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PTSA

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Welcome to the new 2010-2011 school year, and a very special greeting to families new to the Redmond High School Community! Our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) works closely with the administration and staff to give all students the best possible school experience. We invite you to become a member of PTSA, so that you too can be a part of ensuring your child's success!

Communication is crucial between home and school. It can sometimes feel like a maze trying to locate information on school events and activities. Therefore, it is important to note that there are **four main tools of communication** used at RHS...

- The **RHS PTSA Mustang Weekly** is a weekly e-newsletter distributed each Sunday afternoon to RHS families and staff members via e-mail. It is free to all RHS families, but **you must sign up to receive it**. Please see sign-up instructions in this packet.
- The **RHS PTSA web site** is www.redmondhsptsa.org. This site contains information on many programs and activities that are sponsored by the PTSA. Some of these programs include Grad Night activities, volunteer opportunities, college planning evenings, SAT/ACT practice tests, etc.
- The **RHS PTSA Mustang Messenger** is the monthly school newsletter, and it has "gone green"! Each month when it is published, a link will be provided via your **Mustang Weekly** email. The newsletter can also be accessed on the school and PTSA websites. The **Mustang Messenger** contains a wealth of information on classroom news, upcoming college visits, SAT test dates, graduation checklists, etc.
- The official **Redmond High School website** is www.lwsd.org/rhs.

We encourage and rely on all of you to join PTSA to support your child's school. Membership is the foundation of this organization and the **membership fee is only \$11.00 per member!** Additionally, only members receive the RHS student phone directory. Members also receive a voice and a vote at our meetings. Our first **General Membership** meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 22nd** in the Career Center at **6:15pm** (just prior to **Curriculum Night**). As an RHS PTSA member, you are also automatically a member of the Washington State PTA (www.wastatepta.org), and of the National PTA (www.pta.org). We encourage you to check out their websites from time-to-time for valuable information and membership benefits.

As with most schools, we rely on volunteers! Enclosed is our volunteer form which you can use to decide how you can help out and become involved. Send your completed form along with your membership information and student directory permission in the enclosed envelope.

Again this year, we are asking families to show financial support for our "**Pass the Hat**" **Fund Drive**. It is our **one main fundraiser** with a goal of **\$18,000**. We hope for all donations by September 22nd (Curriculum Night). We use all money raised to directly fund projects for the school, including department and teacher grants for classroom equipment/enhancements, student planners, scholarships for graduating seniors, the *Mustang Weekly* email system, emergency preparedness supplies, etc. We would not be able to do any of the above without your continued generous donations. If your company offers "*matching funds*" we would be grateful if you would remember to include RHS PTSA! **RHS PTSA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible.**

We encourage you to contact us with your ideas and comments. We are looking forward to a great year! Thank you for your support.

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