

Newsletter

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TO PARENTS:

FROM PAT KEATON, PRINCIPAL

As we reach the half-way point of the school year it is a great time to inform everyone of the progress being made with our building remodeling project. At press time we had yet to move students into our science classrooms, but that should be something that happens any day now. We are so excited to show everyone these new rooms which will allow our students opportunities to engage in lab based science on a completely new level.

Each of our four science classrooms contains eight student lab stations. An additional teacher lab demonstration station is situated at the front of the room. Every lab station contains four propane gas ports, a sink, multiple electrical outlets and a computer with flat screen monitor. There is also an abundance of storage at each station so that materials and glassware can be handy to student use.

Our science teachers came up with an innovative approach to the design of these student lab stations. If students are viewing a presentation from the teacher or are completing written work at their station, they will be seated on stools that face the presentation device and smart board. However, when it is time for students to engage in a lab activity they will move to the other side of the table. In so doing they will be standing and facing the other end of the class where they can view the teacher's demonstration table and have easy access to their lab equipment.

Work is proceeding quickly at the other end of the building on our auxiliary gym and health and fitness classrooms. The structure is now attached to the west end of the existing building, plumbing and electrical are nearly finished and the outside of the building is ready to be painted. We are told that this portion of the project is expected to be completed by early April.

Finally, the remodeling portions of the project which include turning the former science classrooms into standard classrooms and expanding the industrial arts area are both on schedule for an early spring completion date as well. These changes will provide the building with additional classroom space which will help us to accommodate future growth.

This spring we plan to show off our remodeled school to the community so that everyone can join in the excitement shared by our staff and students. As always we have our community to thank for this wonderful gift of quality instructional space. Without your generosity these improvements would not have been possible.

HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASES

8th grade students and their families are invited to attend the Bonney Lake High School Curriculum and Activity Showcase Thursday, February 5th 6:30-8:00 PM at Bonney Lake High School. Visit BLHS and see students and staff in action. Students will be demonstrating class activities and projects. Clubs and athletics will pre-

sent information on how to get involved. Teachers will be available to present curriculum and answer questions about classes. Current and future Panthers along with their families are invited to attend. Questions? Call 253.891.5700.

Sumner High School will hold their Curriculum Showcase on Monday, February 9 at 6:00-8:00 pm.

Auburn School District will host its Beyond High School Night on Thursday, February 12, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Auburn Riverside High School. Students and parents will have an opportunity to explore various options such as college, military and job training.



Students and staff eagerly await "moving-in" day for the new science classrooms.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Friday January 30th at 7:00 am, Technology Club will hold its initial meeting of the year in our computer lab. All students are invited to attend for a variety of activities. The club will host students every Friday at 7 am.

Please contact your advisors Mrs. Snow or Mrs. Roan if you have any questions!

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES



If you are interested in volunteering for any 8th grade graduation activities, please contact the chairperson of the following committees:

Graduation: Sue Baber susan.k.baber@boeing.com

Graduation Dance/Party: Lauri McLeod mcleod-clan1@msn.com

Class Quilt: Julie Brock julsbrock44@msn.com

8th Grade Field Trip: Susan Minter minter-family@comcast.net

Pancake Breakfast & Baskets: Karin Shearer lakeshearers@comcast.net

Calendar

February:

5: BLHS Showcase
6:30-8:00 pm

6: Brad Henning, "Healthy Relationships", 8th Gr

9: SHS Showcase
6:00-8:00 pm

12: ARHS Beyond High School
6:30-8:30 pm

10: ARHS Band Festival-8th Gr only
7pm

16: President's Day—No School

17-20: Mid-winter Break—No School

23: School Board Meeting

25: ARHS Counselors meet with 8th graders

25: Future Freshman night @ ARHS
6:30 pm

March:

4: ARHS p/u registrations

6: Brad Henning-8th Gr only

6 Family Fun Night

7 Solo & Ensemble

19: Band Concert-All bands
7:00 pm

27-28: Drama presentation
7:00 pm

FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

The ASB holiday food drive ended on a very successful note. On January 16th, the snow-delayed delivery to the Sumner Food Bank was made. The classes really came through at the end with the 6th grade donating 1,250 lbs., 7th grade 1,063 lbs and the 8th grade 1,520 lbs. So much food was collected that a second bus was needed to transport all of the donated items to the food bank. Special thanks goes to Mr. Clark for organizing extra volunteers at the food bank to sort, organize, and distribute the abundance of food that was delivered. NTMS ASB student representatives and officers also helped with the heavy task of loading and unloading your generous donations.

RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS

The following vaccinations are recommended by the Washington State Department of Health. These vaccinations are not required for school attendance, but are recommended to prevent the following diseases:

Meningococcal Vaccine – recommended for all students aged 11-12 years. If older students have not been immunized, it is recommended that they do so. ALL college freshmen who will be staying in dorms are strongly recommended to have this vaccine. There are typically 75-125 cases of bacterial meningitis contracted in Washington State each year. Even with treatment, about 5 percent of meningococcal cases are fatal. Up to 25 percent of patients who recover have chronic damage to the nervous system. Meningitis is spread by direct personal contact, such as sharing the same drinking glass or kissing.

Gardasil (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine – recommended for all female students age 11-12 years, but licensed for all females ages 9-26 years. Gardasil protects against four types of HPV, which cause 70 percent of all cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts. This vaccine is given as a series of three shots over a six month period.

NTMS PTSA NEWS:

DODGEBALL/BINGO NIGHT

The "Third Annual Bulldog Dodgeball and Bingo Night" will be held on Friday, March 6th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Save the date, gather your team and look for more information to come.

SAVE THOSE BOXTOPS!



The Box Tops for Education Collection Contest began January 26th and continues through February 13th. Please send your box tops to school with your student. There will be a prize for the lunch with the most box tops collected. PTA collects \$.10 per box top submitted. This is a joint fund-raiser with the Elementary PTA's.

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) - now recommended in place of the adolescent Td (Tetanus/diphtheria) dose. Pertussis (whooping cough) has been on the rise in recent years, but the older form of the vaccine caused more side effects in older children and was NOT recommended for children over 7 years of age. The acellular form is safer and will protect your 11 year old and up student from contracting pertussis. This vaccine is given to adolescents who have completed their childhood series of DPT/DTaP, but have not received their booster dose of Td. Subsequent Tdap boosters are recommended every ten years (yes, for adults too!)

Influenza Vaccine – now recommended each year for all children ages 6 months to 18 years. It is believed that children are likely to spread the flu to the very young and very old, who are more at risk of complications and/or dying. The flu is contagious before any symptoms appear, so vaccination has the potential to greatly reduce yearly flu deaths.

Please talk with your health care provider about these immunizations so you can make an informed decision for your children.

LOST & FOUND

Lost and found items not claimed by February 13, will be donated to charity. Please contact the office at 862-2776 if you would like to arrange for a "treasure hunt" though our mountain of lost and found items.

ARHS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

Auburn Riverside Booster Club will be "Ja-Making Us Money" at its annual dinner/auction held this year on March 21 at GRCC Lindbloom Center. The Caribbean-themed event will feature a sit-down dinner, silent and live auction, as well as dessert auction. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the event benefit student clubs, activities, sports and scholarships at ARHS. Last year 16 scholarships were awarded. The group cannot do it without support of the community, especially in attending the dinner/auction and donating items of value. Popular donations in the past have included time-share stays, experiences such as theme dinner parties, signed sports memorabilia and gift certificates to local shops. To donate, please contact Shirley Wicks at (253) 939-7142. Tickets are \$35. To purchase tickets or sign up to host a table of 10, please contact Debbie Keeley at (253) 332-7575.

The next North Tapps *Newsetter* will be mailed with third quarter progress reports on March 6, 2009.

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

- ◆ School Lunch Menu—February—March will be posted on March 2nd.
- ◆ Athletics— Schedule posted on North Tapps Activities page

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