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September 2009

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Greetings JMP Families!

I hope everyone is settling in to their new school routines. This summer Oya No Kai and friends have been busy planning for the 2009-2010 school year. I'm most excited for the 20th Anniversary of our program. In honor of this milestone there will be a Dinner and Auction Event happening Saturday, November 14th. If you are interested in helping plan a memorable evening please email us at onkauction@gmail.com. We also have 11 amazing interns at Richmond, Mt. Tabor MS and Grant HS this fall. Thank you JMP families for including these interns on trips, backyard BBQs and other adventures this summer. This year is full of cultural exchange planning and trips, Flap Grant, SCRIP, research residencies and fundraising for interns. In addition, we are so excited to announce a new relationship with Camp Collins and the Saitama Y in Japan. A big thanks to Nina Nakagawa and Maya Mori for facilitating this partnership. Full camp and hosting opportunities will be out in January. Looking forward to working with all of you this school year.

-Sarah Stephens
ONK President

ONK New website

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our webmaster, Jean Mittelstaedt, ONK has a new website. The website has information about ONK, events and a consolidated calendar for the 3 schools.

ONK Membership Drive

The Oya No Kai Board has been working all summer long to plan out the events and fundraisers for the year which will support our Japanese Immersion Program interns and cultural exchanges. We have also planned to give each family a special gift along with our annual membership form. This gift and membership form will arrive in your mailbox during the 1st week of October. Please look for it and consider renewing your membership or becoming a member of Oya No Kai.

Oaks Park Fundraiser for 5th grade cultural exchange and 8th grade research residency

Sunday, September 20- Picnic Area 11

Let's come together to share our summer stories and reconnect as a community at Oaks Park on Sunday, September 20 from 11:30 to 5 and support our 5th grade cultural exchange and our 8th grade research residency. We will be selling unlimited ride wristbands for \$14.50 and \$5.00 from each sale will benefit the trips to Japan.

Information is also posted at www.oyanokai.org so if you NEVER see what comes home in your child's backpack, you can still order the wristbands and support our great program. The order forms can be returned to the box in the Richmond office or in Mr. Bacon-Brenes' classroom at Mt. Tabor.



Giftwrap Sale to support our Interns

Our annual Gift Wrap sale runs September 18- October 7th. Your family's participation can help Oya No Kai meet the financial needs of our intern program. Look for packets coming home in backpacks on September 18th. Please direct questions and comments to Cathy Zaerr, czaerr@agora.rdrop.com



2009-2010 Interns

Our wonderful interns for this year are:

Chika Koyama / Pre-K
 Kazumi Oyu / Kindergarten
 Yuko Kamei / Kindergarten
 Yuka Amano / 1st grade
 Nanami Ichimoto / 1st grade
 Yoko Miyake / 2nd grade
 Erika Kamata / 3rd grade
 Maki Hirano / 4/5th grade
 Yukiko Okazaki / 6/7th grade
 Tomoko Koyanagi / 8th grade
 Rumiko Kikkawa / Grant



If you are interested in having one of the interns tutor your child, please contact Maya Mori at maya_mori@comcast.net. Please go to www.oyanokai.org for more information about our interns!

We are still in need of a pet free home for one of our interns! If you live within a five-mile radius to any of the schools and have an extra bedroom to share with an intern until next spring, please

contact Melissa Gorgon Clark at mgorgon@yahoo.com.

Camp Kurabu 2009

Thank you to all of the students and families who participated in Kurabu, our Japanese Immersion summer day camp for children kindergarten through fifth grade. All four sessions had high attendance and enthusiasm. Additional thanks and recognition go to Niji Riegler, our camp director, and to all of our amazing interns, who made this experience possible. Look for registration forms for Kurabu 2010 around Mochitsuki time (late January).

Flap Grant update

Teachers from Mt. Tabor & Grant, including district coordinators, have been meeting to update the current curriculum. There was a one-week training that began immediately after school ended with all K-12 JMP teachers. They worked with Dr. Falsgraf of U of O, Dr. Kataoka of Long Beach University to revamp and strengthen curriculum. Middle and High school. Teachers participated in a week long Oral Proficiency Interview Training with Dr. Thomsen of BYU. The Middle and High school teachers met for two additional days in August to learn about technology in the 2nd language classroom and brainstormed potential uses. The Middle School and High School are working on strengthening curriculum and more explicit instruction about language with FLAP grant goals in mind. Training in the use of technology to increase language learning was attended by a Taborsan staff member. Matt Bacon-Brenes spent a week at U of Minnesota learning about technology use in the foreign language classroom. Students should see an increase in connecting with the people and language of Japan via technology in upcoming years. More computers with greater access to internet and language labs will be used regularly. A two-week summer Japanese course is being taught to invited Mt. Tabor students. The Middle school and H.S. interns, working with Matt Bacon-Brenes, just finished a two-week course for students needing a boost as they enter 8th and 9th grade. There was a heavy emphasis on learning about how the language works and using it more accurately.

News from Richmond

It has been a busy summer at Richmond with many new and familiar faces joining the ranks. Please join us in welcoming the following individuals:

Richmond Principal - Bev Pruitt

Jaina Kapranos Pre-K (welcome back)

Yoshiko Kamata Pre-K (welcome back)

Melissa Wenger Pre-K

Joany Kawasaki Pre-K

Karin Schulz 3rd grade (moved from Pre-K)

Mariko Hedges 3rd grade

Kaoru Biorstad 4th grade (moved from Pre-k)

Bill Aubrecht 5th grade

Richmond Art teacher Paulla Dacklin

Bilingual Curr. Spec. Joyce Illif (welcome back)

Librarian - Scott Armstrong

News from Mt. Tabor

Garden Party and Auction- Sept. 25, 2009, 6:00pm

The Mt. Tabor Middle School Foundation is pleased to invite the JMP community to this annual event. As in previous years, the auction will be at Portland Nursery. This is a fun event that is the primary fundraiser for the foundation.

Tickets: \$35 per person (\$40 after Sept. 18th) This includes a buffet dinner by Chef Alfred of Popp and Company Catering. Tickets can be purchase at Mt. Tabor or at the Portland Nursery (5050 SE Stark St.)

Tabor-san Times

The contributors of the student produced newsletter have been busy blogging about their summer adventures. To read the blog go to: [Taborsan Times](#).

Many thanks to Melanie Scheuermann for being the parent coordinator!

ONK Directory Information

It's time again to update our annual Japanese Immersion Program Directory! Your directory packet, including Business & Babysitting directory information, should have come home in your child's back to school packet (at Richmond) or will be arriving shortly (Mt. Tabor & Grant). These packets come home with your youngest child. Please take the time to update or fill out your form and return it by mail to Oya No Kai, Inc. PO Box 14392 Portland OR 97293 or drop it in the Oya No Kai box in the Richmond office. To be included in the directory, have your forms in no later than September 25, 2009. Additional blank forms are available on the Oya No Kai website, www.oyanokai.org.

20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction

Friday, November 14th

This fall 2009 is the 20th year of the Portland Public Schools Japanese Immersion Program. Oya No Kai, Inc. is excited to announce a 20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction at the [THE NINES](#) in downtown Portland. The 20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction funds raised will support the Intern Program, 5th grade Cultural Exchange and 8th grade Research Residency. Mark your calendars. Tickets will go on sale soon.

ONK Volunteer Needs

It takes many amazing volunteers to serve our program needs. Please consider volunteering for one of the following:

- Help write auction thank-you notes.
- Do you know Tofino Auction Software? Are you willing to learn?
- Volunteer the night of the 20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction.
- Help coordinate classroom art projects.
- Are you a graphic designer willing to donate some time

And most importantly, we need help procuring items for the auction. Procurement forms are available in front of the Richmond office. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maya Mori at maya_mori@comcast.net.

2009 Fifth grade cultural exchange

Another school year has passed and a new one begun, but in between a very lucky group of 5th graders travelled to Japan on the annual 5th grade Cultural Exchange. As many of you heard, it was a rough start to the process as there were some changes to the tried and true method of planning and implementing the details of a cultural exchange. At the beginning of the year, the 5th grade families were told the trip would be conducted under the auspices of Portland Public Schools instead of the traditional mode of planning with Oya No Kai. When in January 2009 the trip looked like it would not happen as a PPS trip, the class took charge, and with the guidance of Oya No Kai (ONK) President John Baumgardner, as well as 2 past ONK Presidents and some very involved and knowledgeable parents, we persevered on a foreshortened timeline.

The trip started off with an unexpected adventure as our original plan to travel directly to Japan from Portland was interrupted by a volcano which erupted in Russia and wreaked havoc with the airlines and international air travel. The remainder of the trip went off without a hitch however, and all participants agreed it was a life-changing experience!

The students had a travel experience with an abundance of cultural variety, including a homestay in the small rural town of Fukuno in the Toyama area complete with rice paddies and fireflies, a night in the UNESCO World Heritage site at Gokayama, site-seeing in Nara and Kyoto which included the giant Nara Buddha and the Golden Temple, as well as a visit Hikone Castle, one of Japan's National Treasures, erected at the beginning of the 17th century. This exchange marked the 10th year of Oya No Kai's relationship with the Fukuno community and our host and travel planner Mr. Saino once again made the planning easy and really ensured that the group was well cared for throughout the trip, not only while in Fukuno. The group was also fortunate to spend a few days with host families in Kobe. Mr. Yamamoto from the Samaura school is also a long-time friend of the program and often travels with students from the Samaura school when they visit us here in the U.S. The students were able to experience a more urban setting in Kobe, which is Seattle's sister city, and perform for the entire school during their annual Music Festival.

Chaperones and students alike were very glad they were able to travel to Japan, experience the culture and be recipients of the truly generous Japanese hospitality, warmth and friendship. We spoke with a number of current 6th graders who indicated the 5th grade cultural exchange invigorated their interest in Japan and cemented their desire to continue with their study of Japanese.

-Teresa Schultz
2009 Cultural Exchange Chair

Calendar of events

- 9/18- Scrip pick-up, Giftwrap sales begin
- 9/20 Oaks Parks - Fundraiser for 5th and 8th grade
- 9/22 ONK Board Meeting: 6:45 Cooper's Coffee on Stark
- 9/23 Host Family Orientation (Melissa Gorgon Clark)
- 9/24 Mandatory meeting for 5th grade cultural exchange -Richmond Library, 7pm
- 9/25 Mt. Tabor Auction
- 9/25 PTA general meeting and movie night (Richmond PTA)
- 9/28 Scrip Sales
- 10/2 Scrip pick-up
- 10/3 Harvest Festival- Richmond
- 10/5 T-shirts go on sale
- 10/7 Giftwrap sale ends

Sincerely,

Alison Walcott
OyaNoKai - Communcations Committee

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