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Help Needed!

Staff Appreciation Coordinator—lots of helping hands need a leader to help pull together the events our staff enjoy (and appreciate) throughout the year. Great notebook available with helpful hints and tips.

Reflections Chair—Our chair for the past two years is stepping down but has some great practices in place and is available for consultation if needed.

Contact Melissa Larson at larschmitt@hotmail.com or 206-527-5995 if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to chair or co-chair either of these positions.

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Raider Reader

The Nathan Hale High School PTSA Newsletter

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING RAIDERS!

Principal's Message

The purpose of Nathan Hale High School is to ensure that ALL students will become honorable, thinking, skillful citizens.

*The school should focus on helping students learn to use their minds well.
(September's Coalition Principle)*

Welcome (back) to Nathan Hale! Our work is guided by the Ten Common Principles, developed by the Coalition of Essential Schools to guide high school reform. (For a complete list of the principles, see http://www.essentialschools.org/pub/ces_docs/about/phil/10cps/10cps.html.)

Each month this year we will focus on a different Coalition Principle. September's principle, helping students learn to use their minds well, is evident in our schedule, which provides longer blocks of time on Wednesdays and Thursdays for all students, and every day for our 9th graders. We know that students think more deeply and are able to engage in more complex tasks when they can spend more than 50 minutes in a particular academic class. As I visit classrooms this month, I will be looking for how we do and do not create opportunities for students to develop intellectual stamina, make connections, and challenge themselves as writers and problem solvers.

School transformation is a continuous process, and we need your input. Please let me know if you see ways we can improve our work. I am delighted to welcome you, new families, and to welcome you back, returning families, to this great learning community. Above all, we strive to create a personalized learning experience, and a community where each student feels valued and respected.

Again, welcome to the 2008-2009 school year!

Marni Campbell, Principal

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Next PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00 in Room 129. PTSA meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Open house/curriculum night. 6:30—Community and Conversations;

7:00—Curriculum Night begins with a quick welcome in the gym, followed by a chance to visit each of your student's classrooms and hear about their classes from their teachers.

Thursday, Oct. 2: All Family Night (Co-sponsored by NH

PTSA Membership

The Nathan Hale PTSA would like to welcome you to the 2008–2009 school year. We are dedicated to the educational development and success of all students as well as to the continued improvement of our school environment. Joining the PTSA gives you a **voice** in how we meet those goals. All families, teachers and **students** are strongly encouraged to join the PTSA. The PTSA sponsors family packets, student scholarships, student well-being forums and graduation-related events. Your membership also provides benefits such as discounts on online Barnes and Noble purchases and on home and auto insurance with Liberty Mutual. We hope you will complete the membership form in the packet that will be coming home with your student within the next week.

We look forward to your participation in the Nathan Hale Community.

PTSA and NH Counselors). 6:30—Community and Conversations (and quick PTSA business); 7:00—All Family Night begins with information sharing from our counselors, followed by breakout sessions for each class. Join us for this very informative night!