



Talons & Tracks

January 2012

PTA News

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Dates to Remember

January

- 1/10 PTA General PTA Meeting 6:30pm @ DHES
- 1/11 Skate Night 6-8p @ Auburn Skate Connection
- 1/24 Taking The "Work" Out of Homework
Parenting Class 6:30-8pm @ DHES

February

- 2/8 Parent's Night Out Pre-Registrations Due
- 2/11 Parent's Night Out @ Roach Gymnastics
5:30-9:30pm

Happy New Year!

- **Parenting Class: Taking the "Work" Out of Homework** will be held on January 24th at DHES from 6:30-8pm. Please see the other side for further details.
- **Next month the Hospitality Committee will be hosting a dessert table on February 14th for the staff at both schools!** Time to put your thinking caps on to decide what sweet treat YOU would like to bring! Contact any member of hospitality or go to the PTA website to sign up to bring a treat or fruit tray! Tabitha Farley (tfarley516@msn.com), Debi Perovich (vindee07@gmail.com), or Jen Shears (shearscj@comcast.net).
- **Family Activities has a Parent Night Out coming up Saturday, February 11th.** This is a great opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetie or just get a night out! Please see the other side for further details.
- **On your mark, get set.....mark those calendars for the Shamrock Family Fun Run!!** To be held Saturday, March 19th, 2012 at Lake Tapps Elementary School. The run will begin at 9am. *In addition, we are currently looking for sponsors for this years Shamrock Fun Run.* If you, your family, or your company would be interested in sponsoring, please e-mail Crista Blood at (cristablood@yahoo.com) or call 253-826-1111 for details. You can also go to the PTA website under Fundraising: Shamrock Fun Run for further details. NOTE: We added a \$100 sponsorship level this year. Thank you!
- **2011-2012 Yearbooks are on sale now!** Don't miss out. Order your copy today. The price is \$19, but will increase to \$24 after February 14, 2012. Yearbooks can be ordered on the PTA website under "Yearbook".
- **Silent Fundraisers: An easy way to show your support!** Please go to the PTA website under Fundraising: Box Tops, Etc. for easy ways to support our schools!

RAH Reminders



All of our students are doing a fabulous job with reading this school year.

Keep up the good work!

Please remember to:

- ♦ Turn your calendars in by the 1st of the month (half-time Kindergarten by the 5th).
- ♦ Make sure the student's FIRST and LAST name is written legibly on the calendar.
- ♦ Double check your student's minutes to make sure the total is correct.
- ♦ Count the minutes you are reading with or to your child. They count too!
- ♦ Check out the PTA website (*under School Programs then Reading At Home*) for more information on RAH or let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help!



Parent's Night Out!

Valentine Edition

Come bring your children February 11th to Roach Gymnastics in Sumner for kids ages 4-12 from 5:30-9:30pm. The price is \$15 each for the first two children and \$10 for each additional child. **Parents MUST pre-register by February 8th.** There are no drop-ins allowed due to the popularity of the event (Roach needs to be sure they have enough supervision). Fliers with a pre-registration form and waiver will be coming home at the end of January or you can go to the LTES PTA website for more information and a link to the forms.

Taking the "Work" Out of Homework

Class for Parents



When: January 24th from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Dieringer Heights Elementary School

Why: To learn helpful tips and insight on:

Different learning styles

Empowering parents to let kids take responsibility

Time management skills for students

Organizational skills

Tips for communicating with teachers

Love & Logic theory (natural consequences at the elementary level)

And answer questions such as:

How much time should be spent on homework before deciding to move on?

How do you prioritize what needs to be completed?

How much help should kids need with their homework?

Childcare will be provided.

Please direct any questions that you may have to Lisa Mitchell @ lmitchell_hr@comcast.net

NEW TO THE DISTRICT?

It is time to **REGISTER TO VOTE!**

The Dieringer School District's replacement of the *expiring* "Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy" will be on the ballot during the upcoming February 14th election. This levy expires every two years, so it is time to vote to pass the levy again. This levy is very important to our District so we can continue to offer the level of educational excellence the Dieringer School District is known for.

The deadline to Register to Vote online is Monday, Jan. 16th. You have just a couple of days to register if you haven't already.

Go to www.dieringer.wednet.edu to **Register to Vote**. **Your vote will make a difference!**

Funding from the State continues to be cut and the funds from this Levy are required to help pay for textbooks and other teaching materials, transportation, favorable class sizes, special education classes, athletics and student activities. More information about the Levy can be found on our School District's website.

Thank you in advance for voting in the upcoming election.

~The Dieringer Citizens for Schools Committee

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