



Making a Great School Better

It is a common pitfall of successful organizations to avoid risk out of fear of negatively impacting the success that has taken so much work to achieve. The problem with avoiding risk, however, is that it prevents successful organizations from achieving even greater success and can lead to stagnation and missed opportunities. While Redwood has been successful for many decades, we are always pursuing improvements that will take us ever closer to our goal of all students being successful academically and emotionally.

In the last few weeks, I have been fortunate to observe a number of our students in AP English share their ideas of how Redwood could be improved and what a model school should look like. Their presentations serve as a reminder that our work improving our school to be even better is never done. Their ideas were creative, thoughtful and reflective of their experiences, hopes and dreams.

This year we are adding a Study Week to help students manage the end of the semester better. Our staff is currently in discussion as we consider adding an Advisory next year to provide time for better connections between our students and between our students and staff, adding additional study time into the weekly schedule and reducing interruptions in the academic classes during the year. As you probably know by now, we have also added our Wellness Center which is already providing a host of benefits for the social-emotional health of our students. Additionally, our science department is

working hard to incorporate new national science standards (Next Generation Science Standards - NGSS) into our science curriculum over the next couple years.

No matter how wonderful a school Redwood is (and it's pretty wonderful!), we will always have work to do to meet the diverse needs of each of our students. Thank you to all our staff members who continually look for ways to make us even better, thanks to our students for sharing their ideas and their dedication to their learning and thanks to our parents for providing the support to do our important work.

The Red Auction and Party - April 1 - Have fun and have an impact !

The impact of the Redwood Foundation is impossible to underestimate. From support for our Wellness Center reconstruction to a vast array of technology resources to a host of academics, arts and athletics support, our Foundation's impact can be seen in every classroom and on every field at Redwood.

Please support the Redwood Foundation and have a great time at this year's Red Auction and Party on Friday, April 1st at 6:00 at Mill Valley Community Center. Tickets and sponsorships are now available on the Foundation's website (<https://goo.gl/Pvv14j>). See you there!



Community News

PARENTING EVENT

Survival Guide to Parenting Teens: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Wednesday, March 16 - Drake HS Student Center

Joani Geltman is a prominent parenting expert and the author of the bestselling book, *A Survival Guide To Parenting Teens*. Joani's presentation will cover a broad range of issues parents face, including teen anxiety and stress in today's culture. Joani reveals what teens are thinking and feeling and what developmental factors are involved. She will explain how to approach problems in a way that lets your kid know you "get it" and guides you to truly productive conversations.

Presented to you by the Ross Valley Healthy Community Collaborative in association with Marin County Office of Education for FREE to parents. RSVP requested at Eventbrite:

<https://goo.gl/HTtM2u>

REMODEL PLANNED FOR PIPER PARK IN LARKSPUR

The City of Larkspur would like your help in getting the word out to your families.

We'd like citizens to choose from 2 new playground concepts for the Piper Park playground by participating in a very brief survey (less than a minute). The survey can be launched by clicking this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/piperpark3>

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide!

Many thanks,

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THE MARIN TEEN GIRL CONFERENCE

BE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO! The Marin Teen Girl Conference is Saturday, April 2nd!

The Marin Women's Commission established the Marin Teen Girl Conference in 2011, after a 2008 Marin County study targeted the need for teenage girls to come together to share their experiences and explore their challenges. Now in its 6th year, the conference has become a popular annual event, benefiting more than 1000 girls in total.

The girls, who range in age from 13 to 18 years, report that they enjoy having a safe, collaborative and fun place to explore topics that are important to them. The conference connects the girls to community resources, offers leadership opportunities, and introduces them to thoughts beyond their world. Teen Ambassadors selected from area middle and high schools, review and choose all the workshop topics and conference content, as well as helping to promote and fundraise for the conference. [Check out our web site](#) to see this year's workshops and presenters! Girls can register now, and select the three workshops they want to participate in.

The Marin Teen Girl Conference offers a day of empowerment and inspiration at a time in teen girl lives when they may be struggling with self-esteem, school and peer pressure, and risky behaviors.

Be a She-ro to a local teen today -- Sponsor a Girl to attend the Conference! Last year, 60% of conference participants requested financial assistance. Donations and sponsorships from Marin businesses, organizations and individuals make attendance possible for girls from ALL areas of our county. Join us and our community partners in reaching out to our young women to give them the resources they need!

We appreciate your support!

[Register](#) ~ [Donate](#) ~ [Volunteer](#)

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TEENS ON SCREENS CONFERENCE

The Jeannette Prandi Children's Center is partnering with the Marin County Office of Education in hosting a conference on April 6th called, ***Teens on Screens***.

There will a presentation from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for professionals and an evening presentation for parents from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attached are the registration forms.

BEST OF MARIN COUNTY'S YOUTH BANDS

We are excited to be empowering Marin County teen and youth performers by co-hosting a concert next month.

We hope this becomes a "Were You There?" moment for our youth, as several of these performers are on their way to making it big.

Please spread the word to the high schools to post on their web sites or social media sites and wherever feasible.

See attachment and a link to a story about the shows.

<http://www.marinij.com/arts-and-entertainment/20160310/young-marin-performers-on-stage-for-best-of-ij-lobby-lounge-show>

Thanks very much.

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Marin County Superintendent of Schools



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