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Greetings!

The *Bark*, Redwood High School’s student newspaper, invites you to become a patron! Last year, with your support, we expanded our journalistic coverage of the local community, added several investigative features, took more high quality photography, and wrote more data-driven stories than ever before. This fall, we are bringing together experienced videographers, website developers, artists, humorists, and writers. You can have the best, creative, most insightful work Redwood has to offer delivered to your home and computer.

We are routinely ranked as one of the top ten high school news programs in the country. Alumni of the *Bark* have moved on to become politicians, district attorneys, authors — and of course, journalists, three of whom have won Pulitzer Prizes. *Bark* staff members carry their extensive training and experience with them into their careers.

Our publication relies heavily on patrons — parents, extended family, and community members — to help support publishing costs, investigative work, staff development, and so on. Besides writing and producing the paper, staffers raise money to pay for photo equipment, national conferences, printing services and journalism association memberships. Our publishing costs have been rising steadily, and our annual budget runs over \$25,000. Your support is more important than ever!

As a patron, you will receive a one-year subscription to the *Bark* and your name will appear as a supporter in each issue of the newspaper and on our website at www.redwoodbark.org. Please check the amount you wish to contribute. (All contributions are tax deductible). Your check should be payable to the *Redwood Bark*.

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- Office, food and display supplies
- Equipment and software purchases
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