



Redeemer

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REDEEMER ROAR!

FEBRUARY 2020



Redeemer IMAGINE Annual Fund Update

100% Participation Goal

By Mrs. Heather Pietsch

Let's Go! The competition continues! Each classroom that achieves 100% participation in the Annual Fund will win an In-N-Out Burger classroom party. Every dollar amount counts! Our hope is to have every family join in to help support our school.

Our 2019/2020 Annual Fund dollar goal is \$275,000. We are currently at \$196,980 with 45% participation.

Can you IMAGINE what we could accomplish with 100% Redeemer family participation?

Here are the current standings:

	Families	Number of Families	Percent Participation
Grade	Per Class	Donations by Class	By Class
Kindergarten	16	7	44%
1st Grade	16	7	44%
2nd Grade	16	6	38%
3rd Grade	21	7	33%
4th Grade	24	8	33%
5th Grade	21	8	38%
6th Grade	26	8	31%
7th Grade	27	15	56%
8th Grade	30	9	30%

IMAGINE the Possibilities if we reach 100%. In-N-Out Burgers for everyone!

If you would like to learn more about the distribution of 2019/2020 Annual Funds (Bridging the Gap, The Scholarship Program, and Educational Technology) please contact Mr. Mancini.

If you haven't watched the video from Mr. Mancini, please do.

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/jRi96nNrQ-w>

To make your donation please click here: <http://www.redeemer-school.org>

A Close-Up on the Middle School Dance

By Mrs. Maya Goetz



It's so much fun & highly entertaining to watch the Middle School students smile, scream words to songs, and execute amazing dance moves! The 6th & 7th grade Middle School students swarmed into the hall on January 10th to DANCE the night away! Many brought friends, including a few former Redeemer students. We missed our 8th graders due to High School placement tests and other activities. However, the hall pulsed to the beat of kids enjoying a night out with their friends. A special "Thank You" to our amazing DJ Jaime Mendoza, Steve Harper for lighting, and the parents that helped set-up and chaperone. Mark your calendars:: **LAST Middle School Dance of the year- Friday, April 17th.**



Save the Date

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL LIONS ON
THE LINKS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
BENEFIT FOR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020
STANFORD GOLF COURSE**

SHOTGUN START 11:30AM
FAMILY BBQ 5:00 PM



**REGISTRATION WEBSITE & ADDITIONAL
DETAILS COMING SOON!**

CONTACT KRISHNA POLU FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT KPOLU@HOTMAIL.COM

Save the Date! Spring Gala

Mark your calendars for our
upcoming Spring Fundraising
Gala on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** at
the lovely and local **Angelica's** in
Redwood City!

This exciting night will feature a
live band, delicious food, adult
beverages, and many ways to
help support Redeemer's
educational technology
initiatives in 2021. You won't want
to miss it! More details and ticket
prices to come.

If you are interested in
volunteering to help, please email
Mindy Odai
(mindyodai@gmail.com).



Redeemer Parent Association Presents



**JANUARY 31, 2020
6PM - 8:30PM**



"You are Welcome!"



This was the warm Ugandan greeting as we get off the bus to visit our beautiful Nalwire village last Saturday!

It was exciting to deliver the banner that each Redeemer student was able to create with their handprint. And they in turn, made one for us featuring each one of their handprints! WE are excited to display it somewhere in our school--reminding us of this special connection that God has given to us. We will grow in FAITH together as we encourage and pray for one another!

We were also able to greet most of the students that our classrooms are sponsoring. It was so exciting to see them face to face and bring them hugs from Redeemer students! And we also met many of the children that Redeemer families have sponsored individually. That was truly so special to connect the names and faces to their sponsors here! The school year for Nalwire is

beginning in a few short weeks....they are SO SO SO EXCITED! They could hardly contain the energy in their dancing and singing welcome greeting! WE pray that you understand what an impact your love is having on the village of Nalwire!

If you are still thinking about joining in this effort, there is good news! You still have an opportunity to do this before February 1st! VISIT www.heartsandhope.org/nalwire There are approximately 20 more children all set to be sponsored....we would love for you to take part in this life-changing experience.

In CHRIST--
Paul and Beth Schult



AGE OF SAIL

By Mrs. Lindsey Wilson



The fifth graders went on a fun overnight the Monday we got back from Thanksgiving break! We worked on the *Balclutha* at the San Francisco Maritime National Park. While we were there, we learned what it was like to be a sailor. We lived and worked just like they did in the 1900s. We learned how to tie ropes, swab the deck, raise and lower a dory and ensign (flag), row as a team, and ring bell time. It was a beautiful day and night with amazing views of many San Francisco landmarks (Golden Gate Bridge and Ghirardelli Square). At night it was somewhat cold, and one of the favorite parts of the trip was when they had to get up in the middle of the night to do night watch. This is a fun tradition within the fifth grade classroom curriculum. Fourth graders get ready....



AMERICAN REVOLUTION WALKTHROUGH

By Mrs. Lindsey Wilson

The fifth graders studied the American Revolution in October and November. We learned a lot about the various people who were instrumental in making our nation a free country from Britain. We also talked about different wars that took place.



To wrap up our unit we had an in-house school field trip. A company called California Weekly Explorer came in on December 4th and presented a simulation of all of these events that we learned about. It was absolutely amazing!!! We got to dress up as if we were living back in those times. Each child had a particular person to learn about and lines to say about that person in front of everyone. The class was also divided into teams of three and had to reenact specific battle scenes. It was extremely fun and the parents were able to watch and were also able to re-learn things about the American Revolution from when they were in school. Fourth graders get prepared for next year!

SPELLING BEE

by Mrs. Noelle Madden, Bee Coordinator

Our school spelling bee was held Tuesday, January 14, 2020. It was another example of God's amazing gifts as we saw such incredible success by all participants! After many rounds, our first and second grade winner, **Armaan Bahl**, won with the word *shake*. **Ian McCafferty**, our third and fourth grade winner, won with the word *dainty*. And our fifth through eighth grade winner, **Michael Sarboraria**, won with the word *sanitized*! Congratulations to everyone!!

Kudos to all of our participants!

Grade 1 – Pax Odai & Armaan Bahl
Grade 2 – Wyatt Tetley & Liam Miller
Grade 3 – Ian McCafferty & Diego Fonseca
Grade 4 – Keddie Madden & Sarah Sverdrup
Grade 5 – Max Mariuc & Nikolas Dimaano
Grade 6 – Nora Whiteman
Grade 7 – Kenya Sweatt & Alyssa Shipman
Grade 8 – Carter May, Riley Bois & Michael Sarboraria



NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2020-2021

Do you have a kindergartner for 20-21? Enrollment is now open! Kindergartners must be 5 years old by September 1. Priority enrollment closes on February 15. Enroll online at:

<https://mytads.com/a/redeemerredwood>

Enrollment for **new** students in grades 1-8 is also open. Priority enrollment closes February 29. Enroll online at: <https://mytads.com/a/redeemerredwood>

VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Each Redeemer School family is responsible for volunteer hours. This is a way to build community and help make Redeemer the best it can be. Volunteering for the RPA, in the classroom, and on field trips are just a few of the many ways to get involved and serve the mandatory hours. We will be collecting \$100 per unserved hour for those that do not complete the assigned volunteer hours by the end of April. Hours volunteered May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 count toward 2019-2020 hours due.

To learn about ways to volunteer - talk with your teacher, attend RPA meetings, and check the weekly email. Whenever you see an upcoming event, feel free to contact the organizer to volunteer!

Hours are logged online. Go to the school website, parent tab, mandatory hours. Click on the red REPORT HOURS box and create an account. If you have problems entering a date from 2019, feel free to enter a current date and note the event date in the comments box. Hours must be reported by May 15, 2020. Thank you for your support of Redeemer School!

Requirements are as follows:

- 35 hours for 2 parent families
- 20 hours for a single parent

First year New Families:

- 25 hours for 2 parent families
- 15 hours for a single parent

\$100 for unserved hour

Don't feel like dressing up?
No Problem- students may
choose to wear their regular
uniform on any of the days

Friday, January 24th
Through
Friday, January 31st

~ Show Your Spirit ~

Redeemer is Joyful for Lutheran Schools Week!



January 24th – Fantastic Red and White Day
Dress head to toe in Red and White to show your spirit

January 27th – Marvel Madness Monday–
Dress up as your favorite cartoon, super hero or Disney character



January 28th – Totally Twisted Tuesday
Dress up ready to tackle your
favorite sport or ready to tackle the couch!
Athletes vs Bed Heads– Sports clothing vs Pajamas



January 29th – Wacky Wednesday–
Dress up in crazy clothes and wacky hair



January 30th –Throwback Thursday–
1900s Decade dress-up day
10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s

January 31st – Future Friday–

Dress up as a future you
Wear college university clothing or dress for success in career clothing

FLIP OVER for a game of
“What Not to Wear”



What NOT to Wear:

Fantastic Red and White Day: Hair color is allowed but no
face paint – Red and White clothing– solid or mixed –

Marvel Madness Monday – Cartoon costumes or clothing
with characters on them. Bottoms may be part of the
costume or may be pants/shorts/leggings with no rips.

Totally Twisted Tuesday – sports clothing or actual pajamas
(no leggings or sweats as PJ bottoms) Please no sports
equipment or accessories, no pillows or slippers. Swimmers
and gymnasts and dancers– please wear pants over your
sports uniform.

Wacky Wednesday: Sky's the Limit– please no ripped jeans,
midriff tops, spaghetti straps, or short shorts/skirts.

Throwback Thursday: Dress up from one of the decades
of the 1900s

Future Friday: Wear your favorite high school or college
gear OR dress for success in your business clothes.

Shoes
Only tennis shoes or
shoes with a Velcro strap
are allowed on each of the
days.
NO boots, slippers,
sandals, cleats, or flip-
flops

Tops:
Please do not wear spaghetti
straps, midriff tops, ripped tops,
tank tops, or strapless tops

Bottoms:
Please do not wear ripped jeans,
shorts that do not reach mid-thigh,
skirts or dresses that are shorter
than 3 inches above the knee

Make-up
Please do not wear
make-up or face
paint on any of the
days. Hair dye is
permitted on Red
and White Friday
and Wacky
Wednesday

SPIRIT
DAYS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Mr. Mike Mancini

The Greatest Gift!

Wow! Here we are one week away from February and it feels like Christmas was here just yesterday. So for all of you date counters and enthusiasts who like to get your shopping done early, you now have 46 weeks left until next Christmas!

Now that all the decorations have been taken down, gift wrap put away, the tree thrown out and gifts returned, we seem to put the miracle of Christmas into the back of our minds. We have too much other stuff to worry or focus about than the Christmas story. As I sit here writing this I am reminded that the Magi came 1-2 months after the birth of Jesus. They came to bring him gifts! Ever thought what you would bring the King of Kings? After all the gifts he has given you and me, what would truly be the appropriate gift for Him? I was listening to the CD **"God Came Near"** by Max Lucado on our way to Tahoe this Christmas and Max mentions what God wants from each one of us!

Here is an excerpt from.... *"The Gift"*

We all have one gift that God would love to have. Heaven erupts in song when each one of us gives this gift to Jesus. You know what it is? It's your heart. That's what you have that he would long to possess. But he won't take it unless you give it. He's not a heart stealer. But if you will offer it, the one who came in a moment to change the world will come in a moment to change your life, if you'll offer it. What does it mean to give Christ your heart? Well, it means to give Christ yourself. To cup in your hands your future, your pain, your past, your anxieties and your worries and to present them to Him and say, "Christ I give them to You!" Even if you have done it before He accepts the gift again. He's not into returning gifts. For we have a tendency to take it back, don't we? Give Christ your heart. Give him your hurts and pains, your future and your dreams. Put your faith in the God of the universe who gave us the greatest gift, His Son.

February is that time of year when we recognize Valentine's Day. It's a day when we tell those around us how much we appreciate and love them. Why do we only wait for this day? God has asked each of us to share this gift "ALL" the time when He stated... **"LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL, all your STRENGTH and all your MIND, and LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself."** Luke 10:27

This is the greatest gift each of us can give God. This is also the greatest gift we can give to one another. May your February and the rest of the year be filled with the gift of both giving and receiving **LOVE!**

Washington, D.C. ~ An experience of a Lifetime

The anticipation was worth the wait as the students in the seventh and eighth grade, parents and staff, once again, embarked for the incredible journey to our Nation's Capital. This year I took our largest group ever as 91 participants, two buses, joined in on this unforgettable trip! This was our 11th trip to Washington, D.C. since 1999! Every other year I take the 7th and 8th grade students and parents to D.C. to experience the great history of our country and to learn how influential God was in our nation's development. We had the great opportunity to visit all the wonderful monuments, presidential homes, memorials, the Pentagon, the Smithsonians, the White House, meeting Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and a very special evening tour of the Capitol. The highlight was four students presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Congratulations to 8th graders Zach Graham, Elizabeth Doherty, Riley Bois and 7th grader Alyssa Shipman. What a wonderful and beautiful experience this was for everyone in attendance. I am already planning and can't wait for our trip in 2021!



RE-ENROLLMENT TIME!!!!!!

As we kick-off the month of February we are in the process of enrolling new families to our school & re-enrolling current families for the fall of 2020. We need your help. We will be sending home re-enrollment information this month and would like all returning students to re-enroll by February 28th! We are planning for the 20/21 year, and these numbers will give us a clear indication of enrollment for next year.

This is where you have always and will continue to be vitally important. Please refer a friend to our school family. We have always been blessed by the families who have come to our school because of your referral. Our thank you to you for referring a family is to **reduce your tuition by \$500!**

Please make it a part of your gift of **LOVE to Christ**, to introduce a friend to the wonderful ministries of Redeemer. Together we can ALL make a difference in a child and family's life.

In past years I have often used this quote for John Wooden's book "*They Call Me Coach*". It reminds me of the mission and vision our staff at Redeemer works towards. I had changed some of the wording to "Redeemerize" it for our team. My prayer is, you too, feel as I do about our caring teachers!

We who teach at Redeemer have a great influence on the lives of all the young children who Christ has put 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 from their parents and set the example that Christ would like each of us to display. We must try to prevent the pressures of society and their peers from causing them to swerve from Christ centered principles.

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

You are all very special to our community and I thank our great God each day for your love and commitment to Redeemer!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



JANUARY 2020:

24, Fri.....Fantastic Red & White Day
24-26.....Boys Roundball Tournament

SPIRIT WEEK / LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

27, Mon.....Marvel Madness Monday
28, Tue.....Totally Twisted Tuesday
29, Wed.....Wacky Wednesday
30, Thu.....Throwback Thursday
31, Fri.....Future Friday

31, Fri.....SPINGO! 6:00-8:30pm

FEBRUARY 2020:

2, SunSuper Bowl LIV – GO NINERS!!! ☺

5, Wed.....1:45pm Early Dismissal, Weds Clubs 2:00-3:00pm

7, Fri.....Chapel @ 8:25am

7, Fri.....4th grade Musical @ 6:30pm

10-13.....Healthy Heart Week

12, Wed.....1:45pm Early Dismissal, Weds Clubs 2:00-3:00pm

13, Thu.....Chapel @ 8:25am

14, FriNO SCHOOL Presidents' Weekend holiday

15, Sat.....End of Kindergarten 2020-2021 priority enrollment

14-16.....Redeemer cheer squad is competing in USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim!!

17, Mon.....NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day holiday

19, Wed.....1:45 Early Dismissal, Last Winter Weds Club 2:00-3:00pm

19, Wed.....5th grade field trip - Westward Ho!

20, Thu.....4th grade field trip - Adobe Days

22, Fri.....Chapel @ 8:25am

22, Fri.....Mock Kindergarten 9:00-11:00am for incoming 2020-2021 kindergarten applicants

26, Wed.....1:45pm Early Dismissal, NO WEDS CLUBS

28, Fri.....Chapel @ 8:25am

28, Fri.....End of 2nd trimester, regular school day

A LOOK AHEAD:

Mar 10-12P/T Conferences, 12:30pm dismissal

Mar 27, Fri.....NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service

Mar 30-Apr3NO SCHOOL Spring break

*The Used Uniform Closet is open each Tuesday after school @ 3:00pm