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Happy May everyone. I hope you have been enjoying the sun we've had the past couple of weekends. It feels like Spring is finally here!

This edition of the Paw Print News has a lot of information on what's up and coming this month and a recap of what has been happening since the last newsletter.

This month kicks off with Staff Appreciation week. We are so grateful for the entire staff of Sherwood Forest! We are so proud to have you be part of our

lives. We also want to pay tribute to all the non-staff who help out every day - the Room Parents and volunteers and the PTA. It's not about how much time you can give, it's the fact that you take any time to help out the school.

This past weekend was the Washington State PTA Convention and we learned so much about how to make our PTA great—and we are excited to share some of that information!

While you may be thinking about summer. the

PTA is doing a lot of planning for the next school year. Things like fundraisers, family nights and what we can help the school purchase next year with the money PTA earns. If you would like to find out more and be a part of the planning, join the Sherwood Forest PTA! Every voice counts and the more people that have ideas, the better and stronger we are.

Have a GREAT month, enjoy the sun, and we will see you at the next meeting!

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Special points of interest:

Please remember to send lunch money with your child if buying lunch

The Cafeteria opens daily for breakfast at 7:30am

Breakfast is \$2 & lunch is \$3

The school is not open before 7:30am



Spring Walk-A-Thon

Thank you everyone who participated in the Spring Walk-A-Thon! We had the best turn out in a long time and we owe it all to you.

The Spring Walk-A-Thon is

our biggest fundraiser and this year topped the charts. You helped to raise \$6800 before matching. With matching, you raised \$8300! What an accomplishment!

This will help fund things like recess equipment, dual language books, and more.

We thank all of you for your support!

Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels Contest!



It's time for our last Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels contest!

All we need for you to do is clip the Box Tops label from some of your favorite brands and peel the labels off of your Campbell's Soup cans. Turn these in to your child's teacher and the school redeems them for tons of items. Things range from markers to laptops!

Get your whole family involved in

spotting them. You can even get your neighbors and friends involved.

I just keep a small box on my counter and every time I use a can of soup or spot a label, I cut it out and stick it in the box. Then when it's time for the drive, all I have to do is put them in a baggie and turn them in!

Is that easy or what?

For more information, please visit:

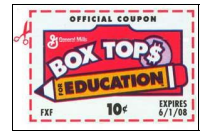
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

And also:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Contest ends May 13th.



Congratulations Sherwood Forest



In case you missed it last week, Mrs. Deno announced that Sherwood Forest was certified as a Level 3 Green school! What does that mean exactly? There are three levels of 'Green' and here is the breakdown, courtesy of <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/greenschools/how-it-works.asp>

Level 1 focuses on waste reduction and recycling. There are criteria that must be met and specific guidelines to be followed.

Level 2 must maintain Level 1 criteria, adding in more waste reduction or recycling practices while also implementing energy conservation.

Level 3 must maintain both levels 1

and 2, add in one more waste reduction or recycling practice AND complete water conservation criteria. WHEW!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our student and staff Green Team—and to every one of you who knew to compost and recycle, instead of throwing away!

It's Yearbook Time

Soon you will see a flyer come home with information about purchasing the 2010/2011 Sherwood Forest Elementary yearbook.

This year, our Events Chair, Dana Brock, decided to get the 5th graders involved. So a group of about 25 students took a lot of pictures and after school, 1 to 2 times a month, she

would meet with them to go over the pictures, teach them about layout and design and how to use the program to produce the yearbook. The finished product is the result of the students hard work.

And this year we are offering a discount if you purchase more than one book. It looks like this:

1st book, \$15.00 2nd book, \$12.00, etc..... That's a 20% discount for each book.

So if you have more than one child at Sherwood Forest or if you would like to purchase one for extended family members, the cost continues to go down.

Contact the PTA if you have questions.



2011/2012 Tentative School Calendar Approved

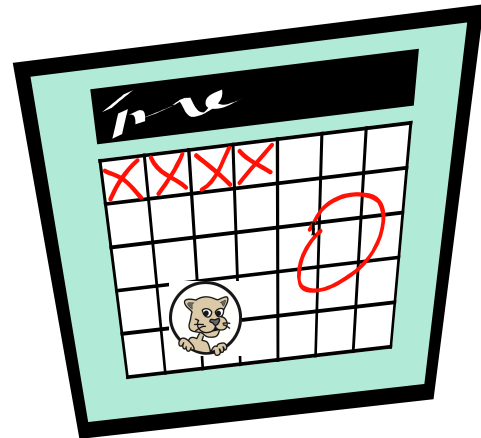


Last week I was excited to receive an email stating that a tentative 2011/2012 school calendar had been approved. I don't know about you, but I live by that calendar, taking time off of work for non-student days, scheduling vacations or daycare when I can't take off. So I couldn't wait to take a look.

I am just highlighting the 'big' dates—so for the entire calendar, visit:

<http://www.bsd405.org/Default.aspx>

Sept 6th—1st day of school
12/19—01/02—Winter Break
02/20—2/24—Mid-Winter Break
04/09—04/13—Spring Break
June 21st—Last Day of School
Happy planning!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of our Sherwood Forest Family and we'd like to take a few minutes and thank each and every one of you for all of the hard work you do throughout the year.

Volunteers take many forms at Sherwood Forest. Some help in the classrooms—they may be helping the

teacher pass out papers, help students with math or reading, they may help out in the library or Art class. Some may even be taking things home to correct or to cut out for the teachers.

Most recently you have probably noticed volunteers at school functions, such as the Walk-A-Thon, where volunteers took pictures, helped to col-

lect envelopes and kept the kids moving. Or maybe you have noticed them at Family Nights, selling candy and popcorn, setting up and cleaning up afterward's—it takes a lot of help to keep things running smoothly, and for that we say THANK YOU!!!!!! We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.

Elizabeth Andrew



A Note from Highland Middle School

Hi Parents of 5th graders:

If your child plans to attend Highland Middle School next year, please consider joining chairing a committee and becoming a board member.

Highland's PTSA is already starting to plan for next year. A new executive officer slate was nominated last month and will be

elected at the May 17th meeting. It would also be great if we could have parents volunteer for committee chairs and have a PTSA Board in place before the school year ends. Our fundraising chairs have already volunteered, so I think the hardest positions have been filled.

If you are interested in helping next year please contact me

at alihouse@comcast.net. Here are the open committee chair positions: Directory, Newsletter (electronic only), Health/Wellness, 8th grade party, International Festival, Advocacy, Membership, Reflections, Sweatshirts, Volunteer Coordinator, Website.

Hope to hear from you.
Alison Hinojosa House



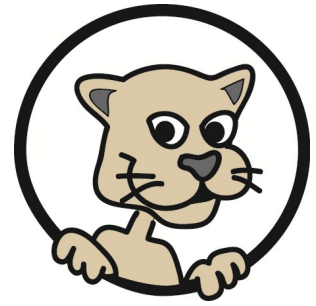
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IT'S GAME TIME!

You may have noticed that throughout the newsletter there are Puma's in various places. It's a game, sort of like 'Where's Waldo?'. So what you need to do is count the pumas, be sure to get your kids to help—and send the correct answer to PTASherwoodForest@gmail.com or place the answer in an envelope and drop it off in the PTA mailbox—be sure to include your name and phone number/email address.

At the next PTA meeting, the correct answers will be placed in a hat and drawn by the PTA President. The winner must be present and the prize is a family 4-pack of movie tickets!

PTA Board Members are not eligible and you may only win once per school year.

And be sure to pay attention. This month is puma's, next month will be different. Happy hunting!



Important Dates

MAY

- 13th - Principal Coffee at 8:00am
- 17th—Family Night at Skate King
- 19th—Band/Orchestra Concert
- 30th—Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL

JUNE

- 3rd—PTA Family Night
6:00—8:00pm
- 8th—Field Day 9:00am
- 10th —Principal Coffee at 8:00am
- 16th—5th Grade Grad at 1:15pm
- 17th—Last Day of School



ATTENTION!! WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR LAST PTA FAMILY NIGHT!

The evening of June 3rd is the last Family Night for 2010/2011 school year and it promises to be a great time!

The event is titled, "Wonderful World, Wonderful Me" and will showcase the work of the children of Sherwood Forest.

We are doing potluck style, so families are asked to bring food to share for dinner. Also, the Buy One Get One Book Fair will be going on

in the library.

Students who would like to participate will have a display at the event (details about this project will come home next week). We will also be able to go through the hallways and look at all of the work on display.

What a great way for the children to showcase what they've learned!

More information will be coming home next week. With your help, we can make this a GREAT event for the families of Sherwood Forest!

