



# Heatherwood Hawk

Heatherwood PTA Newsletter

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## Calendar

Sept 16	Magazine Drive Begins
Sept 17	Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 PM
Sept 18	Football Jamboree 3:45 PM
Sept 19	Early Release 12:15 PM
Oct 7	Biggest Loser Assembly
Oct 10	Early Release 12:15 PM
Oct 13	PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct 24	Picture Make-Up Day



The Heatherwood PTA proudly goes "Green"! This will be the last large hard copy distribution, please fill out an Email Distribution Request or access our newsletter monthly at [www.heatherwoodpta.org](http://www.heatherwoodpta.org)

Welcome to Heatherwood Middle School! My name is Christa Pederson and I am excited to be serving my second year as PTA President. I am excited to partner again with Mrs. Gillingham and our phenomenal HMS staff, not to mention our team of volunteers who strengthen our HMS PTA Board of Directors.

The Heatherwood PTA is kicking off the year with a strong membership and I was quite impressed by attendance at our first General Membership meeting. You should be proud of your involvement at our school and in your children's education. Most of all, I want YOU to feel welcome as part of our team. By working together we can bring spirit to our school community and enhance our students learning environment.

Thank-you to everyone who stopped by the membership table at orientation, in addition to signing up new members, our volunteer and newsletter coordinators were thrilled by the interest shown in helping out with activities. This is going to be another great year!

Heatherwood PTA will spend the year supporting Activity Busses, Staff Appreciation Events, Concessions at Socials, Field Day, Class Programs, Legislation, Reflections, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Ceremony and Party. We are looking

forward to review and fund Staff grants in the fall and spring. The amount we are able to provide our staff is dependant on the success of our Magazine Drive, so thank-you for your support!

PTA will be hosting two Scholastic book fairs held during conference weeks. Not only do you get a good value, but it also supports the library with new books for our students. We also offer support in our community through Operation School Bell, Everett PTSA Council Shoe Fund and the Jackson High School PTSA Scholarship fund. Then to finish up our year we will present awards for Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Advocate. We look forward to your help in making these programs a success.

You are invited to join us at our PTA meetings throughout the year. We will keep you informed the rest of the school year by e-mailing you our monthly newsletter (please fill out the form to be added to our distribution list) Heatherwood Hawk. You can access additional information though our website [heatherwoodpta.org](http://heatherwoodpta.org), direct questions to me at [christapederson@comcast.net](mailto:christapederson@comcast.net) or provide feedback through our PTA mailbox in the office.

Of course none of this would be possible without the success of our (one and only) Fall Fundraiser. Thank-you for your time and support of our Magazine Drive so that Heatherwood PTA can meet our goals and bring all of our plans this year to life!

Respectfully,  
Christa Pederson  
Heatherwood PTA President

Please continue to check the calendar on our school website for upcoming school events:  
<http://cms.everett.k12.wa.us/Heatherwood>

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Another year is well underway, and we thank all of you parents and guardians for helping us with an outstanding start. I firmly believe that we have an outstanding staff at HW and amazing students with supportive parents to round out the whole. Thank you.

We have some new and experienced additions to our faculty this year:

**Romes Curtiss, science**, joins us from Gateway MS

**Selwyn Foster, 8<sup>th</sup> grade block**, is here from Everett HS and Granite Falls prior to coming to Everett

**Recinda Gerard, 6<sup>th</sup> grade block**, joins us from Gateway MS

**Andy Harper, math**, also comes into our ranks from Gateway MS

**Sarah Pewitt, 7<sup>th</sup> grade block and technology**, returns from a leave-of -absence

**David Stewart, 8<sup>th</sup> grade block**, comes to HW from Eisenhower MS

**Gail Walters, science**, is on full contract this year after doing a long-term assignment most of last year

**TBD, science, 7<sup>th</sup> grade block . . .**

Although at the time of this writing the specific teacher is still to be determined, we will be adding another full-time teacher (or perhaps two half-time teachers) to our faculty, since our enrollment is significantly above the spring projection. This obviously will necessitate some schedule changes for students and some teachers. We understand that change, even after a few short days, creates some disruption, inconvenience, and sadness, but we do this to create better learning environments for the students. As these occur, you and your child will be notified if he or she will be impacted, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

During Curriculum Night, you will be receiving your child's WASL report from his or her history teacher with accompanying explanation of just what the scores mean. This next spring's WASL will take on a different look for grades 3-8, not only in some of the format but also in the length of certain segments. For a full look, you may go to the following link with additional information provided on OSPI's site: [www.k12.wa.us/Communications/pressreleases2008/WASLrelease/ShorteningWASL.pdf](http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/pressreleases2008/WASLrelease/ShorteningWASL.pdf)

Again, it is a pleasure to have your children in our midst this year.

*Janet Gillingham*

Principal, Heatherwood Middle School

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### THE MAGAZINE DRIVE IS HERE!!!

Our one and only PTA Fundraiser is here, the Magazine Drive! Kick off was September 16<sup>th</sup> with the sale ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please support this fundraising effort and use this as a use time to start new subscriptions or renew current ones. Many things are funded with money from this fundraiser including programs and services for our students as well as grant requests from staff. Many prizes will be awarded with a limo-bus ride with pizza lunch as the grand prize.

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### THANK YOU

Tay and Alexandra Sadjadpour, Debra Meyer, Deidre Villani, Ronda Lone and Christa Pederson for spending a few of your "last days of summer" promoting HMS PTA activities and events.

Many Thanks for participating in our Fall Fundraiser, your support means a lot!

Welcome Back Aline Benson – Volunteer Coordinator! Thank-you for pulling our HMS supporters together and filling us in on all the great and easy ways we can help.

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Serving as this years PTA Board of Directors; we welcome and appreciate your service:

**President**

Christa Pederson

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**It never hurts to ask....**

The Heatherwood PTA is looking for a new or slightly used picnic table or patio furniture in good repair. We would like to spruce up the outdoor staff courtyard and replace the existing table in appreciation of our HWMS staff. Perhaps we can throw in a BBQ as well? Please direct your inquiry to Christa, [christapederson@comcast.net](mailto:christapederson@comcast.net) 425-585-0853

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### Heatherwood Clubs to Begin Meeting September 30<sup>th</sup>!

Heatherwood will be offering a variety of clubs beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>. Clubs will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00. An activity bus will be available to transport students who would normally take the bus home after school. The following clubs will be offered this school year:

Homework Club – Advisors: Renee' Bavis and Nancy Coe

Drama Club – Advisor: Susan Tullar

Builders (Service) Club – Advisors: Sharon Fabrizio and Elona Loewen

Video Club – Advisors: Teresa Allnoch and Mary Johnson

Robotics Club – Advisor: Kaja Smith

Math Club – Advisor: Andy Harper

Vocal Ensemble – Advisor: Jerry Lim

Jazz Band (meets before school) – Advisors: Dave Stangland and Kevin Hall

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### Heatherwood PTA 7.3.71 General Membership Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month in the Heatherwood Middle School Library from 7:00PM – 8:30PM

October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2008 (meeting location TBD)

January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8, 2009

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### The following Goals for the Heatherwood PTA were adopted at the General Membership meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2008-2009 school year:

Communicate with staff, families and community through our newsletter and our web site.

To provide student programs; promoting diversity and safety.

Increase family, staff, student and community membership and support while being a visible presence at school and community events throughout the year.

Partner with the staff and families to provide volunteer resources as needed, while developing new volunteer opportunities for our parents and community.

Provide funds for programs and services sponsored or supported by the PTA.

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### Help Wanted!

Non-profit organization is looking for energetic, enthusiastic, and motivated individuals interested in joining our team to support local area youth. Absolutely no previous experience is necessary, training is provided! Concerned parents are strongly encouraged to apply immediately! Rewards and benefits are endless. Contact Christa Pederson, HMS PTA President at 585-0853 or [christapederson@comcast.net](mailto:christapederson@comcast.net) Please reference "Help Wanted: PTA Advocates for Kids."

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**The Washington State PTA** conducts a continuous Legislative Advocacy program that includes training and education for members and parents on issues affecting our children and community involvement activities. Parents and members are strongly encouraged to use their voices to speak for the youth of Washington State. Find out more by visiting us online at: <http://wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>

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### New Online Internet Safety Web Guide

The Washington State Attorney General's Office has developed a new online Internet Safety Web Guide. Among other features, it details the six factors that contribute to the current online environment, and clarifies the risks involved in sharing information online.

This valuable resource can be located at <http://www.atg.wa.gov/InternetSafety.aspx>.

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## Heatherwood PTA Presents The 2008-2009 Reflections Arts Program; "Wow!"

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and a Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose for this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works, created around a specific theme. This year's theme is "Wow!" and you decide what the phrase means to you and how you can explain what a difference means to you. General Participation Rules and Entry Forms are attached. Please pick up any additional rule sheets for the categories you'd like to participate in from the Reflections information outside the main office at school. Rules and entry forms are also available in Spanish. Students can enter up to two works in each of the following arts areas. Only original works of art created by the artist working alone, for the 2008-2009 theme are accepted.

**Arts Categories:** Division: Middle/Junior : ages 11-13, Grades 6-8

**Choreography/Dance** - create original choreographed dance and perform it on tape.

**Film/Video** - fiction or nonfiction video created as animation, a narrative, documentary, experimental, or music video.

**Literature** - works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories, and lyrics.

**Music Composition** - original musical composition, with or without lyrics.

**Photography** - prints up to 11"x14" in color or black and white, including techniques of photogram, retouched, montage, sandwich, and multiple exposures.

**Visual Arts** - prints, drawings, painting, collages, photographic collages, metal etching, fiber work and computer generated art. Works of art must be flat and may not exceed more than 3/8" thickness. Artwork may not exceed 24" x 30" including matting.

Finished entries should be turned into the main office at school, on or before, **November 26th, by 2:45 p.m.** Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form which includes the student's name, grade (or first period) teacher's name, and parent's or guardian's signature. Be sure you have read the rules and comply with them, so that your entry is not disqualified. Entry forms will be available on our PTA website.

All participants will be recognized and artwork will be displayed. Winning entries will be submitted to the Everett Council PTA for display at the Everett School District Administration Service Center where an Artist's Reception will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm.

For more information, please contact **Christa Pederson, Interim Reflections Chair**, [christapederson@comcast.net](mailto:christapederson@comcast.net)  
**Also inquire if you would like information or are interested in serving as this year's Reflection Chair or co-chair.**

### PTA Reflections Program Theme Search for 2010–2011

The national PTA organization is looking for a theme for its Reflections Program for 2010– 2011. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2009 PTA National Convention. Only signed original forms will be considered. Please submit entries to WSPTA office. State deadline for theme submissions: November 3, 2008 – postmarked.

Entry forms are available on our PTA webpage. Good Luck!

### Before School World Language Learning (French, Japanese, or Spanish)

Foreign Language for Youth is offering languages to students in grades 6-8 at Heatherwood this fall. Classes begin the week of October 13 and continue until April with 40 lessons following the school calendar. Tuition for the full session is \$259.00 (\$6.48 per lesson) for the first child in a family and \$254.00 for each additional child. Registration is due no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in the office and online at the Heatherwood PTA web site.

## WSPTA Legislative Assembly: What is it?

One-hundred years ago PTA was founded as a child advocacy organization and advocacy is still an important part of our mission. We all joined PTA to make a difference for kids and participating in Legislative Assembly is an essential part of making that difference. Because there are so many issues impacting children and PTA's resources are limited, it is essential that we identify which are the most critical.

This annual process begins each spring when PTA members submit issues important to them and their community. It carries forward at Legislative Assembly where attendees learn more about proposed issues and let their voice be heard to determine PTA's Legislative Priorities. It culminates with advocacy we do with the issues during the legislative session.

Current proposed issues have been compiled into a survey and members are encouraged to complete surveys to determine the priorities of their PTA. Then ensure that the "voice" of your PTA is heard by sending a delegate to Legislative Assembly, to be held Oct. 5-6 in SeaTac. The Proposed Issues Survey and survey guidelines are available by going to [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org) and clicking on "Legislation", or available on our HMS PTA web site [www.heatherwoodpta.org](http://www.heatherwoodpta.org)

Please take the time to voice your opinions by printing the survey and returning it to the school office in an envelope marked "PTA Legislation" by October 1<sup>st</sup>, or save the paper and email it directly to Christa who will compile the issues most important to the Heatherwood community and vote on your behalf at the year's WSPTA Legislative Assembly.

Thank-you for your feedback! Christa Pederson, Heatherwood PTA President – christapederson@comcast.net

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## SEATTLE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Washington State

Convention and Trade Center

Sunday, Sept. 28, 12:00 pm–4:00 pm

Monday, Sept. 29, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

### Tips for the College Fair from the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

**Before the fair,** ask yourself the following questions to help you determine what kind of school would best suit you: do you want to attend a two- or four-year institution; co-ed or single sex; what size school do you want to attend; what programs of study are you considering; how far from home do you want to go; do you wish to participate in any specific extra-curricular activities or athletics; do you want to attend a school in an urban, suburban, or rural environment; and, do you require any special services (i.e. tutoring, note takers, readers, TDD, or interpreters)? Also, discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers, and friends. Research your colleges of interest on the Internet and in your guidance office/library. Check dates and registration deadlines for college entrance exams.

**At the fair:** pick up a bag and a fair directory; visit with colleges and universities which you feel meet your criteria; talk with a college counselor at the Counseling Center if you have any questions or need help with your college search; and, attend an information session.

For more information on the Seattle National College fair, go to:

<http://www.nacenet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs/NCF/FallNCF/08SeaNCFinfo.htm>.

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## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football

Head Coach: Ed Lundberg, Assistant: Luther Weathersby

Sept 18	Jamboree @ Heatherwood	3:45
Sept 25	Gateway @ Heatherwood	4:15
Oct 2	Evergreen @ Evergreen	3:45
Oct 9	Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	4:15
Oct 15	Cavelero @ Memorial Stadium	5:15
Oct 23	North @ North	3:45

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football

Head Coach: James Brown, Assistant: Mark Dalbeck

Sept 18	Jamboree @ Heatherwood	3:45
Sept 25	Gateway @ Gateway	3:45
Oct 2	Evergreen (Black) @ Heatherwood	4:15
Oct 9	Eisenhower @ Eisenhower	3:45
Oct 16	Evergreen (Green) @ Evergreen	3:45
Oct 23	North @ Heatherwood	3:45

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fastpitch

Head Coach: Mike Moran, Assistant: Stacy Ore

Sept 24	Evergreen @ Evergreen	3:45
Sept 25	North @ Heatherwood	3:45
Sept 30	Eisenhower @ Eisenhower	3:45
Oct 2	Gateway @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 9	Evergreen @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 14	North @ North	3:45
Oct 16	Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 21	Gateway @ Gateway	3:45

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fastpitch

Head Coach: Jamie Farman

Sept 24	Evergreen @ Evergreen	3:45
Sept 25	North @ Heatherwood	3:45
Sept 30	Eisenhower @ Eisenhower	3:45
Oct 2	Gateway @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 9	Evergreen @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 14	North @ North	3:45
Oct 16	Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 21	Gateway @ Gateway	3:45

### Cross Country

Head Coach: Joan Weiss, Assistant: Suzi Lillibridge

Sept 24	Evergreen/Eisenhower @ Eisenhower	3:45
Oct 1	North/Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 8	Gateway @ Heatherwood	3:45
Oct 15	North/Evergreen @ Lowell Riverfront Park	3:45
Oct 22	All District Meet @ Heatherwood	3:45

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# HEATHERWOOD HAWK IS GOING GREEN!

**AFTER THIS ISSUE, THE NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER  
BE PRINTED AND MAILED. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE  
AND YOU CAN ELECT TO RECEIVE IT BY EMAIL.**

In order to conserve resources, the PTA has decided to move the *Heatherwood Hawk* newsletter to an electronic format. In addition to being more environmentally friendly, this will allow the newsletter to be issued monthly. It will be available on-line and you can elect to receive it by email. A sign-up sheet was sent home in the back-to-school packet, and is also available on the PTA website.

The newsletter is an important information link for parents who want to be in the know about what's happening at Heatherwood. If you have not already signed-up and would like to receive *Heatherwood Hawk* via email, simply fill out the form below and return it either to the front office or to the newsletter table that will be set-up on curriculum night. If you have any questions,

**Please send me the *Heatherwood Hawk* by email.**

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**Student's Name**

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**Student's Grade**

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**Email Address**

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**Parent's Signature**

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**Contact Phone Number**

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