



# NEWBERY NEWS

December 2017

## December

- Dec. 1 – District Day – No school
- Dec. 8 - Character Trait celebration, 7:20-7:50 am
- Dec. 11 – Report cards going home
- Dec. 11 - 5th Gr. strings concert, 6 pm
- Dec. 12 – PTA meeting, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 15 – Passport check, 8:40-10:40 am
- Dec. 18-29 – Winter break – No school

## January

- Jan. 1-2 - New Year's Day observed - No school
- Jan. 1-31 - School Board recognition month
- Jan. 9 - PTA meeting, 6:30 pm
- Jan. 12 - Character Trait celebration, 7:20-7:50 am
- Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - No school
- Jan. 19 - Passport check, 8:40-10:40 am
- Jan. 26 - Professional Development Day - No school
- Jan. 30 - WE CARE Sports here all day

~From the Principal~

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## Attendance is Critical to Student Success!

Did you know that students who miss just 10% of a school year (approx. 18 days) can have a harder time learning to read? Students can still fall behind if they **miss just a day or two** every few weeks. If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. Regularly attending school helps students feel better about themselves - AND school!

## Every day is important!

Here are some tips to help students be on time and ready for school:

1. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
2. Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
3. Avoid medical and dental appointments or extended trips when school is in session.
4. It's okay to send your child if he/she just has the 'sniffles' or a little cough but no other symptoms.
5. Have a backup plan to get your child to school such as family, neighbors, or friends in case something comes up.

Here at John Newbery, we want to do everything possible to help your child be successful. We are willing to work with you and your child(ren) to help them be on time and attend regularly!



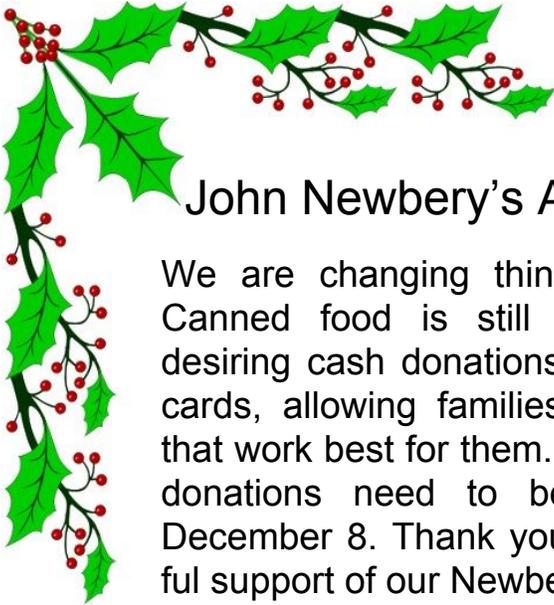
## Character Trait of the Month

~Compassion~



**John Newbery's Motto: Learning for all - Whatever it takes!**

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## John Newbery's Annual Food Drive

We are changing things up a bit this year. Canned food is still welcome, but we are desiring cash donations that will go toward gift cards, allowing families to choose food items that work best for them. All gifts and food (cash) donations need to be received by Friday, December 8. Thank you for your kind, thoughtful support of our Newbery families!



## What's new in PE?

*First*, we would like to introduce Miss Ally Malm as our 2nd PE teacher, working parttime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She comes to us from her student teaching experience in the Spokane School District. She is originally from Bismarck, ND and went to college at the University of Mary in Bismarck.



*Finally*, we are starting our jump rope unit schoolwide for the month of December. We kicked this off with our Jump Rope for Heart Assembly and fundraiser on Wednesday, November 29. Jump roping will take place in each PE class in differing formats and students will be able to raise money for the American Heart Association until Wednesday, December 13. Be looking for information coming home with your child on how to register and login to raise money and win prizes.

Thanks for your support,

Mr. Nielsen and Miss Malm

## Winter Weather Announcement

As you know, winter is here. It is rare that school is canceled or that school even runs on a weather delay; however, it does happen occasionally. When it snows, the best thing you can do is listen to the radio. The Wenatchee School District will advise radio stations of any school closures or delays. If you do not hear an announcement on the radio, you can assume that school is running on a regular schedule. If there is a snow delay, then there are no before-school activities. If you have questions, you can contact our school office at 664-8930.

