



Redeemer

REDWOOD CITY

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REDEEMER ROAR!

JANUARY 2019

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11 -

AGE OF SAIL

Mrs. Lindsey Wilson, 5th grade teacher

The fifth graders went on a fun overnight the Monday we got back from Thanksgiving break! We worked on the C.A. Thayer and slept on the Eureka Ferryboat 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 the way 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 (and parent chaperones) get ready....





Cheers to all you amazing parents out there! Merry Christmas!

By a Child

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
And I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat,
And I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
And I learned that little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I heard you say a prayer,
And I knew there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick,
And I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing,
And I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I felt you kiss me good night,
And I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it,
And I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good,
And I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes,
And I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you cared,
And I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know
To be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked at you and wanted to say,
"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

-Author Unknown

MANDATORY PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS

All Redeemer School families are required to contribute parent participation hours each school year.

- 35 hours returning two-parent families, 25 hours first year two-parent families
- 20 hours returning single-parent families, 15 hours first year single-parent

The timeframe to work 2018-2019 hours is May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. Unfulfilled hours are billed at \$100/hour. Don't wait until the last minute to look for work hour opportunities! Field trips, lunch and recess help, classroom parties, Friday Folder stuffing, driving students to/from sports (not just your own!), CODS, MSOE, Age of Sail, etc etc all count toward Mandatory Hour requirements/

Please go to our school website to report your hours:

- www.redeemer-school.org
- PARENTS tab
- Choose MANDATORY HOURS
- Click on the red REPORT HOURS box and log in your hours.

REPORT HOURS ONLINE:

REPORT HOURS

FIRST TRIMESTER PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Principal's Honor Roll is awarded each trimester to students in grades 6-8 who earn a perfect 4.0 (straight A) grade point average. Congratulations!

- **8th Grade:** Lucy Bryant, Henry Le Chang, Hana Sweatt
- **7th Grade:** Georgia McDougall, Michael Sarboraria, Lucy Rankin
- **6th Grade:** Kenya Sweatt



FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll is awarded each trimester to students in grades 6-8 who earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA. Congratulations to:

Jake Riley
Milan Zencirci
Julia Bujtor

8th Grade
Jackie Dugan
Joe Apodaca
Robynne Blackmond

Caroline Rankin
Hailey Conde

Abby Goetz
Luke Conneely
Ian Holt
Elizabeth Doherty
Caroline Davis
Kaleb Lofgren

7th Grade
Luke Hitch
Zach Graham
Nico Lazzareschi
Mario Garcia
Ryan Dodge

Riley Bois
Jordan Buettner
Lauren Weckel
Michael Perazzo
Carter May

Pippa Odai
Anjali Polu
Jack Coakley
Abby Conde
Steven Medin

6th Grade
Sasha Razi
Abby Medin
Andrea Chow
Caden Morey
Olivia Campagna

Frank Riley
Giancarlo Toriello
Alyssa Shipman
Cassidy Pietsch

ENROLLMENT 2019-2020

- Kindergarten Enrollment has begun. If you have a kindergartner for next year, please enroll during the priority enrollment period **ending January 31, 2019!** Please stop by the office for an application or visit the website, admissions tab. Please be sure to include \$100 application fee and a copy of your child's birth certificate. We will have a Mock Kindergarten class on Sat, Feb 23 from 9-11am for all kindergarten applicants.
- **Re-enrollment for current students will begin in January.** Be on the lookout for a letter in your mailbox with enrollment information.

COMING THIS JANUARY -- Mark your Calendars! Wednesdays at the WELL -- "Women Experiencing Living Loved"

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Fellowship, Devotion, & Prayer

Time & Place: Wednesdays: 8:15-9:00am in Fellowship Hall

- 8:15 - Fellowship with one another over morning coffee
- 8:30 - Gather in large group for time to share 15 minute devotion
- 8:45 - Break up into smaller groups to pray for each other and our families



Childcare: Currently we do not have childcare available, but will continue to work on this! Little ones are welcome to be with you, we have a nursery room with some toys that you can pull out to play at your feet.

Contact Beth Schult if you have any questions bschult@redeemerministries.org

🎵 THE POWER OF THE KING 🎵

This month the third grade class had the wonderful opportunity to present their musical *The Power of the King!* The students did a super job telling the amazing story of *Christmas!* As we get caught up in the business of the season, it was a beautiful reminder that our focus should be on the miracle of Jesus' birth; the best Christmas gift. My class did a GREAT job and I am so proud of their efforts!

~ Mrs. Denise Maier



MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA

Pastor Paul and Beth Schult are leading a mission trip to Uganda this summer.

- Dates – June 9-20, 2019
- Organization – Redeemer works with and through an organization called Hearts and Hope for Uganda (www.heartsandhope.org)
- Trip focus – the team will visit several villages to assist Hearts and Hope with their work in community development.
- Nalwire – Redeemer has adopted the village of Nalwire and will begin developing relationships with the children and community leaders. We will also see the well and latrine constructed through Redeemer's support.
- Ages – 18 and over.
- Cost – About \$3200 for flight and accommodations. (Vaccines and passport/visas are additional). If you want to go and funds are a challenge for you, please talk to Pastor Schult to help develop a funding plan.
- Optional Safari – A two day safari at Murchison Falls is available at the end of the trip.
- A down payment of \$500 is needed by the end of January if you would like to join the team.

Please contact Pastor Schult for information – pschult@redeemerministries.org



UGANDA TRIVIA NIGHT AT REDEEMER

- When: Saturday Night, February 9th.
- Where: Redeemer Fellowship Hall
- What: Good food, soda, beer and wine, and of course TRIVIA.
- How: Tables of 8 form a trivia team and compete with the other tables in 7 rounds of trivia questions.
- Why: To help raise \$15,000 for a latrine for the school in Nalwire.
- Cost: \$75 per person – food, drinks, fun, and trivia included. (And you are giving to a great cause!!)

Sponsorship: \$250 If you, your family, or business would like to sponsor a round of trivia.

Tickets: Will be available starting in January.



REDWOOD CITY / SAN MATEO COUNTY TOY AND BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who supported the toy and book drive by donating toys and/or wrapping gifts!



Pajama JAM JAM!!

Middle School Dance

Date: Friday, January 11, 2019

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Cost: \$5.00 (cash or check to Redeemer)

Dress in your favorite pajamas or cozy clothes!!

At this dance students will JAM to a **Live DJ!**



JESUS is the REASON for the SEASON!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 2018:

21, Fri..... 12:30 Dismissal, Kids Klub closes at 3:00pm, No Choice lunch hot lunch
24, Mon Christmas Eve worship @ 3:00 & 5:00, Party with Santa @ 4:00
25, Tue Christmas Day worship @ 10:00am
24-31 NO SCHOOL Christmas holiday

January 2019:

1-6 NO SCHOOL Christmas holiday
7, Mon NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
8, Tue Students Return
9, Wed Wednesdays at the WELL @ 8:15-9:00am in Fellowship Hall
9, Wed Early dismissal @ 1:45pm, Weds Cooking Club @ 2-3:00pm
11, Fri Chapel @ 8:25am
11, Fri Pajama Jam middle school dance 7-9pm

14, Mon Spelling Bee @ 12:30-3:00pm
16, Wed Wednesdays at the WELL @ 8:15-9:00am in Fellowship Hall
16, Wed Early dismissal @ 1:45pm, Weds Cooking Club @ 2-3:00pm
18, Fri Chapel @ 8:25am

21, Mon NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
23, Wed Wednesdays at the WELL @ 8:15-9:00am in Fellowship Hall
23, Wed Early dismissal @ 1:45pm, Weds Cooking Club @ 2-3:00pm
24, Thu Redeemer School Strategic Update with Mr. Mancini @ 6:30pm
25, Fri Chapel @ 8:25am, 3rd grade leads
25, Fri Variety Show @ 6:30pm

30, Wed Wednesdays at the WELL @ 8:15-9:00am in Fellowship Hall
30, Wed Early dismissal @ 1:45pm, Weds Cooking Club @ 2-3:00pm
31, Thu Special Washington DC Pancake Hot Lunch (advance orders only)

Here Comes Heaven

12.24 Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services

@ 3:00pm
@ 5:00pm

Christmas Party with Santa

@ 4:00pm



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2018-2019 Annual Fund Update



Thank you for sharing your passion for...

OUR TEACHERS

Your many gifts, totaling over \$180,000, have enabled Redeemer to give our teachers a boost in their salary! We can't even begin to express our gratitude for your kindness and generosity in helping make this happen.

QUALITY EDUCATION

Your passion for Redeemer has allowed us to forge a new partnership with Knowing Technologies who will serve as our innovative thought-partners. Through a structured, year-long Professional Development program, they will support our teachers in thinking differently about how they utilize and integrate technology in the classroom.

YOUR SCHOOL

Many of you have participated in the Annual Fund and we are beyond thankful. Our new partnership with Knowing Technologies will help us improve our technology infrastructure allowing us to grow and develop multiple areas of the school ministry with greater ease and efficiency.

GOAL UPDATE: 100% PARTICIPATION

We've been blessed by gifts of \$10 and gifts of over \$50,000. We've been blessed by gifts from current students and gifts from alumni grandparents.

Only 22 out of 137 school families have participated in the Annual Fund. Our goal is 100% family participation no matter the amount of the gift.

Share your passion for Redeemer and give to the Annual Fund today by visiting www.redeemer-school.org/redeemerannualfund.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Mancini

Enjoy The "W" of Christmas!

After watching the 3rd grade class perform their musical on Friday night I was reminded of this story. I am always amazed how Christ uses the voices and hearts of children to send out HIS message and love! May this message reaffirm in your heart what Christmas is TRULY about...

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations...extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas. My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production.

Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row - center stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W".

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear...

"CHRIST~~W~~AS LOVE"

And....HE STILL IS!! (God works in AWESOME ways!

What a very special message this Christmas season. May we all see that Christ was and is love this season and in the New Year to come!

As this calendar year comes to an end, I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for the precious gift of your children to Redeemer. We have an awesome God who continues to shower all of us with His love. May each student and family celebrate the baby Jesus in a special way.

May the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow bless each of you in the New Year to come and may each of us remember " Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

TELL A FRIEND!

We could use **YOUR** help! Make it apart of your “resolution” to hand a flyer to a friend and tell them about Redeemer. Together we can make a difference in a child or family’s life.

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

Make it a part of your gift of **LOVE to Jesus**, to introduce a friend to the wonderful ministries of Redeemer School. Together we can make a difference in a child and family’s life.

REFERRAL CREDIT...\$500 per student!

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Invite a friend to come by our final open house and show them the great things that are happening at RLS! Your word is more valuable than any advertising we can do!

Jan. 16, Wednesday (6:30 - 8:00pm)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH @ 6:30PM
REFRESHMENTS & CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

REDEEMER STRATEGY UPDATE

COME LEARN ABOUT PROPOSED
CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL'S
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND
FUNDING MODEL AND HOW IT
IMPACTS TUITION MOVING
FORWARD.

ALSO, GET AN UPDATE ON THE
SCHOOL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- FUNDING AND ADVANCEMENT
- INNOVATIVE AND RELEVANT ACADEMICS
- ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE