

*Welkommen*

TO THE 55TH ANNUAL HOLLAND FESTIVAL

## RACE ACROSS AMERICA

*Team Learning 4 Life is racing to support Christian Special Education at Redlands Christian School and Arrowhead Christian Academy (see page 3)*

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## FROM RAY'S DESK

*by Ray Leenstra, Redlands Christian School Administrator*

Dear Friends of RCS,

I love reading the account of God's chosen people, the Israelites. It's remarkable how the Lord continuously shows patience, restraint and love for His people who constantly turned the other way. A bit reminiscent of God's people today. But as the record in the Old Testament shows, God remained faithful. In the story of the Israelites, God promises them their own land, the land of Canaan. The person that God chooses to lead His people into the promised land is not Moses, but a man from the tribe of Ephraim, the son of Nun, a man named Hoshea. Later you discover that Moses changes this man's name to Joshua. Joshua was one of the two spies who survives the plague that killed ten of the spies who doubted they could take the land. He then leads Israel into the glorious land that the Bible describes as "a land flowing with milk and honey."

Now fast forward, in the story of Joshua, to the end of his life. In Joshua, chapter 24, verse 15, he is challenging the nation of Israel to follow God. Notice his own proclamation at the age of 110 years old...

***"as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."***

That word "serve" is a very interesting word. You can almost hear Joshua using it as a battle cry for this nation of Israel who he deeply loves.

Today at RCS, we are seeing "serve" as a challenge to all our students Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade. A challenge for each student to make "service" their lifestyle, their attitude so that their shift in their thinking and actions are away from themselves and toward others for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

At RCS, we are focusing our students on "service to others", so that fellow students and others they come in contact with will know that we are learning how to be "the hands and feet of Jesus". Please pray for our staff, our Service Coordinator, Celeste Wilcox, and our students as we learn more about what it means to "serve". Below you will find a list of service opportunities we are involved in.

- Reading buddies (older students pair up with younger, non-reading students, and read to them once a week)

### *FROM RAY'S DESK, continued ...*

- “Circle of Friends” for our special students
- “Compassion” children around the world
- Adopt a Senior program
- Mission trip to Ukraine
- “Hands of Mercy” loft homes for Mexico, including supplies for those homes, and blankets hand made by our elementary students
- Joseph’s Storehouse monthly food drives
- Team Learning 4 Life’s “Race Across America” for Special Education
- Redlands Family Services Thanksgiving Baskets
- Samaritan’s Feet Shoe Drive to provide shoes and socks for those who have none

## IT’S A RACE 4 SPECIAL EDUCATION

*by Ron Cook, RCS Development Director*

When the gun goes off to start RAAM 2008, the 3,008 mile adventure begins for these eight men and their 12-person support team. The culmination of months of planning and training begins on June 11th in Oceanside, California -- through the deserts, mountains, plains, big cities and small towns of America - and ends nine days later (more or less) in Annapolis, Maryland. They will have “Raced Across America” (RAAM)! In what is billed as “the world’s toughest bike race,” this is **Team Learning 4 Life**.

When they reach Annapolis they will have achieved an amazing feat. There will be festivities and celebration! They will have ridden through heat, snow, rain, and darkness. They will have fallen, gotten up again, and persevered pain. Fourteen states, elevations from -92' to 7,907'. Man against time. Man against the elements. Man pushing the physical limits.

**Man Racing For a Purpose.** Men, actually - eight of them. Bound together by a commitment to a single purpose - to **finish** the Race Across America, and finish it well. But, to finish the race well to the glory of God. Their commitment and purpose is to raise money to fund Christian Special Education in Southern California's Inland Empire.

**Fewer than 5% of all Christian schools nationwide offer a Special Education program at any grade level.** What a great day it will be when a Christian Education is available to all God's Kids - including especially those with special needs and disabilities.

We are taking the lead with Redlands Christian School (Redlands, California). RCS was started in 1921, and today serves more than 500 children in Grades Pre-K through 8. The Learning Center at Redlands Christian School was started in 1991 and includes three components: The Opportunity Center, The Enrichment Center, and the Special Education Center. The Opportunity Center opened in 1991; this program initially served students who needed more time and special assistance in reading, language arts, and mathematics. In 1997 an Enrichment Center was added to assist students who needed extra challenges and advanced teaching. Each year more than 70 students participate in the Opportunity and Enrichment Centers at RCS.

In 2006 Redlands Christian School opened its first Special Education Center classroom, devoted exclusively for children in Grades 3-8 with mild to moderate cognitive disabilities. This is becoming a model for other Christian Schools

Now we must totally fund what we have started, and expand it, so that we can offer a complete Learning Center experience, including Special Education, for students in Grades 1-12.

**Team Learning 4 Life** (named by our students in Special Education) is racing across America to raise funds for the Learning Center and Special Education opportunities at Redlands Christian School. and hopefully Arrowhead Christian Academy, and even other Christian schools in California’s Inland Empire. Funds raised in the 2008 Race Across America (RAAM) Team Learning 4 Life will...

• Pay for a new classroom building and remodel that was done exclusively to accommodate the Special Education Center at Redlands Christian School

• Pay for the start-up costs of Special Education Center teachers, aides, and program development

• Provide funds to expand “The Opportunity Center” and “Special Education Center” programs, enabling us to offer these important alternatives in Christian Education seamlessly for students with needs in Grades 1-12.

• Funds raised by Team Learning 4 Life will ensure that a quality Christian Education, including an Opportunity Center and Special Education Center will continue to grow in Redlands. See page 4 for more information about the team of men racing and more about Team Learning 4 Life.

# MEET TEAM LEARNING 4 LIFE

**Team Captain, Dr. Doug Richards**, is on the Board of Trustees of Redlands Christian School. He is a physician with Kaiser-Permanente. Participation in the Race Across America as a fund raiser for Christian Special Education is the brainchild of Doug. He and his wife, Lynn, have worked tirelessly since last summer on RAAM and Team Learning 4 Life. The Richards have two daughters: Lauren is a junior at Arrowhead Christian Academy and alum of Redlands Christian School. Brenna is a student currently in the Special Ed program at RCS.

**Dr. Rick Nichols**, is a pediatric dentist in Redlands; he is a former Board Trustee of Redlands Christian School. All three of Rick & Cheralyn's children have attended or are attending Redlands Christian School.

**Bob Roach** works for the El Monte Police Department. Bob and Elizabeth's three children attend Arrowhead Christian Academy and Redlands Christian School. Elizabeth will serve on the Team Learning 4 Life support team.

**Robbie Roach** is a junior at Arrowhead Christian Academy, and, at age 17, is the youngest TL4L team member. He is the oldest son of Bob and Elizabeth Roach.

**Carl Gregory** is an orange-grower and commercial property manager in Redlands. Carl and Angie have a daughter at RCS and a second daughter who is a future RCS-er (Emily is only 2-1/2).

**Dr. Martin Eaton** is a psychologist in private practice and a pastor at Calvary Church in Santa Ana, California. He and wife, Jade, have four children.

**Dr. Mickey Ask** is an internal medicine physician. Mickey and wife, Ladan, live in Loma Linda, California and have two adult daughters.

**Dr. Dave Roadruck** is a preventive medicine physician with Kaiser Permanente. Dave, who is 62, is the oldest of the team members, and also the most experienced --- Dave has been a competitive bicyclist for 40+ years! Dave and Kelley live in Loma Linda, California.

You can find out more at these websites: [www.teamlearning4life.org](http://www.teamlearning4life.org) and [www.raceacrossamerica.org](http://www.raceacrossamerica.org)

# HANDS OF MERCY, HANDS OF CHRIST

*by Mark Leonard, from the Mad About Redlands community magazine*

“At the beginning of the year we were challenged to be the hands of Christ at our middle school retreat,” says Mark Witvliet, an administrator at Redlands Christian School. “This is a way that we can do that.”

With hammers swinging, a group of seventh and eighth grade students at Redlands Christian School have set out to build two houses for impoverished families in Mexico. Every Friday they gather outside their classrooms to put more of the pieces together so that on a Sunday afternoon in mid April, they can hand the keys to a family that's never known the security of a solid roof overhead, and a front door that locks behind them.

The project is part of an exploratory class offered to students at RCS. Parents, staff, and students are all working together to build the panels that will be the walls and roof of the homes. In April, the entire eighth grade class is invited to travel down to Mexico to hammer the panels together and put the finishing touches on the houses.

Eighth-grader, Andrew Greenfield has been working on the project for more than five weeks. “It's fun, I like to build,” he says. He's been to Mexico to visit friends, but this will be his first missions trip south of the border.

The project is a way for the school to offer students an opportunity to learn hands-on construction skills as well as provide an opportunity for the kids to serve a real-world need.

“Some students often don't see the point in taking tests,” says Witvliet. “But with this project, they're going to meet the families that are going to live in homes that they built for them. This feels much more real.”

When the students drive down to put the house together, they will meet and get to know the families that will live in the homes. Those families will work side-by-side with them to pull up the walls, paint the exterior, and hang the curtains that the students made. Before they give them the keys, the group will gather to pray for the families and bless their new home.

Hands of Mercy, a worldwide ministry based in Redlands is guiding the school through the project. Hands of Mercy specializes in helping church groups start loft house projects in their parking lots, and has partnered with RCS for this student service project.

“We're building a house for someone, but we're also sharing the gospel,” says eighth-grader, Jessica Hopkins. The other students agree.

“It's a good opportunity to help people who need help,” says eighth-grader, Nic Baldi. “Hopefully they will see God through us.”

# ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

*by Ray Leenstra, RCS Administrator*

On February 29, 2008, over 400 grandparents were treated to a morning of student entertainment. Each class prepared special numbers for our guests. We also called attention to the fact that we were celebrating a "Leap Year". After our class performances in the gym, our grandparents were able to take tours of campus, visit classrooms, and end the morning by taking their grandchildren out for lunch.

We are blessed to have so many grandparents who make attending this day a high priority. This year's grandparents included 23 who had attended RCS themselves. We were also honored to have grandparents who came from as far away as Michigan and Ohio. What a blessing for our students to have grandmothers, grandfathers and special friends to share our day with.

# 8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

*by Roger Boersen, Middle School Science Teacher*

Our Eighth graders have just completed their Science Fair Projects which they have been diligently working on since the end of October. There were many wonderful projects which you will be able to see at the Holland Festival. Our 3 winners are Miranda Brown, Josh Gillespie, and Henry Agee. They will go on to the regional fair April 15 and hopefully on to the state fair after that. Here are their projects:

1st place: Henry Agee - "How has the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project Affected the Animals Living in the San Timoteo Canyon Creek Area?", a comparison of the number and diversity of animals living in 3 different zones of the San Timoteo Canyon.

2nd place: Josh Gillespie - "Paintballing, a Barrel of Fun", a project testing how the length of the barrel of a paintball gun affects it's accuracy.

3rd place: Miranda Brown - "Do 8th Grade Students at RCS Remember Information Better if it is Associated with Taste?", a project to test to see if studying while eating sweets helps students remember better.

# A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

*by Elizabeth Lyon, Middle School English Teacher and Trip Chaperone*

The 8th grade trip to Washington, DC and New York City was well worth both the time and the money spent. A mix of four teachers, 48 eighth graders, and 24 eighth grade parents flew into the DC airport to begin a four night, four day stay in the Nation's capital. Some of the highlights of DC included trips to the Washington Monument, the Nation's Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, Arlington Cemetery and Mount Vernon. We were also allowed a tour of the White House where about half of our group caught a glimpse of President Bush as he was boarding his helicopter in his back yard; the kind President even waved at our ecstatic group. Over the remaining three days, we actually saw the President's motorcade and helicopter three more times. He only waved at the first sighting.

We loaded up the buses on Wednesday and headed out to NYC for a two night, three day stay. While here, the group was able to tour the NBC studios and ride to the top of the Empire State Building. The students were also given time to break up into independent shopping groups and flood 5th Avenue. On the last night in the city, the group dressed up for a fancy dinner at the hotel and headed out to Broadway to see The Lion King.

Next year, the trip's legacy will continue with this year's 7th grade class. They began fund raising already this year selling things such as oranges, cookie dough, and Cucas burritos. So, when the RCS kids coming knocking at your door, begging for money for some class trip, think about the bonding they'll do with their teachers, the fun they'll have with their friends, and most importantly, the amount of knowledge they'll gain about our nation and its history.

# RCS MUSIC FESTIVAL

*by Kara Niewenhuis and Jill Leonard, RCS Music Department*

For the second year in a row, Redlands Christian School has hosted our own Solo/Ensemble Music Festival. Students in grades 5-8 chose to sing or play solos, in ensembles or in one of two large singing groups. We picked out our songs in December and asked various accompanists if they would help us rehearse. Students worked on their songs weekly at school, but a lot of the rehearsal was done outside of school hours with their own accompanists. Many students put in lots of practice time and were responsible to set up rehearsals with accompanists or the rest of their group.

February 7 came; the day of the RCS Music Festival. One could see students dressed up around campus, nervously awaiting their performances times! We had three performance rooms: Piano Performance with Kara Niewenhuis and Jill Leonard judging, Vocal Performance with Beth Kimm judging, and Instrumental Performance with Mark Leonard judging. Judges gave the students ratings based on their performance and gave creative suggestions on how to best improve their performance. Students received ribbons for their performances, ratings (I is Superior, II is Excellent, III is Good and IV is Fair) and comments.

From this RCS Music Festival, some students were chosen to advance on to the Regional Music Festival in Bellflower on Saturday, February 23. This regional festival includes Valley Christian from Bellflower, Ontario Christian from Ontario and Calvin Christian from Escondido. The students selected to advance spent 2 more weeks polishing up their performances and performed again to see if they could improve their ratings. Overall, this experience was a lot of hard work but a very valuable experience as students continued to improve their musical skills and performed in smaller groups. We are proud of our students!

# CSI SPEECH & WRITING FESTIVAL

*by Kathy Barr, RCS Assistant Administrator*

Every year Redlands Christian School fifth through eighth students have the privilege of participating in the CSI Regional Speech and Writing Festival. This year the host school was Ontario Christian and the festival was held on Saturday, March 1st. The students were able to participate in the areas of creative writing, dramatic monologue, drama, and the knowledge bowl. The areas are each divided into a 5/6 and a 7/8 category. In order to participate in this Festival our students went through a competition at RCS. The students who received the top scores in their performance were given the opportunity to move on and participate at the Ontario Festival. The students worked to receive the highest scoring for their performance. They worked hard to receive ratings of: Superior (I), Excellent (II), or Good (III). RCS was able to send 8 students who performed speeches in the 5/6 category and 1 student in the 7/8 category. In this category RCS students received seven Superiors and two Excellents. The school also sent a 7/8 drama team directed by Liz Lyon which received a Superior.

In the creative writing category the school sent 5 short stories and 5 poems composed by our 5/6 students in which all receive the rating of Excellent. Five short stories and three poems were also sent composed by 7/8 grade students receiving five Superiors, two Excellents and one Good.

In the knowledge bowl event, 7/8 grade teams compete in rounds of play much like Jeopardy. Redlands Christians' team led by Roger Boersen took 1st place!

Congratulations to all of the students who performed at the festival. RCS is proud of your hard work and dedication!

# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

*by Nick In't Hout, RCS Student Support*

Every year in the spring, middle school students at Redlands Christian School get to spend a week focusing more intentionally on issues pertaining to their faith. This year, the theme of this Spiritual Emphasis Week was "Choices that Change Things." Different guests, including Miriam Tolsma, Jerry Lambooy and a panel of high schoolers (former RCS students) challenged students in this area. After each of these 3 chapels, students broke into small groups and discussed what the speakers had presented.

Thursday (the day before Good Friday) was special in that we were able to worship through music with Ecclesia Christian Fellowship's team in the morning and follow up that time of singing by worshipping through service in the community in the afternoon.

"This was the most diverse group of work sights we've had yet," commented Mr. Witvliet, whose group went to the Veteran's

### *Spiritual Emphasis Week, continued ...*

hospital. Other groups washed cars, helped people carry bags at shopping malls, cleaned yards for people that were unable to do so, and ate lunch with folks at an organization in San Bernardino called Mary's Table. If you'd like to hear more about the week, pull aside a middle school student and ask them to tell you all about it.

## RCS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

*by Mary Naman*

The RCS Fine Arts Booster(FAB) are a group of parents who coordinate two annual fundraisers, the All School Talent Competition and the Poinsettia Sale, in order to raise funds for all of our fine arts programs, including band and choir, art, drama and musicals, and concerts and competitions. Since it's inception, the FAB Club has raised thousands of dollars to help purchase musical instruments, a kiln for the Art Department and much more.

Fine Arts Boosters is always looking for volunteers to help at it's events, especially our Talent & Art Competition in February. If this is an area that interests you, please give the school office a call at (909)793-5172.

## WINTER SPORTS END ...

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL**

The 2008 Cougar baseball season wrapped up in February. This year's team was made up of only three 8th graders and eight 7th graders. With such a young team, one would have thought that the outlook for the season would be bleak. This was not the case, however.

The first game of the season was played against rival ACA where the Cougars were able to grind out a 5-3 win behind the pitching of Justin Jacome, and the hitting of Kevin Gavigan. After that game the young Cougars found some confidence and went on to go through the remaining regular season undefeated. Highlights included another victory over ACA and two wins over Loma Linda Academy.

The Cougars played the Academy of Academic Excellence in the first round of the playoffs and won easily by a score of 10-0. The second round brought on a very good Upland Christian team who eventually beat the Cougars by a score of 7-2. The team ended with a great record of 11 wins and only 1 loss.

Overall the Cougars had a very successful season. We would like to wish the best to the three outgoing 8th graders, Justin Jacome, Kevin Gavigan, and Henry Agee. WeI would also like to thank our head coach, Jeff Hartog, and assistant coaches, Ron Veloz and Vonn Layel.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL**

We had a great team this year with wonderful girls and striving attitudes! Our pitching-catching team of Nicole Hooyenga and Sarah Nydam helped us start every game aided by our awesome short stop Loren Partida, first baseman Ellen De Young, and third base Renee Bunch. Coaches Nicole Johnson and Rebecca Bajema, with help from Jessica and Sandi Wagner recognize that the rest of the team was incredibly flexible, playing various positions and bringing in an array of talent. We had many players who rose to the occasion and encouraged our team. Among these were Dani Baca, Krista Yorgin, Chandler Stier, Julia Bennett, Cierra Stewart, Laekyn Causey, Kassandra Gutierrez and Haley Mulder. Great season girls!

### **ELEMENTARY SOCCER**

This winter over seventy five students participated in Elementary Soccer. We had two fourth grade teams, two fifth grade teams, and a sixth grade team. The students worked very hard and honed their skills in practice while competing against other area Christian schools. All of the teams displayed great teamwork, a solid work ethic, and had a whole lot of fun. We are grateful to each of the coaches (Melissa Lemm, Charissa Camping, Matt De Boer, Matt Wiers and Mark Witvliet) who helped make this a great season

# SPRING SPORTS BEGIN

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Middle School Boys Basketball team, coached by Matt De Boer, is just beginning their season. They have only had a few games but the Cougars have defeated cross-town rival ACA, Bloomington Christian and Packinghouse Christian racking up a record of 5-0. They play the other undefeated team, Loma Linda Academy soon. The team is focusing on improving with every game and playing together as a team. The boys are trusting that their hard work in practice will lead to success as the season continues.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The 2008 girl's basketball team features returning players from last season's playoff squad. The team looks to make a deeper playoff push this season. At the time of writing, the team is 2-0 to start the season with wins over Redlands Adventist Academy and cross-town rival/friend Arrowhead Christian Academy. The team is led by tri-captains Stacey Lewis, Katie Olson, and Allyssa Stencil. Other 8th grade players include Erin Barents, Miranda Brown, Ashton Martin, Olivia Massimiano, Stephanie Null, Sarah Nydam, and Madison Webb. The team welcomes four 7th graders; Emma DeBoer, Katie DeVore, Kassandra Gutierrez, and Chandler Stier. Lauren Olson (6th grade) runs the score book and Bradley Mowbray (5th grade) is the team's ball boy. The team is coached by Mike DeJong.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL COED SOCCER**

The Cougars have taken the field four times in the early part of the season, and their record stands at 2-1-1 in the always-competitive Mountain Valley League. The squad opened with a win over Redlands Adventist, followed by a tie at Bloomington Christian. Then the Cougars headed up the high desert to battle the Academy of Academic Excellence. After a hard fought, windy game, the team lost a heartbreaker in the closing seconds, 3-2. But nothing raises the spirits of a discouraged team like an In-n-Out Burger, and the Cougars were all smiles after the post-game stop. After returning from Spring Break, the team took the pitch again to face Loma Linda and came out with a convincing 6-3 victory. The Cougars are starting to learn how to play the beautiful game together and we look forward to a successful remainder of the season.

## **ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL**

Currently, twenty of our sixth grade students are participating in elementary basketball, coached by Nick In't Hout and Mark Witvliet. These students are split into two teams and will compete against other elementary schools in the area. Both of the teams are working hard and having fun in the process.

# SOCIETY VOTES TO MERGE

*by Ray Leenstra, RCS Administrator*

Monday, January 28, 2008 was a historic evening in the life of Redlands Christian School. On that evening, 124 parents, alumni, grandparents and loyal school supporters gathered in the school library to vote on a proposed merger with Arrowhead Christian Academy. One hundred and twenty society members were eligible to vote. The final tally indicated that 90% were in favor. This was an overwhelming endorsement of the merger work done by the RCS Board of Trustees over the last 3+ years. The Board of Trustees thanks all RCS supporters, who sent written comments, called with questions, attended town hall meetings, and voted in our Society Meeting. Now that the vote has been taken, we covet your prayers as we work to create an excellent school system that will serve all of our students in Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. How blessed we are to have a complete system for our students.

# HOLLAND FESTIVAL CLASS REUNIONS

Two rooms will be dedicated to alumni and class reunions this year at the Holland Festival. Come join us for refreshments, relaxation and reconnecting with your friends and classmates from Redlands Christian. Bring pictures! We love pictures!

A very special gift will be given to each RCS alum who was present at the very first Holland Festival 55 years ago!

# RCS AND BARNABAS FOUNDATION

Because RCS is a member of The Barnabas Foundation our constituents and donors can receive many benefits. A highly qualified Barnabas Foundation estate planning counselor is available to anonymously work with individuals and families to ensure that their estate planning is current and relevant. The Barnabas representative's counsel is at no charge, because RCS is a member. The Barnabas Foundation representative meets confidentially with you in your home or office. The Barnabas Foundation representative does not sell or advocate any investment products. The Barnabas Foundation Office is available to RCS constituency for answers to your questions and additional information. You can find them on the web at [www.barnabas-foundation.com](http://www.barnabas-foundation.com) or call toll-free at 888-448-3040.

**Mr. Bob Zeilenga, J.D.**, from The Barnabas Foundation will be in Redlands in the early summer 2008. For more information or a free in-home consultation contact Ron Cook at Redlands Christian School (909) 793-5172, ext. 314. Or, you may contact Mr. Zeilenga directly at 805-481-2510.

## PARTNERS FUND 2007-2008

An Update: The Partners Fund Drive for 2007-2008 was "officially" over on January 15th; but, since we are still about \$9,000 short of our goal of \$80,000, we are keeping the Partners Fund Drive "open" until the end of the school year. These funds are so important, as 100% of this money has already been allocated as financial assistance for current families of RCS. 100% of the contributions received for the Partners Fund goes directly to assist families facing financial hardships. If you have not contributed to Partners 2007-2008 and want to participate, please contact Mr. Leenstra or Mr. Cook before the end of the school year. Thank you!

And a BIG THANK YOU to those who have generously donated to top the Partners Fund already this year! (Nearly \$72,000 raised ... just \$9,000 to go!)

## CREATE YOUR OWN LEGACY

*by Ron Cook, RCS Development Director*

It is the covenant responsibility of all of us to help as we can, to provide quality Christian education for the generations to come.

The Redlands Christian School Endowment Fund will help us to fulfill this responsibility.

- **Will/Bequest:** When preparing or revising your will or bequest you can make provision for the RCS Endowment Fund in several different ways with complete confidentiality.

- **Charitable Gift Annuities:** This is the familiar "life income" gift. You can make an irrevocable gift to the RCS Endowment Fund in exchange for annual payments for life.

- **Appreciated Investments:** Giving appreciated assets starts generating income immediately, plus it will reduce your tax liability. It is "a win-win" situation.

- **Trusts:** A charitable remainder trust can be established to help Redlands Christian School, plus reduce your taxes.

- **Life Insurance:** By naming the RCS Endowment Fund as a beneficiary, you can demonstrate support and Christian stewardship with a substantial gift at death by means of small contributions during your life.

- **Life Estate Contract:** Donating real estate (house, land, investment property), you retain full use and benefit of the property until death, and it reduces tax burden.

- **Gifts of Remembrance:** You can make a gift in memory of a loved one which will be added to the RCS Endowment Fund and perpetually generate income for Redlands Christian School.

- **Outright Gifts:** Giving a cash gift starts generating income immediately, and may result in significant tax benefits to you.

Please contact Ron Cook, RCS Development Director at (909)793-5172, ext. 319 if you would like to investigate any of these methods of support.

You are invited to  
*The Heritage Society Dinner*

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

The University Club  
University of Redlands

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### APRIL 2008

- 11-13 8th Grade "Hands of Mercy" trip to Mexico  
14 Endowment Committee Meeting .....7:00 a.m.  
14 All School Skating Party at Cal Skate .....6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
17 School Board Meeting at ACA .....7:00 p.m.  
18 6th - 8th Grades to Angels' Baseball Game .....Evening  
21-25 Spelling Bee  
21-25 Book Fair  
21-25 D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Week  
23 2A & 2B Field Trip to San Diego Wild Animal Park .....7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
25 7th & 8th Grade Dance (Gym).....7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
26 Work Day to prepare for the Holland Festival .....Begins at 8:00 a.m.

### MAY 2008

- 2 Minimum Day, dismiss at noon to prepare for the Holland Festival  
3 **Holland Festival** .....**Opens at 10:00 a.m.**  
16-17 7th & 8th Grade Band and Choir to Heritage Festival  
20 Heritage Society Dinner (Endowment) at University Club, U of R....6:00 p.m.  
21-22 Middle School Musical "Aladdin" Matinee and performances  
23 Celebration Rally for Team Learning 4 Life .....10:00 a.m.  
26 No School - Memorial Day  
29 Band and Choir Concert at The River CRC .....7:00 p.m.  
30 Mini Band Tour

### JUNE 2008

- 11 Kindergarten Graduation .....10:00 a.m.  
11 **Team Learning 4 Life leaves on Race Across America** .....**2:00 p.m.**  
12 Last Day of School for Grades 1-8, dismiss at noon  
12 **8th Grade Graduation at The River CRC** .....**4:00 p.m.**