

Fidalgo PTA Board

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Fidalgo Flyer

February 07

Change is in the air! Can you sense that Spring is trying to pop up? Not only is the weather changing, our little ones and life all around us seems to be in constant motion. Let's dust off some "jack frost," set some goals and jump into some conversations about the coming season.

It's easy to spend time with your family and not talk at all. Many parents and kids often are attached to cell phones and iPods and, although just a few feet from each other, never exchange a word.

Talking with your children is one of the most critical steps of healthy parenting. Young children begin their life fascinated by language and communication. To the small child, a mother's or father's words are important, comforting, and soothing. Start intimate communication early on about everything and you have a greater chance of continuing this communication into the teen years.

Remember, though, communicating thoughts and ideas is not a skill you or your children are born with. The art of self-expression must be learned. Give kids ways to talk about how they feel. Let them know how important they are and that you want to hear what they have to say. Honesty and openness must be commended. Include your children in family discussions when appropriate. When talking is part of the daily routine, it becomes easier to deal with difficult subjects.

Children model the behavior of parents. How you express and handle yourself will usually determine how your children will as well. Speaking honestly and clearly, responding calmly, and listening carefully will occur only if children are provided with models and opportunities to practice. Kids need to learn to share more than just their belongings. They need to feel comfortable sharing their feelings, thoughts, and ideas.

(some parts of this letter came from Our Children PTA magazine by Meline Kevorkian Sept 2005)

Spring is around the corner and believe it or not we are winding down from the Big activities of PTA. With just some official housekeeping left I just wanted to thank everyone who was involved and dedicated their time and talent. You truly made a difference. Keep reading on through the newsletter to see how you can support our school and Fidalgo PTA.

Shamay Andrich PTA President

- Fidalgo Spring Concert is Thursday, March 29th at Brodniak Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- March 2nd is the Anacortes School District Student Art Show-opening night. 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Depot Arts Center. Artwork is from students in grades K-12, home schooled kids and the After School Arts Program.



...is PTA's I LOVE TO READ Month

Happy Reading!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February				1	2	3
4	5 PTA Meeting 7pm Return Reading log for hour count	6	7 Crazy Hat Day	8	9 Return Reading log for hour count	10
11	12	13	14 Readable Shirt Day	15 Focus day in Olympia Return Reading log for hour count	16 No School	17
18	19 No School	20	21 SPIRIT DAY Dress in School Colors	22	23 Return Reading log for hour count	24
25	26	27	28 Last day of Reading for "I love to Read"			

Anacortes School District Calendar <http://asd103.org/stucal06-07.pdf>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March				1 Turn in Reading log	2 Final day for tallying	3
4	5 General PTA	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Early release 11:10-Conferences						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Fidalgo Spring	30	31

I Love to Read month is celebrated during February.

The kids enjoyed a kickoff assembly with a world champion jump roper who inspired and dazzled them. She taught them to always try your best, work at your own pace and making mistakes along the way is normal.

The kids have been given pamphlets to keep track of their *independent* reading time. The teachers in the classroom will be crediting the students with time they are reading in school.

We have fun days coming up every Wednesday. Please check the calendar so your kids can get in on the fun!

Please encourage your kids to read this month and help them understand the purpose and excitement of reading.

Thank you, The I Love to Read Committee, Tracy, Gabby, Kam

**Other Fidalgo
DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Feb. 15 Bus
Evacuation Drills

Feb. 21 Author Visit
- Nina Laden

Feb. 22-23
Reading is
Fundamental

Feb. 23 Birthday
Friday

NEXT YEARS WALK A THON
COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to join the Walk a
Thon committee for next year?

Beth Hofferth and Lucie
Yeomans are looking for a
couple parent volunteers to join
them in the planning and
production of next years Walk a
thon.

Email Beth :

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information*

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or
\$18 for 2 in same household.

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EARNINGS REPORT

Our Fundraising Dollars at work

Thanks for your support in our fundraiser

Swings (equipment and installation supplies) \$4000.00

After School Study Club (2 days/wk) \$2500.00

5 Document Cameras (K-4) \$1625.00

DRA Books (K-2) \$900.00

15 Basketball Uniforms \$900.00

Handwriting Software (2 Site Licenses) \$500.00

Resource Room/Teresa Lewis \$300.00

Gourd Art Project (Doran) \$400.00

Listening Center Books (K-3) \$400.00

History Dig Kits (Starkovich) \$350.00

Bird Sanctuary (replace broken feeders) \$300.00

Musicians/Directors for Spring Concert \$250.00

Instruments (Ukuleles and guitars) \$200.00

Boom Box (PE) \$150.00

Interest Center (Art Supplies) \$250.00

Total of Special Projects \$13,025.00

Slate of Officers 2007-2008 Fidalgo PTA

President: Gabby Freier

Vice President: Lori Keller

Secretary: Lora Billow

Treasurer: Molly Hendricks

Elections will be held at our General Membership Meeting March 5th 7pm

Nominations will also be taken from the floor

New Officers and/or 4 members will have the opportunity to attend the Washington State PTA Convention in Seattle on May 4th, 5th, 6th.

**Convention is open to all members for more information
<http://www.wastatepta.org>**

If you have any questions regarding the election process or positions for next year, please contact any of the nominating committee members.

Barbara Atterberry, Varanda Phillips Kam Bundy



Tired of that bag of box tops taking up space in your junk drawer? Well now is the time to turn them in!

The class that turns in the most box tops for the year by April 18th will earn a class pizza party. Party date to be set by classroom teacher after April 18th.

In order to turn Box Tops in for cash they must be in baggies of 50. If you turn them in trimmed down, in baggies of 50 and with the teacher's name on the baggie that would be an incredible help.

Thanks for helping earn money for our school!

Jaime Zullo

Have you heard the news?

You can now earn 5 points when you save proofs of purchase from over 150 products from Campbell's soup!

That means it's even easier to help Fidalgo get free merchandise! To view the entire list simply visit www.labelsforeducation.com

And remember you no longer need to clip the entire soup label. Simply cut out the UPC's on the back of the can!

Chances are you already have many products in your kitchen right now that qualify for the Campbell's Labels for Education program. A huge thank-you to all the kids who have been bringing and depositing their UPC's in our schools soup can!!

Keep up the good work!!



Reflections 2006-2007 "My Favorite Place"

By Kati Noar, Co-Chair Reflections Committee

Congratulations to all the participants in the PTA Reflections Arts Competition at Fidalgo Elementary on another great year of participation and creativity! We are very proud of each of the students who made the effort to create and submit an entry!

Final entries were turned in by January 5th, 2007 and the local judges began the difficult task of evaluating all of the entries in each of the four categories. Seventy-nine students submitted a total 125 entries. There are six categories of art in the Reflections Program and entries were received in all six categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, Film/Video, and Dance Choreography. This was the first year we have ever received an entry in the Film/Video or Dance Choreography categories!

The Fidalgo Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, Jan 18th in the Multipurpose Room at Fidalgo. A large group of family members, teachers, and friends assembled to view the artwork and recognize those who were selected as winners. In addition to 1st prize, 2nd prize, and Honorable Mentions awarded in each category and Division (i.e. age groups within the Category), 8 entries were selected to represent Fidalgo at the State PTA Reflections competition.

Many thanks to the following people who agreed to be our judges this year for the donation of their time and expertise in support of this program and the students in our school:

Literature Judges – Margo Cunningham and Molly Strohschein
Music Composition Judges - Jane Lien, Jean Vanderpool, and Laurie Carver
Photography Judges - Bonnie Anderson, John Lofgren, and Colleen Painter
Visual Arts Judges - Jana Chase and Janice Veal
Film/Video Judge – Willow McLaughlin
Dance Choreography Judges – Lori Steele and Jeanie Robson

Thanks also to the "Anacortes Cinemas" and "Scott Milo", the Local Businesses who supported the program through donations of tickets and services.

Finally, a great big "thank you" to the members of the Reflections Committee, co-chair Hong Kang, Rebecca Bogie, Riza Campbell, Chris Conroy, Arlene Cook, Monica Dailey, Rhonda Doster, Marilyn Hanesworth, Molly Hendricks, Riet Hopman, and Karen Mantell, who volunteered their time to do all that is required to run a large program such as this. And thank you also to those who volunteered to bring refreshments and help set up for the Awards Ceremony.

2006-2007 Fidalgo Reflections Participants:

Che Adams, Benjamin Bellusci, Megan Bellusci, Cabry Biddle, Ciel Blau, Emily Bright, Tate Calles, Halle Campbell, James Campbell, Madison Campbell, Hannah Carmona, Jenna Carpenter, Megan Carroll, Cole Clapperton, Roslyn Cohen, Juliann Conrardy, Lauren Conrardy, Orion Conroy, Mackenzie Cooley, Nicholas Cortright, Kenneth Crockett, Adrianna Crommett, Veronica Crommett, Jakob Dailey, Joshua Dailey, Margaret Rose Dailey, Nereida DeLaRosa, Lauren Doster, Abigail Flint, Liam Flint, Eva Fogarty, Dylan Fox, Hope Freir, Mallory Garrard, Alexandra Hanesworth, Elizabeth Harrison, John Harrison, Garrett Hilyer, Elliott Hofferth, Laura Hopman, Stefan Hopman, Skye Hopper, Julia Houpermanns, Nicole Houpermanns, Elizabeth Hughes, Hope Hurtado, Hannah Kaleel, Matthew LaFave, Michael Mantell, Clare Martin, Erin Marwood, Gillian R. Marwood, Megan McLeod-Hibler, Sean Meyer, Bradley Miller, Carrie Miller, Tori Miller, Tyler Mitchell, Lauren Morris, Jennifer Noar, Kenji Nystrom, Taylor Phillips, Brooke Riordan, Paige Rosson, Ryan Rubalcava, Tyler Saunders, Amanda Toth, Andrew Toth, Tarisa Toth, Gabriella Troy, Mathew Tweten, Nicholas Verdoes, Robbie Verdoes, Lydia Weddle, Sean Weech, Connor Wilson, Olivia Wright, Allison Yeomans, Alivah Zullo

CATEGORY/DIVISION WINNERS:

Literature Category/Primary Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Halle Campbell
2nd Place – Jakob Dailey
2nd Place – Lydia Weddle

Literature Category/Intermediate Division (3rd thru 5th grade):

1st Place – Benjamin Bellusci
2nd Place – Allison Yeomans
Honorable Mention – Alexandra Hanesworth, Julia Houpermanns

Literature Category/Middle Division (6th grade):

1st Place – Lauren Morris
2nd Place – Paige Rosson

Film/Video Category/Primary Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Elizabeth Harrison

Dance Choreography Category/Intermediate Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Adrianna Crommett
2nd Place – Sean Weech

Photography Category/Primary Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Michael Mantell
2nd Place – Orion Conroy
Honorable Mention – Lydia Weddle, Dylan Fox

Photography Category/Intermediate Division (3rd thru 5th grade):

1st Place – Alexandra Hanesworth
2nd Place – Tori Miller
Honorable Mention – Erin Marwood, Sean Weech

Photography Category/Middle Division (6th grade):

1st Place – Jennifer Noar

Visual Arts Category/Primary Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Lauren Conrardy
2nd Place – Elizabeth Hughes
Honorable Mention – Megan Bellusci, Lydia Weddle, Juliann Conrardy, Hannah Carmona, Jakob Dailey

Visual Arts Category/Intermediate Division (3rd thru 5th grade):

1st Place – Benjamin Bellusci
2nd Place – Lauren Doster
Honorable Mention – Robbie Verdoes, Sean Weech

Visual Arts Category/Middle Division (6th grade):

1st Place – Lauren Morris
2nd Place – Paige Rosson

Musical Composition Category/ Primary Division (K thru 2nd grade):

1st Place – Clare Martin

Musical Composition Category/Middle Division (6th grade):

1st Place – Paige Rosson
2nd Place – Jennifer Noar

Entries Chosen to send on to Washington State Reflections Competition:

Ben Bellusci – Literature Category/Intermediate Division
Adrianna Crommett – Dance Choreography Category/Intermediate Division
Lauren Conrardy – Visual Arts Category/Primary Division
Alexandra Hanesworth - Photography Category/Intermediate Division
Elizabeth Harrison – Film/Video Category/ Primary Division
Jennifer Noar - Photography Category/Middle Division
Sean Weech – Dance Choreography Category/Intermediate Division
Allison Yeomans – Literature Category/Intermediate Division

Focus Day In Olympia 2007

The central goal this year is to increase the level of participation by every community member in voicing their opinion on educational topics and PTA issues. One important way to actively participate is to attend *Focus Day In Olympia*.

PTA Focus Day in Olympia - Thursday February 15th

Focus Day is the PTA event when members visit their legislators in Olympia -- a day where we discuss *one-on-one* with our elected leadership our most important education issues.

Governor Gregoire, Bill Gates, both major Seattle newspapers, and most importantly more and more legislators are taking up the call to vastly improve Washington education and funding. They need you to take up the call too, and *show up to show it*.

Information will be prepared for you so we can all confidently make our points to legislators. If you don't wish to speak, that's fine – we encourage you to step out of your comfort zone as it will change how you feel about the legislative process, there is nothing like using your voice. If that doesn't persuade you, please be assured there will be many who do feel comfortable mentoring and guiding conversations while you observe. It is easy, it is fun, it is empowering, *it is effective* – every citizen should take the time to do it. **What's needed is your presence -- numbers speak more than words, and we need HUGE numbers.**

The Top 5 issues decided at your PTA Legislative Assembly in Yakima, October, 2006:

1. K-12 Education Funding (*the cornerstone to every other issue's solution*)
2. Math & Science
3. Simple Majority for Levies & Bonds
4. Reduce Class Size
5. School Recess

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO CHANGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

The under-funding of K-12 education is a *CRITICAL* issue in nearly *EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT*. We are ranked 42nd in the nation for spending per student. High class size is part of this challenge – Washington is ranked 46th in the U.S. in this category. (It means that our teachers are getting about 1 ½ minutes with each child!). We spend \$548 less per student in public schools since 1992. Since 1995, Washington State's contribution to public higher education costs has fallen more than 16%. Washington is 36th in B.A. degrees per capita and has the 3rd lowest college entry rate in the U.S.

For more information contact your local PTSA Legislative Chair). You can also contact your Council or Region Legislative Chair or our WSPTA Legislative Director Scott Allen (ptalegdir@wastatepta.org) for more information.

Contact Barbara Atterberry with Fidalgo PTA for any additional information.