## What does your PTSA do at Redmond Elementary? We make <u>good</u> things happen!

The Redmond Elementary PTSA (<u>*P*</u>arents <u>*T*</u>eachers <u>*S*</u>tudents <u>*A*</u>ssociation) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established in 1982 to support the students of our school. It is affiliated with WA State and National PTA, the largest grassroots children advocacy organization in the United States, working to better the lives of children for more than 100 years.

*Our mission:* To work with the families, teachers, staff, and students of Redmond Elementary to create a world-class school with a culture of achievement.

Redmond Elementary PTSA has improved your child's life and academic experiences by:

#### Helping to create a safe and better learning environment for our students:

- Updating the school's Emergency Preparedness supplies and equipment
- Coordinating an annual Vision and Hearing Screening for all students.
- \$100 per classroom for academic supplies
- Over \$3000 in grants to help buy new lunch tables, reducing lunch shifts from 4 to 3
- Water Safety Lessons for 3rd graders
- More than \$4000 over the last two years for Library books and Accelerated Reader tests
- Supporting the WA State PTA advocacy efforts to enact legislature that will ultimately give our school system adequate education funding.

#### Continuing to encourage family, school, and community interaction:

- Organizing Family Activities such as Movie Nights, Math Nights and Skate Nights
- Community events such as the Hawk Walk
- Coin & Food Drives to benefit local families
- Grants for the Neighborhood Schoolhouse before and after school programs, Family Net and Lunch Buddy programs
- Outreach through the Hawk Talk, and weekly news through the Hawk Flash
- Working with the Lake Washington PTSA Council to provide Parent Education seminars in the area
- Online resources through <u>www.redmondelptsa.org</u>, <u>www.wastatepta.org</u> and <u>www.pta.org</u>

### Providing enrichment programs through:

- Reflections National Art Program in the fall
- Science Fair, Pacific Science Center Science on Wheels Van, Science Lunch presentations, the Salmon Project and Nature Vision workshops
- More than \$6500 per year in grants to pay for field trip transportation costs
- Year-long programs such as the Lego Club, competitive Chess Club and Passport Club.
- Sponsoring educational assemblies and workshops throughout the school year

# "Pass the Hat" contributions and membership dues make all these activities possible! Contributions are tax deductible!

Double your gift to Redmond Elementary PTSA with employer matching funds. Ask your employer if they will match your 501(c)(3) tax-deductible donation and/or membership fee. Many local companies do!

Want to be involved as a volunteer? Complete the separate volunteer form provided