



# NEWBERY NEWS

John Newbery Elementary, Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27

Nel Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift and not giving it."

William Arthur Ward

Dear Newbery Families:

This newsletter is filled with gratitude to all of the volunteers and supporters of our recent PTA events. The hoe down was a fun night for our Newbery families, and a huge success. We raised over \$6000. Special thanks to Amy Sembritzky our Hoe Down Chairperson and to Dodie Pike for organizing the silent auction.

Our book fair generated approximately \$1000 worth of books to classroom teachers and \$2600 to the library. Thank you to Julie McKay and Shelley Granger for co-chairing the fair with me. Much appreciation goes to the volunteers who worked shifts at the fair and to the many teachers and parents who supported our school by buying books.

We now have three more picnic tables outside for students' use. Thank you to Tom Nees and Clete Wise for installing these. Amy and Garr Dorey also deserve special thanks for painting new four squares for the playground. Over \$2000 worth of Newbery logo apparel was sold last month. Thank you to David and Jenny Johnson for all of their hard work. Look for the new school directories to come home soon. We have Wendy Bowman to thank for her efforts on this project.

One of the goals of National PTA is to provide parent education. Our executive board is taking suggestions for informational speakers to have at our meetings. If you have a topic that you are interested in, please let one of us know. I encourage you to check out the National PTA web site at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org). The site is full of resources and relevant education articles covering topics such as student achievement, health and violence prevention.

Newbery PTA will be sponsoring a winter clothes drive for children this month. We will be collecting sweaters, sweatshirts, coats and blankets until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Our community and business owners have given so much to Newbery, this is a chance for us to show our gratitude and give back to Wenatchee by helping families in need.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Jodi Murray

Newbery PTA President 2007/2008

# Important Dates

## November-

- 14 - 17 CATS Musical evenings at 7:30 pm & 2 pm Matinee, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>
- 20 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- 21 - Early Release at 11:20 pm
- 22-23 - Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
- 26 - Cold Weather Plan Begins
- 28 - WE CARE Assembly
- 30 - Passport Club

## December-

- 4 - PTA Meeting, 7pm (Babysitter provided)
- 13 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program 1:10 & 7pm
- 14 - Passport Club
- 17 - Jan 1 - Winter Break
- 18 - Papa John's Pizza Night

## January-

- 2 - School back in session
- 8 - PTA Meeting, 7pm (Babysitter provided)
- 15 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- 21 - NO SCHOOL-- MLK Holiday

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[HOEDOWN RECAP...](#) On behalf of John Newbery PTA, I would like to say "Thank You" to all who attended our annual Hoedown. We had a great evening raising a net amount of \$6,169.00. The support you showed has made it possible for the PTA to continue funding many of the enrichment programs that are offered.

Thank you to the many businesses who graciously donated wonderful items for our silent auction and the sponsors who helped make this event so successful; Top Foods, Trinity Inflatable's, Coca Cola, Tree Top, Wal-Mart, Target and Costco.

We would also like to thank the following individuals who gave their time to make sure this was a fun evening for the whole family; Michelle Jensen, Dodie Pike, Kim Bettencourt, Tammi Flynn, Natalie Narby and the students from the Falcon Flyers program at Foothills Middle School. Thank you also to the many others who donated their time during the event and who provided beautiful cupcakes, treats and candy. Your help made the event special.

Amy Sembritzky  
VP Fundraising/Hoedown Chair

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SILENT AUCTION...A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everybody who helped with the Hoe Down Silent Auction. We received an awesome response from the community and Newbery families, and their generous donations allowed us to raise over \$2700!

THANK YOU.....

~Academic Toolbox~ Appleblossom Festival~ Apple Valley Honda~ Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar~ Red Robin~ Wenatchee Applesox Baseball Club~ Applewood Grill~ Bob's Classic Restaurant~ Caffe Mela~ Dr. Cara Schroeder~ The Cellar Cafe~ Collins Gifts for Women~ Eastmont Lanes~ Craft Warehouse~ Creative Memories (Consultant Cindy Neace)~ Curves~ Cyndy Jaynes~ Wenatchee Dairy Queen~ Davis Furniture~ Definitions Permanent Cosmetics by Kathie Welch~ Dutch Brothers Coffee~ Elements Salon & Spa~ Dr. Erik Holmberg~ Garlini's Restaurant~ Gold's Gym~ Winnie's Hallmark~ Hastings~ Head Spinners (Barry Heminger)~ Hooked on Toys~ Jet Pro Auto Wash~ KI Fighting Concepts~ McGlenn's Public House~ Mission Street Bistro~ Natalie Narby~ Pak-It-Rite~ Pickle Papers~ The Recycle Shop~ Red Robin~ Revolution Snow and Skate~ Salon Cappelli (Carlee Cornelius & Arland Dorais)~ Sangster Motors~ Sav-Mart~ Slidewaters~ S.P.O.R.T. Gymnastics~ Stan's Merry Mart~ Starbucks~ Subway~ Sweep it or Keep It (Amy Sembritzky)~ Sylvan Learning Center~ Three Lakes Golf Course~ Wenatchee Sand & Gravel~ Wenatchee School of Karate~ The Wild Huckleberry~ Wok About Mongolian Grill~ Wenatchee Racquet and Athletic Club~

And thank you to all of the parents who contributed a toy item for the KIDS BIDS!!!!!!!

Thank you to Sue Wiersma and Shelley Granger for helping package and tag items and to Renee Monson for closing out bid sheets. A HUGE THANKS to Amy Dorey and Kim Drolet for their assistance in both set up and closing out bids. Also thank you to Nel Wheeler for being available to answer many questions and offer valuable advice.

With all of the volunteers and community support, The Newbery Hoe Down Silent Auction was a huge success!

Dodie Pike  
Silent Auction Chairperson

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SPECIAL THANKS ...go out to the following parent volunteers who helped with Parsons picture day on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> and with retakes on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>--- Amber Sturtz, Shelli Mickey, Jessica Jones, Kristina Palmer, Jennifer Fenty, Lolita Zehnder and Melanie Nees. Your dedication always ensures that events such as this run more smoothly.

...to the following for all their help during Book Fair--Natalie Narby, Natalie Palmer, Renata Ballard, Kim Drolet, Rosemary Wulf, Lisa Riggan, Joan Qazi, Angela Schaub, Jenni Franz, Jeanine Barnwell, Laurie Flarity-White, Dodie Pike, Nancy Trucano, Wendy Bowman, Peggy Taulango, Amy Dorey, Staci Hobson and Vern Smith

...for volunteering to do our Spanish translation  
Yadira Luna

...for all their help with the school directory  
Renea Patterson and Brea Blakney

You are all so appreciated!

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

### Cold Weather Plan

John Newbery School has a Cold Weather Plan. Starting November 26-February 2 all students arriving at school between the hour of 8:50-9:15 (Monday) and 7:25-7:45 (Tuesday through Friday) will enter the gym instead of standing outside the school. In the gym, students may read, complete homework or visit with a friend. It is the goal of the Cold Weather Plan to ensure student health and safety during the cold winter months. Parents are encouraged to drop in and help to supervise or observe how the plan is working. Prior to November 26 or after February 2nd students will go into the gym in the event that the outside temperature is below 20 degrees, icy or raining.

### Q&A

Why do our full day kindergarten students arrive at school so late on Monday (11:20)?

-Nel Wheeler

Our full day kindergarten students arrive late on Monday (11:20) in an attempt to equalize our teachers preparation/planning time. The Certificated/Teacher contract states that all teachers are entitled to 200 minutes of planning time per week. Our kindergarten teachers get (70 minutes of Library and 35 minutes in both Music and Physical Education) 140 minutes of planning per week while our first through fifth grade teachers get (35 minutes of Library and Art with 70 minutes Music and Physical Education) 210 minutes of planning per week. Having our kindergarten students arrive early on Monday allows our kindergarten teachers additional minutes so they have close to the same number of minutes for planning as our first through fifth grade teachers.

Got a question...please email ([eggleston.p@mail.wsd.wednet.edu](mailto:eggleston.p@mail.wsd.wednet.edu)) me with your question. If your question is used, your child will be called to the office to pick out a John Newbery or Caldecott book.

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PASSPORT CLUB NEWS... This month's Passport Geography program will focus on Algeria, Canada, Turkey, Mongolia and Panama in the Level One map. Do your students know where these countries are? Did you know that Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined? There are extra copies of study maps available through your child's teacher if it gets lost. Our map check date will be Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> this month, so if you can help us out that morning, please let Joan Qazi know: [jqazi@nwi.net](mailto:jqazi@nwi.net)

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## 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](mailto:lk4star@msn.com)

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**REFLECTIONS...** Encourage your child to participate in the PTA's Reflections Program. Reflections is a national PTA contest designed to encourage students' creativity and participation in the arts. The theme this year is "I Can Make A Difference By..." Students choose from six different categories: visual arts, photography, choreography, film production, music composition or literature. Judging is based on creativity and application of the theme. Look for more information to come.

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## **MILEAGE CLUB---VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Mileage Club has started with its purpose being to extend our students physical activity time to meet our state requirement of 100 minutes per week. We are in need of volunteers who would like to be involved with a fun opportunity to spend some time with your child while they are reaching their weekly physical activity goal.

Each grade will have the opportunity to run/walk laps during social skills. For each lap, they will collect a ticket. At the end of the month, they will be able to turn in their tickets for prizes. We need a couple of parent volunteers for one hour, once per week.

The following is the time & days per grade:

Kinders: Fridays, 12:10-12:30

1st grade: Thursdays, 1:15-2:15

2nd grade: Tuesdays, 1:15-2:15

3rd grade: Wednesdays, 1:15-2:15

4th grade: Mondays, 1:15-2:15

5th grade: Mondays, 9:30-10:30

We would like to start ASAP and this will continue through most weather conditions!

Please email or call Tammi Flynn if you're interested at #663-4135 or at [Nutritiontips@flynnpkg.com](mailto:Nutritiontips@flynnpkg.com)

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**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!

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## **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](mailto:nwheeler39@aol.com) or send it to [johnnewberyppta@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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 [slsmith@w enval.com](mailto:s smith@w enval.com)

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## AREA HAPPENINGS...

You're invited to...

Wenatchee School District's

Amateur Production of

Cats

Music By

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Based on "Old Possum's Book Of Practical Cats" By T.S. ELIOT

Directed by Paul Atwood

Nov. 14, 15, 16, and 17 - 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17 – 2 p.m. matinee

Wenatchee High School Auditorium

Ticket info: 888-0780

175 students make up one of the largest casts ever assembled for a Wenatchee School District musical. Directed by Paul Atwood, Cats promises plenty of surprises with authentic wigs, costumes and makeup, swinging dance numbers, and more cute little kittens and mice than you can count.

Cats is the award-winning musical that has been performed around the world and translated into more than 20 languages. Based on the universally popular poetry of T.S. Eliot, Cats tells the story, in song and dance, of the annual gathering of Jellicle cats at which time one special cat is selected to ascend to the Heaviside layer.

## MEMBERSHIP...

Right now our membership stands at 131 members. We are still looking for more support. Remember it is never too late to sign up, if you have not done so yet, please sign up today! Fill out the form below and return to child's teacher or the office. The results for the membership classroom competition is as follows:

Pizza Party Contest	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade with 35....	Pizza Party winners!
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade with 31	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade with 30	
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade with 28	
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kindergarteners 27	
	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade with 17	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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## Membership Form

Join Today!

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRSTNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00 Individual \$17.00 Family (2 people)

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW TO REACH US...

### 2007/2008 PTA Executive Board

President: Jodi Murray #665-0556 [jsmur@aol.com](mailto: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>