

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Spring is in the air. This time of year always goes so fast and before we know it our seniors will be tossing their caps into the air. In the meantime, we are deep into state testing, gearing up for AP exams, senior project presentations, spring sports and performances. I want to focus on three areas in this Rider Record; 1-Budget, 2-Curriculum, and 3-Activities.

First, as I am sure you are aware, the school district is in some dire financial straits. The result of which means some reductions in our school budget for next year. The short story for what that will mean for us is a reduction in some of our support staff (library assistant and technology support), reductions in our supply budget and a loss of around 6.0 FTE. (Julia – I'm not sure all parents will know what FTE stands for) Some of the loss of our teaching staff is offset with some voluntary reductions (retirements and voluntary leaves). However, there will be some loss of teachers. This is always a challenge and we will continue to deliver a comprehensive and successful academic program. I would like to also thank all of the parents who contributed to the No-Bake "Bake Sale". We are really fortunate to have such a supportive community as the monies raised from this allowed us to buy back 1.0 teachers (FTE). This is a tremendous gift back to the school, so thank you for contributing.

Second, in regards to curriculum, we are going to be adding an AP offering in both Language Arts (AP language and composition) and Science (AP Physics). These offerings will add to the advanced coursework already available to students. More details on how the AP Language will intersect with the existing "options" will come out through a different correspondence. In the meantime, your students should have already shared with you a print out of the courses they selected for next school year. If you did not see this form, please ask your student.

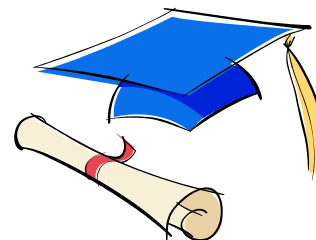
Lastly, I want to thank and recognize several staff members and students for continuing to represent the best of Roosevelt High School in various performances and competitions throughout the state in a wide range of areas. We had students and staff perform and earn recognition recently in a Culinary Arts competition (C. Garthwaite), DECA (L. Smith), Orchestra (A. Edwards), Jazz (S. Brown), and Drama (R. VanKempen and B. Orme). In addition, we had students travel to South Africa and Northern Ireland as part of the Hands for Bridge program, we are hosting a group of exchange students at RHS from our sister school, Tatsano High School in Japan and there is group of students traveling to France for spring break. Finally, there are literally hundreds of students participating in our spring sports programs as the spring sports season gets underway.

Spring is a time of excitement and it is felt everyday at RHS. Our school motto "What I am to be, I am now becoming" is experienced everyday and I look forward to continuing that journey with each and every one of our students and families.

Happy Spring,
Mr. Brian Vance, RHS Principal

Diploma Information

It's diploma time! We need your assistance to ensure your student's name is correct on their diploma, come June. We need to have the student's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate. Please contact Marjorie Gamble in the RHS office by phone at (206) 252-4816 or by email at mgamble@seattleschools.org.



Graduation is June 17th. Keep Studying Until Then

Graduation is Thursday June 17th, 8 p.m., at Memorial Stadium.

Please remind your senior that now is the time to carefully consider the choices they make. Have your students ask themselves: How will my current study habits and social decisions affect my graduation plans, as well as my plans for next fall?

Keep in mind too, that not just behavior choices, but second semester grades for seniors really do matter. We have had first hand experience with seniors whose college admission offers were rescinded because they ended up dropping core classes without first talking to college admission folks, or their senioritis resulted in low grades in core classes or poor behavior choices led to their being suspended for the end of senior year. So hang in there and wait until after senior finals to take a break from studying.

RHS "No-Bake" Bake Sale Final Tally: \$75,000

You Did It! You Met The Matching Fund Challenge!

In actuality, our community exceeded the challenge! Due to the generosity of the 341 families and corporations who contributed to the campaign, the 2010 "No-Bake" Bake Sale raised \$75,000 to enhance academics at Roosevelt High School for the 2010/2011 school year. On behalf of RHS staff and students, we wish to extend a huge thank you to the families and corporations listed below for their donations.

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Class of 2010 Senior Information

Spring Events for Class of 2010 Seniors – Buy Your Senior Luncheon, Prom and SPREE Tickets Now!

Senior year is almost over and graduation is fast approaching for our seniors!! There are many school-sponsored and PTSA-sponsored events scheduled planned for our senior students in May and June:

- ❖ Senior Prom – May 15th - \$40
- ❖ Senior Awards Night – Late May
- ❖ Senior Luncheon – June 16th - \$10
- ❖ Graduation – June 17th
- ❖ Senior SPREE (senior party after graduation) – June 17th - \$90

Senior Events Information and Ticket Information

Tickets will be on sale again on **April 13th and 15th** during lunch at the Concession Stand next to The Commons. **Please buy them on these two dates so we can wrap up the final plans for all of these events.** Students should bring completed forms, permission slip (for SPREE only) and check/cash.

For details about each of the events and forms for each, go to the *Senior Events* page on the RHS website at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php> for the most up to date information or review the attached flyers for details of the dates, times, locations, costs, ticket sale timing and contacts for each event.

The forms for each of these events were mailed to all senior families during the first week of February. If you need additional copies of the forms, you can find links to each of them on the Senior Events page.

Parent Help Needed with Senior Activities

If you would like to help with any of the activities, please contact the committee chairs mentioned for each event on the Senior Events page. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help at our Senior Parent Night last October.

Class of 2010 Parent Representatives

Lindy Odland - lindyace1961@aol.com

Kathy Briggs - kdbriggs@hotmail.com

Karen O'Connor - kj.oconnor@comcast.net

Jen Anderson - janderk@comcast.net

Maureen Dahlstrom - mmjdahl@aol.com

Latin News

Latin students and Mrs. MacDonald thank Roosevelt parents and the Roosevelt community for making this year's WA/BC JCL State Convention possible! Our fundraising event was a huge success: For this reason, we will be able to transport 63 students to Port Townsend the first week-end in May. We would also like to thank *in advance* the seven adults who have volunteered to accompany us!

Students planning to attend the convention are expected to bring tunic and toga (boys) or stola and palla (girls). As in past years, Mrs. Joanne Ryles, has generously offered her time to help us sew costumes on the afternoons of April 7, 12, 14, and 16. Thank you to Mrs. Ryles for sharing her state-of-the-art sewing machines.

All but two Latin students took the National Latin Exam on Friday, March 12. We are grateful to our test proctor, Mrs. Kodama; without her assistance, we would be unable to participate on an annual basis. Individual results should arrive by mid-April. We are hoping to host an awards assembly in the Library on or around April 21, the legendary founding of Rome. Stay tuned for more information!

Nora MacDonald,
Latin Instructor,
Director, Roosevelt in Rome

Class of 2010 Senior Luncheon Slide Show Photos

We're collecting pictures for a slide show at the Senior Luncheon in June. Please email photos of Roosevelt High School seniors from their high school days to:

RHSEniors2010@comcast.net. Be sure to **include the names of the RHS seniors** in the photos in your email.

Thank You Again, Class of 2010 Families

Thank you, Class of 2010 families, for your financial support over the last three years with your participation in parent parties, direct donations, and support of student dances sponsored by the class.

Thanks to you, we have raised more than \$25,000 in fundraising dollars to help support many of the Class of 2010 senior events! Your contributions have subsidized the actual event costs, made advance planning and reservations of venues possible, and provided scholarships, enabling every student to have an opportunity to attend these events.

If you would like to make additional contributions towards scholarships for those students who have financial challenges in attending Senior Luncheon, Senior SPREE (the Senior party following graduation) or Senior Prom, please make your check payable to "RHS PTSA Class of 2010" and mail to Maureen Dahlstrom, 2101 N. 57th, Seattle, WA 98103 as soon as possible so that we can ensure all seniors have the opportunity to attend.

For questions, please contact Maureen Dahlstrom by email at mmjdahl@aol.com or call 459-2080.

Communication at RHS

Whether you're a student, staff, parent or guardian, staying informed and in touch during your time at RHS is very important. The PTSA provides many ways for you to do this:

Weekly Parent Emails – For parents/guardians. Receive emails once or twice a week about upcoming information pertinent to RHS. Information is supplied by parents, staff, coaches, class reps, students, etc. Opt in on the Parents tab of RHS website to receive these at www.rhsseattle.org. Links for these are also posted on the Home Page of the website. If you have articles for the PTSA Parent Email bulletin, please contact Tracy Romoser at thoseromosers@msn.com, our PTSA Parent Email Coordinator.

Student Daily Bulletins – For students. The administration compiles the information in these informative bulletins which are available to RHS students each day. Links for these are posted on the Home Page of the website.

Rider Record – The RHS PTSA published newsletter. The Rider Record is published six times during the school year.. A link to the most current Rider Record is located on the Home Page and prior issues can be found on the PTSA page under the Parents tab. If you have articles for the Rider Record, please contact Julia Jones at jhjoneshome@yahoo.com, our PTSA Rider Record editor.

RHS Website – www.rhsseattle.org --- The Home Page is constantly changing with upcoming headlines, short reminders, links to daily and weekly bulletins, and photos of ongoing activities at RHS. If you have an announcement for the Home Page, please contact Kathy Briggs at kdbriggs@hotmail.com, our PTSA Webmaster.

PTSA Meetings --- join us for our monthly meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Principal Vance and the ASB President are regular attendees and participants on the agenda.

Senior Families --- you'll find information about all of the senior events hosted in May and June on the Senior Events page at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php>.

Student Newspaper - <http://www.therooseveltnews.org/> - The Roosevelt News is available online.

Performing Arts, Clubs, RHS Organizations and RHS Foundation (Alumni) --- many of these groups maintain their own email lists and communication vehicles. Please check the website for links to many of these organizations and groups.

What's On the RHS Website?

The RHS website (www.rhsseattle.org) is funded by the RHS PTSA and is managed by PTSA volunteers.

In addition to the information below, the Home Page is updated frequently with the student Daily Bulletin, the weekly PTSA Parent Email, the most current monthly PTSA email, plus Headlines for upcoming activities.

Academics Information – Accreditation, Course Description information, Scholarships, School Profile, Senior Project, Service Learning, Science Booster, World Language and links to the Autism, Science Department and the Source websites.

Services – Attendance, Bell Schedule, Building Use Request, Career Center, Counseling Center, School Delays and Cancellations, Forms, Library, School Calendar, Nurse, Tours, Staff Directory and Teen Health Center.

Arts – Links to the Band, Jazz, Drama, Orchestra and Visual Arts websites.

Students – Activities and Orgs, ASR, Clubs, Computer Usage Policy, Homework Centers, Senior Events, Student Handbook, and Yearbook. Links to the Hands for a Bridge and Roosevelt News websites.

Parents – School organizations (BLT, Site Council and IC groups), Class Fundraising, No Bake Sale Fundraising, PTSA, Email and Directory Opt In, Teens and Alcohol, Volunteer Opportunities, and a link to the Special ED PTSA website.

Athletics – RHS Athletics with links to RHS team websites and sports registration information, Participation Fee information and three links to other sports related websites.

Alumni – link to the RHS Foundation

If there is additional information that you'd like to see on the website, please send an email to the Webmaster with your suggestions. Click the Contact Webmaster link in the left hand column of any of the web pages.

Recommendations Needed for Golden Acorn Award

Each year the Roosevelt PTSA gives Golden Acorn Awards to people who have given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community. The Golden Acorn Award is very special and is given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor PTSA members for their contributions. **Please take a moment to show your gratitude for the time and effort our volunteers devote to making our community a better place.**

We would like you to participate in the selection of our award recipient(s) through your recommendations. Please complete the Recommendation Form below, download a form at <http://rhsseattle.org/file.php?id=44> or pick one up in the Main Office.

Please return it **by April 30, 2010** to Aline Parker at fcmtt@comcast.net, fax to 206-306-1101, or drop it off in the Main Office.

Recommendation Form for Golden Acorn Award

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When we present a Golden Acorn Award, that individual is given a gold pin in the shape of an acorn, and a special certificate. We also make a contribution in that person's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation. This foundation provides scholarships each year to high school graduates entering their freshman year at a college, university, or vocational school.

We would like you to participate in the selection of our award recipient(s) through your recommendations.

Thank you!

Please fill in this form and return it **by April 30, 2010**, to Aline Parker at fcmtt@comcast.net, fax to 206-306-1101, or drop off in the Main Office.

I recommend that _____ be considered for a Golden Acorn Award.

Please describe the following for your nomination:

Nominee's PTSA Service:

Nominee's Service to School Community:

Nominee's Community Wide Service:

Your Name/Contact Information:

PTSA PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our daughters' freshman year wasn't supposed to be like this.

Our girls, Elizabeth and Perri, have been friends since elementary school and they've explored each new grade together. They both like Roosevelt and are doing well.

But as mothers, we expected to be able to take the same amount of time to learn the ropes at Roosevelt. No such luck. Instead, we grabbed hands and dove head-first into high school life by becoming co-presidents of the PTSA. We expected to let our girls find their niches and, in turn, find our own by supporting their activities. No such luck.

All this is a preface to why the PTSA Co-presidents have kept a relatively low profile this year. We're not just new to the school. We're new to the organization and we're relying on our experienced members to keep us up to speed. They've done a good job of it.

You're probably wondering how we got here.

We've known one another for a long time, meeting more years ago than we'd care to remember as members of the Junior League of Seattle. We were reacquainted at Olympic View Elementary School when our daughters entered as kindergarteners and we volunteered for field trips, watched our girls perform in school plays and wore a path in the road between each other's homes for sleepovers. Melissa has been active in community activities, including Daughters of the American Revolution. Likewise for Jane, who eventually served as president of the Junior League. So, when the plea went out for new leadership at Parents' Night, each of us had both friends and casual acquaintances nudging us. Finally, Melissa nudged Jane and said, "I'll do it if you do it."

And here we are. We've spent the rest of the year playing catch-up.

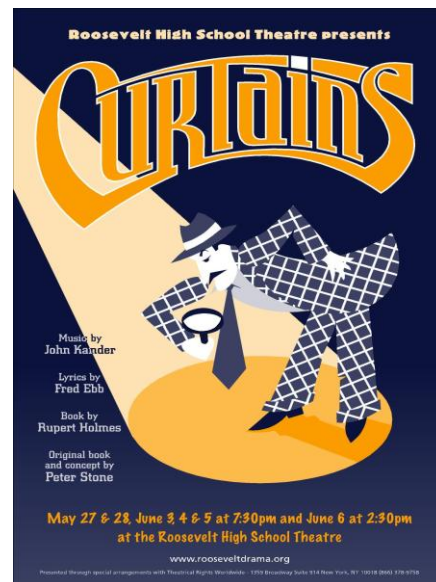
Thanks to those with lots of RHS PTSA experience, the newsletters keep coming out and the group keeps moving. But, if you are wondering why you haven't heard much from the Presidents, this is it.

Jane Nellam and Melissa Adams
RHS PTSA Co-Presidents

Teen Health Center - Family and Youth Initiative

The Teen Health Center asks you to join with us in taking part in Mayor McGinn's new Family and Youth Initiative. The Initiative is designed to gather input from the community on how best to create a healthy, positive and equitable environment for all families in Seattle. You can make your voice heard via two online input forums.

The future of funding for school based health centers may be in part shaped by this initiative. If you would like to support the Teen Health Center, please join us in emphasizing the importance of health care services for our youth. To access the online INPUT FORM go to <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/yfiform.htm>. To support the Teen Health Center, reference the importance of health care services for youth and the continued funding of those services in the input section. You can also submit or vote for ideas for the initiative at <http://www.ideasforseattle.org/forums/40386-youth-and-families-initiative/category/123-health-care>. Vote to support school based health centers in the health care category. Thanks for your support!



Curtains

The talented Roosevelt High School Drama and Music programs are excited to present six exciting performances of the musical comedy whodunit, *CURTAINS* from the creators of *Cabaret* & *Chicago*!! Performances will be held on May 27, 28 and June 3, 4, 5, and 6. *Please join us!*

A little bit about *CURTAINS*: It's the brassy, bright, and promising year of 1959. Boston's Colonial Theatre is host to the opening night performance of a new musical. When the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage the entire cast & crew are suspects. Enter a local detective, who just happens to be a musical theatre fan! *Curtains* is packed with glorious tunes by Kander & Ebb and a witty, charming script filled with memorable characters.

Curtains Tickets Information
Cost: \$15

Online Tickets: available for purchase online at www.showtix4u.com beginning May 1st at 10:00 am.

Box Office Hours: May Hours: 11am-1pm on Mondays.
June Hours: 6/1-6/4: 2:30-3:30 every day.

The Box Office opens an hour before each performance. www.rooseveltdrama.org

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

Roosevelt Counseling Office Is Here To Serve You

The Counseling Office is here to serve Roosevelt students and their parents/guardians. If you have a concern or a question, please call us at the Counseling Office, 252-4827 or contact individual counselors at the phone and e-mails listed below. Counselors are assigned based on the first letter of the student's last name.

A – D & E for class of 2010	Sarah Chapman schapman@seattleschools.org	252-4835
E for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013	Erin Bailey, Intern 252-4836 eebailey@seattleschools.org (Supervised by Wendy Krakauer & Sarah Chapman)	
F-K	Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor wkrakauer@seattleschools.org	252-4836
L-Q & R for class of 2010	Dr. Littlebrave Beaston lbeaston@seattleschools.org	252-4825
R for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013	Frank Heffernan 252-4826	
& S-Z	fheffernan@seattleschools.org	

Scholarship Applications and Summer Opportunities

Scholarship announcements continue to arise on a regular basis. If you are looking for any kind of financial assistance to help pay for your student's two year or four year post high school education, encourage your student to check the Roosevelt scholarship bulletin. The bulletin also includes listings of summer programs for current 9th, 10th and 11th graders. You can access the bulletin online at <http://lbeaston.seadesk.seattleschools.org>

Juniors: It's Time to Sign Up For May & June College Testing

May and June are excellent times for juniors planning to attend four-year colleges to take the SAT, SAT subject tests, or the ACT. Students who think they want to go to a selective private four-year college or a university in the University of California system may need two or three SAT subject tests as well. **Note that SAT subject tests are IN ADDITION TO THE SAT REASONING TEST and may ALSO be in addition to the ACT.** A lot of colleges requiring SAT subject tests will, however, accept the ACT IN LIEU OF SAT SUBJECT TESTS. See specific college websites, or look at www.fairtest.org. The SAT Reasoning Test and SAT subject tests are both given on the same dates, at the same time, so students may not take both the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT subject tests on the same date. Students may, however, take up to three SAT subject tests in one test sitting, because each test lasts approximately one hour.

3/31/10 was the on-time registration deadline for the May 1 SAT (either the Reasoning Test or the subject tests), although students can still sign up online by 4/15/10 with a late fee. 5/15/09 is the on-time registration deadline for the 6/5/10. Go to www.collegeboard.com to register online. 5/7/10 is the regular registration date for the 6/12/10 ACT. For online ACT registration www.actstudent.org is the website. You will need the school code, 481-140, to register for these tests. If online registration is not feasible, you can stop by the counseling office to see if we have any paper registration packets left, or call and request a paper registration packet, 609-771-7700 for the SAT; 319-337-1270 to get an ACT registration booklet. Students who cannot pay for registration should see their counselor about a fee waiver. (Fee waivers can only be used for on time registration, and will not cover the late registration surcharge).

Applications For Community College & Vocational School

April is a good month to send in application forms for two-year community colleges and vocational schools. Students should check with their counselor or the Career Center if they want help getting or completing applications.

Third Quarter Progress Reports

Third quarter ends 4/16/10 and we will mail home the week of April 26 progress reports with third quarter grades. If you want information about your student's performance in a particular class, we urge you to contact your student's teachers as soon as possible. E-mail for your student's teachers are available on *The Source*. Go to www.seattleschools.org and *The Source* link at the bottom of the District home page

Service Learning Hours

As you all know, pursuant to the Seattle School District requirements students need 60 hours of service learning to graduate from Roosevelt High School (prorated at 15 hours/year for students who have not been in Seattle Schools all four years of high school). We included a note with your student's first semester report card summarizing how many completed hours we have recorded for your student. **REMEMBER THAT SENIORS NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED ALL REMAINING HOURS BY 5/21/10 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. THESE HOURS CANNOT BE WAIVED.** If you have any questions about this, contact your student's school counselor immediately. In the meantime, we urge students in grades 9 through 11 to keep working on service learning, so they complete this requirement well in advance of graduation. Service learning opportunities are posted almost daily in our student bulletin. We also have a notebook listing many service learning opportunities, which students can access in the Career Center every day during third period, or during both lunches on Wednesdays.

May 1 Is National College Deposit Deadline For Seniors

Seniors are starting to get admission decisions from colleges. Almost every reputable university in the United States is a member of [NACAC](#), the National Association of College Admission Counseling, a national organization which has strict admission practices standards to which colleges must adhere. Those standards include the practice that except for early decision admission, students are not required to pay a non refundable deposit and declare the one college at which they plan to enroll until May 1. Each year, it seems, we hear from our students, about colleges and universities who require/suggest/cajole deposits out of students prior to May 1. We've heard more of it this year and the problem seems to be getting worse, as colleges try to deal with the economic downturn by locking in enrollment.

If you're being told that you must deposit prior to May 1 to hold your admission or a scholarship, you can call or e-mail the Director of Admissions and ask him or her whether or not they abide by the SPGP. You can ask whether or not a deposit is refundable until May 1.

These are your rights, plain and simple, and we want you to be aware of them. If you have questions about this or want more information, contact your school counselor.

New Transcript Fee Policy For Students No Longer At Roosevelt

Effective with the start of the 2009-2010 school year, Roosevelt started to charge for transcripts requested by Roosevelt graduates and students who have withdrawn from Roosevelt. This policy is in line with district charges, as well as what other Seattle high schools charge. Students will pay \$5.00 for each transcript, and can either pick up the transcript in person or provide us with an address to which we will mail the transcripts. There is a form available on the Roosevelt website, in pdf format, which students can download and send to us, with payment. See <http://www.rhsseattle.org/forms.php>

Note that we will continue to provide transcripts at no charge for students still enrolled at Roosevelt. This includes the transcript we mail out to the college at which graduating seniors tell us they will be enrolling following graduation, and for which they will be asked in mid May to provided a stamped, addressed envelope.

Input On Japanese And French Textbook Adoption Sought

As you may have heard, Seattle Public Schools is working on adopting new JAPANESE and FRENCH textbooks and would like your input. Please visit the website below to see when and where materials will be available for viewing throughout district schools and to participate in the survey. They are also available at the JSCEE District Office Curriculum Library for the rest of the year. We truly value your insight and input on this investment in our students' future world language skills. http://www.seattleschools.org/area/curriculumalign/wl adoption_index.html

Music, Marching & Madness

How does the Marching Band celebrate May Day? With a parade! On Saturday May 1 the Roosevelt Rough Riders Marching Band will travel to Wenatchee, WA for the Apple Blossom Parade. Traditionally this parade is pretty warm, especially in our wool uniforms, but the crowds love us and everybody has lots of fun!

At the end of May, the marching band will make their annual trip across the border to march in the Hyack parade. Afterwards they will spend a little time in Vancouver, and finish the weekend with a stay at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. *Parents: please get passports for your kids now!*

Questions? Contact Sharon Ruff, band co-chair, sharoneruff2@aim.com

Orchestra News

What a busy and fulfilling spring we've had. We had a great trip to the American String Teachers Association conference in Santa Clara, CA! Highlights were our performance of the Shostokovich 8th Quartet arranged for string orchestra, and Tchaikovsky's 2nd Symphony. We took top honors in our division. Several players performed at master classes as well.

March 6th we hosted the Elliot Bay division of solo/ensemble contest. The players who placed first and will go on to State in Ellensburg on April 23 & 24th are: A. Kounts, Y. Li, G. Olson, A. Escobedo, M. Davis, Z. Funai, M. Tang, S. Benito, J. Patterson. Students in ensembles that took first place are: A. Kounts, L. Myer, B. Early, J. Emmons, A. Nelson, G. Olson; A. Kounts & A. Nelson; H. Lubin, L. Lucke, A. Nelson, J. Patterson, N. Winterbottom; L. Glass & Z. Funai; J. Bales, M. Pearson, J. Onouye, L. Edwards, J. Lambright, Z. Swanson, C. Shaul, E. Muller, D. Oh. First Alternates are: A. Nelson; S. Khan; A. Neslon & G. Olson; L. Glass. Second Alternates are: N. Winterbottom; A. Tudisco, M. Tang, M. Aoyama; J. Emmons. Congratulations to these and all who participated!

March 13th the orchestra headed to Gresham, Oregon for the Northwest Orchestra Festival. Our Symphonic Orchestra took 2nd place, the 9th grade concert strings took 2nd place in their division playing Grieg and Vivaldi; the Garden of Brahms Ensemble took 2nd place in the small ensemble division with the Brahms Sextett, and the Chamber string orchestra took 3rd place in a very tough division with the Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings. It was a great day!

The annual April Foolz Concert was held on March 25th with various band and orchestra ensembles playing. This concert is always a crowd pleaser with lots of craziness happening. The orchestra will have its annual Pops concert on May 6th in the Theatre at 7:30, please come hear the results of a years worth of hard work by all.

We've had a terrific year and look forward to the next year.



Roosevelt High School Foundation Golf Tournament and Fundraiser – Save the Date!

The Roosevelt High School Foundation Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at Sand Point Country Club will be MONDAY - JUNE 7, 2010. We are expecting a full house this year. We want to give current RHS families a chance to register early and take advantage of a special four-some rate before April 15 \$200 per person, \$750 per four-some (\$800 after April 15)

Sign up online at www.rooseveltfoundation.org, by phone at 206-226-5679.

Questions? Contact golf@rooseveltfoundation.org.

Looking for a way to advertise your business or honor a family member of favorite teacher? We have sponsorship opportunities for the tournament available. Call Amy at 206/226-5679 for more information.

Unexpected Roosevelt- An Improv Show

Take 16 improvisers, get a suggestion from the audience, what do you get? An hour-long tale, packed with characters, alliances and secrets! RHS Drama 4 presents their long-form Herald-a completely improvised show based on your input and the improvisers' creativity. Mrs. Orme's Drama 4 students in partnership with Unexpected Productions present a hilarious evening that you don't want to miss! Show time is April 29th at 7:30, mark your calendar now and visit rooseveltdrama.org or unexpectedproductions.org for more information. \$5 Suggested Donation at the door.

CHOPS Screening of "Chops – It's All about the Music, A Documentary"

The Roosevelt High School jazz program is proud to present the award-winning and inspirational documentary, **CHOPS**, on **Friday, April 16 at 7:30pm**. CHOPS follows the intense dedication of high school jazz musicians as they prepare for the prestigious Essentially Ellington jazz competition at Lincoln Center in New York City. Essentially Ellington is deemed "the Super Bowl of jazz competitions," with only 15 finalist bands selected from across the US and Canada.

Chops has received numerous awards, including:

- People's Choice Award – Ft. Lauderdale Int'l Film Festival
- Official Selection – Tribeca Film Festival
- Best Documentary – Jacksonville Film Festival

The Roosevelt Jazz Band has earned three First Place finishes, most recently in 2008, and has been a finalist in 11 of the past 12 Essentially Ellington competitions. Recommended for all ages. CHOPS is a "Must See" for anyone with a passion for jazz. Screening will be in the beautifully remodeled Roosevelt High School Performing Arts Theatre.

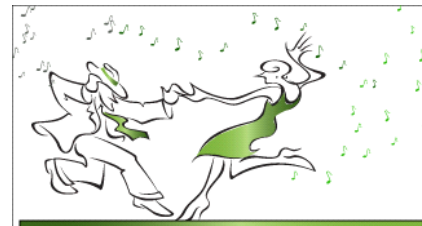
Admission by donation - \$5 suggested. CHOPS DVD's will be available for \$15. All proceeds will go to the Roosevelt Jazz Band Scholarship Fund.

For further information, please contact Sally Clausen at 206-526-8460.

Spring Jazz Happenings

Roosevelt Jazz ran away with the top honors at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival held in late February. Three of our four ensembles were recognized as "outstanding" and were chosen to perform in the evening "showcase" concert. Roosevelt also had 6 soloists (more than any other school) chosen to perform at "Hamp's" club.

Roosevelt Jazz Band I qualified again this year to perform at Essentially Ellington in New York in early May – they are one of 15 jazz bands selected from a huge list of national contenders. Roosevelt Jazz has been a finalist at Essentially Ellington 11 out of the past 12 years!



Enjoy great jazz events coming up this Spring!

Big Band Dance & Auction: Saturday evening, April 10, Temple De Hirsch - Doors open 5:00pm. Dine, bid on awesome auction items and dance to the great jazz music performed by our award winning jazz groups. Jazz Bands I, II, III and Vocal Jazz will perform throughout the evening – it's great fun! Ticket information is available at www.rooseveltjazz.org

RHS Jazz Band at Tula's: Monday, April 26, 7:30pm Start off your week with a terrific evening of jazz – beverages and food available too!

Roosevelt Jazz at The Triple Door: Tuesday, June 8 – 6:00pm and 8:30pm

Come enjoy great music, food and beverages at The Triple Door as Jazz Bands II and III perform at 6:30pm, followed by Vocal Jazz and Jazz Band I at 8:30pm. You can make reservations at the Triple Door at <http://www.thetripledoor.net/Calendar/Events/June-2010/Roosevelt-High-School-Jazz---Year-End-Performances.aspx>

Tickets are \$15 per show; \$25 if you'd like to attend both shows.

End of Year Jazz Concerts

Monday, June 14: Roosevelt Jazz Bands II and III and Vocal Jazz
Friday, June 18: Roosevelt Jazz Band I

Performances will begin at 7:30pm in the Roosevelt HS Performing Arts Theatre; free admission

RHS Students - Hands for a Bridge Experiences

Northern Ireland by Emma M.

“You say po-ta-to, I say po-tat-o,” sung out AP US History teacher Kara Macdonald, only to be answered by her Louie Armstrong counterpart, John Harkin, the vice-principal of Oakgrove Integrated College in Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland. It was four o’clock in the morning and the sets of HFB students from both Northern Ireland and Seattle were sprawled across the floor, still wide-awake thanks to our recent addiction to MaltEaster Bunny chocolates. The karaoke machine was still going strong, as was a zealous game of Bananagrams, recently popularized in Northern Ireland due to our visit. The continual murmur of contended students was habitually broken by peals of mirth. The mutual sentiment of trust felt by all present could be seen as a rare thing in Northern Ireland, a country that often suffers from lack of it and has in the past been torn by violence. Over the past week, we and our Irish counterparts visited important locations from the heavily Catholic Bogside to the solely Protestant Apprentice Boys Hall, expanding our perspective of the conflict on all sides. As a result of meetings and discussions with victims as well as perpetrators of violence, we gained an understanding of the complexity of long term and systemic divisions within the country. After spending time with the Hands for a Bridge group in Northern Ireland (consisting of both Catholic and Protestant students) we witnessed firsthand a new generation emerging from the rubble: a generation ready to demonstrate its views on the conflict through discussion rather than aggression. Looking around the meeting room of Corrymeela (the camp where our weekend retreat was taking place), my gaze was met by a jumble of students, Catholics, Protestants, Americans alike all wearing peaceful smiles on tired faces and possessing open hearts. The next morning we shuffled out of the doorway in a delirious haze, taking note of the writing above the door, “Corrymeela begins where you leave”: helping remind us that the growth we had experienced during the course of the week was only the start of what lay ahead. It was now in our hands to apply what we had learned in N.I. to our lives in Seattle. Surprisingly the goodbyes that ensued were full of tears of joy and laughter, not the dolefulness we previously felt when the Irish students returned home after their visit to us in October. The week held a strong impact in each one of our lives, and as we embarked toward different destinations, we cheerily waved to one another from dirty bus windows, knowing that the friendships forged during this single week would only be strengthened, despite the distance of the Atlantic.

South Africa by Ruby M.

My trip to South Africa is slowly becoming an amalgamation of events, sensations, smells and sounds; there is little distinction between one day and the next, and I more often than not need to refer to my journal to remember. One memory remains clear, however, and that is the night that my home-stay partner from Roosevelt and I passed out soccer balls to kids in the neighborhood. A couple of kids would trickle in every five minutes or so to receive a ball and then would shyly run out through the front gate. A little while later, a couple of our Roosevelt friends walked down the street, one thing led to another, and all thirteen Roosevelt students were out playing soccer with about a dozen elementary school kids from our tiny street in the gigantic Langa township. My mama’s niece told me that being white, people will bow down to us in the township, as whites were the long time oppressor and rarely frequent the black townships. What I experienced in the giant soccer game was the antithesis. They approached us with such confidence, bravery and kindness that I could hardly fathom how they could ever have been treated like some lesser human being only sixteen years ago. It was both emotional and enlightening to understand the implications of our interaction, but as my mama explained, “we will forgive, but we will never forget”. This singular event came to represent the culmination of a slow epiphany that developed over my entire trip. These kids single-handedly showed me that the process of reconciliation and healing hinges on one powerful yet simple act: forgiveness.



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Roosevelt Science in Society Talk

RHS Science In Society speaker for April will be Dr. Toby Bradshaw from the UW Dept. of Biology Plant Lab. He will be speaking about “GMO and GE Food” at 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 8th in the RHS Theater. Free to RHS students. Ask your science and engineering teachers about possible extra credit for attending. See you there!