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Start Your Ovens!



We invite you put on your chef's hat and create some treats for our Bake Sale immediately following the **1st & 2nd Grade Spring Concert on Thursday, May 20**. We are looking for bakers and for people to clean up after the bake sale. All proceeds help the PTSA raise funds for school programs. If you would like to donate some goodies, please bring your baked goods to school by 6:30pm on May 20. If you have questions please contact Lisa at bakesale@redmondptsa.org.

PTSA Nominating Committee Update

The PTSA Nominating Committee members are now looking for volunteers to sign up for PTSA Board and chair positions for school year 2010-2011. The remaining Board positions that need to be filled are:



Executive VP, Secretary, and School Services Co-VP.

The Secretarial position can be done from home, and would be required to attend the monthly 2 hour PTSA Board meeting at school. If you have questions or for more information on each job description, please contact the Nominating Committee at nomcomm@redmondptsa.org. PTSA Board member nominations will be posted on May 6.

Hawk Rock 'n' Walk Thank You....

The PTSA would like to send a huge THANK YOU to our Hawk Rock 'N' Walk planning committee, the many parent & staff volunteers, and to our great students who ROCKED last weekend during our walk-a-thon. The event was a mighty success & we couldn't have done it without all of your support. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 29

- ◆ Math Night, CANCELLED

Friday, April 30

- ◆ Passport Check

Tuesday, May 4

- ◆ NSH Family Fun Night, 6-8pm, Redmond El Commons

Friday, May 7

- ◆ No School, LEAP Day

Wednesday, May 12

- ◆ PTSA Board Meeting, 9:15am, Commons

Wednesday, May 13

- ◆ Volunteer Luncheon, 11:30-1, Library

Thursday, May 20

- ◆ PTSA General Membership Meeting, 6:40-7:00pm, Commons
- ◆ 1st & 2nd Grade Music Program, 7pm, Commons
- ◆ Bake Sale following music program

May 24 - June 4

- ◆ Hopelink Coin Drive

Message from the Principal

The MSP Testing Window will begin next week.

You may be aware that the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has made some changes to the state assessment, formerly known as the WASL. It is now called the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) in grades 3-8. The test is shorter by half in reading, math, and science, and each will take one testing session to complete. The writing test remains the same as always and requires two testing sessions to complete.



For sixth grade parents: OSPI has also made it possible for students to take the MSP on-line in reading and math. Redmond Elementary will be piloting the math online test this year in sixth grade. You may want to go on-line to look at a demonstration of the test tool.

To view the 6th grade test demonstration:

1. Go to the following web site : <http://wa-online.caltesting.org/tutorials/studentTutorials.html>
2. Click on the Demo link and choose to listen to the demo using audio

We hope this helps you see what your sixth grader will experience during the on-line version of the MSP.

As an "early return" school, Redmond Elementary's testing window will be May 4-21. During this period of time, there may be some scheduling changes for all of our students as all staff members may be proctoring the MSP.

The Great Egg Drop is Back!

What: With the help of the Redmond Fire Department, raw eggs (enclosed in student designed contraptions) will be dropped from the RFD ladder truck - 100 feet up! The goal is have the egg land unbroken!

When: Thursday, May 27, 12-2

Where: Playground Blacktop

Entry information and rules to come. If you would like to help, contact our Eggcited Egg Drop Coordinator at gilligangirl1@gmail.com.



May is Manners Month at Redmond Elementary

During the month of May, Redmond Elementary will be focusing on Manners. Our School Counselor, Leslie Fields, will be featuring manners for Classroom Guidance in grades K-3. We will be looking for students demonstrating being polite and having good manners; particularly in the cafeteria. Students will be given a "Good Manners Ticket" for using their good manners. We will have a drawing each Friday in May. Those students chosen will receive a small prize from Mrs. Fields' Treasure Box. Teachers will also be joining us for lunch during the month. Good manners will stand your child in good stead through life. Friends and adults will be more responsive to your child and they will feel better about themselves. This feeling can only enhance your child's chances for success. Let's work together on good manners!

MANNERS MATTER:

Arden Martenz, a school guidance counselor, has written an article, Responsible Parenting: The Importance of Manners. She says that one of the most important social skills your child needs is to be able to communicate effectively with other people. This skill is essential to relationships both in childhood and in adulthood. Of all the necessary social skills, the use of manners ranks high on the priority list. This is because when words like please, thank you, and excuse me are used, and when cooperative behaviors like waiting your turn, cleaning up after yourself, and not interrupting are exhibited, respect is earned.

You play an important part in the way your children behave. When teaching good manners, you can:

- Model good manners.
- Set enforceable limits on behavior by describing what you will want and what you will allow.
- Follow through with empathy and logical consequences.
- Comment on any good use of manners.
- Most importantly, be consistent.

Box Tops for Education



Many students and parents already know that they can cut out Box Tops in order to raise money for our school. There is a convenient "Box Tops" receptacle in the school lobby where you can deposit your box tops. Thank you for helping to increase our school funding!

Library Helpers



The Redmond Elementary Library could use your help getting books back on their shelves. The sooner they do, the easier it is for kids to find them! One hour, 30 min, even 15 min per week would be a big help. To volunteer, please talk to our librarian, Mrs. Matheson, or email cmatheson@lwsd.org.

Member Benefit & T-Mobile

Another good reason to JOIN PTSA! Here's a MEMBERS ONLY benefit: If you are interested in switching to T-Mobile service (aka, a new customer) call 1-866-464-8662 and use promo code 9788TMOFAV. You'll be entitled to a 14% discount on your monthly wireless service (terms/conditions may apply) as well as the \$35 activation fee waived on each new line of service. If you are an existing T-Mobile customer, call the migration dept at 1-877-453-8824 to receive the 14% monthly discount. (They may require you to provide your LU PTA number). For more info, go to the National PTA (www.pta.org) benefits page and scroll down to T-Mobile. You will need to have your Membership Card on hand and look for ID and Password printed in the back.

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Where has Red been?

Passport Check day is this Friday. To see what Red, the Passport Club traveling mascot, has been up to visit his blog at www.redmondelptsa.org/passport/. Click on the link under his picture. If you would like to inquire about bringing Red on your travel adventure email passportclub@redmondelptsa.org.



Other Useful Links

[Neighborhood Schoolhouse](#)

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

[Community Bulletin Board](#)

[LWSD Tandem Calendar](#)
