Holiday Festivities Around the District

Many of the schools celebrated the holidays during events with families this month.

Hugh Hartman Teachers Follow Pathway to Bridge Languages

Click here to read a feature story about two of our dual language instructors, Lupe Chavez (below left) and Claudia Hernandez (below right).
At the Schools and in the Community

What's the big deal about parking in the fire lane?
Submitted by Redmond Fire Marshal, Tom Mooney

How many times have you driven to a local shopping area and found a car parked in the fire lane? “NO PARKING – FIRE LANE” means just that. Not even for a minute, as that is all the time needed for an emergency to occur.

Whenever there is a fire or related emergency, police, fire and ambulances need to have proper access so that the vehicles can get close enough to the buildings for rescue, firefighting and medical response.

By parking in the fire lane, drivers are preventing emergency response vehicles from being able to gain access in a timely manner.

The person who parks in the fire lane is now responsible for that parking infraction and also for the delay in medical care given to the person inside.

You can receive a citation of up to $100 and if your vehicle is unattended it is subject to towing in accordance with ORS 811.550. It is against the law to park in a fire lane if you are not an emergency vehicle.

You may only temporarily stop within a fire lane if you are dropping off or picking up your student. The driver must stay in the vehicle and the vehicle must be kept running.

This is also a good reminder to not park in front of fire hydrants. ORS 811.550 prevents you from parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. It is important for firefighters to have quick access to fire hydrants in an emergency.

Where fire lanes are located, they are needed and must be available. Parking there illegally could cost more than a fine – it could cost someone’s life.

Covid-19 Notification Change
RSD will continue to send notifications to families about possible Covid-19 exposures in the classroom when there have been two confirmed cases in a cohort within a seven-day time frame.

Previously the district was sending notifications to families about every possible exposure.

This change is under guidance from the state health department.
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Part of the vision statement for our school district is “Engaged Community.” Over the last few weeks, we have marveled about the amount of patrons who have come to school activities and athletic contests. For example, Sage Elementary’s Festival of Lights had at least 800 people attend the event. Other school events have brought in record crowds. It is wonderful to see so many folks in the schools, and we are happy to welcome everyone in.

The holidays are a great time to connect with school staff and with each other, but we strive to have an engaged community all year long. If you are interested in volunteering in our schools either during the day or an after school activity, please let us know. We can match your interests with a program at one of our schools. We would love to have you involved, helping to improve the academic and social outcomes of all our students. Children who have numerous positive adults in their lives are much less likely to engage in risk taking behaviors.

The Redmond School District is proud to serve the students of our community. Thank you for being part of that.

Happy Holidays!

Charan Cline
Superintendent

**District Updates and Events**

**Cline's Corner**
A message from the superintendent

Important Dates
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2: Winter Break
Jan. 3: Return to School

For more district events, check out each school’s website for their events calendar!