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Family Math & Game Night - Tonight!

On Thursday, February 18, 6:30-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria, you are invited to come for some hot cocoa, cookies and board games among family and friends. Feel free to bring your favorite plush toy and wear your PJ's! This is a family event. No drop-offs, please. Sponsored by PTSA.

Hawk Rock 'n' Walk Logo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Hawk Rock 'n' Walk logo contest! The overall winner is third grader Leo Li, in Mrs. Gross' class. Leo's hawk design will appear on the Hawk Rock 'n' Walk t-shirts. All other winning logo designs will appear on marker posts for the walkathon.

Honorable mentions by grade:

K-	Noah Hughes – Ms Peters	#56
1st	Nicolas Daniele – Korsmo	#66
2nd	Breckin Forstrom – Nice	#45
3rd	Maggie R. Kuykendall – Gross	#25
4th	Sonya Dawood - Strong	#60
5th	Katie Berman – Huntley	#48
6th	Lauren Mars Huseman	#63



Check them out! The winning Hawk Rock 'n' Walk logo designs are up for viewing at www.redmondelptsa.org/hawkwalk/hawkwalklogo.html.

Whip up a Tasty Treat!

Help Wanted! There will be a bake sale immediately following the 3rd/4th grade music concert on Thursday, February 25. If you would like to donate your baked treats to a good cause bring them to the PTSA room no later than 6:30pm that evening. Questions? Contact Lisa at bakesale@redmondelptsa.org.

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 18

- ◆ Math Night, 6:30-8pm, Commons

Friday, February 19

- ◆ NSH Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, 8-8:45am, Library
- ◆ Popcorn Friday, 11am-12:30pm

Monday, February 22

- ◆ Parent Ed: Unplugging Power Struggles, 7-8:30pm, RJH commons

Tuesday, February 23

- ◆ LWSD - PTSA Special Needs Meeting, 7-9pm, LWSD Resource Center

Wednesday, February 24

- ◆ PTSA Board Meeting - all are invited, 7pm, Library

Thursday, February 25

- ◆ 3rd & 4th Grade Music Program, 7pm, Commons
- ◆ Bake Sale immediately following the music program

Friday, February 26

- ◆ Passport Check

Wednesday, March 3

- ◆ Parent Ed: Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child, 7-9pm, RHS Theater

Message from the Principal

I would like to share some more positive facts about Redmond Elementary...

* Redmond Elementary students are "S. O. A. R."—ing! Have you noticed all of our accomplished students under the new S. O. A. R. (Student Outstanding Academic Recognition) banner in the main entry foyer? Every month, each class will establish goals for students to attain. The names of all students who have achieved their class goals will be posted in recognition.



* A few more "did you knows" about Redmond Elementary from 2009 spring WASL results:

Our 3rd grade students scored 14% higher than the state average in the area of math.

Our 4th grade students scored equal to the district average in the area of reading.

Our 5th grade students scored 12% above the state average in the area of reading.

Our 5th grade students scored 13% above the state average in the area of math.

Our 6th grade students scored equal to the district average and 14% above the state average in the area of reading.

* Congratulations to Redmond Elementary musicians Eugenia Yatsenko, Sarah Johnson, Andrew Cao, and Adrian Pang for making Honors Band and to Varun Wescott and Lilly Cao who presented their Reflections readings at the Lake Washington PTSA Council Founders Day Luncheon.

Where in the world has Red been?

On check day show your Passport checker where Red has been since he is back on the road, and earn a super special extra stamp! Passport Check Day is Friday, February 26. Red is the Passport Club traveling mascot. To see Red's blog, visit www.redmondelptsa.org/passport/ and click on the red link under Red's picture. If you traveled during mid-winter break and would like to let us know where you've been email us at passportclub@redmondelptsa.org.

Parent Ed: Unplugging Power Struggles

Monday, February 22, 7-8:30 pm, Redmond Jr. High commons. Presented by Jan Faull, for elementary parents in the LWSD. Learn how to provide the guidance children need and still allow them to develop competency and self-esteem. Sponsored by LWPTSA Council. Questions, email Joanne Hall at jjjahall@juno.com.

Congratulations Cindy!

On Friday, February 5th, during the annual Founders Day Luncheon, the Lake Washington PTSA Council bestowed on our very own Cindy Poon the Certificate of Special Service Award, in recognition of her outstanding services to both council and our local unit. Cindy is our current Redmond El PTSA Legislative Chair and is hard at work planning our upcoming Science Fair. Her experience on Council includes Redmond Area Vice President and two years as Reflections co-chair.

Mark Your Calendar - Redmond El PTSA Science Fair

Thursday, March 25th, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please watch for the sign up form coming home with students!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Set up &/or clean up – Before/after the event, we'll need as much help as possible.

Judging – judges interview between 7 – 8pm. This will involve asking students a quick question or just having the student tell you about their project.

Participation certificate – In charge of designing and printing/copying participation certificates for students.

Event program - Design and print program.

Lunchtime Science Q & A – make arrangements with Mrs. Matheson to use the library, set up few past projects and books on science experiments.

Demonstration table during events – Do you have a cool Science demo that you would like to show Redmond Elementary students?

If you are interested in helping or if you have any questions regarding the Science Fair, please contact Cindy Poon at sciencefair@redmondelptsa.org.

Parent Involvement: The Child Advocate

The Washington State PTA's premier parent involvement magazine, "The Child Advocate," is now available as an online membership benefit available to all 150,000 PTA members statewide. To read this month's issue, visit www.wastatepta.org/resources/child_advocate/.

Honor Band Musicians

Congratulations to the following Honor Band Musicians for a terrific concert performance earlier this month:

Eugenia Yatsenko & Sarah Johnson:
Flute

Andrew Cao: Trombone

Adrian Pang: Percussion

Sign up for the free eScrip Program

Sign up your Safeway Club Card and Safeway will automatically donate a percentage of every purchase to Redmond El. The program is called eScrip; it does not affect your rewards and is completely free.

- Log onto www.escrip.com
- Go to "sign up" and enter our group name "Redmond Elementary PTSA" OR Group ID number, 8566000
- Register your Safeway Club Card

If you have lost your Club Card then phone 1-877-SAFEWAY.

Sign up family and friends, *even those living outside WA State*, and they can earn money for our school too. Simply go to Redmond Elementary PTSA website (www.redmondelptsa.org) and click "fundraising" for more information.

Dine Out with Lake Washington School District Academic Games Program

The Academic Games program is inviting you to "Dine Out" on February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Use the link below to access the flyer and bring it to Tres Hermanos Restaurant. The restaurant management has agreed to donate 20% of the total order amount to the LWSD Academic Games program. The flyer is also available on all school websites on the Community Bulletin Board under the Special Events category. Last year we raised \$800.00 for which we are very grateful.

www.lwsd.org/For-Community/Flier-Distribution-Procedure/Lists/CommunityFliers/Attachments/298/Academic-Games.pdf



Other Useful Links

[Neighborhood Schoolhouse](#)

[Other Redmond EL PTSA & LWSD Resources](#)

[Community Bulletin Board](#)

[LWSD Tandem Calendar](#)

Parent Education Classes

The Lake Washington PTSA Council has partnered with the LWSD to provide district-wide parent education. These classes are open to all parents of children attending school in the LWSD.

Below is a brief description of classes offered in February, March, & April. **For the complete schedule and more information visit www.lwptsacouncil.schools.officelive.com/**, click on Committees, Parent Education for the full class listing. Questions? Contact Joanne Hall, Chair, Parent Education at jjjahall@juno.com.

Power Struggles with Jan Faull - Why they occur, which power struggles parents will always lose, and strategies to deal with them. As children grow, they feel a strong need to be in control of their lives. Some parents instinctively let up on the controls as their child matures, while some children push for control beyond the limits of their own development, maturity, or their parents' comfort level. The end result: power struggles. Learn how to provide the guidance children need and still allow them to develop competency and self-esteem.

Girls' World: Growing Up Is Hard To Do! and Boy's in Today's World with Laura Doerflinger, MS - Ms. Doerflinger is a licensed mental health counselor, is the Executive Director of the Parent Education Group in Kirkland and the author of the audio book, [Emotionally Balanced Parenting](#). Laura has been working with families for 17 years.

Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child with John Gottman - In this lively presentation, Dr. Gottman equips parents with a five-step "emotion coaching" process to help their children learn crucial skills. Emotionally intelligent children are more self-confident, physically healthier, do better in school & have healthier social relationships. "Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child" helps parents enrich their bond with their child.

Linda Morgan, a Seattle area writer and editor, has written on a wide range of subjects for a variety of newspapers and magazines. She will be releasing her first book this March entitled, ***BEYOND SMART: Boosting Your Child's Academic, Social, and Emotional Potential***. A former college communications and journalism instructor, Morgan's work is particularly focused on education and learning. She is currently associate editor of ParentMap, where she authors "[Getting School Ready](#)," a monthly column that explores issues in education. She also discusses learning-related topics regularly on KING5-TV.

Julie Metzger, RN is the co-founder of Great Conversations. She will present a series of 3 presentations for parents of 4th to 8th grade students. Visit her website at www.greatconversations.com.