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MAY NEWSLETTER

The Importance of a Healthy Relationship Between Parents and Teachers

Teacher appreciation week is the first week of May. Please be sure to let your kids' teachers know how much you appreciate them. What they do is much more than a "job" for which they receive a paycheck. They commit extra time and emotional energy into the students of Renton Christian because they love your kids and what they do. At this time of year, many are tired and need to be reminded how valuable they are.

Recently, I came across an article entitled, "What Teachers Really Want to Tell Parents." The author, Ron Clark, was named "American Teacher of the Year" by Disney. Oprah labeled him a "phenomenal man." He knows the classroom inside and out and how and is an expert teacher. He boldly steps into a topic that most teachers and administrators fear to tread: the relationship between parents and teachers.

In this article, Mr. Clark recalls meeting a principal who had been named the best principal in her state that year but had decided to quit forever. He writes, *"I screamed, 'You can't leave us,' and she quite bluntly replied, 'Look, if I get an offer to lead a school system of orphans, I will be all over it, but I just can't deal with parents anymore; they are killing us.'"* Fortunately, this has not been my experience at Renton Christian. For the most part, RCS has supportive parents led by our fantastic Parent-Teacher Fellowship.

I highly recommend reading this article because I believe there are lots of truths to be found in it. Just Bing search "What Teachers Really Want to Tell Parents" to find it.

No teacher, administrator or school is perfect. There will certainly be situations of conflict or disagreement between parents and their teachers and school administrators. Such is life. During Teacher Appreciation Week (and other times of the year too), please be sure to remind your teachers how much they are appreciated in their efforts to educate and to mentor your kids. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Dr. Erik Konsmo, Head of School

MAY CALENDAR EVENTS

4/30-5/4.....Teacher Appreciation Week
 5/1 & 5/3.....JH and Elementary Science Fairs
 5/8-11.....Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Camp
 5/17-19.....Drama Production, "Alice"
 5/21-25.....Spring Book Fair
 5/22.....Elementary Spring Concert
 5/24.....JH Field Trip—Black Diamond
 5/25.....G3 Field Trip—NW Trek
 5/28.....NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day, BASC/SLC Closed

SPORTS EVENTS

Practice Dates: 5/2,3,4,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,21,22,23

Track Meets:

5/17, West Seattle Stadium, 3:30—6:30 pm

5/19, Concordia Invitational, Franklin Pierce High School, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

5/24, League Championship, King's High School, 5—8:00 pm

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to 6th grade student, Florence Atienza and 8th grade student, McKenzie Fysh!

Florence and McKenzie will be traveling to Washington DC the weekend of May 8th to participate in the National Spelling

Bee. This is the first time RCS has sent two students in the same year to a national event. Be sure to congratulate the girls and pray for them as they travel to the competition.



BASC News

Parents, please note that Friday, May 25th is being used as a snow make-up day. If you have previously signed up your child for all day care, your child will go to after school care as normal.

Also, June 15th is the last day of school and children will be released at 11:30 am. If you are in need of care, please contact Mr. Mike at; (425) 226-0820 x425 or e-mail him at: michael.dearborn@rentonchristian.org. If you have already registered for after school care on this day and are no longer needing it, please contact Mr. Mike *within 7 calendar days* to cancel care as to avoid any late cancellation charges.

Remember . . .

School will be in session on Friday, May 25th.

Elementary Mid- Trimester-May 3

Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received an up-date.

"The Best of Renton"



Sonshine Learning Center has done it again! For the fourth straight year, SLC has been voted "The Best of Renton" for the year. What an awesome honor this is! Praise God for

what He is doing here in the hearts and lives of the children He has entrusted us to model the love of Jesus Christ. Parents, please take a moment to congratulate our highly dedicated SLC staff.

Illness Up-date

Please remember that students must be fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to school.



Elementary Science Fair

The Elementary Science Fair is Thursday, May 3rd from 6:00 until 7:45 pm. Students do need to make a presentation about their project that evening and will follow their assigned schedule. Students

will receive their presentation times from their classroom teachers. Dinner will be served that evening, thanks to the RCS cheer squad. Posters will be announcing the food pricing this next

week. Pizza, salad, dessert, and beverage will all be available.



Attention all you Art Contest Artists!!!!

To support our Drama Dept. with the play "Alice", the contest theme this year will be Mad Hatters' TeaParty. What would your "teapot" look like? Have fun and be creative. Questions?? See Mrs. Van Duyne.

“Alice”

The RCS Theater Department will be presenting the play, “Alice” on May 17, 18, & 19.

Pre-order your tickets NOW! Pick up a form in the office. All seating is assigned. Unless otherwise noted, the assumption is that everyone wants seats near the front and in the center.

Ticket orders will be filled based on the “received by” date on the order form.

Order *QUICK* . . . Seats sell out *FAST*!



Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

No School
BASC & SLC
Closed

Notes From the Parking Lot

The year is almost over—seven weeks and counting!!! *Need some S.O.S. hours?* We could use you on the parking lot in the mornings. It’s not time intensive, and you might even find that you like it. We would need you from about 8:00—8:30am, any morning you happen to be available.

Things seem to be going smoothly on the parking lot. Thanks to everyone for be-

ing patient with each other and alert to what’s going on around you.

If you’re making turns in the parking lot, especially at the cross walk, please use your turn signal.

Please do not use the service road around the back of the building to pick up your student at the end of the day. This area is reserved for parents with special parking spaces, staff and

parents with mobility issues.

Enjoy these final weeks of school with your students!

Blessings,

Lillian Knapp

Parking Lot Supervisor



Calendar change —

Due to our “snow days” off from school this past winter, we will be in session on Friday, May 25.

We Love Our Teachers—

Teacher Appreciation
Week
April 30—May-4.





They're coming!

SAVE \$5
Order by May 15 and
save \$5, after May
15th, the cost is \$30.

Yearbooks arriving soon— reserve yours now!

It's always a surprise what the cover and theme of the yearbook is, but I can tell you a secret...

YOU'RE IN IT! There is a limited supply of yearbooks, so reserve yours now. Fill out the informational form below and return with your payment to the school office.

Please reserve a yearbook for me!

Detach and return this portion with payment to school office.

Reserve yours before May 15 - cost is only \$25.

**Method of
Payment**

Name

Cash

Teacher

Check # _____

Grade