

**October 26, 2011**

**Don't Forget to Vote**

There are two election issues on the upcoming November 8 ballot that may be of interest to RUSD families. We have three outstanding candidates vying for two open School Board seats on the Reed Union School Board. All three candidates are current parents of students in our district. Also, the Tamalpais High School District, that includes Redwood High School where over 80% of RUSD's graduates matriculate for high school, has a renewal of their parcel tax on the ballot. Please remember to vote!

**School Site Plans Align To Strategic Plan**

Principals in RUSD's three schools are working with teachers and Site Council representatives to revise and craft School Plans that align to the goals of our Strategic Plan. The "big goal" from the Strategic Plan is: "Students through their efforts and with the support of the whole school community will become: motivated learners committed to academic excellence, creative problem solvers, effective communicators, engaged citizens and balanced individuals." Each school plan will break down their goals into five areas with specific objectives to achieve, task plans to meet the objectives, budgets and evaluation plans. The Board of Trustees will hear presentations on the School Plans at the December Board meeting.

The remainder of this school year and next year our teachers and leaders will be working on articulating and aligning learning principles that will help us meet the Vision of a RUSD graduate outcome. Staff members are being trained to map our curriculum to align with the new Common Core Math and English & Language Arts standards that California adopted last summer. We are also creating formative assessments and common rubrics to evaluate student performance tasks and work. We are striving to provide a rigorous curriculum that provides for differentiated learning activities for students. This is exciting work but also very difficult work.

**Notice From Tiburon Police Chief, Mike Cronin**

After receiving a report from a parent of an assault on the bike path last night, we contacted the Tiburon Police Department. Chief Cronin has sent us this information and requested we send this to our families:

Last night a 15 year-old young man came into the police department to report an assault.

He told police that he was walking on the multi-use path near San Rafael Avenue at about 8:15 PM when an adult male walking in the opposite direction on the path said "hey you" to him. When the victim stopped the

man struck him with his fist twice in the face before walking away. The assailant was described as a white male adult, approximately 6"2", slim build, wearing a tan cargo vest. The victim sustained a bruise to his cheek.

Following the assault, the victim walked to his Lyford Drive home before coming to the police department at about 8:40 PM.

Officers searched the multi-use path and the surrounding areas, but found no one matching the description of the assailant, nor were police able to locate or identify any witnesses to the assault.

We are continuing to investigate. Anyone who may have seen the incident or may have seen someone matching the suspect's description should call the Tiburon Police at 789-2800.

Thanks,

Chief Mike Cronin  
Tiburon Police Department

### **Draft RUSD School Calendar for 2012-2013**

The District is in the process of developing our school calendar for 2012-2013. This current draft aligns most holidays, staff development days, and student vacations with the Tamalpais Union High School District calendar. The biggest change parents will notice is that we plan to move our early release day from Thursdays to Wednesdays in the coming year. This change will make it possible for our teachers to meet with their peers in our neighboring elementary districts for trainings and collaboration. The Board will take action on this calendar at their next meeting, November 15.