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## RJH Week at a Glance

It's a busy week for Grizzly sports! Check out the [calendar](#) below and catch one of our teams in action!

### SCHOOL NEWS

**SO YOU THINK YOU CAN COOK?** Do you think you're the "Top Chef" of RJH? Want to showcase your passion for the culinary arts? This is your chance! The RJH Leadership Team is sponsoring a "So You Think You Can Cook" competition on **May 26<sup>th</sup>** after school in the Commons from 1:30-5:00. If you'd like to enter, complete a [form](#), add your recipes, and submit to the Attendance Office by **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Good luck!

**NEXT STEPS FOR RJH PRINCIPAL SEARCH.** At the PTSA meeting on April 27th, the parents who attended had the chance to brainstorm the top qualities they are seeking in a new principal at RJH. They outlined a truly exceptional set of qualifications! Dr. Kenneth Lyon, who is chairing the principal search committee, outlined the [next steps](#) in the process: after the District identifies qualified candidates, the search committee will review resumes and interview candidates using the parents' list of qualities to help inform their decision. The search committee will recommend their top three choices to the Superintendent for finalist interviews. After the Superintendent's interviews, the finalist will be invited to RJH for a site visit. And then, if that goes well, the new principal will be introduced! Many thanks to the parents who participated in the meeting on April 27th, as well as to the students and parents who have volunteered to be part of the search committee. We'll keep you posted as the search progresses.

**PARENT SURVEY ON BULLYING.** Has your child been bullied? Or talked about seeing bullying? Or never mentioned it? We want students at Redmond Jr. High to have the safest learning environment possible. RJH will begin a new anti-bullying program in Fall 2010-2011 based on the [Olweus Bullying Prevention Program](#). To make sure we're focusing on the right issues, we're asking RJH parents to complete a [survey](#) about bullying. The survey takes about 5-10 minutes of your time. The results will directly contribute to how we help make the school environment even better for our

students. Please complete the [survey](#) before May 26, and be sure to complete **one survey for each child** you have attending RJH. If you would like to take part in a focus group to discuss the issue of bullying and the new program that will be implemented in Fall 2010-2011 please contact [rjhptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rjhptsa@gmail.com).

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**SPEND AN EVENING WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE!** The RHS [Drama Fest](#) begins on **May 13<sup>th</sup>** in the high school's Performing Arts Center! You won't want to miss Agatha Christie's "*And Then There Were None*" (May 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM) and "*The Mousetrap*" (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM). Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

**AFTER HOURS THIS WEEK.** Check out the [May/June calendar](#) for After Hours! This week's activities will include:

- **Tuesday May 11.** Today we will be having an arts and crafts day, so all of you budding artists and those of you who want to get creative, come out and chill with After Hours. We will also be playing freeze tag for anyone who wants to run around.
- **Thursday May 13.** Remember the good old days when you could finger paint? We will be doing a mural!

## NINTH GRADE INFO

**CELEBRATIONS!** Mark your calendars now for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade celebration and boat cruise, both scheduled for **June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## PTSA NEWS & PARENT EDUCATION

**PARENT EDUCATION.** The Lake Washington PTSA Council is presenting several parent education classes:

- **Parenting the Highly Capable Adolescent.** Raising gifted adolescents is complicated and sometimes confusing. In this presentation, **Lisa Geraud** will discuss some parenting strategies for guiding your student including: understanding your student's needs, desires, skill set & temperament; dealing with perfectionism; and guiding your teen to balance extra-curricular activities, sleep habits, and social & emotional needs. Monday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7 PM at the LWSD Resource Center Board Room. Questions? Contact [Joanne Hall](#).
- **Staying Close while Standing Back, The Art & Science of Parenting your Increasingly Independent Adolescent.** In this workshop for parents of 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students, Julie Metzger will discuss strategies to encourage teens to be resilient, accountable, and interdependent people in a fast-changing world. The presentation will also cover communicating with teens about risky choices. It will be held from 7:00-8:30 PM on **May 18<sup>th</sup>** at Inglewood JH.

## **LEGACY FOR LEARNING LUNCHEON – THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support of the [Lake Washington Schools Foundation's](#) Legacy for Learning luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Together we raised **\$156,000**, the most raised at the luncheon in our 5 year history! With your help, this event and others have funded critical programs for the Lake Washington School District, touching all of our 24,000 students. If you were unable to attend, the Foundation has posted videos of Superintendent Chip Kimball's [keynote address](#) and [Foundation programs](#) featuring our own Mr. Leslie!

## **PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**HOMEWORK LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** [Homework Lunch](#) helps students who are behind in their homework succeed in school. Volunteers help students understand what their homework is asking them to do (there are teachers in the classroom, so volunteers do not need to teach).

**Volunteers set their own schedule** using an online calendar. Volunteer time is during one or more lunch periods weekdays except Wednesday. This is a terrific opportunity to be involved during the school day. Want to find out more? Contact [Lisa Schildt](#).

**RHS GRADUATION PRESENTATIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Senior Graduation Presentations will be held at the high school on Wednesday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Students will make a formal presentation in front of a panel of 2-3 teachers and volunteer community panel members. Presentations are scheduled at half-hour intervals. **We need parents** and community members to volunteer to hear these presentations. RJH parents, if you are interested and would like to see what is in store for your child in a few years, the RHS staff would welcome your participation. Please contact [Sandy Davidson](#) if you would like to help out.

**PTSA VOLUNTEERS SHONE BRIGHTLY DURING BLACKOUT!** Many thanks are due to the great volunteers who sold dance tickets during lunch periods on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the third and final ASB dance of the year: Erin Hough, Mari Ilias, Claire Ronneburg, Lisa Schildt, MaAn Shridhar, Stacie Vilhauer, Heather Brown Willmon. Serving as dance chaperones for the ASB-sponsored dance on April 30th (theme: Blackout) were: Charlotte Baker, Angela Birney, Judi Brown, Priya Cherukupalli, Pam Cin, Melinda Johnson, Victoria Mitten-Kaleff, Sheri Pardi, Kathleen Reynolds, Lisa Schildt. Thank you!!!! (submitted by Lisa Schildt)

## RJH CALENDAR

05.10.2010	<a href="#">Redmond @ Inglewood V. Baseball</a>
05.10.2010	<a href="#">Kirkland @ Redmond Girls Volleyball</a>
05.10.2010	<a href="#">Redmond @ Inglewood V. Tennis</a>
05.10.2010	<a href="#">LWSD - Parent Ed: Parenting the Highly Capable Adolescent</a>
05.11.2010	<a href="#">RJH @ KiJH Varsity Baseball/Girls Tennis</a>
05.11.2010	<a href="#">Kirkland @ Redmond JV Tennis</a>
05.13.2010	<a href="#">Redmond v. Finn Hill @ Juanita High Track</a>
05.13.2010	<a href="#">Redmond @ Rosehill V. Tennis</a>
05.13.2010	<a href="#">Redmond @ Rosehill V. Baseball</a>
05.14.2010	<a href="#">Kamiakin at RJH V. Baseball makeup</a>
05.14.2010	<a href="#">Kamiakin at RJH V. Tennis makeup</a>

## COMMUNITY DIGEST

**TEENS, PARENTS AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM.** This program will educate teens and their parents on how the legal process works, with a goal of helping teens stay out of trouble with the law. Teens are encouraged to attend! It will be held on **May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Crossroads Community Center (16000 10<sup>th</sup> NE, Bellevue). Sponsored by the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Cultural Diversity Program. For more information, contact [Kevin Henry](#).

**YOUNG SOLOISTS COMPETITION.** The [Eastside Symphony](#) will hold its annual [Young Soloists competition](#) on Sunday afternoon, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. This is a wonderful opportunity for young musicians – the winner will perform with the symphony in one of its 2010-11 concerts under the direction of Alexei Girsh. The competition is open to all instrumental performers under the age of 20, and contestants should be able to perform a complete concerto or other major solo work with orchestra. For more information or to reserve a time on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, please contact the [symphony](#).

**RYPAC EVENTS.** The Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee (RYPAC) will be meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM in Room 207 at the Old Schoolhouse Community Center (16600 NE 80<sup>th</sup> ST). RYPAC is a great way for students to have fun giving back to Redmond. Plus the staff will sign off on service hours. There will be snacks and refreshments and you can help plan for East Side Extreme Makeover (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) which will involve building a trail at Watershed Park. RYPAC is part of an Eastside food drive challenge issued by Issaquah's youth council, so please bring canned food to the meeting. For more info: [rypac@redmond.gov](mailto:rypac@redmond.gov).

**AFTER HOURS GAME NIGHT.** The Redmond Library presents After hours Game Night (Just for Teens) on Friday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** from 7:00-10:00 pm. There will be food, video games and a variety of board games for you to play. At

the Redmond Library | 15990 NE 85th ST. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Redmond Library.*

**SUMMER CAMPS.** What do you like to do? Whether you're interested in sports, robotics, hiking, music, art, drama, or just about anything else, you'll be sure to find a summer camp opportunity that's just right. The [RJH Community Bulletin Board](#) has an extensive listing of summer opportunities. They include:

- City of Redmond [Old Fire House Teen Center](#) camps in animation, video production, music recording, photography and more; and [iCamps](#) for students up to grade 8, in digital art, game design, and storytelling.
- YMCA overnight camps at [Camps Colman and Orkila](#): horseback riding, archery, climbing, leadership opportunities
- [Aerospace Camp](#) at the Museum of Flight for grades K-12.
- Day camps and overnights with [CYO](#).
- Basketball camp for boys and girls up to grade 8 with the [Eastside Basketball Camp](#) or for girls up to grade 8 with the [RHS Lady Mustangs](#).
- Drama camps with [Second Story Repertory](#), [Stone Soup Theatre](#), [Village Theatre](#), and [Evergreen Family Theatre](#).
- And more: [Boys' & Girls' Club](#), [Geek Camp](#), [Horse Camp](#), [Swim Camp](#)!

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