

# RICHMOND SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## SUPPORTING STAFFING AND EXCELLENCE AT OUR SCHOOL

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### WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION MISSION?

Richmond School Foundation is solely focused, by charter and mission, on raising funds committed to Richmond's staffing needs to support smaller class size and enrichment activity at our school... Together we can do it! Issho ni gambarou!

### WHAT TEACHERS SAY

"Smaller class sizes increase the teacher contact time,,, It is so exciting seeing my kindergarteners reading and writing at the half way mark of the school year."

"Strong enrichment activities have been helping my students to build more confidence in the area I cannot provide enough instruction in class."

"I really appreciate what the Richmond School Foundation has done for us... without parents' help and involvement, this program would not be [as] successful as it has been."

### HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION RAISE MONEY?

We do not ask you to buy anything. We do not make you sell anything. We simply ask for your **supporting contribution** towards the cause of your children's education. Additional funds are raised from **employer matching** programs and **monthly restaurant fundraisers**.

### WHAT HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS DONE?

Year	Amount Raised	Funded
2004-05	\$13,000	0.13 FTE 25% staff librarian
2005-06	\$34,464	0.25 FTE 25% reading specialist
2006-07	\$65,762	0.40 FTE 40% (1st grade teacher)
2007-08	\$75,247	0.67 FTE 66% (5th grade teacher)
2008-09	\$34,588	0.30 FTE 66% art teacher

### FALL AND SPRING PLEDGE DRIVES

- ♣ **FALL:** Starts **Mid-October** to last day of school in December. Your Fall contributions give us a jump start and can help to spread your own contribution over the year. This is the building

block to our child's educational future. Thinking about the monthly option is a good way to begin your own participation early.

- ♣ **SPRING:** In the spring, we, with the principal's guidance, begin to know exactly which staffing position(s) will require this crucial financial support. This year we were able to expand our art program. Many parents have an easier time contributing for a known staff positions, but the need will always be there, and starting early is best.
- ♣ **HOW MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE:** We can each of us do the simple math to know what it takes to protect the school staffing and to cover lost ground. **With the size of our population, and the needs clear, a commitment from each family of only \$67 per month** (roughly equivalent in a year to kindergarten tuition for two months) ensures we can positively impact the education of our children.
- ♣ **WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE:** We send out flyers in your children's mailboxes three times during each drive. They contain a contribution form. There is also a secure online contribution site. You can also go to the [www.richmondjmp.org](http://www.richmondjmp.org) website to download a form or follow the link to make online contributions.

### WHAT IF I CAN'T WAIT? CAN I GIVE MONTHLY INSTEAD?

There is an easy to use form on the back of this sheet. Many parents find this easier to do.

### WHAT IS THE POWER OF EVERYONE CONTRIBUTING IN A SMALL WAY TOGETHER?

If 100% of families make their contribution of \$67 per school month (or \$335 twice this year) we would reach the target goal of \$204,000 (2.04 teaching positions)

If 100% of families gave \$33.50 per school month (or \$335 once this year) we would reach our fallback goal of \$102,000 (1.02 teaching positions)

Any contribution, at your level of capability, is important, and has great impact so please participate.

Thank you for your participation, use the form on the back, and/or look for the flyers in your child's backpack. You can email me ([felcher@comcast.net](mailto:felcher@comcast.net)).

**Andy Felcher, RSF President**

# RICHMOND SCHOOL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

## Contributions are 100% tax deductible!

There are three simple ways to give – (1) personal check, or (2) using credit card form you can mail in, or (3) online by credit card. Use whichever way works best for you.

(1) **BY CHECK:** Please fill out the following and drop off at school or mail with your check.

- **Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox** (behind you when facing the counter) **or**
- **Mail to Richmond Elementary School, ATTN: Richmond School Foundation 2276 SE 41st, Portland, OR 97214**

### CHECK FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check to remain anonymous: \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please check one: \_\_\_ Monthly contribution \_\_\_ One-time contribution

♣ Please make checks payable to Richmond School Foundation.

(2) **BY CREDIT CARD:** You can use the form below.

- **Drop it in the Richmond school office in the Foundation mailbox** (behind you when facing the counter) **or**
- **Mail to Richmond Elementary School, ATTN: Richmond School Foundation 2276 SE 41st, Portland, OR 97214**

### CREDIT CARD FORM

Name on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Check to remain anonymous: \_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Monthly Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or, Your One-Time Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa: \_\_\_ MC: \_\_\_ Amex: \_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(3) **ONLINE:** The Portland Schools Foundation fast and easy to use secure website

[www.thinkschools.org](http://www.thinkschools.org)

(choose **Donate Now** in navigation menu):

After filling out your contact information, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** on the 'donate to' line, to use the drop down menu and **select Richmond Elementary School**. (or hit "R" and verify to make sure your contribution goes to Richmond!).

**Thank you very much for supporting your kids and ours!**