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RHS PTSA PRESIDENT’S NOTE ...Diane Call

...May flowers are here! What a great spring we’ve been having in the Tri-Cities. As this is our last PTSA newsletter for the school year, let me express my gratitude for those who contributed to the RHS PTSA, in myriad ways, to help us give to the school’s staff and students. I want to thank the Board members: to Vicki Stephens for leading the Grant Committee in a “profitable” (to the Grant-ees!) year, and contributing her thoughts to each of our activities. To Nancy Uziemblo for her steadfast lead on getting this newsletter published, not waiting for all the news to come pouring into her but gently wheedling it out – even from a President who doesn’t always get submittals in on time. Also to Nancy for performing Secretary duties, for her gentle thoughtfulness and thoroughness during all considerations of this organization. To Debbie Roper, staying on top of all PTSA things financial and stepping up to cover other tasks as needed. To Bob McAdoo and Phi Hoang, keeping us apprised of legislative issues of interest and concern to our staff and parents. To Becca Hunt, organizing dining events that help show our appreciation to RHS staff. To Lauri Grindstaff, boldly and handily taking on the task of orchestrating a great graduation party for RHS seniors. To Lory Allen, who has faithfully led the folding, labeling and mailing of newsletters 7 times a year for the past umpteen years. To Lynne McAdoo, whom we sometimes have to hold back from taking on another task; she has ably led financial review, alcohol/drug awareness, and scholarship committees the past several years. And I’ve thanked him before, but can’t forget him now – we do so appreciate Mr. Gordon Comfort and his support, as well as that of his staff who ably stands in for him at PTSA meetings when he can’t make it himself.

We greatly appreciate the parents who have helped with staff appreciation events by contributing food and by helping with set-up, service, clean-up. We thank those of you diligently working with Lauri on the details of the Senior Party production – you will be rewarded by the appreciation of those graduates.

We thank all of you who stepped up and filled out a PTSA membership form, letting us know you support the work of RHS PTSA.

Finally, if you’re reading this note – we thank you. It’s nice to think that the work that goes into this publication serves its purpose of informing and inspiring, for at least a few. My thanks to John, Chris, and Toni for your words of acknowledgement to me – nice to get that feedback every now and then.

Students, spend your time effectively the rest of this year. To all, enjoy the upcoming summer months.

UPCOMING RHS PTSA MEETINGS:

RHS PTSA BOARD MEETING  (All members welcome.)  May 10, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library

SENIOR PARTY PLANNING MEETING
May 4, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library
‘Bomber’ glasses will be sold at the meeting.

SENIOR PARTY - CLASS OF 2010
“Life’s A Beach”  June 4, for all seniors!
RHS PTSA NEWSLETTER GOING GREEN NEXT YEAR??—Should the newsletters only be available on the website? Would you miss the newsletter if it was not mailed to you? Share your thoughts through the message board that is linked at http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/ or call Nancy Uziemblo at 943-5762 or leave a message at the RHS front office/PTSA mailbox.

SENIOR PARTY 2011  Yep, no typo here. Parents of Juniors, we’re hosting an initial gathering for those willing to help plan our students’ graduation party in June 2011. Please join us in the RHS Library on Monday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be no more than 30 minutes, and you will NOT be required to do any work over the summer. We want to gather some ideas, get your thoughts heading down that path, and we’ll be set to start our planning activities in the fall. Although we hope you’ll just stop by, if you have questions ahead of time, contact Diane Call at 531-4095.

REFLECTIONS 2010 – 2011  Young ladies and gentlemen, don’t stagnate this summer. The theme for next year’s PTA Reflections contest is “Together We Can ….” Get your heart and mind around the theme, and create a piece on video, choreograph a dance, compose a musical piece, take a photo, write a piece of literature, or draw or paint some art. Details for entry will be available in the fall, so watch for announcements in the daily bulletin, in the PTSA RHS newsletter, and on the RHS web site.

RHS PTSA NEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR:
- Committee chairs, particularly for Reflections Art Program, Membership, and eScrip/ Fundraising
- Replacement Newsletter Editor, while our current one is still here to teach her successor the ropes
- Help with ideas to develop new sources of funding
- Selling things would be best left to the students, so we want to grow our RHS community participation in eScrip; we’d like to successfully solicit donations from more parents and community members (through United Way or directly to RHS PTSA). We welcome other ideas, particularly volunteers who accompany those ideas to help with implementation.

SUPPORT THE RHS PTSA WITH ESCRIP

The Richland High PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Individuals sign up as supporters and register their loyalty cards (for Safeway or Yoke’s Fresh Markets), debit, and credit cards. When any of these registered cards are used for a purchase with a participating merchant partner, the merchant makes a contribution that goes to Richland High PTSA (and other organizations you indicate on your enrollment).

How can you enroll?
Go to escr.com, click on ‘sign up’ and follow the instructions. The Richland High School PTSA Membership number is 8566062.

There are numerous on-line merchants who participate with eScrip, including JC Penney, Travelocity, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Sears, PetSmart, Cabelas, amazon.com. When you go on-line to make a purchase, enter the merchant site through the escr.com, eScrip on-line mall link. As a registered eScrip member, purchases you make through the eScrip mall can be paid for in any manner, and donations will be made to organizations you’ve designated.

Remember, if we have many people enrolled and participating, those ‘little amounts’ add up over time. So please register with eScrip, and name “Richland High School PTSA” as one of your eScrip groups. Those pennies will add up!

A BIG THANK-YOU to the Life Skills Class for preparing the newsletter for mailing: Faculty: Ms. J. Wilson, Ms. L. Mikkelson, Ms. K. Kent, Ms. J. Mendell; Students: Jenna Tilden, Kyle Cooke, Michael McClusky, Eugene DeBattista, Anthony Fox, Hailee Elliott, Long Vu, Taylor Stoltz, Logan Frost, Caitlin Talbert, Garth Mann.
NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

Do you know an outstanding educator? Nominate one! The OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD is offered by RHS PTSA and the Washington State PTA to recognize individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging. An outstanding educator could be a teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrator or community member.

The RHS PTSA will present an OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD to:
1. enable our PTSA to recognize innovative and successful individuals
2. support financial grants for students pursuing post-secondary education through a donation in the recipient’s name from RHS PTSA to the Washington State PTA fund.

The enthusiasm and diversity that an educator brings to the classroom directly influences the success of a student. If you know individuals who have provided outstanding educational opportunities for youth, please nominate them.

Send their names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Nancy Uziemblo at uziemblo@verizon.net or drop off at the RHS Main Office front desk. Nominations will be accepted until May 30.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR -- Nomination form
Your name __________________________________________________________
How can we contact you if more information is needed? _____________________
Person being nominated ______________________________________________________
This person is an outstanding educator because

NOW TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER.....

THE GOLDEN ACORN AWARD A Golden Acorn Award will be presented by RHS PTSA to a volunteer in recognition of his/her dedication and service to children. Also, the RHS PTSA makes a contribution in the name of the recipient to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, Washington State PTA is able to provide grants to students entering post-secondary education.

Send your nominations, by May 30, to Nancy Uziemblo at uziemblo@verizon.net
RHS PTSA PARENT PLEDGE PROGRAM

The high school and junior high school years are a time of great change in a student's development. Our children mature during these years; learning and experimenting. They are faced with choices that are difficult.

School functions, academic and social, are always well supervised. Unfortunately, this is not always the case when social gatherings are held outside of school. Unsupervised social gatherings may result in situations where our children make poor choices. In an attempt to greatly reduce the circumstances whereby children are placed under extreme peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol at unsupervised gatherings, the RHS PTSA would like to compile a list of parents/guardians who have signed the statement printed below. The statement sets forth the basic responsibilities of parents/guardians who either host a social event or allow their child to attend such an event. When your child is invited to an event at the home of another child, we suggest that you check the listing. If the parent/guardian has not signed the statement assuring other parents/guardians that parental supervision will accompany the gathering, it would be appropriate to contact the host parent/guardian to verify the status of the event. We suggest that should supervision not be provided, you consider not allowing your child to attend. Although parenting can be difficult, our responsibilities include supervision.

By communicating with each other, we can reduce peer pressure on our children, thereby limiting the circumstances where they will feel pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. RHS PTSA hopes the statement reflects the common sense that all of us would use.

More information about the Parent Pledge program can be found on the RHS PTSA website.

Please sign the Parent Pledge Form (see next page) and return it to RHS PTSA box in the school office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT/PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SE PAC)
The Richland SEPAC invites parents, staff, and friends to our informational meetings. Meetings are held from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Free childcare is available. The next meeting date is: May 6, RSD Boardroom, 615 Snow Ave., topic: Planning Meeting for Next Year
By signing this **Parent Pledge**, parents make an effort to uphold the following:

I/we will actively supervise all gatherings or parties of youth in our home or on our property, or ask another responsible adult for help to do so.

I/we will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs, or violence by youth in our home or on our property.

I/we will set expectations for my/our child(ren) that I/we know where they are going, whom they are with, what their plans are, and when they are to return home.

This pledge is NOT a legally binding contract, but rather an agreement between the parents who sign it.

Please sign below and include your phone number and/or email address if you wish to be included in the **RHS PTSA Parent Pledge Directory**.

Name 1 (printed): ____________________________________________
Signature 1: ____________________________________________
Phone & Email 1: ____________________________________________
Address 1: ____________________________________________

Name 2 (printed): ____________________________________________
Signature 2: ____________________________________________
Phone & Email 2: ____________________________________________
Address 2: ____________________________________________

I prefer to receive a copy of the directory:

Electronically, my email address appears above.
On paper (distributed through homeroom) – my child’s homeroom teacher is:

________________________________________

**Please return this pledge to:**
RHS PTSA, Attn: Lynne McAdoo
or email a message of support to Lynne McAdoo at lynne2222@verizon.net
ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: The Scholarship Breakfast is fast approaching….Parents, we need your help! On May 27 at 7:15 a.m. in the RHS auditorium, we will be acknowledging all seniors who have won scholarships from colleges and/or various organizations. To make certain that we include all scholarship recipients, please help us collect this information by filling out the Scholarship Information Form below and return it to the Registrar or send this information via email to Shelly.Baker@rsd.edu no later than Friday, May 14. We really appreciate your help in this very special event!!!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM

NAME: Last First Middle

College you plan to attend:

INSTRUCTIONS:

List below all scholarships that you have received. Include any honor or award you may have received or may have knowledge of receiving such as Scholarships, Academy Appointments, Honors-At-Entrance, and/or unusual achievements. Please do not list loans or work-study programs.

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!!!!!

The 48th annual Kiwanis Club luncheon recognizing Richland School District’s Class of 2010 top Seniors and Foreign Exchange Students was held on April 28 at the Clarion Hotel. Students representing RHS are:

Seniors: Laurel Adami, Ellen Bengtson, Frederick Chen, Lauren Dernbach, Garrett Gallinger, Madison Hamm, Elizabeth Judy, Hannah Murphy, Gina Ojeda, Megan Sax, Jeremy Sandoval, Michael Severance, Jason Sisk, Merilee Strong, Khoa Tran, Niklas Tulberg.

Foreign Exchange: Miguel Aldaz, Denis Chechelnytsky, Tam Doan, Christelle Fajole, Annabel Hering, Ho Yan Li, Monthita (Emily) Jaimaitree, Tanguy Martin, Duy Nguyen, Ida Sorlunden, Nuria Trens-Capdevila, Amanda Vasconcellos, Yang Yang Zhou.

****************************REMINDER FOR ALL GRADUATING SENIORS******************************

*Cap and Gown pick up is May 20 in the Café from 10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

*Announcements have been delivered to the office and ready for pick up for students who have paid in full.

****************************ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS - CLASS OF 2010!****************************

Your HELP is needed at the senior class party on Friday, June 4, the night our seniors graduate! Come and be a part of their send off and congratulations PARTY @ the Cathedral of Joy Church; 1153 Gage Blvd, Richland, WA.

We need your help to make this the safest and best senior party ever! Many parents have already been working diligently on lots of the details, but there is still plenty to do and we need your help. If you would like to help either now or the night of the party we have many jobs that need to be done and positions that still need to be staffed.

Working senior party night is great fun. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to send our kids off with a great night of fun, games and prizes. Also, for some your last chance to say good bye to many of their friends.

Call today to sign-up, 509-521-3395 Donna Koussa- Volunteer Coordinator

We know this is a busy time for you, but you are guaranteed that the blessings will come back to you - Call NOW!
Senior Party 2010  “Life’s A Beach”

Friday, June 4,  10 p.m.– 3:30 a.m. Cathedral of Joy

**HOURS OF FUN FOR JUST $30**

**LOADS OF ENTERTAINMENT!!**

Music  Hypnotist  Bingo
Trading Post  Henna Tattoos  Photos
Casino  Door Prize Drawings  Food
Large Inflatables

**lots and lots and lots of PRIZES**

**Tickets purchased in May will be entered in a drawing for a $25.00 Starbucks Card**

**Congratulations Christopher Ferguson!**

He won the Flip Camcorder valued at $170.00 in the February ticket sales drawing.

**BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!**

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**RHS CLASS OF 2010 TICKET ORDER FORM**

STUDENT NAME ______________________________

PARENT NAME ______________________________

PHONE NUMBER ______________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS (to confirm receipt) ______________________________

Checks only: $30 through May 31 OR $35 at the door
Make checks out to RHS PTSA 2010 Senior Party
Mail form with check to:
Leann Sutherland
503 Basswood Ave. Richland, WA 99352

Questions: Call Leann 943-7694
MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR KIDS

Parents can start teaching their kids the skills needed to manage money by first teaching them character traits that are also useful in other areas of life, says Shane Barkley, author of a book about teaching children basic principles of money management. Read more to find out how to install these character traits in kids and what else you can do to help them spend money wisely.

Parents play a vital role in equipping their children to make wise decisions with money. The teaching process entails concepts like debt and credit as well as broader ideas like the difference between luxuries and needs.

Shane Barkley sees these teaching opportunities a little differently than most. While the monetary concepts are important, the author of “Dad Cents” [http://www.dadcents.com/] explains that teaching kids about money really starts with teaching them about positive character traits.

“The character we show in how we utilize money is same throughout all the rest of our life so the cool thing is when you teach kids about money, you’re teaching them about life,” he says. If a man isn’t faithful, he says, how long do you think he will have a job? If a man isn’t trustworthy, how can he be trusted with a credit card or a computer?

The teaching applies to other aspects of life, including academics, he adds. But, for it to work, the teaching must be intentional, Barkley says. Parents cannot rely on the “learn by example” method alone for teaching kids how to spend wisely. “It can’t just be kids watching. We give as many bad examples as good examples,” he says.

One crucial concept for kids to understand is the difference between needs and wants, Barkley says. Lines between the two become easily blurred. Barkley suggests having daily conversations with your kids on the topic of wants vs. needs. When they use the words “want” and “need” question them on why they chose that word. Challenge them on whether something truly is a need or a want. Two ideas can help with this, Barkley says:

Opportunity costs: Children can learn the impact of money by examining opportunity costs. Show them what they are giving up by the choices they make. As an example, tell them they have $10 and they can either go to a movie, get gas for the car, or eat at McDonald’s. Examine their choices and the ramifications.

Concept of scarcity: When you have to limit what you buy, needs vs. wants becomes terribly important, Barkley says. Say, for example, that the child wants a $100 pair of shoes. Ask them what they would do if they spent $50 on shoes and had $50 left over.

“Kids make better choices when money is in their hands,” he says.

For more information, go to the Dad Cents website or the expanded Money Management for Kids article --http://www.pta.org/ money_management_for_kids.htm on PTA.org.
ELITE FLEET MONTHLY WINNERS  March 2010 ...from Becki Maki, Director

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

The RHS Instrumental Music students will be performing in three concerts in May to close out the school year. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

May 11 - Orchestra Showcase, Hanford High Gym
May 25 - End of year concert featuring Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra, RHS Auditorium
May 27 - Jazz Wrap It Up - Location TBD

The Instrumental Music Boosters (IMB) is also accepting nominations for all officer positions. This is a great way to become involved in our instrumental music program. Interested IMB members and potential members may contact rhsimb@richmonds3.com for more information.
**Community invited to be part of Instructional Materials Committee**

The Richland School District is seeking community members/parents to serve on the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC). Various curriculum committees present recommended instructional materials for adoption to the IMC. IMC members then review the process and make recommendations to the Richland School Board. The IMC is made up of six teachers representing various grade levels; seven community members/parents (may not also be a teacher in the District); and two administrators. “The school board has adjusted the makeup of the IMC so that more community members and parents can be involved in the process,” explains Wendy London, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning. “The IMC’s work is important because recommendations for every content area are reviewed as the curriculum renewal cycle progresses.” The IMC meets once or twice per month (2-hour meetings) during the school year. Those interested in serving may get an application by contacting the RSD Teaching & Learning Department at 967-6004, or by emailing devonne.roth@rsd.edu. The application deadline is May 10.

**Early Entrance Testing**

The Richland School District realizes that there are some instances in which a child does not meet the state mandated age requirement for entrance into school but is ready socially, emotionally, and intellectually. As a service to the community, the District offers early entrance testing once a year, in mid-August. The test registration deadline is July 31. For information regarding the test, testing fees and registration, please contact the Assessment Office at 967-6025.

**Elementary Parent Resource Guides**

The Richland School District’s K-5 Parent Resource Guides assist families in supporting the learning of their children. The guides provide information regarding what students are expected to learn at each grade level. They also provide families with ideas for supporting their children's education at home. Parents can access these valuable guides on the District web site at: www.rsd.edu/resources/guides.html

**Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program**

The Richland School District provides an exceptional preschool experience for District Families at Jason Lee Elementary and Tapteal Elementary. This is a free preschool to qualifying families. This program provides children with an exciting classroom learning environment and families with educationally based home visits, during which they participate with their child in activities selected to meet the interests of the family and to build school readiness skills. Now taking enrollment for fall 2010. Contact: Betty Oster (967-6051) or Karol Krohn (430-7998/967-6068).

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**2010 Richland Youth Football information**

Join Richland Youth Football for a fun and rewarding experience! All 8 through 13 year-olds are encouraged to participate (age as of 7/31/09). Registration for the 2010 season will take place in June/July. Register early and receive a discounted price! Look for updated registration information at: http://www.eteamz.com/RichlandYouthFootball/. Also, an informational flyer will be distributed to Richland elementary school students in May.

**Hoops of Hope**

Hoops of Hope is the largest free throw shoot-a-thon in the world. In partnership with World Vision, it’s a student-created, student-led movement to care for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Participants have raised over a million dollars to provide care for these children. Gina Ojeda, a student at Richland High School, is organizing the event and it will be held on July 10, 12:00 noon, at Carmichael Middle School. For more information or to sign-up or donate, please visit www.HoopsOfHopeetc.com. If you have any questions, please call Gina Ojeda at (509)554-2506 or email her at ginaojeda31@gmail.com.
UPCOMING RHS PTSA MEETINGS:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 10, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library

SENIOR PARTY PLANNING MEETING
May 4, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library

RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

RHS PTSA supports the school in many ways. You can be part of this by joining. Get a bonus 2-for-1 card! (Dairy Queen, Barracuda Coffee and more). Check out http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/membership.html

Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don’t live it, it won’t come out of your horn.
Charles Parker, Jr., 1920 – 1955, American jazz saxophonist and composer