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December 2009

Holiday Greetings from OyaNoKai

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that the holidays are already upon us. As the year closes, it is a good time for reflection. In celebrating the 20th year of the program it is amazing to see that the vision of a few has become a lasting legacy for many. We are grateful for all of the teachers, administrators, volunteers and students that contribute to the vibrant community found in the Japanese Immersion Program. May the remainder of the year be one of health and happiness.
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20th Anniversary Dinner & Auction

The 20th Anniversary Dinner and Auction was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to recognize two decades of the Japanese Immersion program. Details of the proceeds will be coming soon. The board will be meeting next week to vote on the final distribution of the funds. Many thanks go out to ONK President, Sarah Stephens, Vice President, Maya Mori and procurement queen, Kari Shawen.



Read-a-Thon

Oya No Kai is proud to present the first annual read-a-thon. As the price for the fifth and eighth grade trip continue to rise, Oya No Kai decided to have a fundraiser to contribute directly to individual class funds. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Oya No Kai to establish a scholarship fund and offset operational costs. The remaining ninety percent will go to your class funds. Much like the Spring for the Arts, students can ask family and friends to sponsor them. Sponsor sheets were sent home with the students last week at Richmond and will be available online for students at Mt. Tabor. Here is a link to the form: http://www.oyanokai.org/fundraising.html#readathon
During winter break, students will log the amount of time they have read. At the end of the break,

students will submit their logs and volunteers will tabulate the the money they have earned. Here are the dates:

- December 3rd- Instuctions, sponsor sheets and logs are sent home with the students.
- December 17th- Sponsor sheets are due (Please note the extension)
- December 19th- January 3rd- Read-a-thon
- January 6th- Reading logs are due
- January 8th- Sponsor sheets will be returned to students
- January 15th- Donations due

For pledge time increments consider times that are reasonable for your own child. A good guideline would be 15-20 minutes for pre-k-2nd graders and 30 minutes for 3rd- 5th graders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alison Walcott at walcottma@msn.com



Richmond welcomes Bill Aubrecht

Bill Aubrecht joined the Richmond staff at the beginning of this academic year as the new 5th grade teacher. Bill currently lives in SE Portland with his wife CL and 9-month-old son, Griffin. He previously taught in classroom within PPS and India after receiving his Master's degree from Lewis & Clark. Before that, he taught outside as an experiential educator throughout the west coast after graduating from the Univiersity of Minnesota with a Bachelor's of Science. Orgininally from Minnesota, Bill rarely lets inclement weather be an obstacle to continuing to enjoy the outdoors. He spent his childhood ice fishing, skating, and in the summer time, canoeing. Now in his rare free time he goes hiking, camping and birding and more often gardens with his family.

Music also plays an important role in his life, beginning with the trombone in 5th grade. He then shifted his focus from concert band to jazz, and then to electric bass which he played in a rock band. Guitar is now his instrument of choice, and he often uses it to write and perform songs for his students. Bill is thrilled to be at Richmond with its atmosphere of internationalism and intergrated curriculum. He looks forward to being a part of the Richmond Community for many years to come.



5th Grade Cultural Exchange

Planning for the 5th grade cultural exchange is in full swing. The committees have been busy preparing for another exciting trip. We are excited to announce that we are hoping to send a small delegation of 5th grade students and their parents to Sapporo to lay the groundwork for future exchanges. As the planning for this continues, we will keep you updated through the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Alison Walcott
OyaNoKai - Communcations Committee

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