

REDWOOD READER

Redwood Elementary Newsletter

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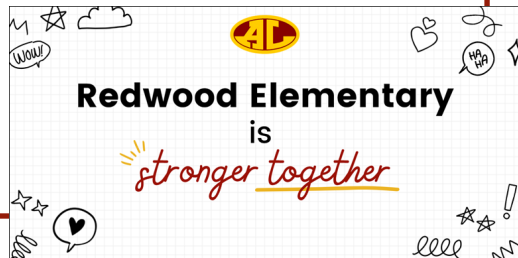


Redwood Families,

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the SOUPer Bowl food drive. Together the families and staff of Redwood donated over 330 can food items and collect 555.00 dollars. What a great show of support for a worthy cause.



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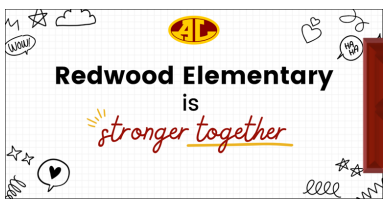


Talking to Kids About Tragedy

Several parents are grappling with having these tough conversations, here are a few strategies that our ALCS counselors have been sharing:

1. Remember that curiosity surrounding the detail of the death is normal. Validate that to your child.
2. Ask your child what they have heard from teachers/classmates so that you can help them navigate the information they are receiving.
3. Balance honesty and developmental appropriateness of information (this is the tricky one). You can be honest and provide facts without giving unnecessary adult details that can be traumatizing to a child. "What we know right now is that the whole family died. The police, that are here to keep everyone safe, are trying to figure out what happened."
4. Reiterate that your child is safe at school and at home.
5. Because your child may have heard more explicit details from other classmates or media exposure, talk to them about rumors. "It sounds like some of what you are hearing might be rumors. Rumors are things that people say that aren't always true." Reiterate the facts that we know.
6. Direct the conversation towards coping skills and help your child think of things that they can do if they feel sad. You may verbalize what you do when you are feeling sad. (Doing something nice for someone like drawing a picture or making a card, talking to mom, dad, or a friend how you are feeling, playing with a pet, etc.)

Lastly, you know your child best. Trust your instinct as a parent. You providing a safe space for your child to talk about how they are feeling is an excellent first step.



PTA NEWS

Meeting Agenda

- Principal's News
- Administrative updates:
 - Budget approval
 - Present - Ethics/Code of Conduct Policy
- Stronger Together
 - Monthly Theme
 - Communication
- Membership update
- Spirit Wear update
- Stoller Fundraiser
- Open discussion Q/A

PTA MEETING

Rescheduled

The first meeting of the 2021 school year will be held next Thursday, September 7th, at 7pm via Zoom

Please use the following link to join!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83909444389?pwd=ZjhpVENpYVB6VElyM3JUZmxnKzJZQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 0944 4389
Passcode: PTA

Room Parents

CALLING ALL REDWOOD PARENTS:

"It's time to sign up for Room Parents for the 2021-2022 school year! Click on the link for more information. You will need to sign in or create an account/profile on MemberHub.

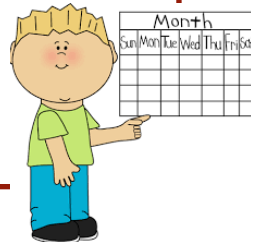
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IMPORTANT DATES

Here is the link to the most recent Important Dates Calendar for Redwood

[Calendar](#)



Spirit Wear

Purchase your Redwood and Avon Lake gear & have it shipped directly to your home

- A percentage of all sales goes to Redwood PTA
- Storefronts will be open all year, but the 30% off sale is for a limited time only

Store link for Redwood: <https://1stplace.sale/72840>

Store link for Avon Lake: <https://1stplace.sale/7283>

School Lunches

We are Happy to announce all students will be eligible to once again receive a free lunch this school year. All items from a typical student lunch will be available to every student each day at no cost to the family. If your student wishes to purchase Ala Cart items, those items will be available to purchase separately. Further information can be found at this [link](#).



SAFETY FIRST

In order to keep all students safe and in school, safety guidelines have been put out by the Avon Lake City School District and can be accessed [here](#). Please be aware that the document is current and following the most recent guidelines and can change as conditions warrant.

Visitors

One important guideline is regarding visitors. Due to the safety of the staff and students, we will not be allowing visitors in the building unless it is for essential school business. Tables will be set up in the foyer for you to drop items off or to sign students in/out. Please continue to use the buzzer to communicate with Mrs. Lucas or the office staff. This will continue to help us keep the building safe.

Arrival & Dismissal

Student Drop Off-8:35 am

School Starts-8:50 am

Car Riders Begin Dismissal -3:20pm

Walkers Dismissed-3:15 pm

Bus Riders Dismissed-3:20pm
(or when buses arrive)

Birthday

Treats:



Birthdays are special occasions and we love to celebrate them. District policy is to celebrate the birthday of a student with non-edible items. What does this mean? It means that all birthday treats brought into school must be **non-food items**. Some examples of acceptable non-edible treats include: pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, erasers, silly bands, or other similar items. Teachers will distribute these to the students.

Avon Lake Travel Basketball Association

Tryouts: September 25th and 26th

Girls and Boys 3rd-6th grade

Please register and find additional information at

avonlakebasketball.com/.

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