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Photo Retake Day

Photo retake day is set for **Friday, November 13th at 9 am**. Students that missed photo day need to pick up order forms in the office. Students that want retakes need to bring their original packets with them.

Chair Positions Still Available

The Redmond EI PTSA is looking for parents & caregivers to lend a helping hand. We need Chairs for the following events & programs. They WILL BE CUT if we cannot find people to chair them:

Hawk Walk/Spring Fundraiser: fundraising@redmondelptsa.org

Math Olympiad: enrichment@redmondelptsa.org

Lunchtime Science: enrichment@redmondelptsa.org

Egg Drop: enrichment@redmondelptsa.org

Hospitality: schoolservices@redmondelptsa.org

Sixth Grade Graduation: schoolservices@redmondelptsa.org

For more information please visit Redmond EL PTSA to see descriptions of all the services our PTSA offers, or contact our Board Members at the email addresses above.



Redmond PTSA/YES Family Net Hygiene Drive

The Redmond PTSA is partnering with the YES Family Net Counselor to hold a **Hygiene Drive November 9-20, 2009**. Please help by donating various items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, liquid hand soap, liquid dish soap, bars of soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener, deodorant, toilet paper, lotion, chapstick and shampoo. If you would like to donate gift certificates instead, we suggest either Target or Safeway.

Please bring your items and put them in the containers in the front lobby of the school. We appreciate your support of our school community! Please call Kay Heine at 425-869-3987 or email communityservices@redmondelptsa.org with any questions.

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers



We need your help to make the annual Scholastic Book Fair a success! The book fair will be held in the school library at various times November 19, 20, 23 & 24. In order for things to run smoothly we need a lot of volunteers! If you would like to help with sales or take-down please contact Katherine or Amy at bookfair@redmondelptsa.org.



CALENDAR

Thursday, November 5

- ◆ PTSA General Membership Meeting, 6:40-7 pm, Commons
- ◆ 5th & 6th Grade Music Program, 7-7:45pm, Commons
- ◆ Bake Sale immediately following the music program

Friday, November 6

- ◆ LW PTSA Scholarship Basket Auction open for bids @ LWSD Resource Center Lobby

November 9-20

- ◆ PTSA/YES Family Net Hygiene Drive

Wednesday, November 11

- ◆ No School, Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 12

- ◆ Reflections Reception, 6:30-8:30pm, Gym

Friday, November 13

- ◆ NSH Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, 8-8:45am, Library
- ◆ Photo Retake Day, 9am

November 19-20, 23-24

- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair, Library

November 20, 23-24

- ◆ Half Day, Elementary Conferences

Wednesday, November 25

- ◆ Half Day
- ◆ Sally Foster Orders Delivered

Thursday, November 26

- ◆ No School, Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

- ◆ No School

Message from the Principal



Our October focus on "school spirit" culminated with our "United Nations Day" / "Passport Day". We celebrated the numerous backgrounds of our students and families with students proudly wearing traditional attire and colors of the flags that represent their heritage.

Parent volunteers encouraged students as they identified geographical points that they had studied for the month. Students paraded throughout the school to display and view one another's apparel. The 3/4 and 4th grade students planned and enjoyed a Cultural Feast, and the second floor was filled with the scents of scrumptious dishes from throughout the world. There was much positive school spirit and personal pride throughout the building!

Running Out of Time for This Year's Hawk Walk

The Hawk Walk & 5K Run has been our annual spring fundraiser and main community event for the past nine years. This year, however, we don't have volunteers for key roles, including Director! The Hawk Walk Race Director's job is to keep track of all the different areas that make up this event:

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| Graphics | Sponsorship |
| Communications & Promotions | School Coordination |
| Post-Race Event | Student Registration |
| Student Pledges | Outside Registration |
| Volunteers | Day-of Registration |
| Prizes and Awards | Site |

Each one of these areas requires a coordinator which we would also need volunteers for, as well as people who are willing to step in and help out in that area. The deadline to get this specific ball rolling is November 4th, so unless a Director and Coordinators are found, our Hawk Walk won't celebrate its 10th Anniversary this year. If you love it and want to keep it going badly enough, then you need to help make it happen. More information on each role mentioned above can be found at www.redmondelptsa.org.

We do have previous race directors available in a consulting capacity for this year, as well as materials and help from experienced Hawk Walk Committee members.

We won't lie to you, the Hawk Walk is a major undertaking which last year required about 2,000 volunteer hours to have. We would like to keep it going too, but it cannot be done by just a few people, it takes the entire school community. For more information, contact Lisa & Janitzia at president@redmondelptsa.org.

Help Redmond Elementary while you shop online

Do you shop frequently with amazon.com online? Then add the following link to your favorites: <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=redmonelemen-20>.

Each time you use this link BEFORE placing an order with amazon.com, the school automatically earns a percentage of your order - at no cost to you! Questions? Contact: Mrs. Teshima, Principal, at jteshima@lwsd.org

For other easy ways to help your school and your PTSA, please visit www.redmondelptsa.org/fundraising/.

Reflections Reception

The reception for this year's Reflections will be on Thursday, November 12 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. in the Redmond El Gym. All students who submitted an entry are invited with their families to come and celebrate their artistic accomplishment. We are excited to welcome two speakers this year, as well as an art gallery of exceptional art that was submitted by the students. Please mark your calendar for November 12th and join us as we celebrate your child's artistic ability!

Tandem Calendar Helps Our School to Communicate with Parents about Events

Redmond Elementary is using the Tandem Online calendar as a way to communicate with parents about events taking place here at school. We know how busy our families are, and we want to help support you by making sure that you have **one accurate place** to look for school events. The calendar can be found on our school Web site here: [Redmond Elementary Events](http://www.redmondelptsa.org/Redmond-Elementary-Events).

For more information on the benefits of using the calendar, how to sign up, and how to track your events on the tandem calendar visit: <http://www.lwsd.org/About/Pages/Tandem-Calendar.aspx>.

A Big Thank You...

Many thanks to the PTSA for providing the funds for three communication radios for our school. We were operating with radios which were at least 10 years old and the repair capabilities had become a problem. The new radios will ensure the continued safety of our students in and about our school.

Thank you especially from the Instructional Assistants who are our playground supervisors and crossing guards!

Levy Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to make phone calls on behalf of the upcoming levy, please contact Cindy Poon at csypoon@hotmail.com or call (425)861-8856 for further information. This is very easy work that can make a huge difference, and can all be done at home.

Order Your Spirit Wear!

Orders may be placed until November 30th and will be delivered the week of December 14, 2009. Remember: **All sales are final!** Order online at [Spirit Wear](#).

Lake Washington Snowsports Council - Eastside Ski & Ride

LWSC's Eastside Ski & Ride, an all volunteer, not for profit organization, invites students in grades 4 through 12 to join us for our inaugural year snowboarding and skiing at Summit Central! Our 2009-2010 lesson and transportation program runs Saturdays from January 16th through February 20th. We offer lessons for all abilities, novice to expert. Our comfortable coach buses, equipped with restrooms, depart from the Lake Washington School District High Schools. Through our program, discounts are available on season's passes for the Summit at Snoqualmie. Visit www.LWSC.ORG for complete information or stop by one of our events.

Also, don't miss our annual SNOWMAD! **Snowsports Gear Swap featuring gear from your favorite local shops, November 7, 2009 10am to 2pm at Redmond Junior High.** There is a \$1 admission fee for this fundraising event.

Other Useful Links

[Neighborhood Schoolhouse](#)

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

[Community Bulletin Board](#)

[LWSD Tandem Calendar](#)

3rd Annual Veterans Celebration & Pow Wow

The Lake Washington School District Native American Education Program's 3rd Annual Veterans Celebration and Pow Wow will be held Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Lake Washington HS. Everyone is invited to attend the Veteran's honoring and dinner at 2PM with our Grand Entry at 6PM in the gym.

For information about the Eastside Native American Education Program click [here](#).

Great Holiday Gift Ideas

GREAT GIFT IDEAS! Scholarship Basket Auction: Each year, the Lake Washington PTA Council offers over \$12,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and teachers within the school district. To raise funds for these scholarships, the Council hosts a silent auction for themed baskets. You simply write your bid on a list and wait to see if you have the winning bid!

Baskets will be displayed in the lobby of the LWSD Resource Center (Redmond Town Center) from November 6 until December 3. Please stop by the Resource Center, and support the scholarship program by participating in the silent auction.

Attention All Skiers & Snowboarders!

ATTENTION ALL SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS! The Lake Washington Snowsports Council (the ski bus folks) have changed their name to Eastside Ski and Ride. This year the buses will be plush, charter-style, with DVD movies (no more yellow Lake Washington school buses!). We will still depart from all Lake Washington High Schools at 6:30am each Saturday beginning in January. Redmond Jr. High students load at Redmond High School. This year the drop-off location is Snoqualmie Summit Central (formerly known as Ski Acres). There the ski school has its own lodge, instructors and central meeting spot at Central instead of Alpental. You still have the option of taking the shuttle to any one of the Summit ski areas. For more information check online, or see Mrs. Knable in Douglas Fir Pod. Ski dates to remember:

Ski Info Session: November 5th - 7 PM @ RHS

Ski Sale/Swap: November 7th - 10AM-2PM @ RJH
