

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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"Live a Life of Love" Ephesians 5:1-2

## UPCOMING DATES

Feb 1-6	Book Fair in HH2 (see article)
Feb 8	PSC Meeting 7:00 pm in Room #4
Feb 17	Science Fair 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
Feb 21	NO SCHOOL - President's Day Holiday
Feb 22	NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
Mar 6-12	Lutheran Schools Week
Mar 14	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice Day
Mar 28-Apr 1	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

### First Semester...GONE!

Thank you parents, staff, and most importantly, you students for creating such a joyful, positive and enthusiastic atmosphere on this campus. The staff is very proud of the effort put in by the kids this quarter and we all look forward to the continued success of each child.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

It is time for parent/teacher conferences once again. Please remember a few ground rules before you meet with your teachers.

1. Be prepared to discuss, in a positive manner, areas of concern about your child.
2. Listen to the teacher as they share with you their professional opinion on how we can help your child improve.
3. Try not to take any constructive concerns negatively. These topics are only being discussed to help build your child's self esteem and educational foundation.
4. Keep all meetings to **20 minutes**. If you need more time, set up another appointment with the teacher.
5. Should you have any questions for me, please set up an appointment time with Mrs. Olsen.

### OPEN HOUSE!

Come one, come all! It is time for our Open House to the

community. Parents we need your help! Please invite a friend to our Open House and show them the GREAT things happening at RLS. On Saturday, February 26th, from 9 am-12 noon we would like to invite you, your friends, and the public to experience Redeemer. Come meet your teacher for next year and see the wonderful things in your child's room. This is a great time to refer a new family to our community. Remember the referral program!

### THANK YOU:

In January, Mrs. Olsen and I moved into our new offices in Fellowship Hall. This took a great deal of hard work and support from others. We would all like to say a special **thank you** to the following people for going beyond the call of duty to help the ministry of RLS and us. You are all truly servants of our great GOD! When you see the following people please give them a hug and a big thank you!

Gordon Jones, Chuck Hansen and Paul Eagan - for helping move and set up the "new" administrative offices!

Dan Weller - for donating his time and materials in covering the "fishbowl" (my office) with AWESOME Redeemer Red miniblinds!

Steve Harper - for donating his time and materials in providing all the electrical for our office, Fellowship Hall and workroom!

Jim Fazio - for donating his time in framing the walls, sheet rocking and texturing of our new offices.

Kurt Schreiner - for donating his time installing windows in Mrs. Olsen's office

Larry Gottelli & Family - for donating their time and materials in painting the offices.

John Madden Jr. - for donating his time and materials in working on wiring all technology and phone lines.

Jim Gordon - for coordinating the whole project!

**LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE! Ephesians 5:2**

## NOV/DEC CHRISTIAN HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to our Christian Heart Award recipients for the months of November and December:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Cameron Montalvo,
- ◇ 1st grade - Caroline Kirincic
- ◇ 2nd grade - Taylor Madsen
- ◇ 3rd grade - Jessica Guevara
- ◇ 4th grade - Courtney Lucas
- ◇ 5th grade - Michael Harper
- ◇ 6th grade - Justin Olsen
- ◇ 7th grade - Tarlon Badiee
- ◇ 8th grade - Jon Handley



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Redeemer's 7th annual National Geographic Bee was held on January 4. Congratulations to all of our contestants who qualified to participate in the Bee:

- 4th grade - Tessie Rhodes & Jordan Robins
- 5th grade - Ben Justice & Annie Perry
- 6th grade - Jenny Mize & Hayley Parker
- 7th grade - Chris Maki & Derek White
- 8th grade - John Abdel Shahid & Tim Speights



After a tense competition, it was down to two - Chris Maki and Annie Perry. And the winner is.... Chris Maki! Kudos to all!

## ENROLLMENT 05-06

It's that time already! If you haven't already done so, please complete and return your enrollment forms for 05-06. Enrollment packets were mailed home on January 14. It is very important that we know as early as possible our class numbers for next year so that we may accurately plan and budget. Please turn in forms and fees to Mrs. Olsen in the office or give them to your teacher at your P/T conference. (Enrollment fees increase \$25 after March 1.) If you have a kindergartner for next year, please contact the office ASAP! We have had a huge interest in kindergarten and anticipate a full class.

## FINANCIAL AID

Redeemer has limited funds in our RLEAF account to help out families in need of financial assistance for 05-06. **A new application must be submitted each year.** If you received assistance in 04-05 and would like to receive it again, you must reapply. Applications are available in the school office. **The due date for submission of your application is May 1, 2005.** Please remember to attach a copy of your 2004 tax

return.

I also have applications for The BASIC Fund. The BASIC Fund is an organization in San Francisco that provides scholarships for students attending private schools. The deadline for submission is April 15. Please stop by the office if you'd like to pick up an application. For those families who already receive BASIC Fund scholarship monies, you will receive a renewal packet directly from BASIC Fund the first week of April. Your due date to return the form to BASIC is May 6.

## SPELLING BEES

What fun! We had three terrific Spelling Bees on Friday, January 21. Congratulations to all of our contestants on a job well done!

### Grades 1-2

- Grade 1 - Jakob Baumann & Kyle Shea
- Grade 2 - Taylor Madsen & Cole Elpel

*And the winner is... Cole Elpel!*

### Grades 3-4

- Grade 3 - Jordan Vano & Jacob Weller
- Grade 4 - Jacquelyn Krantz & Victoria Ramirez

*And the winner is... Jacquelyn Krantz*

### Grades 5-8

- Grade 5 - Ben Justice & Chris Moffat
- Grade 6 - Scott Saier & Anthony Kirincic
- Grade 7 - Heather Smith & Josh Chiamos
- Grade 8 - Kristine Gomez & Chris Haemmerling

*And the winner is... Heather Smith!*

*Grades 3, 4 & 5  
are proud to present the musical*

## **OLIVER TWIST**

*Friday, February 4*

*7:00 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

I have been listening to them rehearse for weeks... you won't want to miss it! They're terrific!!  
Mrs. O



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
HUDSON HOUSE 2  
(former Kindergarten House)**

**TUES-FRI, FEB 1-4  
3:00-5:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, FEB 5  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, FEB 6  
10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Please stop by and shop! Redeemer School will earn free books for all orders! Thank you for your interest and support!

Should you have any questions, please contact Judi Weller or Sherry Harper, our Book Fair Chairpersons.

KUDOS to all of the kids! You are all awesome!

**CHAPEL**

Thank you to all who faithfully support our chapel offerings. We will continue to give our 3rd quarter offerings to aid the tsunami victims in Asia. All funds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**HONOR ROLL**

Students who earn Honor Roll status for the 2nd quarter will be recognized at chapel on Friday, February 4. Honor Roll is given to students in grades 3-8 who earn at least a B+ grade point average for the quarter with no failing subjects. Please join us and feel free to bring your camera!

**YEARBOOK PICTURES**

*I need your pictures!* I am looking for pictures of school activities - sports, cheerleading, field trips, classroom parties, etc. - to use in the yearbook. The more photos I have to choose from, the more diverse and fun the yearbook will be. 35mm prints are preferred or good quality prints of digital photos. Please bring them to the school office ASAP. Mark your name on the back

if you would like them returned if I don't use them. Photos used in the yearbook cannot be returned. Thank you!

**SCIENCE FAIR  
THURSDAY, FEB 17  
7:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Grades K-3 will have classroom projects on display. Grade 4 will be displaying their "Endangered Species" reports. Each student in grades 5-8 will have an individual project on display. Please come and show your support and check out the work done by our hard working kiddos.

Projects in grades 5-8 will compete in two divisions - grades 5-6 and grades 7-8. Each division will be split into four science categories - earth, physical, behavioral and life. Projects will be judged by an outside panel of impartial judges. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st-3rd place in each category. "Best in Show" ribbons will also be awarded in each division.

Please be sure that your student does not put his/her name or picture on either the display board or report! This ensures that all judging is completely anonymous! Thank you for your cooperation.

See you at the Fair!

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Redeemer Lutheran Church has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant to Pastor Drager. Applicants must possess good computer and phone skills. 20 hours/week. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Draeger directly at 650-366-7882 or e-mail him at [hdraeger@mindspring.com](mailto:hdraeger@mindspring.com).

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

### **Redeemer gets into Fashion!**

Anyone interested in joining the Redeemer Fashion Show committee should contact Andrea Wolf at 780-0434.

### **HOT LUNCH**

Washington DC fundraiser hot lunches will be served January 31 through February 11. Order forms were due today, January 27.

The Avanti lunches will begin on Monday, February 14. Order forms are included in today's Friday Folders. Order form and payment are due no later than Wednesday, February 9.

**We are in desperate need of hot lunch volunteers.** The program is in danger of being scaled back to fewer lunches each week or cancellation altogether! Won't you please consider helping out during this menu period?!?! A huge THANK YOU to the faithful few who give of their time on a regular basis. We appreciate that you so generously share your valuable time helping out each week!

### **HEARING & VISION TESTING**

We will be conducting hearing and vision testing in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 on Wednesday, February 16. We will begin with 1st grade first thing in the morning and finish up with 7th grade after lunch. If you do not want your child to participate for any reason, please send a written note to me in the office prior to February 16.

**We need volunteers to help out.** If you can give us an hour or two (or more) on February 16, please call the office. I also need a volunteer to fill in student names on the forms ahead of time. All hours count toward your mandatory hours. Thank you.