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Staff Appreciation Breakfast

WE WANT TO THANK REDMOND ELEMENTARY STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK.... On Monday December 14th, there will be a Staff Appreciation Breakfast beginning at 8 am. Parents can show their support and gratitude for all of the hard work that Redmond Elementary staff do to provide the highest quality education possible. If you're interested in contributing either a special dish or have time to help set up or clean up, please contact Janine Waite at 425-883-9093 or thewaites@comcast.net. Thank you.



Help with the HAWK ROCK'N WALK!



This year's spring event will be a walk-a-thon on the school grounds. Planning for the Hawk Rock 'n Walk is underway and we would love your input!



We need help on the Planning Committee, which will help with t-shirts, registration, pledges, prizes, and **IDEAS**.

Email president@redmondelptsa.org if you would like to be a part of our Planning Committee or can help in any way. We welcome any ideas you may have!

Check it Out! Family Movie Night!



Family Movie Night is coming to Redmond Elementary. The first event will be Friday, January 15th. Plan for a night of good old family fun. Watch for more details coming after winter break.

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: jteshima@lwsd.org

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

CALENDAR

Friday, December 11

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

Monday, December 14

- ◆ Staff Appreciation Breakfast, 8:00, Staff Lounge

Friday, December 18

- ◆ Passport Check

December 21—January 1

- ◆ Winter Break

Wednesday, January 6

- ◆ Jr. High Quest applications available

Thursday, January 7

- ◆ Environmental & Adventure School Info Night, 7-9p, Finn Hill Jr. High

Tuesday, January 12

- ◆ Discovery Community School Info Night, 6:30pm, Discover Community School

Wednesday, January 13

- ◆ Community School Info Night, 7pm, Community School

Thursday, January 14

- ◆ Explorer Community School Info Night, 7-8pm, Emily Dickinson commons

Friday, January 15

- ◆ Family Movie Night, Redmond Elementary

Message from the Principal



These past three days we have been having our CAST (Collaborative Academic Support Team) meetings. Each classroom teacher meets with a panel of colleagues (Safety Net, Counselor, Resource Room teachers, specialists, and myself) to review and report the progress of their students for the fall term. Through these professional discussions, ideas are brainstormed for support and services that students would benefit from, and "champions" are assigned to ensure that the decisions are carried through. It is also a time to make connections between students and their families to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students, and providing improved programs and a comprehensive education at Redmond Elementary.

Environmental & Adventure School Information Night

All LWS D students currently enrolled in 5th grade are invited with their parents to attend the Environmental & Adventure School (EAS) Information Night on January 7, 2010 from 7-9pm in the cafeteria at Finn Hill Junior High. Information presented at the meeting will help you decide if EAS would be a good fit for you. This is a mandatory meeting for any student who may be interested in applying to EAS for his/her 6th grade year. Also required is a scheduled visit to the school for interested students and their parents. Visits will begin January 4th and conclude on February 5th, 2010. Visits may be scheduled at Information Night or by calling the EAS office at (425) 825-1411. Application materials will be available following the Information Night meeting on January 7th. For more information, please see our website - <http://www.lwsd.org/school/eas>.

Explorer Community School Information Night

Lake Washington School District parents are invited to Explorer Community School's Enrollment Information Night - Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7-8pm at the Emily Dickinson school commons - 7040 208th Ave. NE Redmond, WA. Explorer is a Lake Washington School District choice elementary school located on the Emily Dickinson campus in Redmond. Explorer offers a small elementary school environment staffed by three certified teachers in multi-aged classrooms grades one through six. Explorer's curriculum promotes academic excellence, strong self esteem, a love of learning and a belief in the importance of community. Parent volunteers are vital to the school's success in meeting these goals and a high level of parental involvement is required. Attendance at this evening information night is a requirement for all families who wish to enroll a child for the 2010/2011 school year. For more information call (425) 836-6652 or email explorer-enroll@hotmail.com.

Introducing the Culture Club

In an effort to celebrate the diverse cultures at our school, we will be starting a "Culture Club." This club will be held on Friday afternoons during lunch recess for 30 minutes beginning at the end of January. Please help us! I need parents to volunteer to come and teach the children songs, dances, art, or stories from different cultures! No English is required to teach children songs in other languages or show them a fun art project that represents your culture and traditions! I will begin the club with a focus on the cultures of the South Pacific - where I lived for a while. I will always be at the Culture Club to help teach the children, so if you are interested in teaching a dance, song, art project, or sharing a story, please don't worry about the level of your own English! I look forward to hearing from you soon! Contact me at ddean@lwsd.org with questions or to volunteer. Miss Dean

Box Tops for Education



Remember...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!

Discovery Community School Information Night

Our Information Night will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Discovery Community School is located inside Carl Sandburg Elementary on Finn Hill and is composed of three multi-age classrooms for grades 1 -6. You may find out more information and download a three page application from our website at www.lwsd.org/discovery.

Thank You Levy Call Volunteers!

A big thank you to the following PTSA volunteers for their help with making levy telephone calls! Kris Anderson, Mette Clarke, Jill Rockafield, Ericka Gaskill, Lisa Lange, Debbie Napolitan, Janitzia Pizarro, Kay Heine, Jenny Rickman and Yuhui Cheng.

December 11 Author Event at Kirkland's Parkplace Books

14-year-old Seth Campos, of Redmond, WA, will be signing copies of his 128-page humor book, [Welcome to Beeky Airlines](#). His book has received high acclaim from children and adults who have read it. What: Holiday Party - Author Event hosted by Parkplace Books When: Friday, December 11, 2009, 7 - 9 P.M. Where: Parkplace Books, 348 Parkplace Center, Kirkland, WA 98033 This is a free event open to the public. Other Seattle-area authors will also be present at this event. Come in and browse and see what our local authors are writing about.

Become part of something that works: Join PTSA!



Other Useful Links

[Neighborhood Schoolhouse](#)

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

[Community Bulletin Board](#)

[LWSD Tandem Calendar](#)

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 Alpentel. You still have the option of taking the shuttle to any one of the Summit ski areas. For more information check online at www.lwsc.org .
