



NEWBERY NEWS

John Newbery Elementary, Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27

Nel Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

May 2008

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

"One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade."
Chinese Proverb

Dear Newbery Families:

Spring is finally here! The end of the school year is quickly approaching and there are still several upcoming events at Newbery for families to enjoy. We hope you can join us.

- *May 28-30: Buy One Get One Free Book Fair
- *May 29: Family Night - Edible Garden and Art Gallery
- *June 5: School BBQ
- *June 6: Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who helped with the float and participated in the Apple Blossom Youth Parade. Special thanks to Dodie Pike, Shelley Granger, Vern Smith, Amy Sembritzky, Renee Monson, and Lynn Patch for all of their hard work. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th- 9th. Thank you to Cindy Neace for organizing this event and to the volunteers who provided gifts and treats. Mark your calendar for May 23rd - Principal's Day. We are thankful for Mrs. Eggleston and our wonderful teachers for all that they do for our children!

At our last PTA meeting, executive officers were elected for 2008-2009. The board from this year will be returning along with Jennifer Christensen, who will serve as Co-Vice President of Fundraising. We approved the purchase of three more document cameras for classrooms, \$200 for art prints, and discussed goals and spending options for next year. It's not too late to return the PTA survey sent home in the last newsletter. You can also contact one of the board members with your suggestions and ideas. Over the next few weeks we will be filling the board of directors and committee chair positions for next year. We have several openings and would love to see more volunteers willing to share their talents to benefit our students at Newbery.

Thank you for your support,
Jodi Murray
John Newbery PTA President
2007-2008

Buy One Get One Free Book Fair...

Our BOGO Scholastic Book Fair will be open May 28th- 30th. This is a great chance to get discounted books before the summer. Students will have the opportunity to preview and purchase books during the day. We will be open during the Family Activity Night until 8:00pm on May 29th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shelley Granger at keithgranger@charter.net or 664-0679.

Important Dates

May-

- May 13 – Middle School Orientation for 5th grade, 1:30-2:15, multipurpose room
- 15th – All-City Orchestra Festival Pioneer Middle School 7pm
- May 16 – Third Annual Writer's Conference, 4th and 5th grades
- May 21 – All City Track Meet at WHS
- 22 – Kinder Music Program 8:30am
- 22 – Visionscape & District Art Festival @ WHS 6:30-7:30 pm
- 23 – Principal's Day
- May 28 – Career Fair, 5th grade
- 28-30th – BOGO Book Fair
- May 29 – River of Power field trip, 4th grade
- 29 – Edible Garden/Art Gallery Family Night
- 30 – Passport Check 8:30-10:40am

June-

- 3 – PTA Meeting 7pm (Free Babysitter provided)
- June 5 – Pet Show, Kindergarten and 1st grades, 8:00-8:45
- 5 – School BBQ
- 6 – Fun Day
- June 12 – Slidewaters trip – 5th grade
- June 12 – Volunteer Recognition
- June 13 – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning, 8:30 a.m.
- 16 – 5th Grade Completion Celebration 1:15
- 18 – Last Day of School 8:00am Awards Assembly

Volunteers Needed for the 2008-09 School Year...

Open committee chair positions for the next school year include:

Hospitality	Newsletter	Banking
Apparel Sales	Family Fun Nights	Reflections
Reader Board	Destination Imagination	

Please contact Jodi Murray @ 665-0556 or jmur@aol.com if you would like more information or are interested in a position.



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[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ ART SHOW...](#) Shannon Griggs, our Art teacher, is in need of volunteers to help take down art banners at the high school on Thursday, May 22nd after the District Art Festival. The banners and pieces of art work need to be transported back to John Newbery. If you can help, please contact her at via email at griggs.s@mail.wsd.wednet.edu or leave a message for her in the main office at 664-8930.

[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 and for more information, please contact Anne Clark at #663-4412 or at annesclark@msn.com

PASSPORT CLUB...

Did you know that the Russian Federation is the world's largest country in land area? Your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader might learn about that while studying for our last Passport Geography map check on Friday, May 30th. This month's level one countries include the Russian Federation, Iran, Norway, Guatemala and Spain. Please encourage your child to learn these places and beyond, then they can receive one of our special prizes. We are hoping to have a Geography Bee in June and some awards for our most accomplished geographers! It's not too late to volunteer to help for our last map check on May 30th, just email Joan at jqazi@nwi.net

[INFO FROM FOO THI LLS...](#) 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>

[Would you like to VOLUNTEER at our school?...](#)

We love to have volunteers help in our classrooms! If you're interested in volunteering at our school, we need you to complete a volunteer application online at our district website.

- Please go to <http://www.home.wsd.wednet.edu>.
- Click on the "Employment" button at the top left portion of the screen.
- Scroll down to "Complete and Submit Your Online Application" and click on "Begin Application."
- On the next page, click on "Volunteer" and follow the prompts.

If you have difficulty with this process, please contact Melissa Campbell at our district office at 663-8161 or e-mail her at campbell.m@mail.wsd.wednet.edu.

[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!

[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 \(665-8325\)](#).

[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 N...](#) 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 slsmith@nwi.net
