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RJH Week at a Glance

NINTH GRADE CELEBRATION will be on Monday, June 14th at 4:45 in the RJH gym.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL is Wednesday, June 16th. It is a half day.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! Bear Tracks Weekly will be back in late August. If you are currently a subscriber, you will continue to receive the Weekly during 2010-2011.

If your student is moving on to high school next year, please send us an e-mail to weekly@rjhptsa.org with the subject "**High School.**" We will transfer your subscription to the high school's e-newsletter, **Mustang News.**

SCHOOL NEWS

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

LAST CHANCE: PARENT SURVEY ON BULLYING. 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. Please complete the [survey](#) by **June 16**, and be sure to complete **one survey for each child** you have attending RJH.

SUMMER READING STARTS THIS WEEK! 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. Here is the [information](#) for incoming 7th grade students. Students currently at RJH will receive more information from their language arts teachers before the end of school. If you would like to learn more, please contact [Kaylee Kolrud](#).

GET READY FOR 2010-2011! As your family prepares for summer break, mark your calendar with these back-to-school dates:

- **Fees, Forms & Photos.** 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.
- **First Day of School.** Incoming 7th graders and new students will begin the school year on Wednesday, September 1st. Students in 8th and 9th grade will start on Thursday, September 2nd. For students eligible to ride the bus, the school district will mail bus schedule information in August.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CONGRATULATIONS STRING JAM MUSICIANS! To the RJH orchestra members who participated in String Jam '10 in April, we have just received certification that String Jam set a **Guinness World Record™** for the world's largest string ensemble under one roof. Way to go, RJH musicians!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SYMPHONIC BAND! Congratulations to the Symphonic Band students for their outstanding performance at the Music in the Parks Festival on Saturday, June 5th. They received First Place in the Jr. High division. There were 5 bands in Middle School/Jr. High portion, where they placed second overall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORCHESTRA! On Saturday, June 5th, Redmond JH's Advanced Orchestra performed in the Music in the Parks Festival. Eleven string orchestras participated from the greater Seattle area. RJH took first place in their division and won best Orchestra overall!

WASHINGTON DC TRIP. Attention all students attending the Washington DC trip: there will be a **mandatory** meeting in Ms. Baldwin's room #160 Monday, **June 14** at 3:00 pm. All students and parents must attend. If you or your parents cannot attend the meeting, please contact [Ms. Baldwin](#) or [Mr. Detwiler](#).

RJH FOOTBALL. If you missed the meeting, you need to pick up both packets at the attendance office. For all players make sure that you are signed up on the list on the counter by Mrs. Wolf. Make sure that you have all the papers you will need to be able to participate in August. If you have any questions see Coach Hagerman or Coach Rogers.

EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS THIS SUMMER! For students who are members of National Honor Society, or hope to be inducted next spring, summer is a great time to earn volunteer hours for service in the community.

One opportunity is at **DERBY DAYS!** The City of Redmond needs 150 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.

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. 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.

PTSA NEWS & PARENT EDUCATION

RJH PTSA ANNOUNCES VOLUNTEER AWARDS. On June 2, 2010, PTSA President Lisa Schildt announced Mary Bourguignon and Andrea Quenneville as winners of the 2009-2010 Golden Acorn Award. The Golden Acorn is awarded to a volunteer who has given outstanding service to the the school community. It is to recognize volunteer service "above and beyond" a particular job description. Through awarding the Golden Acorn Award, RJH PTSA makes a donation in each recipient's name to a fund administered by Washington State PTA that supports financial grants for students pursuing post-secondary education. Shelley Flores was announced as the winner of a Golden Grizzly Award, an award specific to RJH PTSA, for her outstanding contribution to the Redmond Junior High community from 2007 to 2010.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NINTH GRADE CELEBRATION. If you volunteered to provide food for the ninth grade celebration, please bring it to RJH on Monday, June 14. Thank you!

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.

- **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.

LINKS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! LINKS (Looking into the Needs of Kids and Schools) is the LWSD volunteer and mentoring program that is funded by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. This year, over 100 community volunteers worked as academic and social mentors in our schools. If you are interested in becoming a LINKS volunteer, check the [LINKS website](#) and note the following important dates coming up in the fall:

- **September 8th, 9:30a.m.** — New Volunteer Orientation
- **September 22nd, 6:00p.m.** —New Volunteer Orientation
- **October 5th** —Volunteer Training: Topic: Literacy—Helping Students Read

RJH CALENDAR

06.14.2010	RJH - 9th Grade Boat Dance
06.16.2010	Half-Day: Last Day of School - AM Kindergarten Attends
08.04.2010	RJH - August Packet Preparation
08.17.2010	RJH - Fees and Forms Day
08.19.2010	RJH - Fees and Forms Day
08.26.2010	RJH - Orchestra Picnic
09.01.2010	First Day of School

COMMUNITY DIGEST

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.

PARENT ALERT – NEW CELL PHONE LAW. Parents of new drivers, please be aware that the state's new cell phone law is now in effect. The law means:

- No texting or checking email – even when stopped at intersections.
- No talking on handheld phones.
- Teens with intermediate driver licenses or learners permits may not use a wireless device at all, including hands-free devices, unless they're reporting an emergency.

FREE CONSTRUCTION CAREER CAMP FOR GIRLS. The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Puget Sound chapter, in partnership with Western Washington Sheet Metal JATC is hosting a FREE camp this summer called **MAGIC** (Mentoring A Girl In Construction). The camp will introduce high school girls to the world of construction. Magic Summer Camp is scheduled for June 23-25th and will be led by journey level tradeswomen team-teaching with certified instructors from Western Washington Sheet Metal JATC, NW Electrical JATC and North Puget Sound Carpenters Training Center. For more information register contact: [Maureen Byrnes](#).

SUMMER CAMPS & CLASSES. Students, there are many opportunities for you to take classes in everything from robotics to oil painting to Chinese to SAT Prep. Many of them allow you to earn credit too. Some are here in the Redmond area, while others allow you to live on a college campus for a

week. Here's a lineup of some great offerings. Many still have openings for this summer:

- **Western Washington University** offers a one-week residential camp with classes: [College Quest!](#)
- **University of Washington's** [summer program](#) has classes in writing, computer programming, and more.
- **Washington State University** also offers a one-week residential camp called [Cougar Quest](#).
- **Bellevue College** has [summer classes](#) for teens in writing, the arts, and many other subjects.
- **Lake Washington Technical College** also offers [summer classes](#) for teens in a variety of subjects.
- **WaNIC** classes are offered around the Eastside. Classes begin June 28th and offer credit – for only \$25/class. Everything from robotics to animation: [Summer Academy](#).
- **City of Redmond Old Firehouse Teen Center** has a variety of [summer camps](#) for teens in photography, music, and the arts.

AUDITION June 21 for Evergreen Family Theatre's [2nd Stage Teens](#), summer drama program.

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.

HOST A STUDENT. [Exchange students from Spain](#) need host families for up to three weeks this summer, July 8-27.

VOLUNTEER FOR ART. [Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair](#) volunteers needed July 22-25.

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