



NEWBERY News

John Newbery Elementary
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Wenatchee, Washington

PTA Local Unit 11.5.27
Nel Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

Dear Newbery Families,

Welcome to the 2007-2008 John Newbery school year! Our PTA is already up and running and we have lots of information to share.

Events: We had a great turn out at both our Welcome Back to School Coffee and our first PTA meeting. It was wonderful to see so many new faces. Our next meeting will be October 3rd at 7pm. We hope you will be able to join us. The Hoe Down, our family carnival, is our biggest event of the fall. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 20th. Our annual Book Fair will also be open the night of Hoe Down as well as conference week, October 22nd -26th. We look forward to seeing you at these fun events! Please note the included calendar in this newsletter for more upcoming activities.

Fundraisers: Our budget can be sustained this year without holding a separate fall fundraiser. Our annual Hoe Down generates income through the silent auction and the classroom basket raffle. Our main fundraiser for the year will be the Fund Run set for April 11th. Last spring it was a huge success and brought in over \$17,000! Throughout the year, one of the easiest ways for us to generate funds is through the Safeway Rewards Program. This "silent fundraiser" does not require you to do anything but link your Safeway club card number to John Newbery. Once your card is linked, Safeway donates up to 4% of your purchases to our school. Grandparents, friends and other relatives across the U.S. can also sign up to contribute. We started this program last fall and are already averaging over \$200 a month from this program. Please take the time to return the enclosed enrollment form so we can earn even more from this fundraiser.

Membership: We invite you to join us in our efforts to bring programs and services to our children at Newbery. Just by joining our PTA you are showing your support for our school. Being a member lets you have a voice in determining goals, programs to be presented and how our PTA funds are raised and distributed. Each membership is important, so please sign up all of the adult members in your household.

Volunteer Opportunities: There are many committees to join if you are interested in getting more involved at the school. We encourage you to choose one that fits your interests and schedule. Green volunteer sign-up forms were sent home last week. These can be returned to your child's teacher. Additional forms are available outside the school office and on our web site.

Communication: Newbery PTA sends out a newsletter monthly. Due to the increasing cost of copying and in an effort to reduce the use of paper, newsletters will be sent via email through our PTA hotmail account. Hard copies will also be available outside of the PTA office. Please visit our web site at www.nb.wsd.wednet.edu for access to our meeting minutes, newsletters, volunteer sheets, membership forms, Safeway card links and how to reach us. To be added to our PTA email address book so that you can receive information throughout the year, please email us with your name, email address, and grade of your youngest child to johnnewberyppta@hotmail.com.

Our new executive board is pleased to have the opportunity to be involved with a PTA that has such a committed group of volunteers and supportive faculty. We look forward to working with you to bring even more resources to our children this year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

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Many Faces- One Vision

Upcoming Events:

September

18 (K-2) Curriculum Night
20 (3-5) Curriculum Night
28 Passport Club

October

2 PTA Meeting 7-8pm
2 Vision/Hearing Screening
12 NO SCHOOL-Prof. Day
18 Picture Day
19 Passport Club
20 HOEDOWN 4-7pm
20-25 Book Fair
22-26 Parent-Teacher Conf.-(Early dismissal-3 hours)

November

1 Math Night 6:30-7:30pm
6 PTA Meeting 7-8pm
8 4th grade Music Program
12 NO SCHOOL-Veteran's Day
21 Early Dismissal-3 hrs. early
22-23 Thanksgiving Break

Reminder of School Procedures

- 1) Phone calls to classrooms can be very disruptive during instructional time. Although a phone call may be short, the interruption and aftermath often takes away valuable learning time. Please take care of after-school plans before the school day begins.
- 2) Please be sure to call the school office (664-8930) before 8:30 AM if your child is not at school for any reason. This includes absences for morning dental or doctor appointments.
- 3) John Newbery Elementary appreciates its many volunteers! Please remember to sign in on the volunteer clipboard in the office and write down the total number of hours you were present as you check out.
- 4) Please be considerate of teachers and staff with cell phone usage. Avoid using them in classrooms and office areas.
- 5) Please be aware that on Friday mornings from 8:05-8:35, John Newbery staff and students participate in an all-school Read-In. During this time, there is no movement in the hallways. Students arriving late will check in and sit quietly by Mrs. Anderson until Read-In is over. If a student does not have his/her own book to read, a book will be provided. Parents are discouraged from walking in the hallways during this time.

The Hoe Down – Low Down

It's that time of year again when we all dust off our best cowboy gear and come to John Newbery for some good ole fashion hoe down fun! This is a great family fun evening full of games for kids (cake walk, fishing, limbo and more!), a silent auction full of fantastic items to bid on for the parents, activities (face painting, bead table), a raffle of beautiful baskets that are put together by each classroom and of course FOOD! There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy!

In order to put all of this fabulous fun together, we need some awesome volunteers to help get things up and going. I am looking for some people to head up decorations, food and advertising. Please let me know if you are interested. (Amy Sembritzky 664-7219 or meejo@nwi.net)

Kim Bettencourt (421-0737 or kbettencourt@colstor.com) will be heading up the classroom baskets, if you are interested in putting together a basket for your kids classroom, please let Kim know.

Volunteers Needed!

Our annual Vision & Hearing Screening is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd from 7:45-11:00a.m.. We would appreciate your help! If you can volunteer to help us screen, please email Nel Wheeler at nwheeler39@aol.com. The Vision and Hearing Screening is something the district does every year. This screening helps the nurse identify any students that may have a problem in either of these areas. The more help we get the faster it goes. Thanks!

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 at the PTA table during the Hoe Down.

Book Fair

Newbery's annual Scholastic Book Fair will be open October 20th-25th. This year's theme is a "Book Fair Blizzard." Make sure to stop by

during the Hoe Down or the week of conferences. This is a great way to get books into the hands of our children!

Volunteers are needed to work a one hour shift. If you are interested, contact Shelley Granger at 664-0679 or keithgranger@charter.net.

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.

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,
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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>

SAFEWAY REWARDS PROGRAM

Do you shop at Safeway? Did you know that you can earn money for John Newbery just by shopping at your neighborhood Safeway? When you purchase at Safeway, up to 2% of your purchase is returned to John Newbery Elementary. From January 2007 to July 2007, 91 already enrolled members, contributed over \$1000.00! Imagine our potential if we can get another 91 or more members! These can include yourself (if you haven't enrolled already), grandparents, friends and other relatives.

Sign up is easy. All you have to do is fill out the form below and send it with your child to give to their teacher and the PTA will do the rest! Thank you for your support!!

Safeway Rewards Programs

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Safeway Club Card # _____

(11 Digits) NOT YOUR PHONE #

? Always use your phone number for Safeway?
Call 1-877-723-3929, they can tell you your Club Card number.

JOIN TODAY!

John Newbery Elementary PTA

Our "WE ARE WILD ABOUT OUR KIDS" membership drive is on! Join PTA for only \$10 for an individual member and \$17 for a family. Sign up and receive a "Buy 1, get 1 FREE" pizza coupon from Papa John's. (The grade level to sign up the most PTA members will receive a pizza party.) Members will also receive 3 coupons to redeem at Office Depot. All members will be added to our "Jaguar Jungle" wall in the main entrance of the school.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE #: _____

STUDENTS
NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

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ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00 INDIVIDUAL \$17.00 FAMILY
CHECK #: _____ CASH\$ _____