



Heatherwood Middle School
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Mill Creek, WA 98012

Heatherwood Hawk

Heatherwood PTA
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Newsletter

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December 14
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- > Early Release
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(425) 385-6305

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

There is only one word to describe how I feel: ecstatic! At the November meeting of the Heatherwood Middle School PTA, we were able to grant nearly \$9,000.00 to help Heatherwood with its educational endeavors. The grants range in scope from completing the rock climbing wall for Lifetime Fitness, to scanners in the library to assist all students with school projects, to building wide incentives for all students, including Star Attractions and Heroic Hawks. **These grants were only made possible because of the contributions you have made to the PTA**, from becoming a member, to purchasing a magazine, to donating to the Pass the Hat fund, to volunteering your time.

Another opportunity to help the school is just around the corner. The annual Book Fair will take place December 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. All proceeds from the Book Fair directly benefit the Heatherwood library. So please stop by and peruse the selection, keeping in mind that books make terrific gifts. The teachers also have a wish-list of books for their classrooms, and what better way to thank a teacher for all they do for your student.

This is a busy time of year, and I remain hopeful that everyone will take the time to give thanks to our veterans on Veterans Day and to also reflect on all the positive aspects of their own lives during Thanksgiving. It is quite appropriate that during this season of thanks and of giving, the students in Heatherwood's HONOR Club have decided to expand beyond their service to the local community and will fundraise to help a province in Zambia obtain clean water through the construction of a well. The students will attend an assembly where a Zambian Princess will detail how one water well can greatly benefit an entire community in her home country. Please encourage your student to participate: it is as simple as dropping an extra quarter into the "Change for Change" jars located at the school.

Wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Tay Sadjadpour, President

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Heatherwood PTA Reflections Program

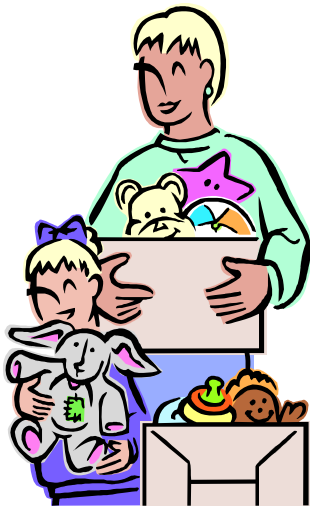
A big thank you to all this year's Heatherwood PTA Reflections participants. The 2009-2010 theme "Beauty is" was interpreted by Heatherwood students through musical composition, literature, photography and visual arts.

The district's acceptance of 20 entries from each school will be on exhibit at the Everett School District Administration Center December 1 - February 4 with an Artist's Reception held January 6, 5:30-8:00.

Congratulations to the following Heatherwood students:

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| F. Bennett | S. Boyle | A. Cox |
| B. Crider | M. Fore | S. Hong |
| M. Hebert | J. Killen-Knickerbocker | C. Kim |
| N. Lemos | J. Martinez | A. Mikkelsen |
| D. Olano | S. Scott | S. Smith |
| A. Souter | R. S. | J. Thomas |
| M. Weber | T. Westland | |

HONOR CLUB FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE



Honor Club Clothing and Food drive will again be happening here at Heatherwood. Last year the Honor Club was able to help clothe and feed approximately 500 families in the community. Many of these were children. We are again going to have donation boxes located in the main lobby of the school. This collection is going to take place until the end of the school year in June. We would love to have food items and any clothing (from infants through adults) that is clean, appropriate and useable. It was so wonderful to see all the families be excited about what we were able to provide. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped us last year. So PLEASE bring your donations ANY day to the lobby and put them in the boxes. We will make sure they get put to good use!

Ms. Sharon Fabrizio
Heatherwood Middle School
7th/8th Grade Math
425 385-6403

THE HEATHERWOOD FALL BOOK FAIR

Put reading on your map! Join us for a trip around the world at Heatherwood Fall Book Fair. Set your itinerary to join us in the library beginning December 7–11. No ticket required, but gates are open at the following times:

- Monday, December 7: 7:00 am—3:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 8: 7:00 am—3:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 9: before & after school only
- Thursday, December 10: 7:00 am—3:30 pm
- Friday, December 11: 7:00 am—1:00 pm



H1N1 (swine flu) Update

Staff representatives from Washington State PTA attended a summit convened by the Governor and the Department of Health to discuss preparations for the upcoming flu season. Leaders from education, business and public health attended. We were told that we will need to prepare for two flu seasons this year: the typical seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu, and that many more people are expected to become ill than during a typical year. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has recently provided school districts with toolkits for addressing flu issues, including a letter for parents. All of this information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website, as listed below. We are also providing the websites to the WA State Department of Health website and the National website. They are updating their information frequently

Resources for parents that are available on the WA Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction website: [About H1N1](#), Answers for parents and school personnel about the H1N1 (swine) flu; [Help Prevent H1N1 Swine Flu](#) (PDF), a letter to parents from State Superintendent Randy Dorn and State Secretary of Health Mary Selecky. Also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Taglog](#), [Ukranian](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

Washington State Department of Health www.doh.wa.gov.

U.S. Government H1N1, Avian and Pandemic flu information www.flu.gov.

Remind your student that washing their hands before eating or touching their face is the first step in preventing catching the flu!



**A SIMPLE AND VALUABLE WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!
NO TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED!**

JOIN HEATHERWOOD PTA!

Your membership provides resources for:

- * The library and classrooms and supports;
- * After school activity bus and clubs;
- * Reflections art program;
- * After school socials;
- * Assemblies; and Heroic Hawks program.

Receive discounts at local retailers and exclusive membership benefits from business partners such as: Barnesandnoble.com, Liberty Mutual Insurance, and Southwest Airlines Vacations. Visit www.pta.org to access your member benefits.

Bring or mail this form and check, **payable to Heatherwood PTA**, to:

Heatherwood Middle School PTA

Attn: Membership

1419 Trillium Blvd. SE

Mill Creek, WA 9801

Name: _____

2nd Member: _____

Student's name(s): _____ **Grade(6, 7, 8)**

: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Apply for a preferred savings card at your local Albertsons and/or Safeway and our school will receive a percentage of your grocery purchases when you use your preferred savings card. Please include your Albertsons and/or Safeway preferred saving card # in the space provided. The number is located on the back of the card.

Albertsons preferred savings card # _____

Safeway preferred savings card # _____

\$20.00 Couple \$12.00 Individual \$7.50 Staff Member Additional donation _____



December 2009

BBB=boys basketball / VB=volleyball / ER early release

Did you know?

- ♣ The population of HWD this year is 890, up 35 from last year.
- ♣ 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
		1 Choir Concert 7PM BBB VB	2	3 ER	4 ER End of 1st Trimester	5
6	7 BBB VB	8	9	10 BBB VB	11	12
13	14 BBB VB	15	16 BBB VB	17 Band Concert 7PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School—Winter Break					
27	28	29	30	31		
	No School—Winter Break					

Delayed Start or Closed Schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use Connect-ED to call in the morning with a brief message regarding the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our Web site. **If there is no announcement about Everett Schools, we are having school on our regular, normal schedule.**

To see more information about preparing and resources for school closures or delays, see the district Web site under the "Parents" tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- listen for media announcements;
- view the district's Web site at www.everett.k12.wa.us; or call our district information line (425) 385-4636.



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.

Connect-Ed Messages Home

Did you miss the last Connect-ED call? If you would like to hear the most recent Connect-ED calls made to your home phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (that's 1-877-REPLAY1). You will hear a list of the most recent Connect-ED messages; select the message that you would like to hear.

School Performance Report

Our school's performance report is available online from our school Web site. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Web site, www.k12.wa.us. Click on "School Report Card."

District Volunteer Applications On-Line

The District Volunteer application is now online. For more information about volunteering or to apply online, visit the district Web site at www.everett.k12.wa.us and look under the *Community* tab.



Sign up to stay *InTouch*

If you would like to get occasional e-mail news from Everett Public Schools, sign up for our *InTouch* program on the district Web site. Click on the *InTouch* logo on the left side of the home page at: www.everett.k12.wa.us

Attendance is Important

One of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school is to make sure he or she is there every day. When students miss school, they miss critical opportunities to learn and participate. Each lesson and class is critical to learning. The material covered each day depends on the lesson from the day before and introduces ideas for the next day.

To monitor your child's attendance you can log on to the parent access system and view your child's attendance records, grades, test scores and view your contact information. Log on at www.everett.k12.wa.us/ims/ or register with your student's identification number and date of birth.

When your child must be absent, please call the attendance line at (425) 385-6305 and let us know the reason for the absence. For absences of five or more days, we ask for a written note from your doctor.



Next General Membership PTA Meeting is a social

hosted by Tay Sadjadpour

on December 14, 2009, 7:00 pm

(more information will be coming via email)

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

Heatherwood Hawk is electronically published monthly by the Heatherwood Middle School PTA. Please note: names of students whose parents did not consent to having them published have been omitted from *Heatherwood Hawk*.

The Everett School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, veteran status, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Affirmative Action Officer, Title IX Officer, ADA Coordinator, or Section 504 Coordinator.

Affirmative Action Officer:	Carol Stolz	3715 Oakes, Everett WA 98201	385.4106
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ADA Coordinator:	Kristine McDowell	202 Alder, Everett, WA 98203	385.5250
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