



Heatherwood Middle School  
 1419 Trillium Boulevard  
 Mill Creek, WA 98012

# Heatherwood Hawk

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Well, the sun has decided to make a showing and I hope everyone is feeling as cheerful and happy as I feel. The PTA at Heatherwood is set to keep pace with all of the events that will take place in the upcoming months: transition conferences for eighth grade students; field day; book fair; staff appreciation luncheons; and special programs for the students.

In addition, the PTA is planning a fundraiser in the form of a Fun Run, to be held in late spring. Unfortunately, the committee chair for this event recently became vacant, and we are looking for a parent/guardian or a group of parents/guardians who would be willing to volunteer and coordinate this event. If you are interested, please contact me before February 14, 2010 for more detailed information at [tsadjadpour@hotmail.com](mailto:tsadjadpour@hotmail.com).

I want to thank Ms. Sharon Fabrizio for taking the time in January to oversee the collection of gently used clothes to be distributed by the City of Everett and the Casino Road Foundation to needy families. **Thanks are also extended to the families that contributed clothing to this worthy cause.**

I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the important vote on two local levies that will take place **February 9, 2010**: one is entitled **Replacement Levy for Educational Programs and Operations** for a four year period; the other is entitled **Building Repair and Technology Levy** for a six year period. Your vote does count!

Regards,

Tay Sadjadpour  
 President, HMS PTA



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 Newsletter

### Hawk Highlights

- > No School Feb 1  
Teacher Work Day
- > PTA Meeting  
February 8 7pm
- > Levy Vote  
February 9
- > No School  
February 12-16  
Mid Winter Break
- > Staff Appreciation  
February 25
- > Early Release  
February 26

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## A Message from the Principal...

It's hard to believe that we are just about at the half-way mark in the school year. From here on out, it's a race to the end of the year as we prepare students for such events as next year's registration, transition conferences for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, student-led conferences, and the May Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) that replaces the WASL.

While the exact dates of middle school testing are yet to be determined, we know they will be during the last half of May. Although the subjects assessed at each grade level remain the same as the WASL (6<sup>th</sup> ~ reading, math; 7<sup>th</sup> ~ reading, math, writing; 8<sup>th</sup> ~ reading, math, science), the length of all but the writing tests have been shortened. Not only will there be just a single testing day instead of two for math, reading, and science, but also the length of required responses and reading text has been reduced. While the rigor of the MSP is aligned with that of the WASL, it is hoped that the new format will provide benefits to students in multiple ways. Teachers and the school will be communicating with you as this event nears.

Thank you for your continued support to our teachers and our school.

Janet Gillingham  
Principal, Heatherwood Middle School  
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## The U.W. Summer Stretch and Summer Challenge Programs



The Robinson Center for Young Scholars at the University of Washington offers summer academic programs for students finishing the 5th-10th grade. All classes are offered on the UW-Seattle campus, and provide challenging and fun summer experiences for academically talented students. <http://depts.washington.edu/cscy/programs/summer/>

Applications start February 1st.

## Fun Run Coordinator Needed

The chair for the Fun Run Committee will no longer be able to fulfill this position. The PTA, along with Principal Gillingham, would still like to conduct this enjoyable fundraiser. I am seeking someone to serve as VP Ways and Means, Fun Run. If you are interested, or know of someone else who may be interested, please contact Tay Sadjadpour for additional information regarding the position at [tsadjadpour@hotmail.com](mailto:tsadjadpour@hotmail.com) or 425.337.7558.



## Vote on Tuesday, February 9

Remember to vote on or before Tuesday, February 9. There are two propositions on the ballot. Proposition No. 1 is a replacement levy for educational programs and operations, and Proposition No. 2 is a building repair and technology levy.

Proposition 1 - Replacement Levy, will, if passed:

- Help purchase textbooks and instructional materials
- Maintain current programs that support student achievement
- Provide competitive salaries for teachers and staff
- Support programs that increase graduation rates

Proposition 2 - Building Repair and Technology Levy, will, if passed:

- Replace worn out roofs and aging heating and ventilation systems
- Provide energy improvements that save thousands of dollars
- Update technology used for student learning



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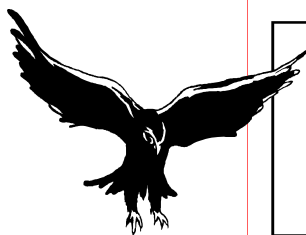
## PTA Focus Day a Big Hit in Olympia... and another Day is coming for everyone to 'storm' the steps!

The Washington State PTA Focus Day on Monday, January 18 was a **huge success** with nearly **1000 parents and children** rallying on the steps of the Capital building in Olympia to show support for education funding. The rally included speeches by education advocates, legislators, activists and union members to urge the legislature to **stop cuts to our children's schools**. Governor Gregoire emerged for a short while to speak to the crowd of parents and children and voice her support of public education in Washington state. Yet, the work is not over! The legislature is still looking at huge cuts to balance the state budget. Another rally day is set for February and the WA State PTA and other advocacy groups **hope to get 6000 parents and children to Olympia** to stop further cuts to education. More information will be forthcoming and you can follow the work in Olympia on behalf of our kids at the Washington State PTA website. In the meantime, contact your legislators by calling or emailing them at <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rosters/> to help stop the disastrous cuts that would affect our children's future.

## Community Events and Activities on the Web



**The Everett School District now posts approved community fliers on the district website** (and will send home a quarterly summary sheet of approved activities and resources home with students). From our district home page, find a *Quick Link* to Community Activities under the "In the Spotlight" menu on the right hand side. The activities are listed by category. If you do not have Internet access, copies are available in the school office.



# February 2010

WRST = Wrestling / GBB = Girls Basketball / ER = early release

## Did you know

♠ Congratulations to the Heatherwood Hawk Bots—the Robotics team placed 3rd in the State Competition at Bellevue High

♠ HWD is collecting box tops and Campbell's (UPC symbols) labels. There is a drop box in the office.

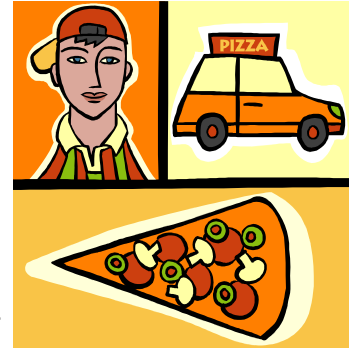
Please continue to check the calendar on our school website for upcoming school events:

<http://cms.everett.k12.wa.us/heatherwood>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Teacher work day—no school	<b>2</b> GBB	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Jazz I & II Festival in Poulsbo (day) GBB	<b>5</b> After School Social 4:30 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PTA Meeting 7pm—Library	<b>9</b> School Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> GBB	<b>12</b> Mid Winter Break	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> School Board Meeting WRST	<b>24</b> GBB	<b>25</b> GBB WRST	<b>26</b> Early Release	<b>27</b>
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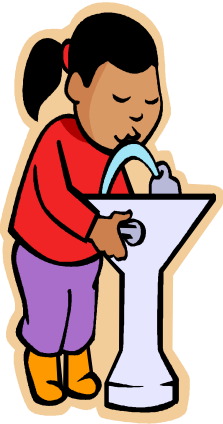
## Jet City Pizza Fundraiser:

Jet City Pizza called after reading the article in the newspaper about how Heatherwood is raising money to help build a well in Zambia. They wanted to be part of this. We came up with a fundraiser that will be happening on Wednesday evenings for the next month. (Longer if it proves to be really successful!). Students will be coming home with pizza coupons. They can be redeemed on Wednesday evenings by calling in and ordering a pizza for delivery. For every pizza bought, \$3.00 will be donated to the Water for Life project. The only important thing to remember is to identify yourself when you call in as a member of Heatherwood. If you use the coupons then just write the word Heatherwood on them when you give them to the driver. This is a great way to make a \$3.00 contribution. Thank you for supporting children and families by providing clean water for their community.



## WATER FOR LIFE PROJECT

As we watch our TV's and see how the people of Haiti are in need of clothing, food, medicine and water, it is encouraging and heartfelt to see people from all over the world stepping in to help people who cannot help themselves. The students at Heatherwood have made the same commitment to help families and children in Zambia. In December we had Princess Kasune Zulu come and speak to our students at an assembly about the tremendous need of food, medicine and most importantly clean water. Every 15 seconds a child dies because of lack of clean drinking water. They do not have anyone stepping in to help them except for us.



We have made the commitment to raise \$18,000 to build a well for clean water for a whole community in Eastern Zambia. We have raised over \$4,000 thus far. To make this goal a reality requires each student and staff member to contribute, over a 6 month period, a total of only \$20.00 (or \$4.00 a month for 5 months). There are many students and staff who have already been more than generous in their giving and we thank you. Maybe your student could do a few extra chores around the house or give up a cheeseburger or movie rental for one night. Perhaps each family could talk and come up with a way to contribute \$20.00. We will be happy to write a charitable tax-deductible receipt for any checks that are written and put into the water jugs located in the school lobby. PLEASE help us to help others. Make a difference for children- it takes so little on our part. If you were thirsty or hungry, I know you would want the generosity and compassion of strangers to help you. **WE can do this but it takes ALL of us.**

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins March 1, 2010; information and enrollment forms will be available on the district Web site, [www.everett.k12.wa.us](http://www.everett.k12.wa.us).

### Want an easy way to pay for school meals?

Register to pay your student's meals through [MealPayPlus.com](http://MealPayPlus.com). Click new user registration at the bottom right of the page and follow the instructions. For assistance between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday) call the Everett Public Schools food and nutrition office at 425-385-4250 or e-mail [dwebber@everettsd.org](mailto:dwebber@everettsd.org).

We're on the web!  
[www.heatherwoodpta.org](http://www.heatherwoodpta.org)

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**Next General Membership PTA Meeting  
is  
February 8 at 7:00 pm  
in the School Library**

**HMS PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| President       | Tay Sadjadpour            |
| VP Membership   | Dori Henry<br>Lori Taylor |
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