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Oya No Kai Newsletter

February 2010

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Dear JMP Parents,

Spring is in the air! It is amazing to see flowers already starting to bloom in February. Just as these premature buds show, it is never too early to bloom. We aspire to do this with ONK. We have learned that by being proactive, we can accomplish great things.

We are planning many exciting events in the coming months and we hope that you will find something that will inspire you to become more involved. Our greatness lies in the strength of our members. We are always open to new ideas so please feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to hearing from you soon.
The ONK Board

Auction News

We are excited to announce that the 20th Anniversary Diner and Auction raised \$48,313. The auction funds have been distributed as follows: 8th \$10,000, 5th \$15,000 and Interns \$23,312. A big thank you again to all those who donated, attended, volunteered and supported the 20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction. It was a huge success and we had so much fun. Preliminary planning has begun for next year's auction. More details soon to come.

Intern Appreciation Night

We have a fabulous group of interns this year and it is so sad to say goodbye. Please join us for a festive evening to honor these exceptional women, their mentor teachers and host families! It will be held at Richmond Elementary on **Thursday, March 11th from**

6:30-8:30pm. A local Japanese performer, Kyoko Uchida has graciously organized a circus act to start the evening off, followed by the Richmond Performing Group. Light refreshments will be served and we will end our night with our beloved interns singing.

If you see Chika, Yuko, Kazumi, Nanami, Yuka, Yoko, Erika, Maki, Yukiko, Tomoko and Rumiko around the halls, please let them know how appreciated they are! Our program wouldn't be the same without their daily commitment to our children's education. Hope to see you all on the 11th!!

If you have any questions regarding the event or the Intern Program, please contact Maya Mori at maya_mori@comcast.net.

New Intern Update

We are excited to announce the arrival of 19 interns to our program this spring! There will be 14 at Richmond, 3 at Mt Tabor and 2 at Grant. This gives us an intern in every Japanese classroom at Richmond and additional support for Mt Tabor & Grant. A huge thank you to all the fabulous families who have stepped up to provide homes for our new visitors! Oya No Kai will be fundraising to support the Intern Program in new & creative ways. Look for information regarding the JMP cookbook, the ONK Etsy Marketplace and our Fashion Show at the Someday Lounge on May 15th!! A special thank you to Emi Avondstondt, Shawn Bowman and Desiree Miller for their fabulous ideas and support of our program! Please consider donating to the intern fund. For questions, please contact Maya Mori at maya_mori@comcast.net.

We are still looking for fall 2010 host families. If you are interested in having this rewarding experience, please contact Melissa Gorgon Clark at mgorgon@yahoo.com.

Read-a-thon



Finally, read-a-thon updates are here. Students raised nearly \$2,500 to support their class funds. Here is a break down by grade:

Pre-K:	\$60
Kindergarten:	\$347
1st Grade:	\$168
2nd Grade:	\$606
3rd Grade:	\$125
4th Grade:	\$160
5th Grade:	\$1,015

The 5th grade class made enough to cover the cost of their trip director for their 5th grade cultural exchange. This money was raised with less than 10% participation. If each class increased participation to 50%, this would be a great way to increase class funds.

The class fund is used to pay for administrative costs of the cultural exchange in 5th and 8th grade as well as paying for scholarships. As the cost of the trip continues to increase, the reserved funds will be essential to ensure that each child has the opportunity to participate in this amazing experience.

Over \$3,000 was pledge so if you haven't sent in your donation, its not too late. Donations can be turned in to the Oya No Kai box in the office.

Tokyo Nights Fashion Show- Putting the fun back into fundraising!

Save the date, the *Tokyo Nights* Japanese inspired fashion show will be **Saturday, May 15th** at the Someday Lounge in historical Old Town. The fashion show committee is diligently working to make this a great event. Our first planning meeting will be Friday, March 12th at 6pm.



If you are interested in helping, **in any capacity**, please contact Alison Walcott at tokyonightspdx@gmail.com for more details.

Here is a list of a few things that we need:

- Catering donations
- Sponsorships
- Gift bag donations
- Videographer

The fashion show will be an adult only event. We are planning some other events leading up to *Tokyo Nights*, including a kids fashion show.

Kurabu registration has begun!

Oya No Kai is pleased to announce that Kurabu registration for the summer of 2010 is now open! Please look for registration forms are available online at [Kurabu forms](#) or in the plexiglass boxes just



outside Richmond's office.

Questions: Cathy Zaerr 503 234 4316 czaerr@agora.rdrop.com

Kurabu is an all-in Japanese summer day camp for children who are entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall of 2010

and are currently in a Japanese immersion program or who speak Japanese at home. This year in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation and Oya No Kai, Kurabu will take place at Mt. Tabor Middle School in collaboration with the Portland Parks and Recreation SUN Community School program.

Kurabu is designed to offer children a bilingual summer camp experience that is rewarding, fun and reinforces their Japanese language skills. Our program is rich in cultural diversity and serves Japanese and non-Japanese children from the Portland Metro Region. The day at Kurabu starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM.

ONK 20th Anniversary Merchandise still available

Did you get a chance to order your 20th anniversary merchandise?

Oya No Kai is offering bags, water bottles and t-shirts with the wave design (thank you to designer Micah Kassell). Order forms are on the ONK website; click on the fundraiser page and scroll down to t-shirts. I will be placing a limited t-shirt order next week as we are out of a few sizes. If you are interested, please let me know. I wouldn't want anyone to miss out on this great design!



Forms are available here: [20th Anniversary Merchandise form](#)

Sumaura students spend a week in Portland!

During the week of Feb. 4th- 11th, 27 students from Kobe, spent a week with JMP students and their families. Homestays and exchanges are an important part of the JMP experience. Many thanks to all the families that shared their home with these students. You have created life long memories. ONK would like to thank Ritsuko Fujiwara and Melanie Scheuermann for organizing the homestays and events during the week.

We ask that you all consider being a host family in the future. Each year, many of these families host our children in Japan and want to do our best to return the favor!

Calendar of events

- 3/8 Scrip order date
- 3/11 Intern Appreciation night
- 3/12 Scrip pick up
- 3/15 No School
- 3/16 ONK Board meeting
- 3/17 Late Start

Sincerely,

Alison Walcott
OyaNoKai - Communications Committee

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