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- 2009–10 Board of Trustees
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# honoring

ANNUAL REPORT 2009–2010

Redwood Day School

*Engaged. Prepared. Inspired.*

# TRANSITION AND TRADITION



## reflection, synthesis, growth, and honoring

SOMETIMES AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR can be captured in a single event—a moment or gathering that captures the essence of Redwood Day School. This year, our final All School Assembly in June was that moment for me. At this annual Goodbye Assembly, the focus was on our eighth-graders and their impending graduation. In a tradition begun three years ago, each told a brief story about a time in their RDS career when they felt engaged, prepared, or inspired.

One student described how a teacher had taught him to understand his own learning style and the huge difference it made in his life. Another thanked a visually impaired third-grade teacher who had showed her how to bring emotion into a poem by forcing her to think beyond the visual. Several talked about the book they had written together as a class in second grade. Still another described the courage it had taken her three years to build up in order to participate in the musical in her last trimester at RDS. Many directed their attention to outdoor education trips, the risks they took there, and how the support of classmates helped them to push through personal comfort zones. It was a memorable assembly for all.

Exercises like the Goodbye Assembly do more than give students opportunities to say goodbye in a healthy way. As a quintessential RDS moment, the ritual required reflection, synthesis of intellectual learning with emotional growth, encouraged honoring, and fostered optimism. It also set the stage for the next step in their education and the beginnings of new relationships, with each other and with friends and teachers whom they have yet to meet—even with Redwood Day School itself as they transition from students to alumni.

In this spirit of transition and tradition, I want to honor and say goodbye to the guy on the opposite page—Dr. Joseph Di Prisco—who leaves us after sitting on our Board of Trustees for nine years and serving as Board Chair for the past seven. Joe has contributed countless hours to helping RDS to reach its goals and in staking out our vision of the future. Thank you, Joe.

And to all of you who have given so generously to Redwood Day School—thank you!

Mike Riera  
Head of School

## forever engaged, prepared, and inspired

AS WE ALL KNOW, THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY was rocked in recent times. Such instability in the credit markets dramatically affected non-profits, including independent schools. Decisions were often difficult, sacrifices were made. Here at Redwood Day School, we were not exempt. As you will see in this Annual Report, however, we stood our ground. In fact, we marched forward. As a result, our financial posture has never been surer. Tested as we were, we became even more imaginative, prudent, visionary, and courageous. The numbers are remarkable. Giving was robust. This year's Parent Surveys show that school community confidence has never been higher. More important, our educational program has grown and deepened, as our School leadership performed with grace and integrity.

In this regard, we are extremely fortunate to be led by our Head of School, Dr. Mike Riera, whose national reputation as an exemplary educator shines more brightly each passing year. In the management of finances, he was magisterially assisted by our Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Wieler, who has always captained the financial ship of the School with great distinction in rough waters and smooth, and this last year may have been his finest work.

Although I am obviously much too young to deserve this, I humbly accept the title of Chair Emeritus that the Board bestowed upon me—maybe it was my colleagues' way of thanking me for the long meetings. As a consequence, my brain has now been rewired. I will be forever engaged, prepared, and inspired. The new Chair is Daniel Whalen, who has been in the international vanguard promoting education and the health and welfare of children. We will be the beneficiary of Dan's vast wisdom and experience. Alongside his stellar First Vice Chair, Deborah Sosebee, he will preside over a generous, wise, and committed volunteer Board of Trustees that should be the envy of every school. Without a doubt, RDS will face every stern challenge and live up to every golden opportunity. Thanks to all of you in our extraordinary school community, Redwood Day School promises to be Redwood Day School for many, many generations to come.

Joseph Di Prisco  
Board Chair Emeritus  
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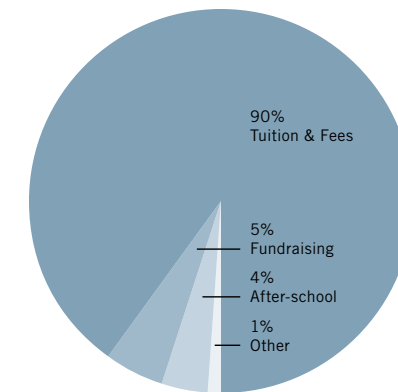


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Financial comparisons: fiscal years 2008–09 & 2009–10

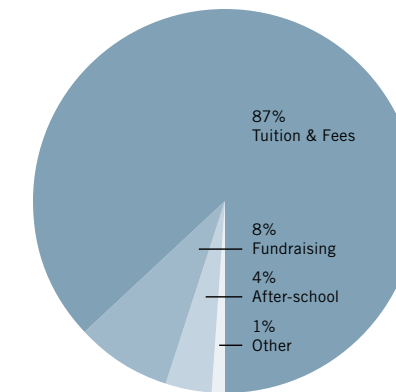
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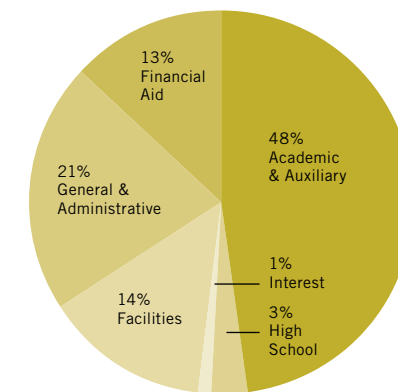
Revenue\* 2008–09

Tuition & Fees	\$7,050 = 90%
Fundraising	\$392 = 5%
After-School Programs	\$313 = 4%
Other Income	\$78 = 1%



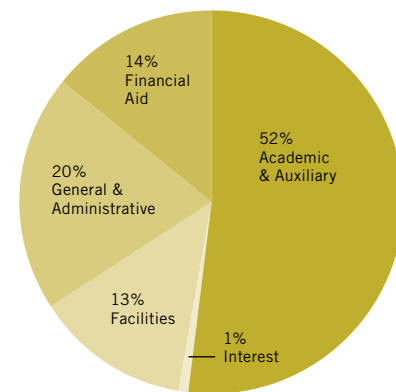
Revenue\* 2009–10

Tuition & Fees	\$7,057 = 87%
Fundraising	\$679 = 8%
After-School Programs	\$308 = 4%
Other Income	\$75 = 1%



Expense\* 2008–09

Academic & Auxiliary	\$3,548 = 48%
Financial Aid	\$961 = 13%
General & Admins	\$1,552 = 21%
Facilities	\$1,035 = 14%
Interest	\$74 = 1%
High School	\$221 = 3%



Expense\* 2009–10

Academic & Auxiliary	\$3,697 = 52%
Financial Aid	\$1,008 = 14%
General & Admins	\$1,451 = 20%
Facilities	\$1,035 = 13%
Interest	\$904 = 1%



## honoring

Redwood Day School gratefully honors our many friends who made a difference in students' lives through their generosity once again this year.

This honor roll includes all contributions received by Redwood Day School between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, whether gifts-in-kind or gifts of financial support.

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