



# NEWBERY NEWS

September 2019

## Mark Your Calendar!

### September

- 24 - Beauty of Bronze, 5th Gr.
- 26 - Welcome Kinder Families, 5:30 pm
- 27 - Passport check, 8:20-10:40 am

### October

- 2 - Saddlerock Trailhead, 2nd Gr.
- 9 - Vision & Hearing Screening, 8:15-10:15 am
- 9 - PTA meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 11 - Non-Contracted Day (No school)
- 15 - Parsons Picture Day
- 25 - Passport check, 8:20-10:40 am

**Oct 30 - Nov 1:**  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**No School**

~From the Principal~



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Dear John Newbery Parents:

My name is Kevin Loomis and I am the principal at John Newbery Elementary School. I am beginning my eighth year at this fantastic school, and I am proud to say that I believe it is one of the finest schools in the valley. What makes us so special is the way we take the time to get to know our students as individuals. We work very hard in developing relationships with them so that they can feel safe and secure in how they're learning and growing their brains. This year, our district is really focusing on social emotional learning (SEL). Social emotional learning begins with developing strong relationships with students. By creating the strong relationships and getting to know the specific needs of our students, it allows them to connect with our school staff and our teachers.

I am excited about the year in front of us as we work together to provide a fantastic opportunity for your children to learn and grow. Please feel free to contact your teacher or the office at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. As we partner with you, we will become stronger and better at serving the students as they walk through our doors every day.

Another opportunity to partner with us would be through the PTA. The PTA is here to support kids with special activities and events. By becoming a member of the PTA, you could be an active part of this partnership. PTA meetings are the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Character Trait of the Month:

*Responsibility*



**CHEESE!**



## Picture Day is: October 15, 2019

(Picture Packets will be sent home the second week in October.)



## Did You Know?



John Newbery Elementary is a "Schoolwide" school in which all funds are utilized for all students according to needs in order for each child to have the best education possible. This would mean that your child may receive services from the following programs: Migrant, Bilingual, Title, Enrichment, or other available programs. If you have questions about these programs or need more information, please feel free to call us.

### John Newbery Elementary Title I Schoolwide Parent Involvement Policy

One of the principle goals at John Newbery Elementary is to encourage a high degree of involvement of parents in the education of their children in partnership with staff and other stakeholders. There is a substantial body of research that parent involvement improves student learning.

Parent Participation: Each parent/guardian and student will be asked to sign a jointly developed school-parent compact that outlines how the parents, teachers, principal and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement. This document, John Newbery Elementary Schoolwide Parent Involvement Policy, will be made available to all parents/guardians at our school through our website, our Fall newsletter, and by request.

Keeping Parents Informed: Parents will be informed of their child's progress: 1) at conferences in October and/or March; 2) with trimester report cards; 3) through progress reports from Special Programs and Special Education when that is applicable; 4) with phone calls; 5) through individually arranged conferences as needed; 6) in a monthly newsletter from our principal; 7) in take-home packets; 8) on our school website; 9) on our reader board. All communication with parents is available in English and Spanish.

Informing Parents/Guardians of Student Services: Parents of all children at John Newbery Elementary will be informed via the principal's newsletter of our available intervention programs. Parents of individual students who are served within programs (Bilingual, Migrant, Title I, Reading, or Math) will receive individual notification.

### Saddlerock Trailhead - 2nd Gr.

Second-grade students in the Wenatchee School District discover ways to slow and prevent wind and water erosion from changing the landscape during the landforms field experience at the Saddle Rock Trailhead. Along the way, they get to dig into local geology through hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities and discover the unique habitat of the Wenatchee Foothills through the integration of music and art. The field experience connects with the Pebbles, Sand, and Silt science kit being used in classrooms to teach Earth sciences. Students learn about different rocks, sediments, and sizes of sediments, as well as all about landforms.

## New Faces at Newbery



*Join us in welcoming all of the new faces at Newbery this year!*

- Silvia Aguilar - Office/Recess Para
- Mark Brownlee - Learning Center Teacher
- Jennifer Creek - Long-Term sub in 2nd Grade
- Patricia Collins - Physical Therapy
- Brittany Stevens - Music Teacher
- Shayla Fox - Deaf Ed Interpreter
- Oscar Licon - Technology
- Kathy Monteith - Learning Center Para
- Cheri Peterson - Para-educator
- Laura Valencia - Learning Center Para

### Beauty of Bronze - 5th Gr.



Beauty of Bronze is an incredible field experience opportunity for 5th grade students in the Wenatchee School District. It allows students to gain a sense of pride in, and ownership of, their community by learning about our community's commitment to public art and creating bronze and natural material sculptures during a day-long field trip.

Each fall while working with a professional artist to create and exhibit their own small bronze sculptures, each student will:

- Tour the Art on the Avenues Sculpture Garden with community volunteer docents
- Learn about specific sculptures from a professional sculptor and artist
- Tour backstage at the Performing Arts Center
- Sketch and study individual sculpture pieces in the collection
- Work collaboratively to create a temporary environmental sculpture from natural materials
- Create a wax sculpture which will be sent to a foundry and cast in bronze
- Attend a public artists' reception held in their honor featuring their bronze pieces.

Art on the Avenues' mission through the Beauty of Bronze program is to promote in local children appreciation, understanding, and a sense of ownership in their community's sculpture exhibit and instill the knowledge that art in its many forms is for everyone and that each person can create.

**Learning for all - Whatever it takes!**