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I'm full of valuable information!!

SMOKE SIGNALS

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
Galatians 5:22-23*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 10..... No School - Veterans Day holiday
Nov 11..... PSC Meeting 7:00PM
Nov 15..... Spaghetti dinner/Bingo 5:30PM
Nov 18..... 12:30 Dismissal - Faculty Meeting
Nov 21..... Progress Reports sent home in
 grades 3-8
Nov 24-28... No School - Educator's Conference
 & Thanksgiving Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

WOW! FIRST QUARTER GONE...

Can you believe that we are already done with the first quarter! Time flies when you're having fun! I hope each of you feels this way about your experience at Redeemer. As the first quarter came to a close I can truly say this has been a very special quarter. With the positive attitudes of students, parents and staff and seeing all the new families who have joined our extended family I say a BIG thank you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

As you set up times to meet with each of your child's teachers, please remember to be joyful in all circumstance. Much more can be accomplished when we all listen and work together as a team! Your children mean the world to us and we all want to see them be successful in and out of the classroom. Let's make it each of our goals to work together to create a positive learning environment

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Ocean Week was a huge success! God truly blessed us with a fun week and the best weather I can remember at the beach. Our Open House was very successful! What a fun night to get together and see all the work that our students have been working on. It was also great to meet so many perspective families, over 10! Thank you PSC for providing the refreshments for all to enjoy. THANK YOU, PARENTS, for being so willing to take the time to help with transportation and for helping to make the final day of Ocean Week such a positive experience for students and staff. THANK YOU, STAFF, for all your hard work in preparing the fun-filled week. THANK YOU, PSC, for your support in funding Marine Science Institute, which gave

presentations to the classes throughout the week on the different habitats and had many hands-on activities. THANK YOU, STEVE HARPER, for cooking a great "beach" lunch of hot dogs, chips, and a drink. Redeemer School is richly blessed because of ALL OF YOU!

I would like to share with you a small paragraph from the book "They Call Me Coach" by John Wooden, that I feel embodies what our responsibilities are as teachers at Redeemer. I have reworded some of Coach Wooden's speech to fit how I see our mission at Redeemer.

We who teach at Lutheran Schools have a great influence on the lives of all the young children who come under our supervision. The lives we lead, and teach them to lead, will play an important roll in their future. It is essential that we regard this as a sacred trust and set the example we know is right. We must try to prevent the pressures of society and their peers from causing them to swerve from moral principles.

Redeemer teachers have always made it a priority to teach Christian values and morals that would shape the lives of our students.

You are all very special to our community and we thank our great God each day for your love and commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School.

Thoughts for a SAFE Halloween Night

- 1 Check all Candy.
2. NEVER walk alone.
3. Be a positive role model and an example of Christ at all times
4. Be very considerate of others while out.
5. Remember, you represent your family and your school.

HONOR ROLL

First Quarter Honor Roll recipients will be recognized at chapel on Friday, November 7th. Students in grades 3-8 who earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA for the quarter receive a certificate for regular honor roll. Students with a perfect 4.0 GPA for the quarter receive a Principal's Honor Roll certificate.



**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SALE
EVERY MONTH**

A form to order gift certificate is included this week with the Friday Folders. It will continue to go out the last Friday of every month. These gift certificates are pre-paid cards that are just like cash, and can be used for everyday staples like food, clothing, gas, and other items.

The proceeds from the gift cards help Redeemer fund field trips, new books, and a variety of instructional materials.

To order the gift certificates, simply fill out the order form and a check made out to "Redeemer Scrip", and return them with your Friday folder, or bring the order form and check to the school office by **Thursday, November 6th.**

Starbucks', Safeway, Dennis Uniforms, and Cinemark gift certificates are also for sale at our Snack Shoppe.

If you prefer the convenience of "electronic fundraising", you can contribute via **eScrip**. eScrip makes it incredibly easy to donate money without ever writing a check. You simply register your debit, credit and club cards at escrip.com, then every time you use those cards at participating retailers or online, the retailers give a percentage of your purchase back to Redeemer. It's automatic!

Sign up for **eScrip** online

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on "sign up"
3. Follow the instructions - our **group ID# is 137104928**

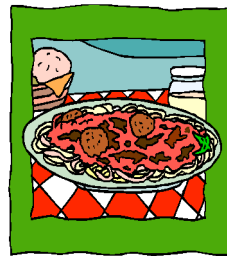
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The mission of Redeemer Ministries is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, offering them hope, help and healing in His name."

REDEEMER SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Band-Led Worship - 8:30 a.m.
 Organ-Led Worship - 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.



**NOVEMBER 4TH
REMEMBER TO
VOTE!!**



**FELLOWSHIP EVENT
SPAGHETTI DINNER**
 Saturday, November 15th
 5:30-7:00PM
 \$5.00
 Followed by Bingo
 from 7:00-9:00
 10 Games for \$20.00

Prizes given to the winners
 Invite your family and friends for a night
 Of food, fun and fellowship
 Funds benefiting the 2009
 Washington DC Trip

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARDS

This year, in conjunction with our school theme, we are recognizing students who demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit. Each month we will recognize a different attribute -- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Congratulations to our September **LOVE** Award recipients:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Zachary Stanghellini
- ◇ 1st - Catalina Cebolla & Tammy Garcia
- ◇ 2nd - Alexis Navarra
- ◇ 3rd - Leilani Dixon
- ◇ 4th - Helena Sherman
- ◇ 5th - Diamond Pearson
- ◇ 6th - Mikaela Lewman
- ◇ 7th - Anika McGuire
- ◇ 8th - Jordynn Lewman

Congratulations to our October **JOY** Award recipients:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Olivia Larratt
- ◇ 1st - Serena Bujtor
- ◇ 2nd - Lauren Stevens
- ◇ 3rd - Abigail Lewman
- ◇ 4th - Alexander Patapoff
- ◇ 5th - Katey Zimmer
- ◇ 6th - Monica Krantz
- ◇ 7th - Emily Moffat
- ◇ 8th - Tess Rhodes

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT
REDEEMER**

Please join us on Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 AM.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 AM**

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night when you go to bed!

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you to everyone for your generosity with your weekly chapel offerings. September offerings will go to "Bags of Love." Every month Redeemer Church members go to the Seneca Hotel in San Francisco to bring lunch, words and encouragement, and the Gospel to the homeless.

October's chapel offerings will go to the Olevolos Project which is building a home for Tanzanian children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS virus. Thank you for making your donations to this worthy cause!!

The Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive November 3-21. Bring in canned goods to your classroom. The class with the most cans will be treated to a pizza party in December courtesy of the Student Council. November's monetary offerings will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

On December 6th & 13th, we are collecting Teddy Bear donations to give to the SM County Children's Fund. NEW, cuddly, dark-colored bears 12-18" are preferred. (No previously-loved bears please.)

HEAD LICE

We continue to have reports of head lice. Please check your child's head daily. If there is evidence of infestation, please treat your child's head with a product designed to kill lice. ALL NITS (EGGS) MUST BE REMOVED before your child may return to school. This is a crucial step in eradicating the bug. Please report all head lice cases to the school office.

We need your help and cooperation to make the lice go away once & for all! If you are an experienced nit picker and would like to come in and check heads, please contact Mrs. Olsen in the school office to arrange a day and time. DOUBLE hours will be given!

MISSIONARY CAROL LEE HALTER

will be at Redeemer to speak to the students on Monday, November 3rd at 9:00AM. Carol Lee is a missionary in Hong Kong. Redeemer Church has sponsored Ms. Halter for about 20 years. You are invited to come and listen. She always has some fascinating stories to share.

MANDATORY HOURS

Be sure you are writing down your mandatory hours. Remember, all two-parent households are required to do 35 hours/year and single-parent households are required to do 20 hours/year. Unfulfilled hours must be paid at \$20/hour. All hours for 08-09 are due on May 1, 2009.

Please turn in column one on your form by December 5th. All hours worked at Redeemer School count... field trips, baking, Coloma, Mission Springs, PSC meetings, yard duty, Art in Action, hot lunch, etc. etc.

Hours for 08-09 include all hours worked May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

If you've lost your "Parent Participation" form, please stop by the office for another one. These were mailed home in your summer packet along with information describing the program in detail.

We appreciate all of our parent volunteers and thank you for your support of Redeemer! We especially thank our PSC officers who put in hours above and beyond those required!!

FUN STUFF COMING UP IN DECEMBER!

- Dec 12 -- 5th/6th Musical 7:00 PM
- Dec 18 -- National Geographic Bee 2:00 PM
- Dec 19 -- 12:30 Dismissal
- Dec 22-Jan 4 -- No School

SCIENCE FAIR

February 26, 2009

Every other year Redeemer holds a Science Fair. (On the "off" years, we hold a Fine Arts Faire.) This year we will have our Science Fair on February 26, 2009 at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. *ALL students in grades 5-8 are REQUIRED to do a project.* Details will be sent home on December 1st. Projects are judged by an outside panel and awards are given out.

Students in 4th grade are required to do an endangered species project. Miss Rathe will send home detailed instructions with your student after Christmas break. Students in grades K-3 will do a class project at school.