

# Rennell RedHawks PTO

## Ready to Rock



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Thursday, August 25, 2011

### President's Note

School is in session! It has been a busy three weeks around Rennell as children have gotten used to their new environment and found their way around! It has been so much fun to watch our RedHawks quickly adapt to their new school and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Many volunteers were working hard this summer in order to get ready for the new school year. Thank you **Mary Skirm** for creating our fabulous new t-shirts! Mary Skirm was also busy working closely with our principal and assistant principals last spring to get our school supply packets just right. Thank you Mary and your team of volunteers for handling a smooth delivery from EPI to the classroom. Kindergarten parents had the chance to socialize and meet some new people at the first annual Kisses and Kleenex Breakfast. Thank you **Tammy Willis and Shon Knight** for hosting this fun time for our new families. And thank you to **Towne Lake** for sponsoring the morning and providing the delicious pastries.

On August 29, Rennell Elementary PTO members will have our first General Meeting of the school year. The meeting will take place between the school's Parent Orientations.

Congratulations to our new Rennell Elementary PTO Executive Board as voted and approved during the May 2011 General Meeting:

President	Molly Speciale
VP Homeroom Activities	Melissa Rogers & Lisa Shaw

VP Major Fundraising  
VP Curriculum Support

VP Minor Fundraising  
Membership  
VIPS

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Liz Fennel-Thomas  
& Nina Moore  
Mary Skirm VP  
Judy Sample  
Tammy Willis  
& Shon Knight  
Jenny Orwin  
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We look forward to a great year! We have lots of things coming up including our VIPS Orientation and our Boosterthon Fun Run. The VIPS Orientation will be held on Friday, September 2 at 9:15 in the Rennell cafeteria.

RedHawks on the Rise!  
Molly Speciale, PTO President

### Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night

Our first Spirit Night is Spring Creek BBQ on Sept. 27. Come out and support the school and your class. There will be prizes for the class with the most participation.

Come see your teachers serving rolls in the Dining Room and enjoy time with fellow RedHawks.

### Help us do more for Rennell RedHawks

There are many easy ways to help raise money for Rennell.

- \*Turn in your Box Tops that can be found on many products that you use daily.
- \* Collect the Project A+ s off of your favorite Tyson products and turn them into Rennell.
- \* Labels for Education is another way we can help Rennell. They are found on Campbell's Soups, Post Cereals, and many other items.



## Membership



Please help us continue to “build our nest” by joining the Rennell PTO!

Family memberships are only \$10.00 each year. Our membership drive ENDS ON September 16, 2011, so please fill out and send forms and fees in soon.

Check for membership forms each week in your child’s Thursday Folder or You may go online at:

[mydirectorypublisher.com/rennell](http://mydirectorypublisher.com/rennell)

Please email questions to [rennell@ptodirectory.com](mailto:rennell@ptodirectory.com)

## Benefits of Joining the PTO

### Providing the School Needed Resources -

As a PTO we coordinate fundraisers that provide necessary resources to our schools. We strive to provide:

- Instructional materials and equipment for the school
- Playground equipment for the school
- Books for the school library
- Coordinate Classroom , Holiday and Appreciation Parties / Luncheons and much more

These items, while not frivolous in nature, are frequently low priorities in a district already financially burdened. By becoming an active member of Rennell Elementary PTO you can help coordinate these events and make a difference in our schools.

### Meet New People -

PTO sponsors many events throughout the school year. Volunteering or attending these events is a great way to meet other parents in the district and form lasting relationships.

**Decision Making** - Parents participate in meetings to determine committee leadership, equipment and supplies for teachers and students, and advocacy.

Thank you and Welcome!

## VIPS

It’s back to school time VOLUNTEERS and we are excited to get to work helping our little RedHawks. As you know there are always opportunities to volunteer at Rennell, so keep a watch out for ways that you can help via backpack express or visit us online at [Rennellpto.com](http://Rennellpto.com). And yes, there will be day and evening opportunities to volunteer at the school. The VIPS orientation will be held on September 2, 2011 at 9:15AM where we will share information on all the ways you can help support our RedHawks.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase your Rennell Volunteer t-shirt, we are attaching an order form to this newsletter in order to purchase the shirt. Also, for those of you that did not receive your t-shirt during Meet The Teacher, please complete the form attached as well in order to receive your shirt (we have the list of names, but need to confirm sizes). We are looking forward to a great volunteering year.

Your VIPS Coordinators,

Tammy Willis and Shon Knight

## Minor Fundraising

Welcome to another school year at Rennell. I hope that everyone had a great summer and I’m looking forward to a great year.

We will be selling Spirit Shirts again this year so be on the lookout for them. We will have Spirit Nights throughout the year so please keep checking the calendar. We will also be collecting Box Tops and Tyson labels this year. If you have any Campbell’s labels, those can be sent in also.

We are looking for someone who would like to Chair the Holiday Shop this year. The kids really enjoyed picking out gifts for their friends and family last year.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,  
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VP Minor Fundraising