



NEWBERY NEWS

John Newbery Elementary, Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27

Nel Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

January 2008

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Newbery Families:

Happy New Year! I hope your family had a great winter vacation. Here are some upcoming Newbery PTA events to look forward to in 2008:

“New Year...New Opportunities” Membership Campaign - Now is the time to join Newbery PTA if you haven't already! We would like to meet our membership goal by enrolling 30 more members by January 25.

Family Fun “Game Night” - Mid-February. New this year! Bring your kids and come enjoy an evening of playing games. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mike Frantz at mfrantz@gmail.com or 662-2287.

Running Club - After school, starting in March.

Fund Run - April 11. Besides being our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fund Run (similar to a jog-a-thon) also promotes physical fitness. If you are a business owner and would like to be a sponsor for the event, please contact Tammi Flynn at 663-4135 or Nutritiontips@Flynnpkg.com

Apple Blossom Youth Parade - April 26.

Family Fun “Gardening Night” - Mid-May. This will be a great chance to see what the gardening club has been up to all year.

BOGO Book Fair - May 28-30. Last year our Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair was a great way for our children to get discounted books for summer reading.

Fun Day - June 6. Contact Anne Clark at annesclark@msn.com if you would like to volunteer.

Look for more event information to come home during the year. I hope you can be a part of these Newbery activities.

Jodi Murray

PTA President 2007/2008

Important Dates

January-

- 15 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- 18 - Passport Club
- 21 - NO SCHOOL—MLK Holiday

February-

- 1 - NO SCHOOL-Records Day
- 5 - PTA Meeting 7pm (Free babysitting provided)
- 15 - NO SCHOOL
- 18 - NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day
- 19 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- 29 - Passport Club

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Happy New Year!!! I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you what our purpose and vision are at John Newbery Elementary. Our purpose is to provide a learning community that promotes academic, social, and emotional growth. Our vision is to become a community of lifelong learners.

I also wanted to let you know that during the month of January, Terry Hammond will be filling in for me as principal of John Newbery. I have a stress fracture on the sacral which requires rest and time off my feet to heal. Not being at John Newbery is hard for me but I feel very confident that Terry Hammond will meet your needs as situations arise. Terry Hammond, Jay Higgins and staff are communicating daily with me to ensure that we continue to provide a clean and safe environment for maximum student learning.

The Write Now Kids- This program will select one book entry from John Newbery to publish in 2008. The authors of the winning entry will help edit, design and prepare their book for publishing. If you'd like to see your "work of art" in print, get your book writing and illustrating team together, talk to your teacher or the program coordinator (Patti Eggleston 664-8930 or 662-1912), and start putting your creative work on paper! Entries are due February 15, 2008.

Make Your Day – Do you have questions about Make Your Day (Wenatchee School District's citizenship program for K-8)? If so, know that there are several resources you may want to investigate for additional information.

Makeyourday.com is an excellent source for those who have access to a computer. This site provides the viewer with program goals and clarity of the processes that are used in Make Your Day. There is also an excellent interactive page for parents with questions about Make Your Day.

Another resource is Mr. Higgins. Each Tuesday at 8:10, Mr. Higgins meets with students and parents who are new to our district or who want additional information and/or clarification of the Make Your Day citizenship program.

There is a Make Your Day handout available upon request in our school office. This handout is available in both English and Spanish. Lastly, remember that Mr. Higgins and I are available to meet with individual or groups of parents who would like more information or have questions about Make Your Day. Know that it is my job to assist and ensure safety of staff, students and parents.

Thanks for all you do for John Newbery,
Patti Eggleston
JN Principal

Passport Club...

Did you know that China has a population of 1.3 Billion people or that Venezuela's Angel Falls is the world's highest, free-falling, freshwater waterfall? John Newbery's Geography Passport program is starting off the new year by learning about lots of places, like China, Venezuela, Mozambique, New Zealand and Pakistan. Has your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader looked at their map yet? Our map check this month is on Friday, January 18th and we still need some volunteers to help out. In December, we had a great turn-out of volunteers, including Angela Schaub, Jennifer Wilkinson, Brenda Taylor, Rene Monson, Vicki Johnson, Gary Looney, Laurie Flarity-White, Jene Bautista, Katrine Garrison, and Wendy Bowman. Thanks so much to everyone who helps with this positive learning program! Parent contact: [Joan Qazi, jqazi@jnw.net](mailto:Joan.Qazi@jnw.net)

Seeking Business Sponsorship

for

John Newbery's Fund Run '08



Dear Parents:

Our PTA is preparing and planning for our spring fundraiser called the Fund Run (similar to a jog-a-thon). Since it was so successful last year we have decided to do it again! The date has been set for Friday, April 11. We will be sending more information home in March. Currently we are looking for local businesses or corporations that would like to sponsor this event. The sponsor money will help cover the cost associated with holding the event, as well as contributing to our fundraising goal of \$15,000. We are offering three levels of sponsorship. The highest level includes your name/business logo appearing on our t-shirts providing you unlimited advertising exposure. If you are interested in finding out more, please fill out the form below, or call/email me with your questions. Please include business address if you would like the information mailed to you.

Thank-you

Tammi Flynn, 663-4135/ Nutritiontips@flynnpkg.com

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Email _____

[L.I.T. Information...](#)

The Learning Improvement Team meets monthly to share information and make decisions about school policies, distribution of funds, and ways to improve learning and teaching at Newbery. Representatives include Mrs. Eggleston, a teacher from each grade level, a specialist, a classified staff and three parent representatives. Recently parent questions were brought up about Make Your Day. A committee is being formed to develop a survey for parents to give feedback about the program. Your ideas are always welcome about issues at Newbery. If you have questions or concerns you can contact Mrs. Eggleston or one of the parent representatives: Lisa Riggan (663-9568), Jodi Murray (665-0556) or Nel Wheeler (665-8325).

[WINTER SCHOOL DELAYS & CLOSURES...](#)

When it snows, the best thing you can do is listen to the radio. The WSD will advise radio stations of any school closures or delays. If you do not hear an announcement on the radio, you can assume school is running on a regular schedule. If there is a snow delay, then there are no before school activities, including breakfast.

Radio Stations-

Cherry Creek Radio/665-6565

KPLW 89.9 FM/665-6641

KPQ 560 AM

KEYG FM 'The Key' 98.1 FM/662-3842

The Quake 102.1FM

La Super Z 1340 AM/106.7 FM

KW3 103.9 FM

KYSN Country 97.7 FM

Apple 99.5 FM

[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!

YEARBOOK TIME... We Need Your Photos!!

If you have any photos of your child or others...they can be school related activities, class parties, hoedown, fund run, assemblies and music programs, talent shows, etc. I will take photos by email or a hard copy left in the PTA box in an envelope with my name on it. Keep this in mind all year. Thank you.

Lisa Riggan lk4star@msn.com

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 johnnewberyppta@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.

HOW TO REACH US...

2007/2008 PTA Executive Board

President: Jodi Murray #665-0556 jsmur@aol.com

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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>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION...

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

Thanks for your support,
Leigh Smith lsmith@nwi.net
