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RJH Week at a Glance

Music Program Celebrations: Choir on May 25th, Orchestra on May 27th, Band next week on June 1st

MSP Testing concludes May 26th with math for grade 7 White Team.

So You Think You Can Cook: after school on May 26th

No After Hours on Thursday, May 27th due to staff training.

SCHOOL NEWS

MUSIC PROGRAM CELEBRATIONS. All are invited to attend as our music students present their final concerts of the year:

- **RJH Choir:** Tuesday, **May 25th** at 7:00 PM in the RJH Commons
- **RJH Orchestras:** Thursday, **May 27th** at 7:30 PM in the RHS PAC
- **RJH Bands, Jazz Band:** Tuesday, **June 1st** at 7:00 PM in the RJH gym

MSP TESTING CONTINUES THIS WEEK. The WASL has been replaced by a new exam, the [Measurement of Student Progress](#) (MSP). MSP testing will conclude this week with a Math exam for the 7th grade White team on **May 26th.**

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN COOK? Who's the "Top Chef" at RJH? This is your chance to find out! The RJH Leadership Team is sponsoring a "So You Think You Can Cook" competition on **May 26th** after school in the Commons from 1:30-5:00. Stick around and watch our chefs in action!

LAST CHANCE: 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.

CAREER DAY. On May 18th Redmond Junior High held our annual 9th Grade [Career Day](#). This year's event was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of students Arthi Narayanan and Mihal Lakhovsky; the flexibility and support of RJH teachers; and the kindness and efforts of our guest speakers! Our speakers included: Paul Armour, Entrepreneur (Subway); Marcus Naylor, Lawyer; Cliff Brown, Architect/Construction (Safeway); Patrick Cabral, from Aerojet; Craig Larson, Photographer; Dennis Bounds, King 5 News Broadcaster; Tina Hoggatt, "Arts 4 Culture"; Rob West, Director/Performance Arts; David Lim, Military/Police; Mack Strong, Retired Seattle Seahawk; Olympia Saint, Nurse at Children's Hospital; Matt Balsler and Jeff Richards, Firefighter/EMT; Drew Pocza, Illustrator/Design; Ryan Lynd, Computers/Programmer.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CONGRATS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS! Congratulations to the 99 new members who were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society last week. These students achieved good grades and completed community service to be eligible for this honor.

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

- **Tuesday May 25.** Come outside and play! We will be having an ultimate Frisbee day and playing other rad games. Also, we will be making our own ice cream, yum!
- **Thursday May 27.** There will be **no After Hours today** as staff have training. We will miss you and see you **next week**.

NINTH GRADE INFO

NINTH GRADE CELEBRATION. On Monday, **June 14th**, there will be a reception for 9th grade students, parents, and staff in the RJH gym from 4:45-5:30 PM. There will be a short program at 4:45, followed by light refreshments and social time.

NINTH GRADE BOAT CRUISE. The annual 9th grade boat cruise will be held on **June 14th**. Students will board buses at RJH at 5:30 and return to RJH at approximately 10:45. Tickets are \$50 and will be on sale through **May 28th** at the Attendance Office. Families in need of assistance may contact the Counseling Office. Students must have a completed permission form to purchase a ticket.

PTSA NEWS & PARENT EDUCATION

PTSA PRESENTS OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD. The RJH PTSA presented the 2009-10 Outstanding Educator Award to **Darlene Poitra, Russell Rogers, and Jill Sappala**. The Outstanding Educator Award recognizes individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial and challenging. A pin and certificate are awarded, and a donation is made in the recipient's name to the Washington State PTSA Scholarship Foundation. Nominations are made by school faculty, staff, parents, and students. Finalists are selected by the PTSA Awards Committee. In addition to the Award winners, the following received nominations as Outstanding Educator: Leslie Campos, Mary Chandler, Julie Firth, Chris Fleharty, Kendra Friday, Scott Hagerman, Kimm Jensen, Kaylee Kolrud, and Amy Tuckwell.

PTSA PRESENTS GOLDEN GRIZZLY AWARD. The Golden Grizzly Award was presented to **Patricia Stanley**, who is retiring. The Golden Grizzly is presented for outstanding dedication to the Redmond Jr High community.

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 24th** from 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Location: LWSD Resource Center Board Room (16250 NE 74th St., Redmond). Presented by the Lake Washington PTSA Council.

FINAL RJH PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The final PTSA meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday, June 8**, at 7:00 p.m. in the RJH library. The main topic will be the presentation and vote on 2010-2011 PTSA budget. A minimum of 10 members must be present for the vote to be valid. Other topics will include: financial results of after school drama program; update on Olweus anti-bullying program implementation; and PTSA parent communications update.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS NEEDED. Parents of 7th and 8th grade students, we need your help to celebrate our 9th grade students and their families as we prepare for the 9th Grade Celebration and Boat Cruise on June 14th:

- **Prepare refreshments.** We need parents to bring refreshments for the 9th Grade Celebration, which will be held in the RJH gym on June 14th. Refreshments would need to be dropped off at RJH that day.
- **Set up/serve/clean up.** We need parents to set up our refreshment tables, serve the refreshments, and then help with clean up at the 9th Grade Celebration in the RJH gym. Time commitment would be from approximately 4:30-6:00 on June 14th.

- **Decorate the boat.** We also need a crew of intrepid parents to drive to Seattle and decorate the boat before our 9th graders go on their boat cruise on the Seattle waterfront. Time commitment would be from approximately 5:00-6:00 on June 14th – on the Seattle waterfront.

Volunteering for the 9th Grade Celebration is a great opportunity to see what is in store when your child is in 9th grade. If you are able to help us celebrate as the class of 2013 takes the next big step, please contact [Sheri Pardi](#).

2010-2011 PTSA COMMITTEE CHAIR OPENINGS. Are you committed to making the junior high experience the best it can be for students, parents, faculty and staff? If so, you may be the right person to take on the leadership of one of the few committees that do not yet have a Chairperson for next year. Interested in one of these volunteer openings? Contact [Lisa Schildt](#). Thank you!

- **Back to School Event** - One Day Event in late September or early October - Chairperson plans and coordinates entire event (scheduling room, plans activities and food, publicity, volunteers).
- **Hospitality** – Chair coordinates volunteer contributions (from volunteer list) for specific events. Typically, these events are: (1) Curriculum Night (September); (2) Family Math Night (February); (3) 6th Grade Parent Night (February); (4) providing purchased lunch to volunteers for Health Screening, with desserts contributed if desired; (5) assemble the RJH basket donated to the LWSD PTA Council scholarship auction using budgeted funding plus contributions.
- **Faculty/Staff Appreciation** – Chair or co-Chairs plan every-other month themed luncheons throughout the school year, plus daily mini-celebrations during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week in May. Activities are coordinated through the RJH Office Manager.
- **Emergency Preparedness** -Ongoing throughout the school year. The Co-Chairs are responsible to: (1) in cooperation with the school administration and the school Safety Committee, guide the planning and purchase of supplies needed to fulfill the school's emergency preparedness plan; (2) attend monthly meetings of the district PTSA Emergency Preparedness group – meetings typically held 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and (3) attend approximately monthly meetings of the RJH Safety Committee held at 7:00 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes. One or two Co-Chairs are needed to join an existing Co-Chair.

FANTASTIC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! PTSA has an opening for the second of two **Co-Vice Presidents** for the 2010-2011 school year. The ideal VP candidate is the parent of either an incoming 7th grader (currently 6th grader) or a current 7th grader (going to be 8th grader). Could this be a good fit for you or someone you know? [Read more](#) about this position or contact [Lisa Schildt](#).

RJH CALENDAR

05.24.2010	LWSD - Parent Ed: Temperament: Yours and Your Child's
05.24.2010	RJH @ KaJH 7th Grade Volleyball
05.25.2010	Redmond @ Inglewood JV Tennis
05.25.2010	Inglewood @ Redmond Varsity Girls Tennis
05.25.2010	Inglewood @ Redmond Varsity Baseball
05.25.2010	RJH - Choir Awards and Honors Night
05.25.2010	LWSD - PTSA Special Needs Meeting
05.25.2010	RJH - PTSA Board Meeting
05.26.2010	RJH – 7th grade MSP Testing
05.27.2010	Evergreen @ Redmond 7th Grade Volleyball
05.27.2010	Rose Hill Vs. Redmond Track
05.27.2010	Finn Hill @ Redmond Varsity Baseball
05.27.2010	RJH – Orchestra Celebration Concert

COMMUNITY DIGEST

RYPAC (Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee): Great way for students to have fun giving back to Redmond. Plus we will sign-off on service hours. **June 3, 6:30 – 8:30pm.** We will be having elections this meeting. We are looking for more students from RJH! Events Planning:

- End of School Bash @ the teen center
- Summer movie series
- Derby Days

Community Service Hours Offered!

We will have snacks and refreshments. Room 207 at the Old Schoolhouse Community Center (16600 NE 80th ST). Contact rypac@redmond.gov for more information.

SUMMER DESIGN STUDIO FOR TEENS. Do you ever wonder how the products that fill your everyday life are made or what is behind the design of your cell phone, sneakers, family car, or the furniture in your home? Are you interested in knowing what a product designer does? If so and you are a teen between the ages of 12-15, sign up for Design Studio @ Open Satellite this summer! Design Studio is a two-week in-depth program created for youth ages 12-15. The content of the program will be playful, creative, and occasionally challenging. Teens should be highly motivated independent thinkers. Follow these links to learn more about [Design Studio](#) or to [register](#).

3-D ANIMATION CLASS THIS SUMMER. Digital Double and the City of Redmond's Old Fire House Teen Center will be offering summer classes for teens on digital animation. Classes will include animation principles, motion capture, and 3-D design. Classes are available for students from 9-13 and

14-19 and will be held at Digital Double (15813 Bear Creek Parkway). Visit [Digital Double](#) for more information about schedule, tuition, and registration.

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

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