Provides support of the [Cultural Center on the Richmond campus](#).
- Increases awareness of the JMP program.
- Promotes [home-stay experiences](#).
- Financially supports [Kurabu](#), a summer Japanese language day camp.
- Coordinates [Camp Westwind](#) for JMP families.
- Maintains the Oya No Kai Web site, <http://www.oyanokai.org>.
- Supports curriculum enhancement of the JMP.
- Financially supports Homework Club.

**Board members:**

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Please understand that we are all volunteers who are dedicated to the Japanese Immersion Program.

## Our Interns

Japanese interns are an integral part of the Japanese Magnet Program at Richmond, Mt. Tabor, and Grant schools. In addition to assisting the Japanese teachers in the classroom, interns ensure that JMP students hear two Japanese language speakers on a daily basis. At Richmond, these volunteers help out with all classroom duties and also provide one-on-one tutoring through the Homework Club sponsored by Oya No Kai. The interns are also a valued asset to the middle and high schools when the Japanese language program filters into other school curricula.

What many of you may not know, the Interns are unpaid volunteers. They give up a year of their lives to work with our children. In addition to their time, Interns are responsible for paying for their own travel expenses and application fees which can cost up to \$5000.

ONK is committed to ensuring these volunteers are well taken care of when they are working in our schools. This is what ONK offers the interns:

- Homestays
- Bus passes
- Lunches
- English language lessons

The total cost per intern is roughly \$3,000/ year. With 19 new interns coming this year this year, ONK will need \$57,000 to cover there costs.

## Oya No Kai Wants You



Please see our volunteer needs below

### URGENT- Scrip coordinator needed

In 2009, scrip sales raised \$17,700 for class funds and to support Oya No Kai's mission, including funding interns in the classrooms. This is a significant fund raising source that doesn't require asking anyone to make donations or purchases. Take the current third grade class as an example. They currently have a class balance of \$7,200 - all of which was earned through the scrip program. That's \$7,200 less that families will have to pay toward their trip without a single car wash, pledge drive or candy sale.

But this amazing program needs your help! Our fabulous scrip coordinator Carrie Sherrill has recently accepted a full time job and is no longer able to run this program.. We are looking for someone who is willing to take the reins. This is a big job but you can rest assure that other parents will be around to help. Scrip is our longest running fundraiser and is instrumental in raising monies for the class funds. Please consider taking on this jog. For more information please contact Carrie Sherrill at 503-515-6687 or at [onkscrip@comcast.net](mailto:onkscrip@comcast.net)

### Japanese Fashion week

Oya No Kai is excited to announce that we are planning a full on fashion show on May 15th at the Someday Lounge to support our interns. More details to follow but in the meantime here is what we need:

- Sponsors

- Printing
- Photographers
- Marketing
- Donations
- Graphic designers

Please contact Alison Walcott at [walcotma@msn.com](mailto:walcotma@msn.com)  
Many thanks to Desiree Miller for organizing this event.



### 日本語を話しますか？

#### Translators

ONK is always in need of translators for various jobs. These are usually not big time investments but are great assets to ONK. For more information, please contact Sarah Stephens at [csstephens@gmail.com](mailto:csstephens@gmail.com)

#### Non-Profit Lawyer

We need a lawyer who specializes in the circumstances and decisions that non-profit boards work with, particularly non-profits supporting educational programs and working within the international arena. Please contact Sarah Stephens at [csstephens@gmail.com](mailto:csstephens@gmail.com)

#### Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance Party

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 (Fat Tuesday)  
Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm (late start the following day)  
6:30-7:15 Delicious dinner by Clay's Smokehouse Grill  
Menu: Gumbo w/ rice, BBQ Spare Ribs, Poppy Seed Slaw, and Cajun Potato Salad. Brownie for dessert.  
For the kids, Mac and cheese and veggies and dip. Brownie for dessert.  
7:30-8:00 Cajun and Zydeco dance lessons  
8:00-9:00 Dance to live music by TooLoose  
Cajun/Zydeco band  
Place: Richmond Elementary School, Cafeteria  
Ticket Price: \$30 per adult, \$10 per child  
On site supervision and entertainment for children provided by Red Cross certified JMP students.

Alison Walcott  
OyaNoKai - Communications Committee

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