



honoring



REDWOOD DAY SCHOOL

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Redwood Day School

gratefully honors our

many friends who made

a difference in students'

lives through their

generosity this year.

This honor roll includes all contributions  
received between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009,  
whether gifts-in-kind or gifts of financial support.

# every gift makes

## I honor and thank all of you



At RDS, we believe it is essential to acknowledge individuals and groups for acts of caring, courage, and compassion, which is why we have institutionalized the practice of Honoring. At the conclusion of every All School Assembly and at the beginning of each Faculty/Staff meeting, we take the time to honor those individuals and acts that have made a positive difference in our lives. It might be a first-grader honoring her seventh-grade buddy for playing with her during recess; or a sixth-grader thanking a teacher for taking extra time with him on a math problem; or a team honoring a coach for commitment above and

beyond the call of duty. In between assemblies and meetings, honoring occurs in numerous other ways, some planned and others spontaneous: at the end of the day in a third-grade classroom, after a flag football game, during a music class, at a lunch table. Honoring is part of the fabric of RDS.

Our goals are multiple in this conscious practice of honoring. We want students first to take time to notice the positive difference others make in their lives, and second to encourage them to do the same. That is, the honoring of others inspires them to be better and to do better. More deeply, however, we want students to learn and experience the joy that is its own reward from taking a moment to acknowledge someone who has helped a fellow human being or to be that person who makes a positive difference.

In this RDS tradition, I honor and thank all of you who have given so generously—through dollars and time—to make us the wonderful school community that we are today. Please know that every gift you give to the School and every minute you volunteer makes a difference. Thank you.

**MIKE RIERA, HEAD OF SCHOOL**

# a difference

## Redwood Day School continues to grow and thrive

A few years ago, the tallest redwood was discovered. Scientists came across the 380-foot tree in a previously unidentified grove in Redwood National Park in Humboldt County. Apparently, it was about two weeks from becoming somebody's deck. Now its location is safely secret. I am likely not the only one at Redwood Day School who thinks about these magnificent trees, the largest living things on earth. Though some of us might be tempted to take their existence for granted, I know most of us do not. For their size is only one aspect of their wonder. Redwoods, *Sequoiya sempervirens*, can live for thousands of years. They are impervious to the threats that visit other trees, like fire, fungus, disease, insects. More than that, though, it's their overwhelming majesty and presence that is incomparable.



At Redwood Day, named for that wonder of nature, we take an annual snapshot of where we are for the whole world to see. That snapshot is called the Annual Report, now titled “Honoring” to reflect our culture of gratitude. This year’s report is similar to every other one produced in the last decade. It shows that, though the School has weathered storms, like the redwood itself, Redwood stands tall. And like the tree, Redwood Day School continues to grow and to thrive, generation after generation.

Hug a tree, they used to say. It would be tough to get your arms around a redwood tree. As for RDS, however, now that is something you have embraced. Thank you. In the months and years to come, let’s hug a redwood—Redwood Day School.

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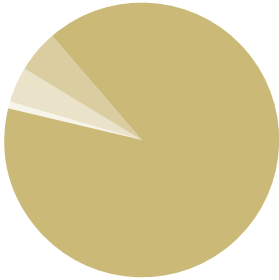
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## FINANCIAL COMPARISONS

FISCAL YEARS 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

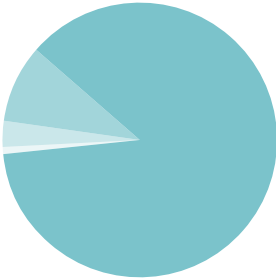
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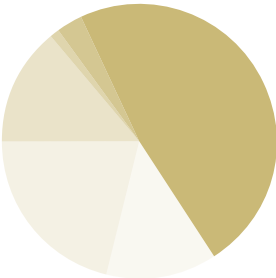
### REVENUE 2008-2009

TUITION & FEES: **\$7,050** (90%)  
FUNDRAISING: **\$392** (5%)  
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS: **\$313** (4%)  
OTHER INCOME: **\$78** (1%)



### REVENUE 2007-2008

TUITION & FEES: **\$6,427** (87%)  
FUNDRAISING: **\$784** (9%)  
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS: **\$255** (3%)  
OTHER INCOME: **\$98** (1%)



### EXPENSES 2008-2009

ACADEMIC & AUXILIARY: **\$3,548** (48%)  
GENERAL & ADMIN: **\$1,552** (21%)  
FACILITIES: **\$1,035** (14%)  
FINANCIAL AID: **\$961** (13%)  
HIGH SCHOOL: **\$221** (3%)  
INTEREST: **\$74** (1%)



### EXPENSES 2007-2008

ACADEMIC & AUXILIARY: **\$3,481** (47%)  
GENERAL & ADMIN: **\$1,542** (21%)  
FACILITIES: **\$948** (13%)  
FINANCIAL AID: **\$843** (11%)  
HIGH SCHOOL: **\$426** (6%)  
INTEREST: **\$146** (2%)

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