



ORCS NOTES



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ORCS Purpose and Philosophy

Our Redeemer Christian School, ORCS, is a non-discriminatory, non-denominational educational institution. ORCS serves as an extension of the Christian ministry of ORLC and as an outreach program to our neighboring community.

Each child at ORCS is valued as a special person in his/her own right, a person unique and of worth because God created him / her, our emphasis is based on Christian attitudes and beliefs in a positive and supportive atmosphere.

Picture Days October 13 & 14



Why an Auction? How does it Affect Me?

ORCS Annual Benefit Auction, held at the school in March, is a great evening of fellowship, fun, and delicious food.

Proceeds from the auction are used for: Tuition Assistance Fund, Operating Budget, Updated materials/equipment to maintain the high quality preschool/Kindergarten program, continuing Education for staff, Classroom Wish List items, i.e., classroom storage cabinets, new dramatic play areas, bikes and scooters, classroom reading/quiet area/furniture/soft pillows.

Monies raised for the Fund-an-item have included: indoor climber, carpet, paint, phone system, triple pane windows, playground updates, and a copier.

Save the Date March 13, 2010

- ✓ Get a baby sitter NOW & plan on attending
- ✓ Get involved: There are committees that you can be involved with in a big or small way.

Volunteer Book is by water fountain

- ✓ Donate an item: We strongly encourage all ORCS families to donate at least one item.
- ✓ Solicit items

Procurement letters and donor forms will be distributed to all parents in early October. Wherever you shop or enjoy dining out simply ask for a donation.

Please contact Kristin Heywood with any questions or if you want to get involved.

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Emergency Drills

Each month ORCS students & staff participate in an emergency drill. The emergency drill for the month of September is Fire Drill.

Other emergency drills are alternate route fire drill, earthquake, and building lock down. Any questions please contact Director Mary Hubbard.

ORCS Kids are invited

To: PUMPKIN FEST

on: OCTOBER 24th

From: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



Crafts

Bobbing for apples

Tattoos

Pumpkin Carving

Face Painting

Special guest, Gideon, coming from 4:00 – 5:00 pm to make each child a balloon character to take home.

WHAT IS WAEYC?

A question asked at one of the parent meetings: "The school calendar shows no school on October 15th & 16th because of WAEYC". What is WAEYC?

Excellent question! WAEYC is the Washington Association for the Education of Young Children. It is a professional organization for early childhood educators/care givers. Each year in October there is a 3 day (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) Conference during which members attend classes. Attendees choose classes as well as participate in keynote presentations. The conference is a wonderful experience and is a motivating force in the new school year. ORCS pays the conference registration costs as part of the continuing education requirement for all staff members. School is closed to allow all of our staff to attend this very worthwhile event. This year's conference is in Bellevue.

The Blessings of New Beginnings

It is delightful to see the excitement of children as they move into new beginnings. Whether it is on the playground or in the classroom or in chapel time, these new beginnings provide opportunity for growth.

At ORCS we look forward to seeing the ways each child grows through the months of the school year. I especially love to see how they grow spiritually.

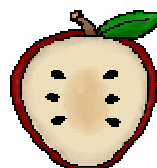
We are privileged to be partners with you in the spiritual new beginnings which will take place in your child's life during these eventful months of development. They will learn more of God's love for them. They will learn more about prayer. They will learn new things about worshiping God. Much of that experience will be in your family setting, of course, but I encourage you to attend chapel time when you can or ask your child what they learned in chapel.

In addition, if there are ways that I can be of help to you in the new beginnings of spiritual development in your child's life, please feel free to contact me or just stop in to my office.

God bless you as you prayerfully lead your child through each exciting new beginning!

Happy parenting!
Pastor Moland

All-School-Off-Site Class
To South 47 Farm
October 20 & 21
Pumpkin Patch



REDAPPLE
Otis Spunkmeyer
Orders Due
Friday, October 2nd



Thoughts from the Director
Mary Hubbard



School Enrollment	130
2's	27 (M/W AM-2 M/W PM-1)
3's	39 (T/TH AM-1 M/W/TH PM-2)
PreK	46 (M/T/W/TH PM-2)
Kindergarten	18
Total Openings	8

🍎 Childcare on the Parent Volunteer Work Day was done by the following four young women – Stephanie King, Katy Snyder, Renee Marpert and Julie Porcopio. They provided playground supervision while parents completed work day tasks.

🍎 Preschool Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Curriculum Night were well attended. Parents visited classrooms, gathered in the sanctuary for staff and ORCS Parent Board Members introductions and hear Kristin Heywood (2010 Auction Chairperson) talk about the March 13th ORCS Benefit Auction. Attendees also had an opportunity to sign the Volunteer Book.

🍎 There are two new additions to the ORCS playground – a sandbox and adjacent pea gravel area and a wooden playhouse.

Special Celebration

Plan to be at

*Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on
Sunday, September 28*

During the 10:30 am service

*ORLC Christian Education staff and the
ORCS staff will participate in a
Service of Blessing*

Special recognition for years of service to the following members:

- Director Mary Hubbard (25)**
- Deb Marpert (10)**
- Sue Hagan (10)**
- Karen LaBarge-King (10)**

ORCS Staff Birthdays



Staff Appreciation will be a year-long celebration at ORCS as we acknowledge staff members on their birthdays. You are encouraged to join in these celebrations by remembering staff members as they celebrate another year of growing-in-the-Lord! Cards and/or notes sharing words of appreciation, a special child-created picture, or specially offered prayers are appropriate remembrances. One week in May is designated as Staff Appreciation Week and a committee will be planning for that week.

Change of Address, Phone or E-mail?

Please notify the office if you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address.

Thank you

Father's Night
Save the Date!
Tuesday, October 13th
See insert

September 5	Cheryl Master
September 11	Sue Rosebrook
September 26	Sue Hagan
October 16	Jan Barnhart
October 23	Sharon Radebaugh
October 26	Stacey Chapman-Pontiff
November 14	Mary Hubbard
November 15	Kelly Clark
November 30	Pastor Moland
December 21	Amy Shirley
January 3	Karen LaBarge - King
January 4	Helen Schild
January 18	Deb Marpert
March 15	Linda Overland
March 31	Julie Marovich
April 18	Christa Donahue
May 11	Bonnie Schwindt
July 25	Jane Christie

**ORCS
Reserved
Parking
Space**

Auction
Purchased

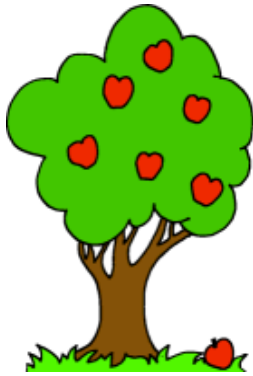
**PLEASE
DO NOT PARK IN
RESERVED
AUCTION
PURCHASED
PARKING
SPOTS**

**September**

Dates to Remember

**October**

September 27 ORCS/ORLC Staff Blessing at ORLC 10:30 am
 September 26 Sue Hagan's Birthday



October 2 Staff Mtg. 12:00 – 2:30 pm
 Otis Spunkmeyer / Red Apple Ends
 October 5 Finance Committee – 7:00 pm
 October 6 & 7 Chapel
 October 12 ORCS Board Mtg. – 7:00 pm
 October 13 Father's Night
 October 13 & 14 Picture Days
 October 15 & 16 WAEYC No School
 October 16 Jan Barnhart's Birthday
 October 20 & 21 Pumpkin Patch
 All school Off-site-class
 October 23 Sharon Radebaugh's Birthday
 October 26 Stacey Chapman-Pontiff's Birthday
 October 27 & 28 All School Singing

Thank You **Thank You** **Thank You** **Thank You**

A Special **THANK YOU** to Jack Donahue, a 9th grader at Kamiakin Junior High School and an ORCS alumni, who assembled the playhouse, prepared the area for the sandbox and pea gravel area then assembled and installed the sandbox on the playground. All 9th graders in the Lake Washington School District must complete a community service projects and this work on the ORCS playground qualified for Jack's CAPstone project.

Making Playdough: Amy Henkens, Kim Malcolm, Chuck Schrank, Janie Crum, Jen Faley, Danelle Mathews, Kim Arnold, Gena Cook, Joshua Arnold, Kelly Clark, Emily Detmon & Dametra Marletti

Cutting: Debbie Laughlin



Parent Volunteer Work Day on August 25th was a success! Nearly 25 parents were present to accomplish a myriad of tasks including changing batteries in tap lights, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, checking all electrical outlets for safety plugs, washing tables and chairs in the classroom and library, washing windows and sills in all classrooms and offices, cleaning classroom toys, weeding, raking & rearranging timbers along the sanctuary wall. **A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED ON THAT DAY!**



Teach for the Two-sided Mind



“ A Task must be appropriate to a child's level of development if the child is to succeed at it and grow from the experience. When we force children to learn to read and work with verbal materials before they are ready, we are like a builder who, eager to see results, fails to put in the foundation before beginning work on the house...To teach children too early so that they learn by rote is to deprive them of the joy and excitement of meaningful discoveries. It fills their head with things they know but do not understand...”

By: Linda Verlee Williams

Sally Rodgers
 Teri Loechelt - Yoshioka
 Emily Detmon
 Jennifer Mahan
 Gena Cook
 Michele Eggers
 (Aidan, Evie & Laurel)
 Julieanne Culver
 Jane Villiott
 Debbie Laughlin
 Stephanie Corrigan

Traci Jaeger
 Jen Faley
 Danielle Voeller
 Kelly Clark
 Dametra Marletti
 Kim Malcolm
 (James P.)
 Suan Gosling
 Tammy Monson
 Cari Hinnant
 Cari Mclalwain