

# Newsletter



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*This month the Newsletter is highlighting the upcoming Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle by sharing a letter to middle school parents from the raffle basket committee.*

Dear Parents and Community,

In just a few short months another great group of eighth grade students will graduate from North Tapps Middle School when they participate in a ceremony that includes diplomas, academic awards, and a reception for family and friends. The funding of graduation activities comes exclusively from the eighth grade class and their parents and this letter will provide more information about ways that middle school parents and community can help.

The major fundraiser for graduation is an annual pancake breakfast and basket raffle. The event this year is scheduled for April 18, 2009 from 8-11AM. Our committee has volunteered to organize a community effort to supply food for the breakfast and approximately fifty fun-filled baskets to be raffled at the conclusion of the breakfast.

To get the process underway, Mrs. Erica Sage, NTMS language arts teacher, will be soon brainstorming with each of her five classes to create large themed baskets. Our committee is also asking businesses in the area to either create their own basket or contribute items which could be used at the pancake breakfast or to make a basket for the raffle. We are also encouraging families that feel comfortable in doing so to create their own themed gift basket.

Please look below for examples of donations that are needed:

- Gift cards from stores (will be used for food/baskets)
- Baskets, ribbon, and cellophane (Please drop off at the NTMS office)
- Create a raffle basket together with other families (we will add the bow and wrapping and/or basket if you would like).
- Cash donations
- Business donations
- Mrs. Sage's classes will be in need of donated items for a class/ themed basket.

Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated! You can mail your response to NTMS (attention: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser) or donate your items directly to NTMS office.

Our committee's volunteers: Beth Lancaster, Donna Henline, Julie Keener, Sandy Townsend, Ann MacKenzie and Karin Shearer can be contacted for further information. Thank you so very much for your support!

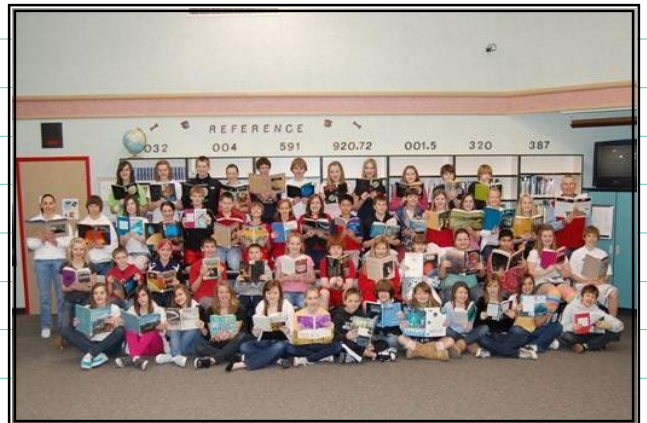
Sincerely yours,

Pancake Breakfast and Raffle Basket Committee

## HONOR SOCIETY BREAKFAST

Students who obtained all A's for the first and second quarter as well as first semester were honored at a breakfast on Wednesday, March 4th, at 8:00 am.

The guest speaker was former NTMS student, Keith Krotzer. Congratulations to all who made Honor Society (the studios group is pictured below with Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Keaton).



## SPRING SPORTS

Boys' baseball, co-ed track and girls' volleyball will start tryouts on April 13th. Physical forms and an ASB card are required. If you have already played a sport this year, a new green card is the only requirement. Not sure if you're qualified? Check with Mrs. McClrath in the office. Co-ed track and girls' volleyball are also open to sixth grade participants. Sixth grades sports will begin on April 20th.

## CALENDAR UPDATE

The new date for the last day of school is now June 19, 2009. Eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, June 18th in the North Tapps gym.



The first day of school for 2009-10 will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

## Calendar

### MARCH:

12: Sumner High Parent Night 6-7 pm @ SHS

19: Band Concert-All bands 7:00 pm

27-28: Drama presentation "Attack of the Killer Grasshoppers" @ 7:00 pm

### APRIL:

3: Healthy Relationships Brad Henning (8th Gr only)

3: Dance @12:45 pm

6-10: Spring Break/No School

13: PTSA meeting 6:30 pm

14: WASL testing begins

18: 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast/Raffle 8-11:00 am

27: Board Mtg 7:00

### MAY:

1: WASL testing ends

4-9: MCT's Pinnocchio

6: Child Find-District Office

11: PTSA meeting 6:30

14: Band Concert-Concert Band only

25: Memorial Day-No School

26: Board mtg- 7:00 pm

## 8TH GRADE COMMITTEES



Listed below are the committee chairpersons for the eighth grade graduation activities. If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact that chair. Feel free to call the middle school office for phone numbers if you need them.

**Pancake Breakfast**.....Karin Shearer & Shannon Schatz

**Field Trip**..... Susan Minter

**Graduation**..... Sue Baber

**Dance/Post Grad Party**..... Lauri McLeod

**Quilt**..... Julie Brock

**ASB Gift Coordinator**.....Gina Evans

**Parent Social Fundraiser**..... Sheila Elwell

## NORTH TAPPS NIGHT @ MICKEY D'S

Join the North Tapps teachers and staff on March 16<sup>th</sup> for North Tapps Night at the Lakeland McDonalds. Staff will be preparing and serving food from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. McDonalds will donate a portion of the evening's revenue to the North Tapps ASB.



## NTMS WASL TESTING WINDOW

The statewide testing program for North Tapps Middle School students will begin on April 14th. Below is the schedule for grade level testing.

- 6th Grade: April 14, 16, 17 and 21

- 7th Grade: April 14, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 24

- 8th Grade: April 14, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 24

Parents, please make sure your middle school students are prepared for their tests by:

- getting plenty of rest
- starting the day with a good breakfast
- arriving at school on time (7:49) - testing will be done in the morning and students that arrive late may not be permitted to test that day.
- planning appointments for after the test each day since testing is scheduled until 9:47 daily.

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

The "Service Above Self" award, sponsored by the Sumner Rotary, recognizes NTMS students who are doing outstanding deeds in our school and/or community.

Students are nominated by other students and monthly winners are selected by the staff. Monthly winners are then invited to an awards ceremony sponsored by the Rotary. Individual awards will also be presented to the monthly winners in June. A permanent plaque bearing the names of all the winners is also on display at the school.

The following students were nominated for the Service Above Self Award: Kevin Boyce, Tyler Bunday, Lisa Demick, Rachel Fox, Kendall Jamison, Lianna Johnson, Sarah Murgittroyd, Taylor Oswald and Kari Swanson.

The monthly winners were: September-Emily Shearer, October-Zane Nuttall, November-Katie Baber, December-Connor McLeod, January-Erin Haas & Madeline Dickson, February-Casey Shultz & Hayden Stanko, March-Karl Bartlett, April-Michael Robinson, May-Josh Davenport and June-Delaney McCausland.

## THE GRASSHOPPERS ARE COMING!

Don't miss the upcoming musical performance of *The Attack of the Killer Grasshoppers* at NTMS on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. The performance will begin at 7:00 pm and tickets will be sold for \$4 per person. Come and see a wonderful performance for the entire family to enjoy.

## YEARBOOK UPDATE

Our yearbook staff would like to thank the following people and businesses for purchasing ads for our fabulous yearbook: Rich and Sarah Sando, Molen Orthodontics, Lauri McLeod, Craig and Susan Baber, Karin Shearer, Cassidy Boogard, and Michael J. Long, DDS. We are submitting our book for publication right now and are looking forward to receiving our finished copies.

The next North Tapps *New/setter* will be mailed with third quarter report cards on April 17, 2009.

## Visit the Website for more information on.....

- ◆ March School Lunch Menu
- ◆ Athletics- Schedules posted on North Tapps Activities page
- ◆ WASL testing information-link to OSPI website
- ◆ Updated 2008-09 calendar with new ending dates.

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