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## RJH Week at a Glance

**MSP Testing** begins Monday for students in grades 7 and 8.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**MSP TESTING BEGINS THIS WEEK.** The WASL has been replaced by a new exam, the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). The MSP will be administered at RJH this year for students in grades 7 and 8. The school district has posted [more information](#) about the MSP (and the new high school exam, the HSPE). MSP tests will be administered first thing in the morning:

Date	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
<b>05.17.2010</b>	Writing	Science	Career Day
<b>05.18.2010</b>	Writing	Reading	Career Day
<b>05.19.2010</b>	Math (Red Team)		
<b>05.20.2010</b>	Reading	Math	
<b>05.26.2010</b>	Math (White Team)		

**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!

**YEARBOOKS.** Time to make sure you have purchased a yearbook and have no fines. There is a list of the students who have purchased yearbooks on the bulletin by the Commons. Check the "fine" column to see if you have a fine. All fines must be cleared to receive your yearbook on distribution day. Also check the name of the teacher: this should be your 6<sup>th</sup> period teacher. If

you have changed classes let Mrs. Wolf know. If you know you will be gone at the end of the school year when we distribute yearbooks, please let Mrs. Wolf know who will be picking your yearbook up. You may still purchase yearbooks at the Attendance Office for \$27 while the last.

**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

**CONGRATS NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS!** Congratulations to RJH National History Day contestants who made a strong showing at the [statewide competition](#) earlier this month: for Junior Individual Exhibit, 4<sup>th</sup> place to Meghana Noonavath; for Junior Group Exhibit, 5<sup>th</sup> place to Karen Ai and Elaine Wang; for Junior Individual Performance, 6<sup>th</sup> place to Alyssa Foster; for Junior Group Performance, 6<sup>th</sup> place to Anton De Leon, Zack Packer, Hannah Parish, and Nikki Sharma; and for Junior Historical Paper, 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Jonathan Qu. And special congratulations to Ms. Jensen for guiding your students to success!

**SPEND AN EVENING WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE!** The RHS [Evening with Agatha Christie](#) continues this week in the high school's Performing Arts Center! You won't want to miss "*And Then There Were None*" (**May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 PM) and "*The Mousetrap*" (**May 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 18.** Wear some good kicking shoes because we are playing kickball today! We will also be having summer manicures with Whitney and otter pops for all.
- **Thursday May 20.** After Hour gang: we will be having an epic 4-square tournament so bring your A-game and come join us in the commons.

## 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>**.

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## PTSA NEWS & PARENT EDUCATION

**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. Presented by the Lake Washington PTSA Council.

**MOVING UP INTO HIGH SCHOOL.** This program will provide information and guidance to families to help students make a [successful transition](#) into the high school years. Presentation will include academics, emotional stresses, body changes, and family expectations. Presented by the Northshore/Shoreline Community Network. **May 19<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Lake Forest Park Commons (17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park).

**TEMPERAMENT: YOURS AND YOUR CHILD'S. How does it impact parenting?** Children are born with their own style of interacting with or reacting to people, places, and things—their temperament. *Are you and your child compatible?* In this workshop, presenter Jennifer Watanabe will help you discover just exactly what temperament is and how it impacts your family life. Learning to *live with* your child's temperament and *not against* it will not only reduce family friction but will help your child feel loved for who he or she is. Monday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Location: LWSD Resource Center Board Room (16250 NE 74<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond). Presented by the Lake Washington PTSA Council.

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## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**BEAR TRACKS WEEKLY EDITOR NEEDED FOR 2010-2011.** Do you have approximately 3 hours/week to fill a vital role in RJH PTSA? Do you thrive on being your own manager, volunteering from home? Do you want to be in the know about what's happening at RJH? Are you technologically savvy enough to work with an online email program, Constant Contact?

YOU may be the person we're looking for! Our current Bear Tracks Weekly editor is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent, and will be leaving the ranks of RJH volunteers at the end of this school year. We need a new editor to learn the job this spring and start next fall. There is a system in place, with complete training materials. If you are interested, please contact [Mary Bourguignon](#).

**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](#).

## RJH CALENDAR

05.17.2010	<a href="#">RJH - 9th Grade Career Day</a>
05.17.2010	<a href="#">RJH - 7th and 8th grade MSP Testing</a>
05.17.2010	<a href="#">Redmond @ Finn Hill Volleyball</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">RJH - 7th and 8th grade MSP Testing</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">RJH - 9th Grade Career Day</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">Inglewood @ Redmond Varsity Girls Tennis</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">RHJH @ KiJH Varsity Baseball/Girls Tenni</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">Kirkland @ Redmond JV Tennis</a>
05.18.2010	<a href="#">LWSD – Parent Ed: Staying Close While Standing Back</a>
05.19.2010	<a href="#">RJH – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade MSP Testing</a>
05.20.2010	<a href="#">RJH – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade MSP Testing</a>
05.20.2010	<a href="#">Kamiakin @ Redmond Jr Girls JV Tennis</a>
05.20.2010	<a href="#">RJH @ KaJH Boys Varsity Baseball</a>
05.20.2010	<a href="#">RJH @ KaJH Girls Varsity Tennis</a>
05.20.2010	<a href="#">RHS – “The Mousetrap”</a>
05.21.2010	<a href="#">RHS – “And Then There Were None”</a>
05.22.2010	<a href="#">RHS – “The Mousetrap”</a>

## COMMUNITY DIGEST

**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.*

**BOYS’ BASKETBALL CAMP.** Redmond High School Boys’ Basketball Camp (Grades 3-8 for the 2010-2011 school year) will be held Monday-Thursday, **June 21-24**, 9:15-12:15. For more information, contact: [katedunn@verizon.net](mailto:katedunn@verizon.net).

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY.** Students, want to earn volunteer hours this summer? The City of Redmond needs volunteers for the 70<sup>th</sup> annual [Redmond Derby Days](#). Dates are Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 pm and Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> all day. Flexible schedules available! Please Contact [Florence Wong](#) or call (425)-556-2352.

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