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RJH Week at a Glance

MEET THE NEW RJH PRINCIPAL on June 8th at 7:00 PM - Library

TOUCH OF CLASS ASSEMBLY on Friday, June 11th at 8:55. Parents are welcome to attend.

NINTH GRADE INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON on Friday, June 11th.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS: Is your student moving on to high school next year? **If you do not wish to receive Bear Tracks Weekly next year** because your student will be at the high school, please send us an e-mail to weekly@rjhptsa.org with the heading **“High School.”** We will keep your name on this mailing list until the end of the school year and then transfer your subscription to the high school’s e-newsletter, **Mustang News**. For all other readers, you don’t need to do anything. Bear Tracks Weekly will take a break when school ends and will be back at the end of August.

SCHOOL NEWS

MEET THE NEW RJH PRINCIPAL. The new principal for Redmond Junior High, **Kelly Clapp**, will be at the PTSA meeting on Tuesday, **June 8**, at 7 pm in the school library. You do not need to be a PTSA member to attend in order to meet her. Hope to see you there. (Lisa Schildt, RJH PTSA President)

RJH LIBRARY. All books are due in the library on Monday **June 7th**.

YEARBOOKS. Don’t miss out on the end of the year fun! BUY A YEARBOOK and remember your 2009-2010 year forever through pictures and words—you won’t regret it. Students, don’t forget to pay any fines and turn in any overdue library books: pay up and turn in OR NO yearbook.

YEARBOOK DONATIONS WELCOME. Each year, we have students who cannot afford the \$27 cost of the RJH yearbook. For a 9th grader, the yearbook is a wonderful compilation of their experiences and relationships

over the past 3 years. It not only is a memento of their time at RJH but also gives them a frame of reference for the continuation and making of new friendships when entering the uncharted territory of high school. If you would like to contribute to the purchasing of an annual for a student, please write a check to RJH and deliver it to Susan Johnson in the counseling office. Thanks once again for your generosity. Genie Hagar, Counselor

PARENT SURVEY ON BULLYING EXTENDED. 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 by June 16](#), and be sure to complete **one survey for each child** you have attending RJH. Please take the survey as soon as possible, however, as we are already beginning plans for next year's activities based on early survey results.

GET READY FOR SUMMER READING! As we come to the end of the 2009-2010 school year, the RJH staff would like to remind parents and students of our summer reading program. All incoming seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students will be required to select a novel that is at their reading level, and must complete a reading comprehension activity by September 3rd, 2010. Students will receive more information from their language arts teachers before the end of school. If you would like more information, please contact [Kaylee Kolrud](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FEES, FORMS & PHOTO DAYS. To help students start the 2010-2011 school year, RJH will be open on **Tuesday, August 17th** and **Thursday, August 19th** from 8:00 to 11:00 AM and 12:00-2:30 PM to collect students' fees and forms and to take students' photos. Watch your mail for a packet of school information and forms in August. Returning those forms and getting photos taking in August will ease the back-to-school hassle!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CONGRATS TENNIS TEAM! The varsity tennis team finished the season undefeated. We are proud that they are now the district champs!!! Way to go, Grizzlies!

CONGRATS BASEBALL TEAM! Our baseball team finished the season in style by defeating Inglewood. Congrats team! Don't forget that your team party will be Monday, **June 7th** at 2:30 PM in the Commons.

RJH FOOTBALL. Any 7th and 8th graders interested in playing football at RJH in the fall – there will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, **June 8th** in the Commons. If you have any questions see Coach Hagerman.

RHS CROSS COUNTRY. Any 8th and 9th grade students (who will be freshmen or sophomores next year) if you are interested in turning out for cross-country with the high school team this fall and missed the meeting last

week, please contact the high school coaches: [Coach Ewing](#) or [Coach Villeneuve](#).

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB. The Current Events Club has recently started a campaign to help an impoverished village in Costa Rica gain access to fresh water. We have decided to do what is called a "Penny War," in which you can earn points for your grade level by the money you turn in, and are able to subtract points from other grade levels by inserting specific types of money as well. This is for all teachers, too! The rules and point system will be placed in the Main Office by the donation center. The drive will run until Thursday, **June 10th**. So, who will win? Seventh, eighth, or ninth grade? Or will it be the staff? It's up to you.

NINTH GRADE INFO

FIRST ANNUAL 9th GRADE INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON. This exciting [luncheon](#) for our 9th grade class is planned for **June 11th**. It will be a fun way to celebrate the ending of the school year and the cultural diversity of our school. [Ms. Campos](#), who is organizing the event for RJH, is hoping for good participation from our *wonderful* 9th grade families, with students bringing in food dishes to represent their cultural heritage. If your family has not yet responded, please return a [flyer](#) or contact Ms. Campos to confirm your student's participation. We're looking forward to starting a great new tradition at RJH!

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. Students who have purchased tickets for the Boat Cruise will board buses at RJH at 5:30 and return to RJH at approximately 10:45 that evening.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PSAT DATE FOR 2010. Redmond High School will be giving the PSAT on Wednesday, **October 13, 2010**. This will be the only date the test will be offered at RHS in 2010. Registration information will be available in September. Although the PSAT is technically an exam for high school juniors (who must take the PSAT if they wish to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition), sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT as a way to practice a college entrance exam. For more information on post-secondary entrance exams (what these exams are, who should take them, and when to take them) please consult this handy [guide](#).

PTSA NEWS & PARENT EDUCATION

STAYING CLOSE WHILE STANDING BACK: The Art & Science of Parenting your Increasingly Independent Adolescent. Join Julie Metzger, RN, for this engaging and practical [presentation](#) on coping with the teen years: how to help your teens make independent decisions, how to cope after a mistake, and how to communicate with teens about potentially risky choices. The presentation will be held on **Monday, June 7th** from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Redmond Senior Center Multi-purpose Room (8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond). Don't miss this chance to get prepared for the summer when your teen will have more unstructured time.

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 new RJH principal will attend. 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

What is the greatest accolade one can give? To me, it is to state "This person made a difference!" I wish to thank the following volunteers, each of whom made a huge difference through their leadership of one or more PTSA committees during the 2010-2011 school year. Their dedication and remarkable range of skills made it a pleasure to be PTSA President. With gratitude to each of you! (submitted by Lisa Schildt)

Mary Bourguignon	Weekly eNewsletter editor
Heather Brown	PTSA Secretary; Staff Appreciation
Carrie Casanas	PTSA Treasurer
Suzie Connor	Health Screening
Kathy Dennis	Student Directory
Shelley Flores	Membership campaign; Back-to-School Event
Julie Haase	Special Needs
Joanne Hall	Parent Education
Elizabeth Hansford	Olweus/PASS
Becky Holtzinger	Grizzly Grams
Vicki Krum	After School Drama Production; Photo Days
Robin Laurence	Emergency Preparedness
Lorinda Mallonee	Financial Review
Stephanie Manske	Olweus/PASS
Alina Mars	Health Screening
Tina Monsaas	Safety Net Reading Tutors
Sheri Pardi	Ninth Grade Celebration
Bryn Paris	Student Recognition; Reflections
Andrea Quenneville	Back-to-School Event
Kathleen Reynolds	Emergency Preparedness
Claire Ronneburg	PTSA Co-Vice President
Tracy Shaffer	Library volunteers
MaAn Shridhar	PTSA Co-Vice President
Byron Shutz	Legislative Advocacy
Jeanne Thiede	Back-to-School Event
Diana Wagner	Bear Tracks Newsletter editor
Stephanie Wilkins	Staff Appreciation

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](#).

EARLY BIRD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2010-2011! We're already planning for the start of the 2010-2011 school year, and would like to invite you to join the fun by participating in one or several of the volunteer opportunities listed below. If you can help, please contact Lisa Schildt at Lschildt@verizon.net . Thank you!

- **August Packet Preparation:** Wednesday, August 4th for approximately 3-4 hours. Volunteers will help prepare the packets with forms to be mailed to each RJH student in mid-August.
- **Fees & Forms/Photo Days:** Tuesday, August 17th and Thursday, August 19th from 8:00-11:00 AM and 12:00-2:30 PM. Volunteers are needed (you may help on one or both days) to staff turn-in tables and to help guide students through photos for student ID and yearbook.
- **7th Grade Schedules:** Wednesday, September 1st. Volunteers are needed to hand out schedules to 7th grade students.

- **8th and 9th Grade Schedules:** Thursday, September 2nd. Volunteers are needed to hand out schedules to 8th and 9th grade students.

RJH CALENDAR

06.07.2010	<u>LWSD - Parent Ed: Staying Close While Standing Back</u>
06.08.2010	<u>RJH - PTSA General Membership Meeting</u>
06.11.2010	<u>RJH - Touch of Class Assembly</u>
06.14.2010	<u>RJH - 9th Grade Boat Dance</u>
06.16.2010	<u>Half-Day: Last Day of School - AM Kindergarten Attends</u>

COMMUNITY DIGEST

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE AT THE OLD FIRE HOUSE TEEN CENTER.

Friday, **June 11th** from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Old Fire House is hosting our second Junior High Dance and it'll be even better than the first! Everyone's favorite DJ, DJ Kyle is back with the hits! You must be enrolled in Junior High School and show a Lake Washington School District ID to enter. Ticket price: \$6 or \$5 with a canned food donation! Address: 16510 Northeast 79th Street.

OLD FIRE HOUSE TEEN CENTER END OF SCHOOL BASH. It's the End of School Bash + Hoops for Food Wednesday, **June 16th** from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. The best way to celebrate the end of a successful year of school is with the Old Fire House and our 10th Annual End of School Bash! We'll have carnival booths, a BBQ dinner, ice cones, dodgeball, water balloons, local bands, and teen performers. From 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. we'll host our second Hoops for Food 3 on 3 Basketball Competition, featuring Redmond Teens, Fire Fighters, and Police Officers! Ticket price: \$6 or pay \$5 when you bring a canned food item! Location: 16510 Northeast 79th Street.

150 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DERBY DAYS! 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.

HABITAT RESTORATION SUMMER CAMP. Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust is holding summer day camps for habitat restoration and trail work on Tiger Mountain and in the Snoqualmie Valley. Sign up at the [Mountain to Sound web site](#).

WSU COUGAR QUEST. Cougar Quest is a one week summer enrichment opportunity at Washington State University from July 25th – 30th. Many fun hands-on workshops to choose from. For more information and to see the list of workshops, visit the [Cougar Quest web site](#).

RUN OR WALK for Compassion2One to help save children from victimization, on Saturday, June 19.

JOYFUL FESTIVAL OF INDIA. Ananda Mela at Redmond City Hall campus, June 26-27.

VOLUNTEER FOR ART. Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair volunteers needed July 22-25.

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