



The Anchor

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October Calendar of Events

Thursday	2	7:00PM Parent Open House
Friday	3	Student of the Month Celebration
Sunday	5	Noon-4:00PM Wildwood Garden Work Party—Maplewood
Monday	6	Sun School Classes Begin
Tuesday	7	3:45PM Chess Club Room 106
Wednesday	8	International Walk to School Day
Thursday	9	NO SCHOOL Professional Development
Friday	10	NO SCHOOL Statewide Inservice Day
Tuesday	14	3:45PM Chess Club Room 106
Wednesday	15	7:00PM PTA Meeting RGMS Library 6:45-9:00PM PPS Public Meeting Westside Boundary Lincoln High Cafeteria
Thursday	16	8-9AM Chess Club Room 106 3:45-4:45PM 6 th Grade Activities 6:45-9:00PM PPS Public Meeting Westside Boundary Wilson High Cafeteria
Friday	17	3:45-5:15PM 7 th & 8 th Grade Dance
Wednesday	22	Grandparents/Special Friends' Day

Math on Call, a resource book to help parents assist their students with math homework, will be available in about two weeks for \$15.00 in the RGMS office.

QSP Magazine Fundraiser: Thank you to all RGMS students that participated in the magazine fundraiser! A final total has not been calculated yet, our total sales will be approximately \$28,000, the school will receive 40% of the total sales. If you still have an order to turn in, Peggy will collect them in the office until **Monday October 6th**. Thank you to the following volunteers for their help on the last two collection days: Julie Anderson, Debbie Hasson, Diana Rook, Mary Kent, Gloria Leo, Irene Hediger, Beth Clucas, Leslie Ades, and Karen Underwood. The winner of the Tony Hawk tickets was Alex Jewel, he won two tickets to the Sunday, October

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Parent Open House

Tonight October 2nd at 7PM

This is a great opportunity to listen to teachers and learn what is going on in your student's classrooms. If you have specific concerns about your student, please call or email the teacher.

The evening program is designed for you to meet the teachers and receive an overview of classroom.

5th show. Everyone who turned at least six orders on September 30th was automatically entered in a drawing. If you have questions regarding the sale, please call Daureen Morris 503 246-0374.

Student Organization & Time Management: If you were ever going to get it together, this is the time of year to do it! Members of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) all around the world are putting on a variety of events -- workshops, volunteer projects, community education -- to increase awareness about the importance of GETTING ORGANIZED. October 5-11th is NAPO's "GO (Get Organized) Week". You are in luck, because you have a Professional Organizer and NAPO member who is also a RGMS parent! To kick off GO Week, **Anne Blumer, is volunteering to coach RGMS students on basic organizing and self management skills to help them organize their homework, school projects, research assignments and learn to manage their schedules.** Anne believes teaching students at this age will instill a foundation of organizing skills that will serve them throughout their educational experience and their professional careers. Anne will be available the third Thursday of each month, beginning October 16th, in the library between 8:15-9:00AM. To schedule time with Anne, please call the school office or stop by the library when Anne is there.

Help Needed to collate and staple the Anchor. If you have an hour or two on Thursday afternoons, contact Peggy Gansberg at mckjagger@aol.com.

Chess Club: Join the defending *Middle School State Chess Champions* in a game. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:45-5:00PM and on Thursdays from 8:00-9:00AM in room 106. We could use some parent volunteers, minimal chess knowledge is required. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions please call Susan Robinson at 503-245-1204.

After School Activities: If your student is looking for something to do after school, check out the SUN School schedule ~ extra copies available in RGMS office. With classes ranging from rock climbing and radio production to drama and fashion, it's easy for everyone to find something to enjoy. Activities begin next week on October 6th and registration is required. Please call 503.452.3765 for information.

Homework Help: Just a reminder that we have a homework club after school in the library Tuesdays and Thursdays with an activity bus leaving school at 4:50PM. Bus stops include: Rieke School, MJCC, Southwest Community Center, Hayhurst School, Maplewood School and Mutnomah Arts Center. It's a great time to get homework done or just get some extra help.

Full Esteem Ahead will be offering two group discussions for parents. One is for parents of teenage girls and the other is for parents of teenage boys. Each is designed to explore issues parents face while raising their teenage or nearly teenage children. To find out more information or to register, please call 503.452.3765.

Mother/Daughter Self-Defense Class: a self defense class designed for women and girls will be offered Monday from 5-6:00PM here at RGMS. The fee is \$68 per participant. Registration forms are in the RGMS office. For more information, please call 503.452.3765.

Public Meetings to discuss PPS Westside Boundary Policy and Recommendations by Task Force: The meetings will be held in the cafeterias at Lincoln High School on October 15th and at Wilson High School on October 16th from

6:45-9:00PM. Members of the community are encouraged to attend public meetings on the proposed recommendations of the Westside Boundaries Task Force, which has been meeting since April. Childcare is available at no charge. Please call Suzanne Roberts at 503.225.0192 if you plan to bring children. Task Force representatives will facilitate discussions regarding the proposed Westside Boundary Policy and actions to correct overcrowding and underutilization in the Lincoln and Wilson Clusters recommended by the group. Translators available upon request, please contact Elaine Cogan at 503.225.0192. For those who are unable to attend the meeting but wish to submit comments, you may do so by contacting Brenda Gustafson at bgustafs@pps.k12.or.us, 503.916.3155, or 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon 97227-1804. Additional information on the Westside Boundary Task Force can be found at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/2130>.

The Anchor: a weekly publication of the RGMS PTA that is distributed on Thursdays, please send email address changes to pbruce@pps.k12.or.us. If you have an announcement to include, comments or suggestions, please email HRKnodell@aol.com.

Wildwood Garden Work Party!

Maplewood Elementary School
7452 Southwest 52nd Avenue
Portland

Sunday, October 5th ~ noon to 4:00PM
Help prepare the garden for fall and winter.



We'll weed, mow and spread bark chips on the trails. If you can, please bring shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, hoes, clipper, etc.

All are welcome!