



NEWBERY NEWS

John Newbery Elementary, Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27

Nel Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

April 2008

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Newbery Families;

Thank you to our students, teachers, volunteers and supporters for making our Fund Run an incredibly successful event. The kids' enthusiasm was amazing. I was impressed by all of the teachers running along with them. It was great to have the support of the Wenatchee High School cheerleaders and basketball players, the Apple Blossom Royalty, and the Foothills Middle School Falcon Flyers. A very special thank you to Tammi Flynn and her committee for the months of preparation that this event required. So far we have exceeded our goal of \$15,000 and have raised \$16,775.68.

After a fundraiser it is reasonable to wonder how the funds are spent. Here are some of the programs and services that our PTA has provided at Newbery this year:

Enrichment and Academic Achievement:

Assemblies (\$1200), Art Programs (\$750), Passport Club, Write Now Kids

Health and Fitness:

Running Club, Edible Garden (\$120)

Community and Family Involvement:

Hoe Down, Family Fun Night (\$80)

Staff Support:

Teacher Grants (\$3000 so far), Document Cameras (\$3800), Books for the library and classrooms through Book Fair (\$2500), Staff Appreciation

Communication and Parent Education:

Directory (\$300), Newsletter, Yearbook, Reader Board, Web Site

School Building and Grounds Improvements:

Picnic Benches & Tables (\$4000)

Student Services:

Banking, Lunch Funds, Newbery apparel sales, Translation

Upcoming PTA events to look forward to include: Apple Blossom Youth Parade, Staff Appreciation Week, another Family Fun Night, Book Fair, and Fun Day.

A detailed account of expenditures is provided at each PTA meeting. We are now in the planning stage for next year. We invite you to come to our next PTA meeting on May 6th. We will hold elections for next year's executive board and discuss programs to support. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to share your ideas, please return the suggestion form included on the last page of this newsletter or contact a board member with your ideas. We value everyone's input.

We hope you can join us for the Apple Blossom Youth Parade on April 26th. This is great opportunity to show school spirit and thank our sponsors for the fund run. Please return the pink permission form sent home last week if your child plans on participating.

Thank you,

Jodi Murray
John Newbery PTA President
2007-2008

Important Dates

April-

- 24 – 1st Grade Music Program 1:30 & 6:30 pm
- 25 – NO PASSPORT CHECK due to WASL-moved to May 2nd
- 26 – Apple Blossom Youth Parade

May-

- 2 - Passport Check 8:30-10:40am
- 5-9th - Teacher Appreciation
- 6 – PTA Meeting 7pm (Free Babysitter provided)
- 8th-3rd Grade Music Program 1:30 & 7pm
- 15th – All-City Orchestra Festival Pioneer Middle School 7pm
- 22 – Kinder End of Year Celebration 8:30am
- 28-30th - BOGO Book Fair
- 29 – Edible Garden Family Night
- 29 – Art Gallery Night
- 30 – Passport Check 8:30-10:40am

June-

- 3 – PTA Meeting 7pm (Free Babysitter provided)
- 5 – School BBQ
- 6 - Fun Day
- 16 – 5th Grade Completion Celebration 1:30pm
- 18 – Last Day of School 8:00am Awards Assembly

[FUNd RUN 2008 Recap...](#) Thanks for everyone stepping up and taking over to make the Fund Run day the best ever! As of the 11th of April we were at \$12,985.07 in total pledges...not far from our mark of \$15,000! Please remember to collect your per lap pledges and to send in your pledge envelopes even if you didn't get any pledges. Stay tuned next month for a final recap of funds raised as well as then names of all our winners. Many thanks to all the lap counters and various other volunteers who made the day possible!! We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks again for all your support!

Parent contact: Tammi Flynn 663-4135 or nutritiontips@flynnpkg.com

[APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT MAKING PARTY...](#)We are looking for volunteers to assist in making our Apple Blossom Youth Parade float entry for John Newbery. Our theme is: "John Newbery is Our Slice of Paradise". We are really hoping to show off our school spirit this year while also thanking the many sponsors for their donations to our Fund Run. Anyone who would like to help with float construction, donate items, or just give ideas can contact

Shelley Granger at keithgranger@charter.net /#670-3867 or
Dodie Pike at dodiepike@hotmail.com /#393-4995

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED~FUN DAY...](#) has been set for Friday June 6th. Volunteer help is needed to make this event a success. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Clark at #663-4412 or at annesclark@msn.com

[BIG THANK YOU'S...](#) go out to ALL the volunteers who made this year's Fund Run a success. We couldn't have done it without you! A thanks also goes out to Tom Nees for putting in all the outdoor benches/picnic tables so our kids can enjoy lunch outdoors! Thanks for all you do for our kids. We would be nothing without our volunteers!

[INFO FROM FOOTHILLS...](#) Dear Parents of Future 6th Graders, Next year at Foothills your child will be going to 6th grade Camp at Tall Timber @ Lake Wenatchee. We need parent volunteers to go with us, spend one night at Camp, and be cabin counselors. We are going in two groups, on Oct 1st & 2nd and Oct 2nd and 3rd. If you are interested in being a cabin counselor please visit the website below to find out more information and send an email to Mr. Birks to say, "I might be interested in going". Or call 664-8961 x2202.

<http://fms.wsd.wednet.edu/birksweb/camp/index.html>

[PTA MEETINGS...](#) are held the 1st Tuesday of every month. Meetings take place in the Newbery library and start at 7pm. Come and see what Newbery's PTA is doing for our kids! You don't need to be a member to attend the meetings. Everyone's Welcome!

[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 Nel Wheeler nwheeler39@aol.com or send it to johnnewberypta@hotmail.com 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.

[OPERATION PURPLE Camps...](#) The National Military Family Association (NMFA) Operation Purple(r) camps offer a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. This year, 100 weeks of camps will be held at 62 locations in 37 states and territories. Campers from all service branches will gather together to experience a memorable week of fun and adventure with a focus on learning coping skills to better deal with a parent's deployment. Registration begins March 24th and ends May 5th. The NMFA online application and details about each camp location are available on our site.

All families who submit a complete registration form ONLINE will be contacted by your desired camp no later than May 12th, to let you know if your child(ren) have been accepted. Acceptance to camp is not on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will be accepted and evaluated through midnight May 5, 2008. Early registration does not guarantee acceptance to camps. Operation Purple Camp Cancellation Policy: Should your child not be able to make it to camp for any reason, you must give immediate notice to your selected site contacts so that other children have the opportunity to attend an Operation Purple camp. If you do not give at least two weeks notice, your child WILL NOT be eligible to attend an Operation Purple camp in the future. Also a youth is only able to attend 1 Operation Purple Camp.

For more information or to register go to www.nmfa.org [<http://www.nmfa.org>](http://www.nmfa.org)

This year there are 2 camps in Washington, 2 camps in Idaho, and 4 in Oregon.
Operation Purple Camp Poulsbo (WA) - August 17-23, 2008 ages 12-18
Operation Purple Camp Ellensburg (WA) - August 3-8, 2008 ages 13-17
Operation Purple Camp Ellensburg (WA)- August 10-15, 2008 ages 7-12
Operation Purple Camp Coeur d'Arlene (ID) - August 4-8, 2008 ages 8-18
Operation Purple Camp Mountain Home AFB (ID) - August 10-16, 2008 ages 12-16
Operation Purple Camp Salem (OR) - July 6-11, 2008 ages 10-12
Operation Purple Camp Salem 4H (OR) - June 29 - July 4, 2008 ages 8-9
Operation Purple Camp Redmond (OR) - June 15-20, 2008 ages 13-14
Operation Purple Camp Redmond (OR) - August 22-27, 2008 ages 15-17

Thank you

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PTA Planning Survey-

As we determine goals and set the budget for next year we would like your input. We value your ideas and would appreciate any suggestions.

What would you like to see more of at Newbery?

- Enrichment opportunities
- Science Math Art Spanish Chess
- Music Drama Other _____
- Health and Fitness
- Parent Education
- Family Activities
- Equipment for school
- Other _____

Which programs did you like this year?

Do you have any suggestions for next year?

Please complete and return this form to your teacher by Monday, April 28th. Thanks.

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Golden Acorn Award Nominee Form

Each year our PTA gives a Golden Acorn Award to a person who has given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school and community. The Golden Acorn Award is very special and is given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor PTA members for their contributions to this association. **We need you to participate in the selection process of this award through your recommendations. Thank you!**

I recommend that _____ (Name) be considered for a Golden Acorn Award.

PTA Service:

Service to the Community:

Community Wide Service:

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher or the PTA box in the main office.