



Heatherwood Middle School
 1419 Trillium Boulevard
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Heatherwood Hawk

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Middle School is all about transition and Heatherwood PTA is no different! We have found ourselves with room to grow on our board as we enter into the latter part of the year. I would love to encourage you to come to our next meeting and check out what all the fun is about! We meet on the second Monday of each month in the library at 7:00 pm. To that end we are in need of volunteers to head up our nominating committee for next years PTA Executive Board. If you are interested in helping out with this ONE MONTH commitment, please contact me for more detailed information at mcmahon1972@msn.com.

A big thanks to all the parent volunteers that turned out to help at the Social in February. It was a great event and the Heatherwood ASB did a superb job as usual. Don't miss your opportunity to have fun and help out at some of the upcoming events such as: field day; book fair; staff appreciation luncheons; and special programs for the students.

In addition, the PTA would still love to provide a Fun Run fundraiser to be held in late spring. Unfortunately, the committee chair for this event became vacant, and without a volunteer or volunteers to chair it, we will not be able to do it. If you are interested or need more detailed information contact me at mcma-hon1972@msn.com.

Happy Spring!

Dori Henry
 Co-President, HMS PTA



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Hawk Highlights

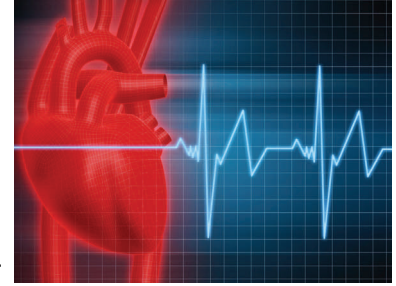
- > PTA Meeting
March 8 7pm
- > No School—Teacher
Work Day March 12
- > 8th Gr Registration
Assembly March 16
- > End of 2nd Trimester
March 19
- > Choir Concert
March 22
- > Band Concert
March 24
- > 8th Gr Transition
Conferences
March 31

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The Organ Lady Visits with Heatherwood 7th Graders

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Choice and Consequence's Organ Lady, Kathy Ketchum, will pay a visit with all 7th graders. This direct and moving program will educate students about the dangers of risky behavior with drugs, alcohol, guns, and drunk driving. The Organ Lady brings preserved human organs to show the harmful physical effects of poor choices and will share her personal life and experience as an emergency room nurse. Heatherwood PTA is fortunate to receive a \$1200 grant to be able to bring this valuable program to our children.



8th Graders to Play with Electric Magnets, Laser Light, and Pulleys



"Physics on Wheels" from the Pacific Science Center will spend March 19th with all Heatherwood 8th graders. During their Science period, a Pacific Science Center instructor will teach a 45 minute lesson on Electric Magnets, Refraction Action, or Pulley Power. The students will explore a hands-on exhibit set up in the library during their Lifetime Fitness period. If you enjoy sharing science with kids, please consider volunteering in the exhibit area for a half day (morning or afternoon) or full day. We need two helpers in the exhibit area at all times. In exchange for your time, you will receive free passes to the Pacific Science Center (2 for half day help, 4 for full day help). Contact Kathryn Lee, Heatherwood PTA Programs Chair, at 425.402.6679 or HonorZone@Yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Is Science your thing? Do you enjoy talking to kids about the world around them? Then please consider helping out on Friday, March 19th with the Pacific Science Center's "Physics on Wheels" Exhibit Area who will be spending the day with all 8th graders. While the Pacific Science Center (PSC) staff are teaching lessons in the classrooms, two volunteers are needed to monitor the Exhibit Area. In appreciation for your time, you will be given two passes (four passes if you help all day) for free admission to the Pacific Science Center. Please contact Kathryn Lee, Heatherwood PTA Programs, at 425.402.6679 or HonorZone@Yahoo.com

March 19, 7:00 a.m. Two volunteers are needed to assist the Pacific Science Center staff unload and move their exhibit and classroom materials from their van to the library. This task will take no longer than 20 minutes. That's it! Please contact Kathryn Lee, Heatherwood PTA Programs, at 425.402.6679 or HonorZone@Yahoo.com

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to 6th and 7th grade Science teacher, **Mrs. Cowper**, for her assistance with handling the building scheduling for the 6th grade Fossil Forensics visit from the Burke Museum and for tackling the complex special class scheduling for the 7th graders' visit with The Organ Lady.

Many thanks go out to **Ms. Ore** and **Ms. Wilson** for working out the class scheduling for the 8th graders' Physics on Wheels lessons and exhibit rotation.

Kudos to the entire **Heatherwood staff** and **administration** for their flexibility with their class schedules so that all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders would have maximum benefit from these special science enrichment visits sponsored by Heatherwood PTA.

On January 28th, Heatherwood PTA hosted a Staff Appreciation luncheon with the theme, "Brrr...It's *Chil-i* Outside." The staff were treated to a baked potato bar with all the fixin's, including chili and desserts. Hearty thanks go out to the following families who generously contributed to making this a most scrumptious and wickedly sweet sensation: The Poindexters, the Bonds, the Flynns, the Reinikas, the Murphys, the Dietschs, the Roberts, the Roes, the Havens, the Cottinghams, the Pavezics, the Litchfields, the Hendricksons, the Laande-Poors, the Mitchells, the Thomas', the Lones, the Hagstroms, the Indiveros, the Henrys, the Wilfand-Caspis, the Lees, and the Taylors. Thank you, Staff, for making Heatherwood a great place to learn and play!



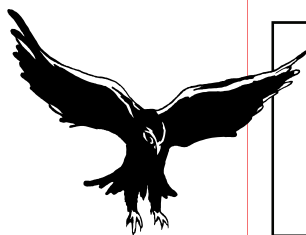
Nominating Committee Volunteers

The Heatherwood PTA is looking for a few good people...are you up for the challenge? We need volunteers to form the Nominating Committee. This committee works during the month of March to identify members for the 2010-2011 school year to serve on the PTA Executive Board as President, Vice President Ways and Means, Vice President Membership, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested please contact Dori Henry mcmahon1972@msn.com or 425-806-8836.

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.



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WRST = Wrestling / ER = early release

Did you know

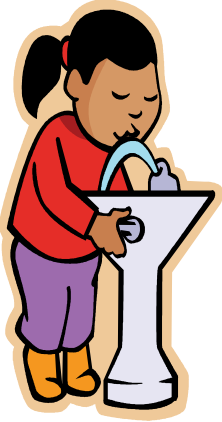
- ♣ HWD is collecting box tops and Campbell's (UPC symbols) labels . There is a drop box in the office
- ♣ 8th graders are getting ready to transition to High School
- ♣ Water for Life Project is fund-raising to build a well for clean water in Zambia

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
	1	2 7th Grade Assembly— Organ Lady WRST	3 WRST	4 WRST Tourn	5	6
7	8	9 School Board Meeting WRST	10	11 WRST Tourn	12 Teacher Work Day—No School	13
14	15	16 8th Grade Registration Assembly WRST	17	18 WRST	19 End of Second Trimester 8th Gr PAC Assembly	20
21	22 Choir Concert 7:00pm	23 School Board Meeting WRST Tourn	24 Band Concert 7:00pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 8th Grade Transition Conferneces			

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.

Attention 8th Graders New AP Offering at Jackson High School

We are continuing to expand AP programs at Jackson High School and next school year we will be adding a new AP option. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, we will offer AP Art History to 9th grade students. AP Art History is a course that has been available for the last several years, but we have not had enough student requests to offer the course. By offering AP Art History to freshmen as an alternative to Intro to Art, we are hoping the course will get the enrollment we need to run it. We believe we can provide a rigorous and challenging course, yet make it viable for freshmen. This course would serve as a prerequisite for any course requiring Intro to Art, would give a taste of the workload for future AP courses, and would allow accelerated students to take AP courses all four years of high school.

I am excited to be able to offer this new course to incoming freshmen who received a B-average or greater in their block class. Unfortunately, we can only offer one section of the class next year as it is a trial class. As such, if we have more requests than spaces we will have to use a lottery system to determine who is placed in the class.

Lawrence Fritz, Assistant Principal
Jackson High School

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Significant events this past week included release of Governor Gregoire's proposed budget, which would restore many programs that would have been reduced or eliminated under the initial "all cuts" budget proposed in December. To fund those programs that she would restore (which include some but not all of the cuts to k-12 education in the "all cuts" budget) the Governor has proposed a series of tax increases and/or closing of loopholes (depending on one's perspective). More information about the specific proposals are available www.governor.wa.gov/priorities/budget/package_20100217.



To facilitate the proposed revenue legislation, the House this week joined the Senate in suspending the procedural requirements of I-960, and action that WSPTA reluctantly supported because two much more popular initiatives—I-728 and I-732—had already been suspended. Both the Senate and House are expected to release their proposed budgets and possible revenue proposals early next week. The other big news for this weekend is the series of Town Hall meetings that are being held in legislative districts around the state. The focus of these meetings will be on the budget and potential revenue legislation, but there will also be an opportunity to remind legislators about the importance of following through on HB 2261 and on the Race to the Top legislation. A list of times and locations for the Town Hall Meeting in most legislative districts can be found at <http://oureconomicfuture.org>.

NATIONAL PTA CLARIFIES STATUS OF PTA VOLUNTEERS AND DISNEY'S GIVE A DAY, GET A DISNEY DAY PROGRAM



**Give a Day,
Get a Disney Day**

You may have heard about a program that the Disney folks have been running provides individuals/families a chance to receive a free voucher at a Disney theme park by volunteering for an approved opportunity. Many are unclear whether PTA's and members are eligible to be part of this program. The simple answer is YES—as long as they follow the guidelines and meet the requirements of the program. There are two opportunities associated with this program: (1) PTAs can apply to have their event/activity listed on the Disney Day program website as a volunteer opportunity to create awareness and help recruit volunteers; OR (2) An individual or family can register to volunteer at one of the opportunities listed on the Disney Day program website. More details about the program, guidelines and eligibility requirements can be found [here](#), or on the Disney website, www.disneyparks.com.

We're on the web!
www.heatherwoodpta.org

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

HMS PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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VP Ways & Means	(open)
Treasurer	Darci Long
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