



Newbery News

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John Newbery Elementary
850 Western Ave.

Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27
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Greetings!

Hopefully your kids are getting settled in and enjoying their new classes. For those of you who missed our first meeting, we have a number of fun and exciting programs scheduled for this year.

Coming up first is the new “Bingo, Burritos and Books” event, scheduled for the evening of October 16th. Our crack team of volunteers has already arranged for one of our local taco trucks to be on site to provide the food. Please come (and bring your friends and family!) to help us make this new event a success! And if you’d like to help out on the night of the event, please contact Shelley Granger at 670-3867 or Carrie Arredondo at (509) 520-3147.

Another bit of excitement at our first meeting came when the membership voted to purchase a new, state-of-the-art sound system for the music department to be used at assemblies and other school events. I am sure it will add to our (and our kids’) enjoyment of these events!

I want to make everyone aware of an opportunity to represent our school during district meetings about the “Make Your Day” program. If you are interested or need more information, please contact a member of the PTA Board.

Finally, I’d like to address the parking lot situation. As we all know, the lot is poorly designed and confusing to navigate. We need your help to protect the safety of our children. The PTA is working with the District to make several structural improvements. (You may have noticed the angled parking and traffic arrows.) Other improvements are in the works. In the meantime, PLEASE observe the following rules to help avoid the very unfortunate, but real possibility of a child being hit by a car:

- Park ONLY in designated parking spots. Do not double-park, or park in traffic lanes.
- Follow the flow of traffic as indicated by the arrows and parking space directions, and obey the traffic signs.
- Drop off children in the Loading Zone only, or park in a spot and walk your child in.
- Always stay alert for children in the parking lots (i.e., stay off your cell phone).
- Respect the directions given by school administrators in the parking lot—they are responsible for all of our children’s safety.

We can help decrease the number of cars in the lot by carpooling, walking kids to school, using the buses, and participating in the Walking School Bus (starting in mid-October). When the lot is full, please park on Western or Ninth and walk to the lot.

Thanks for your cooperation and support! Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M. We hope to see you there!

Craig Robertson, Newbery PTA President 2009/2010

Bingo, Burritos & Books

Please join us for our fall fundraising event. We will be having an evening filled with fun for the whole family with bingo, a taco truck for dinner, the Michael Carlos Band for entertainment, and the Book Fair.

The fun begins Friday, October 16th at 5:00 p.m. The taco truck will be serving a variety of dinners for \$5 per plate and bingo cards are available for \$5 per card or 5 cards for \$20. We will have tons of great bingo prizes for kids and adults – it will be fun for the whole family!

You will enjoy the music of the Michael Carlos Band during dinner and the book fair will be open all evening for parents and kids to browse and buy books.

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Renee Monson at rmonson22701@gmail.com.

Hospitality

Hello, one and all! I hope you have been enjoying our brisk fall mornings. I'm excited to be working with all of our volunteers on the hospitality committee and know we will be a great team.

I thought I would begin by having sign-ups for the next three months. I love themes, and I feel that themes allow those involved to be creative with what they choose to make or bake. At times, there might be specifics, but for the most part, please be creative in what you provide. I think that if we have 4 volunteers per month minimum, we should be set.

We are in need of more volunteers to help supply treats and snacks to our wonderful staff and teachers at Newbery. Please contact me if you would like to sign-up to help!

Thank you,
Katie Waldon
katiekynz@hotmail.com

Save 'Em All!

Box Tops for Education and **Campbell's Labels for Education** UPC codes provide new playground equipment and help to fund field trips for John Newbery students. Please have your student deliver them to their teacher or to the PTA mail box in the office. Campbell's only accepts the Labels for Education UPC codes, not the actual product label. **Box Tops for Education** have an expiration date so please send them to school so that we can submit them before they expire!

Look for **Labels for Education** on the following products:

Campbell's Soups

Campbell's or Franco-American Spaghetti O's
Prego pasta sauces*

Swanson broths and canned poultry

V8 vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks*

Pepperidge Farm breads, cookies, crackers and frozen products

Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers

(*save the lid from these products)

Now on Facebook

Become a fan of John Newbery Elementary on Facebook. For the most up to date information on school activities, volunteer opportunities, PTA news and pretty much anything related to John Newbery Elementary look for us on Facebook. Just search for John Newbery and become a fan. Let your friends know and help our fan base grow. Contact Shelley Granger at 670-3867 for more information.

Learning Improvement Team

The Learning Improvement Team (LIT) is made up of staff and parent representatives from John Newbery Elementary. Their primary goal is to improve learning and teaching through shared decision making. LIT currently has three positions open for parent representatives. The group meets once a month from 2:35 – 4:00 p.m. If you interested in joining or would like to learn more please contact Patti Eggleston at eggleston.p@mail.wsd.wednet.edu.

Membership

Hello everyone! I hope you have all been having a great school year thus far. I know my kids have loved being back. PTA is excited for this coming year with the students and teachers.

If you haven't already done so, we would like to invite all of you to join us! We need your support and would love to have you at our meetings! At our first meeting, we decided to purchase a Bose system that will totally improve sound and ease of use during our music programs and assemblies. These and other decisions like them are why we need many members. Every family that participates directly helps improve our children's school experience.

So fill out those PTA membership forms and send them with your students to school! A single membership is \$12 and a family membership is \$18. We'd love to have you!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to find out more about joining the PTA!

Carrie Brooks, Membership
mcbubrooks@gmail.com

Show Your Newbery Pride

John Newbery T-Shirts will be available for purchase at our upcoming Bingo, Burritos & Books night. They will be sold at a reasonable cost so that everyone in your family can show their Jaguar pride!

Fundraising Made Simple

Help earn cash for John Newbery at Office Depot every time you shop! Simply tell the sales clerk at the point of purchase that you would like to earn money for John Newbery Elementary School and they will donate 5% of your total sale to our school! Each quarter the total amount of dollars earned will be sent to John Newbery in the form of a gift card. It's that simple!

PTA Meetings

PTA meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings take place in the Newbery library and start at 7 p.m. Come and see what Newbery's PTA is doing for our kids! You don't need to be a member to attend the meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone's Welcome! Complimentary child care will be provided.

Newsletter Deadline

The PTA publishes Newbery News each month for the John Newbery Community. If you want to submit an article or items of interest to Newbery News, please contact Natalie Narby at natalienarby@msn.com or 665-7730.

All articles are subject to review and approval of the PTA Unit 11.5.27. Articles must be submitted by the first Friday of each month, or earlier, to insure inclusion in the next issue.

Safeway Shoppers

Do you use a Safeway card when you shop for groceries? If so, you could be helping John Newbery earn money! When you use your Safeway card to buy groceries a percentage of your purchase will be donated to John Newbery Elementary. Pick-up a form at the upcoming Bingo, Burritos & Books night to register your card.



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A complete listing of all PTA committee contacts is posted outside the PTA office and on the John Newbery website: <http://nb.wsd.wednet.edu>

Upcoming Events:

October

13 Picture Day

12-16 Bus Ridership Week

16 Bingo, Burritos & Books

16-23 Book Fair

19-23 Conference Week

(11:20 Dismissal)

19 Walking School Bus

November

3 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

11 No School – Veteran's Day

26-27 No School – Thanksgiving

