Dear Parents and Guardians,

It’s hard to believe that September and October have already passed us by and we are now beginning to look forward to the Thanksgiving Break. At this point, your child is part of a firmly established class community, is being asked to persevere through new learning and some accompanying points of frustration and is learning from both their successes and mistakes. Our goal at Tom McCall is not perfection - it’s persistence, especially in the face of daily challenges that all students encounter at some point. Amazing things are happening in all of our classrooms each day!

Conferences and Book Fair

I’d like to thank you in advance for attending your child’s conference. A continued goal is to strengthen the Parent - Teacher relationship. Our aim is increased communication from teachers to parents about what students are learning, their current progress, their child’s strengths and their areas for growth. Our goal is for all families to leave conferences feeling connected to their child’s teacher and to feel that they’re part of a team. We strive to meet with 100% of families. All of our staff is committed to finding a conference time that works for you! Please call our front office to schedule a time if you haven’t already done so. Conferences will be held the week of November 4th - 8th. We’re excited to conduct our annual Scholastic Book Fair during this year’s conferences. Our Book Fair will run from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 - 6:00 PM Wednesday and all day Thursday.

Fun Run

Once again, I’d like to thank our PTC and all of our wonderful parent volunteers and sponsors who make our annual Fun Run possible. This event has become a hallmark for our beginning-of-the-year fun and our largest fundraiser. Our goal this year is $15,000. The money earned last year went towards the purchase and installation of a climbing wall on our intermediate playground and towards equipment used in our American Ninja Warrior obstacle course. This year we hope to install additional swings on one playground and install a play-construction zone similar to what’s at RELC on the primary side. Additionally, money raised supports science assemblies and music/art enrichment. If we reach our monetary goal of $15,000, we’ll reward all students with two days of bounce-houses/slides in our gym. Thank you so much for your financial support and for sharing the payment link with friends and family.

Redmond School District is committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in all of its educational and employment activities. The district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability or age in its programs and activates and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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- Principal's Message -

- Dates To Remember -

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Month of KINDNESS

November, 2019

Tom McCall

541-526-6400

http://www.redmond.k12.or.us/

Drew Frank, Principal
**HOW KIDS GET HOME**

If there will be a change in your child's routine at the end of the day, please make sure to convey that to your child **before** school and send a note to their teacher. If there is an urgent change you may call the office before 3:00 pm to get a note to your student in time. Release time is very busy and we don't always have time to get last minute messages to students.

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**Redmond Battle of the Books!**

Do you have an intermediate student who loves to read? All 3rd-5th grade students from Tom McCall Elementary are invited to participate in the Redmond Battle of the Books Competition. In order to compete, your student must have a signed permission slip and read 3 of the 12 Battle of the Books titles by December 9, 2018. Our school battles are held during school hours and they will begin in January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Skeen in the library @ 541-526-6400 ext. 4745.

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**Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

When picking up and dropping off at the front of the school, please be courteous to other drivers and DO NOT block entrances to either parking lots! If you are waiting, use the red fire lane in front of our school, as well as, in front of Elton Gregory. DO NOT use the short entrance that goes into the two parking lots!! Thank you.

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**DELAYED STARTS & SCHOOL CLOSURES**

As the weather turns stormy or icy there is a possibility that we could experience delayed starts and even school closures; it is rare but it happens. You will be notified via our Auto Dialer system as soon as the decision has been made. You can also get this information by tuning in to the local radio and TV stations or on line at [www.redmond.k12.or.us](http://www.redmond.k12.or.us) or on the RSD Facebook page.

If we do have a delayed start, buses still run; just 2 hours later than usual. So, if your child is picked up at 8:15 am they will be picked up at 10:15 instead. School will start at 11:00 and lunches are served on their normal schedule. We dismiss as usual.

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**BOOK FAIR**

It’s Book Fair time!!! We have extended our hours during conference week this year. Come visit the Book Fair in the Tom McCall Library.

**Hours:**
- Monday, Nov 4 4:00-6:00 PM
- Tuesday, Nov 5 4:00-6:00 PM
- Wednesday, Nov 6 3:00-6:00 PM
- Thursday, Nov 7 8:00 AM-7:00 PM

Online shopping is also available at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair) through Tuesday, Nov 12. Students are looking forward to this library fundraiser! Hope to see you there!!!

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**Parents, You’re Invited!! Turkey Lunch Wed. Nov. 20th**

Tickets for the turkey lunch can be purchased from the front office for $4.00 each. ONLY 150 tickets will be sold for this event! Lunch will be served at your student’s regular lunch time and the menu will be: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, rolls & salad bar. There will be other lunch choices, as well, if you don’t want the traditional meal. Get your tickets early as this event will likely sell out!
PTC HAPPENINGS

The PTC wants to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped out on Fun Run Day! We appreciate all of you who took time to volunteer! We would also like to thank all the amazing sponsors we had. Again this year, we were able to bring in enough sponsorship to pay for the Fun Run shirts completely! So, THANK YOU!

Money is starting to come in from student’s pledges and we will continue to accept cash and checks brought into the school through Friday, Nov. 8th. If we reach our goal of $15,000 the PTC will bring in bounce houses for our students to play!

Our next PTC meeting is on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00pm in the school library. Hope to see you there!

The student store will be opening soon!

If your student is looking forward to shopping at the student store, please keep in mind these guidelines to help everyone’s shopping experience run smoothly:

- Shop from 8:40 to 8:55 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings.
- When open, the store will be located in the hallway by the primary playground courtyard doors.
- We cannot accept bills larger than $5 and we cannot accept more than 10 pennies per transaction.
- All items cost 25 cents, 50 cents and $1.00.

Please stay tuned to the morning announcements for a grand opening date.

Box Tops

No more clipping...scan your receipt!

The next generation of Box Tops is here. Box Tops is changing to fit today’s families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online!

- More Convenient—Redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase
- Real Time—Your school’s earnings are automatically updated online
- Easy To Use—No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school
- Extra Cash—Access to special bonus offers on top of your Box Tops earnings

RESPONSIBILITY—WINNERS

Health Happenings

Flu season is already upon us! **Remind your child** to cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands, and teach them about the importance of **hand washing** to stop the spread of germs. If your child has a fever of 100 or higher, has thrown up or had 3 episodes of diarrhea in the past 24 hours, keep them home. For a complete list of “when to keep your child home” symptoms, please visit my web page on the school website, under departments, then school nurse!

**Secondly**, now that school is in full force it would be wise to check your child’s hair for head lice. This can be done by making parts in your child’s hair with a comb, about ¼ inch apart, all over their head. A bright light and magnifying glass or glasses are helpful. Watch for movement of tiny bugs on the scalp as they scurry to escape the light, and for the presence of tiny nits or eggs glued onto individual hairs. **ANYONE** can get head lice, they are not a hygiene issue, they are a social issue. They are mainly acquired by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person’s hair, and occasionally by sharing combs, hats, and hair accessories. The signs and symptoms of head lice are: persistent itching of the head and back of neck; scratches or a rash on the scalp from the scratching; live lice, and most importantly **nits**. Nits are tiny tear-drop shaped whitish eggs which are firmly attached to individual hair shafts. District policy restricts attendance for live lice only, but complete nit removal is an important part of preventing chronic infestation. If you discover that your child has live head lice or nits, please inform the school so that the correct procedures will be followed to prevent the spread of these pesky critters. Your child will need to have a treatment and be cleared by the nurse or office staff prior to returning to the classroom. **TEACH** your child not to share items that come into contact with their classmates’ heads or hair or to do head-to-head hugs. If your child has long hair, it’s a good idea to keep it up in a pony-tail, braids or bun to prevent it from coming into contact with the hair of other students. Remember, lice are a nuisance, not a health issue, so if you find it, stay calm and let the school know. We have lots of friendly suggestions to help.

**Lastly**, please be reminded that if you need your child to take over-the-counter or prescription medications at school; the medication needs to be in the **original container** and we need a **medication authorization form** completed with your **signature**. Do not allow your child to transport the medication, please bring it in yourself. Cough drops may be accompanied by a note from the parent instead of the complete medication authorization form. Medication authorization forms can be found on my webpage.

Thank you for the privilege of working with your wonderful children!

**Nurse Kim**
JOIN US ON OUR NO SCHOOL DAYS!!

REACH is open from 6:30am-6:30pm on No School Days.

Please register in advance for all No School Days as spaces are limited and first come, first serve.

Come on in to our Main Site to register at 1379 SW 15th ST. You can also access full day registration forms by viewing our website: www.reachredmond.org, or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/reachredmond.

November No School Day(s):

- **November 1st (Friday) K-5th grades**: Celebrating Halloween, Halloween Party
- **November 7th (Thursday) K-5th grades**: Fiesta Day
- **November 8th (Friday) K-5th grades**: Sports/Team Color Day
- **November 11th (Monday) K-12th grades**: Superhero Day
- **November 25th (Monday) K-12th grades**: Harry Potter/Fairytale Day
- **November 26th (Tuesday) K-12th grades**: Chill Day, PJ and Movies Day
- **November 27th (Wednesday) K-12th grades**: A REACH Thanksgiving

We hope you can join us!

Questions? Call us at 541-504-9060.
Announcements

We continue to count our lucky stars that we get to spend our mornings and afternoons with your amazing children. Thank you!

- Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not attending on a day for which they are signed up OR if someone other than the Primary Sponsor is picking up. This is important for safety and planning.
- **Clubs:** We HAVE voted on and created clubs. Clubs consist of activities focused around a specific interest the students have such as, Lego’s, Dragon’s, books etc...Please encourage your child to think about and suggest ideas!
- On Fridays students are free to bring a non-electronic toy from home to play with during free-choice time.
- **Non-School Days** scheduling: Most non-school days excluding HOLIDAYS have sign-up opportunities in the classroom. Tumalo and Sage host NSD’s you may choose the site that works best for you!

Warmly,

Lisa and Cassidy

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**Our Current Unit:**

**Pop Art**

**Next Unit:**

Simple Machines

**Parent Engagement Night - Tuesday 11/19**

Theme: Board Games Food, Fun, Family!!!

5 to 6pm

JR. COUNSELORS:

We are always on the lookout for Champions who enjoy helping others and who set a good example. These Champions will be invited to be JR. Counselors. Talk this over with your Champion to see if they are interested!

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**Upcoming Dates:**

**November, 1st, 7th, 8th, 25th, 26th, 27th,** are non-school day’s that we WILL have full day program! Champions will be available at either Sage or Tumalo. Please sign up in the classroom!

**Parent Engagement Night**

Tuesday 11/19

5 to 6pm. Food, Fun, Family!!

Keep an eye out for postings and check out the school calendar.

**Full Non-School Day Calendar for Champions 2019-2020**

11/1, 7th, 8th, 25th, 26th, 27th

12/26th, 27th

1/2, 3rd, 26th, 31st

2/3rd, 17th

3/13th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th

**Champions will be closed:**

11/11th, 20th, 29th

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**Stay in touch!**

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