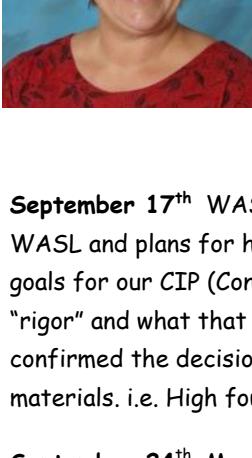


## Message from the Principal



Our McDonald's students of the month for October are: Bret Tschumi (Moore), John Atkinson (Korsmo), Ashton Hoffmann (Broadie), Billy Reed (Gross), Samiha Hirs (Allen), Vera Vinogradova (Hudspeth), Sharada Tangirala (Huseman). These awards are given for Academic Excellence plus being an example of the life skill(s) of the month (showing respect, courtesy, friendship and courage.)

During the month of September we had 4 early release Wednesdays. **September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** were dedicated to teacher planning.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** WASL scores and areas we need to work on, students who did not pass the WASL and plans for helping them be successful and we begun the process for setting our goals for our CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) for this year. We also discussed the term "rigor" and what that means for all students including our high performing students. We confirmed the decision to have high reading groups move into the next grade level reading materials. i.e. High fourth graders will be reading fifth grade materials etc.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** Meredith Essex, a well known artist, did a two hour workshop for classroom teachers on "Integrating Art into all subject Areas". We reviewed the state standards in visual arts and then she demonstrated how to make and use sketch books, respond to art either by answering questions or writing a story and using field guides.

Contact: Miss Heid 425-702-3419

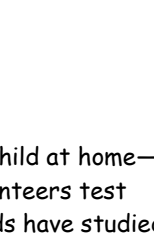
## Have you turned in...

- 'Pass The Hat' Contribution
- School Choir Registration
- NSH Family Fun Night Registration
- 'Become a Love & Logic Parent' Registration

## Fall Carnival

Friday, October 3, 2008 6—8 pm

Redmond Elementary Commons



**Free Carnival games, yummy snacks, and exciting activities, including:**  
**CRAZY HAIR** Station. Get your hair colored, spiked or in crazy ponytails.  
**DANCE** Station. Learn new dances, including the Cupid and Cha Cha Slide.  
 Tattoo/Face Painting/Bead Jewelry, and MORE!

**Forget about finding time to make dinner before you head out.**  
 We will have Pizza (cheese or pepperoni) for \$1, and bottled water for 50 cents.  
 Popcorn is free.

**Bring the whole family for a wonderful fun filled night and to enter into a fabulous free raffle with great prizes.**

**\*\*NO DROPS ALLOWED\*\***

## Passport Check Day for September

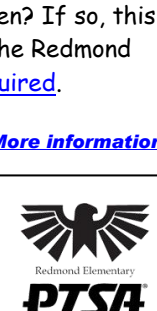
Friday, October 3, 2008

Help your child get prepared for this Passport Check Day. Practice with your child at home—a few minutes two times a week is all it takes. On Passport Check Day, adult volunteers test participants on their knowledge and give out stamps from the countries the kids have studied. Read more about this geography literacy program on [www.redmondelppta.org](http://www.redmondelppta.org). **Volunteers needed!** Please contact [Jan](mailto:Jan). Thanks!

## NSH Family Fun Night

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 6—8 pm

Redmond Elementary Commons



FREE Fantastic Family Fun Night. An opportunity for parents to spend time with their children and neighbors. The evening includes dinner, bingo, board games, family activities and door prizes. Location: Redmond Elementary Commons. [Registration required!](#)

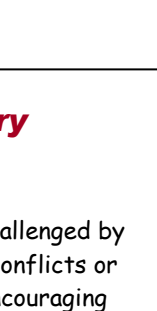
Contact: J. Falkner at NSH 425-702-3409

[More information](#)

## Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

First Session

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 6:30—8 pm



Sponsored by the Neighborhood Schoolhouse. Would you like to improve communication with your children? Are you looking for new ways to help your children make responsible choices? Would you like to learn how to use love and logic when you discipline your children? If so, this 5 session course is for you. Facilitated by L. Fields, School Counselor. Meet in the Redmond Elementary Library. Free childcare for children ages 3 and up. [Registration required.](#)

Contact: J. Falkner 425-702-3409

[More information](#)

## PTSA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2008 7—9 pm

Redmond Elementary Library



Open to all Redmond Elementary community. Come and be part of the decision making process. Bring your opinions, ideas, suggestions and feedback. PTSA needs YOUR voice.

Contact: Laura

## Parenting Class at Horace Mann Elementary

"Become the Parent you want to be with Positive Discipline"

"Become the Parent you want to be with Positive Discipline" is back! Are you challenged by your child's power struggles, morning routines, homework getting done, sibling conflicts or something else? Find respectful, common sense solutions in a supportive and encouraging parenting class. This seven session class begins **Wednesday, Oct. 8th**, 7-9pm at Horace Mann and will run for seven consecutive Wednesday evenings.

To register, contact Melanie Miller at [melanie\\_miller@verizon.net](mailto:melanie_miller@verizon.net) or 206.579.2172. The class is free with a \$15.00 supply fee to cover cost of book and hand-outs. This class fills quickly, please commit to attending at least six sessions.

Contact: Melanie Miller, Parent Educator and School Counselor

[More information](#)

## Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Thursday, October 9, 2008 7—8:30pm, Blackwell Elementary Library

The Blackwell and Mead Elementary PTSA's present a parenting forum on YOUTH DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION, featuring a discussion lead by Beth Herrild from the Youth Suicide Prevention Program and Brent Campbell from Real World Teens. Youth depression and suicide are issues facing families in Sammamish. Join us as Beth Herrild and Brent Campbell discuss the early warning signs of youth depression and other indicators that might lead to life-threatening behavior. This forum is targeted for parents, teachers and counselors of upper elementary aged children as this topic is often glossed over or misunderstood for this pre-teen age group. [More information...](#)

## Popcorn Friday

October 10, 2008 11 am—12:30 pm

Location: Redmond Elementary Cafeteria



Freshly made popcorn made with 100% sunflower oil. A delicious, healthy snack. Only 25 ¢ per 1 oz bag. Please remember to give your student a quarter or, better yet, come visit and share this special day with your child. [Volunteers needed!](#) The warmest, most delicious spot is also the coolest place to volunteer!

Email: Erika 206-778-5079

## NEW: Redmond Elementary School Choir

Register now! Primary Choir starts October 7, 2008



Redmond Elementary is proud to announce the new Redmond Elementary School Choir as an extracurricular outlet for students who enjoy making music together. Choir Director will be Chris Stagg, Choir Director at Redmond Jr. High.

**Primary Choir** (grades K through 3) will meet from October 7 to December 18, 2008. **Intermediate Choir** (grades 4 through 6) will meet from January 8 to April 30, 2009. The days and times for both choir groups are after school Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:35—4:15 pm.

To register your child, please fill out the [registration form](#) and send it to school with your child.

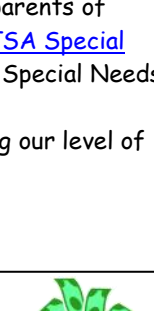
Contact: Chris Stagg

[Registration Form](#)

## Reflections

Theme: "WOW!"

All entries are due on Friday, November 7, 2008



Calling all artists, photographers, music composers, writers, film makers and dancers! This is your chance to show your talent to others! Participate in this year's Reflections Program. It is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

This year's theme is "WOW!". Students can submit one or more entries by Friday, November 7, in any of the following areas:

- Visual Arts (drawing, painting, computer art, collage, print making, etc.)
- Photography (black and white or color)
- Literature (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, drama, short stories and lyrics)
- Music Composition (original musical composition with/without words)
- Film/Video
- Choreography/ Dance

For more information about the Reflections program, please visit the Redmond Elementary website at [www.redmondelppta.org](http://www.redmondelppta.org). Questions? Please contact Jenny at [reflections@redmondelppta.org](mailto:reflections@redmondelppta.org).

Contact: Jenny

[Student Entry Form](#)

## Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you to all Parents who have turned in their [Volunteer Sign-up Sheet](#).

Redmond Elementary PTSA appreciates you and looks forward to working with all of you throughout the year. Our Volunteer Coordinator is creating list of volunteer teams for each school event and program. Please be on the lookout for a PTSA Chair or VP who will be contacting you soon about school services, enrichment programs, fundraising, community service and social events. They will let you know when/where you could be of help.

If you would like to still get involved it's not too late. Send your information to Jennifer at [volunteer@redmondelppta.org](mailto:volunteer@redmondelppta.org).

Contact: Jennifer

## Special Needs Liaison, Christine Menges

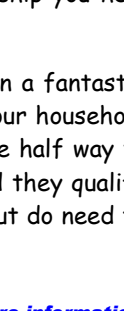


This will be my first year volunteering for the Redmond Elementary PTSA as Special Needs Liaison. I'll try and keep all of us informed of any special or important events parents of special needs students might have an interest in attending. Please note the [PTSA Special Needs Group Meeting Agenda](#) for the 2008-2009 school year. The next PTSA Special Needs Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th. [More information...](#) Please let me know if you have additional questions or suggestions for improving our level of support. You can contact me at [specialneeds@redmondelppta.org](mailto:specialneeds@redmondelppta.org).

Contact: Christine

## Last chance to "Pass the Hat"

Donations accepted until October 10, 2008



A big THANK YOU to all families who have supported the PTSA by donating to the Pass the Hat fundraiser! Due to your generous donations we have already raised \$6,883.00.

If making a contribution is still an item on your to-do list, NOW is the perfect time to give. All donations, large or small, will be gratefully received.

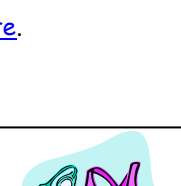
For more information, please contact Elaine Paul at [fundraising@redmondelppta.org](mailto:fundraising@redmondelppta.org)

Contact: Elaine (425) 881-0930

[More information](#)

## PACE Prize Program

Sign up by Monday, October 13, 2008 to qualify for prizes!



Don't delay! Our goal is for every parent to participate! With a PACE membership you help Redmond Elementary raise thousands of dollars.

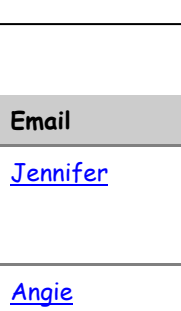
Register just two people by Monday, October 13th, and your student(s) will win a fantastic prize. During your member registration enroll all of the Redmond students in your household into the PACE prize program. With your personal membership your students are half way to selecting a fantastic prize. Simply sign up on more friend or family member and they qualify for the prize of their choice. Existing PACE members need not register again but do need to enroll their students in the prize program to be eligible for a prize.

Contact: Maria

[More information](#)

## eScrip Correction

Group ID: 8566000



Please note that the correct eScrip Group ID number for Redmond Elementary is **8566000**.

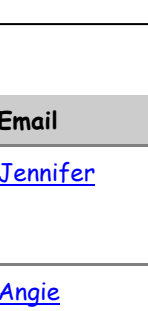
Sign up your Safeway club card and Safeway will automatically give a percentage of every one of your transactions to Redmond Elementary. This does not affect your rewards and is completely free. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) TODAY, if you have not already done so and start raising money for our school. Again: Our group ID is **8566000**.

Find more information about eScrip on the [Redmond Elementary PTSA website](#).

Contact: Elaine

## Swimsuit Donations Accepted...

Sizes 6—10



Has your child outgrown his/her swimsuit? These donations of slightly used swimwear for boys and girls in sizes 6—10. These will be donated to children in 3rd grade who cannot afford to buy a swimsuit for their water safety lessons in May. Your donation will make a big difference! Just put your item in a bag and drop it off at the school's main office. THANKS!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN ABOUT ART?

We need volunteers to help out during art lessons in the classroom. Can't volunteer during the day? We also need volunteers to prepare art materials with tasks that can be done at home for an hour or two per month. Please contact Angie at [enrichment@redmondelppta.org](mailto:enrichment@redmondelppta.org) or else call (425) 883-2136.

Contact: Angie

## Volunteer Opportunities

Date	Time	Job	Email
See <a href="#">Form</a>	See <a href="#">Form</a>	<b>PTSA Volunteer Sign-Up Form</b> We all can do our part, be it at school or from home, every hour makes a difference.	<a href="#">Jennifer</a>
TBD	TBD	<b>Art helpers</b> We need volunteers to help out during art lessons in the classroom and volunteers to prepare art materials with tasks that can be done at home for an hour or two per month.	<a href="#">Angie</a>
Oct 10	11am-1pm	<b>Popcorn makers</b> Children love their popcorn, and they will reward your time with 400+ smiles!	<a href="#">Popcorn</a>
Oct 24	11:45am—1pm	<b>Science Lunch Club Presenters</b> Come share your passion for science with the kids at our school! More information on our <a href="#">Science Lunch Club</a> webpage. Commitment: about 1.5 hours. Prep time as you need. Available dates: 10/24, 12/5, 1/30, 2/27, 5/1.	<a href="#">Steve</a>
Oct 24	11:45am—1pm	<b>Science Lunch Club Helpers</b> We need support help during our Science Lunch Club presentations. Help get flyers up in advance of the event. Help with traffic control as the students file in and out of the presentation. More information on our <a href="#">Science Lunch Club</a> webpage. Commitment: about 1.5 hours. Prep time as you need. Available dates: 10/24, 12/5, 1/30, 2/27, 5/1.	<a href="#">Steve</a>

## Also...

- Home and School Connection [September](#)
- Hawk Talk [September](#)
- Lunch/Breakfast [Menu](#)
- [LWSD Parent Access](#)
- [Instructions](#) for new users of LWSD Parent Access
- Evergreen Healthcare offers [free healthcare services](#) to LWSD parents
- Redmond Elementary Lunch Buddy Program—[Mentors needed!](#)
- [Research Database Passwords](#): These information sites can help you and your student find information from sources that have been screened for accuracy.
- The Neighborhood Schoolhouse: [Website](#). Contact: [J. Falkner](mailto:J.Falkner) 425-702-3409

Find more useful links on the [Redmond Elementary PTSA website](#).

## Around Town

- **The Emperor's New Clothes**—Now showing in the Sprouts Children's Theatre at SecondStory Repertory. For tickets or class information, call 425.881.6777 or visit [www.secondstoryrep.org](http://www.secondstoryrep.org)
- **Pacific Northwest Ballet School**—Offering classes for children ages 5 and above in Seattle and Bellevue. For more information, call 425.451.1241 or visit [www.pnb.org](http://www.pnb.org)

## Looking Ahead

Oct 13		<b>Deadline to qualify for PACE prizes</b>
Oct 15		<b>„Free Pizza“ promotion for new PTSA members ends</b>
Oct 15	9am—1pm	<b>Vision &amp; Hearing Screening</b>
Oct 15	6:30—8pm	<b>NSH: „Becoming a Love and Logic Parent“ , Library</b>
Oct 16	4—7 pm	<b>McTeachers Night, Redmond McDonald's</b>
Oct 18	10am—noon	<b>Saturday Morning „Drop-In“ Parenting Class, Library</b>

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