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The Nathan Hale High School PTSA

Principal's Message

Marni Campbell, Nathan Hale Principal

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fourteen years ago, the Nathan Hale community embarked on a journey of school transformation. In the spirit of Dr. King's exhortation, a team of staff and community members created the school's mission and vision statement that guides our work and reflects our commitment to social justice: *The purpose of Nathan Hale High School is to ensure that ALL students become honorable, thinking, skillful citizens.*

Using data gathered from students and families, Nathan Hale staff determined that in order to achieve this goal, the school needed to be restructured to provide for personalized, inclusive learning opportunities. Nathan Hale became a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools, and, using the *10 Common Principles** as a guide, created the structures that are so much a part of our culture of equity and success, including 9th grade academies, 10th grade Integrated Studies teams, 11th grade Language Arts/Social Studies blocks with Advanced Placement opportunities for all, and 12th grade integrated Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum. (*See www.essentialschools.org)

As a new Principal, I'm committed to upholding the 10 Common Principles that have guided so much of the innovative and effective work at Nathan Hale. I am highlighting a principle each month so that we can build a common understanding of the philosophy that guides our work each day and a common learning vocabulary.

February's principle speaks to the importance of assessing student understanding through exhibitions, or demonstration of mastery. It states: "Teaching and learning should be documented and assessed with tools based on student performance of real tasks."

In the 10th grade, our students are preparing for a mock trial exhibition, for which they must research to understand the thinking of various figures, real and fictional, in order to testify in character in a trial to determine the truth about human nature. Groups of students are working avidly in hallways, the library, classrooms, and even the lunchroom. They are learning to creatively explore philosophical systems different from their own, engaging in passionate debates, and preparing to present ideas in a courtroom setting adjudicated by real judges and lawyers.

Such exhibitions of understanding engage our students because they have relevance. Students are able to do more than simply memorize the key ideas in Voltaire's *Candide*—they can argue from Voltaire's perspective. They can apply their understanding.

When we ask our students to show intelligence and character, when we ask them to be honorable, thinking, skillful citizens, we are contributing to Dr. King's dream of justice and opportunity, of a better world for all. Thank you for sharing the dream!

PTSA Volunteer Corner

Leanne Hawkins, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers continue to work their magic in the school and for the community. But more help is always appreciated. Examples? We're looking for:

- A **coffee chief**: someone to procure donated coffee for PTSA/school gatherings, approximately once per month.
- A Hale PTSA **shopper**: someone to occasionally run shopping errands for bulk supplies (you'd be reimbursed in timely fashion).
- Friendly faces to **meet and greet** (and hand out nametags) at PTSA and school occasions.

Please contact me at 206-364-2095 or Hawkins1022@msn.com if you're interested in any of these opportunities or want to volunteer some other way. Reminder: The second Saturday of every month (we skipped January) is **grounds work/beautification** at Hale – mark your calendars! Joanne Besch is doing a great job leading the team, and welcomes many hands to make the work even more fun.

Dates to Note:

Feb. 5 – Drug & Alcohol Session at Roosevelt High School Library; 7:00pm

(See details on page 7)

March 26- Drug & Alcohol Session at Nathan Hale PAC; 6:30pm Community Conversations, 7:00pm Program

PTSA President Message

Melissa Larson, PTSA President

February CES Principle: Demonstration of mastery

". . . Students should have opportunities to exhibit their expertise before family and community. . . ."

Welcome to the 2nd half of the 2007-2008 school year at Nathan Hale, everyone! The February CES principle (Demonstration of mastery) is a great one to lead off this part of the school year because there will be so many chances for our students to "exhibit their expertise before family and community." The Nathan Hale community is fantastic about taking advantage of these opportunities to come out and support our students as they demonstrate their growth. We come out for sports events all year long (rain and shine), attend concerts and plays and admire work that is displayed around the building when we come to school for other events. I'm hoping that lots of people were able to attend the student led Martin Luther King assembly -- it was great to have the invitation go out to all the yahoo groups.

Nathan Hale's PTSA is playing our part by supporting student led forums, which allows students to demonstrate mastery in areas that many community members do not typically get a chance to witness. Students planned and moderated our School Board Candidate Forum in the fall. We are just beginning to plan a student led forum on high school drugs and alcohol use for late March and we are hoping to have a community wide event at the end of the year that will be jointly planned and executed by students, staff, and family members.

Be on the look out for those opportunities to see how our students have mastered a wide variety of skills. There will be invitations to participate in student led events; invitations to watch students perform, and invitations to special exhibits. There are also often exhibits of student work in the PAC foyer, in the hallways, and in cases around the building. I remember coming to a meeting at school during my son's freshman year and finding the Harlem Renaissance exhibit in the PAC foyer -- WOW! The visual art and writing was fantastic. I came away with some new facts but, more importantly, having experienced work that allowed me to think and grow -- and to witness the demonstration of Nathan Hale students' expertise.

THINK STAFF APPRECIATION!

Due to last December's flooding, Nathan Hale PTSA Staff Appreciation was not able to host the luncheon we had scheduled. We have a new date, February 14th, to provide the Italian theme luncheon, and we are looking for cooks, bakers and on-site volunteers to help make that day memorable for Nathan Hale staff. We need you! Also, please start thinking about possibly committing to help as a co-chair for this committee next year; it is a fun way to volunteer at Hale and you get even more appreciation than you give! For more information about PTSA Staff Appreciation and/or to help out with the February 14th luncheon, please contact Patricia D'Alessandro at 523-4005 or pmdalessandro@msn.com.

TWO NEW WAYS TO HELP NATHAN HALE PTSA RAISE MONEY \$\$\$\$\$

Sheryl French, escrip and Schoolpop coordinator

There are 2 great ways that you can help the Nathan Hale High School PTSA raise money for our students.

These 2 programs are an easy, cost-free way to raise money! They are **eScrip** and **School Pop**.

What is the eScrip program?

eScrip is a simple, secure painless fundraising system. Simply register your **Safeway Card, Macy's Card**, Credit Cards (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) and Debit/ATM cards at the eScrip website. The website is secure! Every time you make a purchase with a registered card, a percentage will go to the Nathan Hale High School PTSA. There is no cost to you and you do not have to keep track of anything. You can help the school raise money year around just by shopping at local merchants and using your credit/debit cards. **Sign up on-line –**

It's quick and easy! 1) Go to www.escrip.com 2) Click on sign up and follow instructions (Group Name: Nathan Hale High School PTSA; Group ID Number: 8565076)

What is the School Pop Program?

Schoolpop is another program that lets families, friends, and school staff contribute money to NHHS PTSA when they shop online. Make your everyday purchases count with Schoolpop's Shop & Earn™ program. Shop at hundreds of national leading merchants online, in stores, or through catalogs and earn up to 36% for your favorite school on every purchase you make!

It's EASY to get started

Simply register with Schoolpop and start shopping. You don't need to purchase anything you wouldn't normally buy. Just shop with hundreds of Schoolpop merchants online, in stores, or through catalogs, and you'll automatically earn contributions for Nathan Hale!

1. Visit Schoolpop.com and [register](#).
2. Download the Shopping Buddy
3. Apply for and Use the [Schoolpop Visa](#)
4. Before you online shop - start at Schoolpop.com and click on a coupon, merchant special or logo
5. Visit www.bonusmerchants.com to shop with the store and catalog merchants in the program
6. Tell Your Family and Friends!

If you do not have access to the Internet or need help, please feel free to call me at (206) 363-5144.

SPREE 2008 News

Leanne Hawkins

SPREE 2008 Sells Raffle Baskets!

The SPREE 2008 committee will be raffling off several wonderful baskets at the February 12 Bite of Hale, including "Saturday Evening," and "Sunday Morning." Tickets are only \$1.00 each, or 5 for \$5.00 (such a deal!) and the sales benefit a wonderful cause – SPREE 2008, the all-night, substance-free, graduation PARTY for our seniors! Pick up your raffle tickets at any of the basketball games on February 1 or 7, at The Bite, or contact Janet Wraspir (fourwraspirs@comcast.net or 206-362-5795) for further options.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SENIOR SPREE?

Nancy Gruber

2008 is here! For seniors this means that graduation ... and '08 Spree... is coming! We have 120 seniors signed up already - but we're looking for more! It's easy to sign up - fill out a form (sent to your home or available in the office) and send it in with a check for \$90 to *SPREE '08 c/o Nancy Gruber, 8548 20th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98117, or put it in the SPREE mailbox in the office.* You won't get a ticket until graduation night, but your name will be added to the ever-growing list of attendees, which is posted outside the NHHS office.

If \$90 is too much for you or your family to pay all at once, no problem. Almost any payment plan that works for you, will work for us. Just send in a partial payment with your ticket form and let us know how you'd like to schedule the remaining payments. Partial and/or full scholarships are also available, forms can found in the NHHS counselors' office. If you'd rather buy your ticket in person, stop by the SPREE table at the Bite of Hale, February 12th. We'll have forms there to sign up right on the spot!

Tickets are \$90 today, and will get more expensive as the year goes on, so PLEASE get signed up today. If you're not sure whether you're signed up, or not, check the list posted outside the NHHS office. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone 783-8784 or by email ngruber@speakeasy.net.

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2008 Peruvian Amazon Expedition!

Todd Bohannon, AE2 Instructor and Expedition leader

My name is Todd Bohannon and I have taught at AE2 for the past four years. I am organizing a trip to the Amazon next summer and I am looking for students interested in an incredible opportunity. We will be traveling with a Colorado-based, non-profit, educational organization called "Global Explorers." I am looking to put together an adventurous group of students between the ages of 12-17. We will be traveling from June 29-July 8. We will fly from Seattle to Lima and then on to Iquitos. Our time in the Amazon will be spent with five guides and a number of local experts. Each day is structured with a series of experiential, hands-on workshops focusing on subjects such as rain forest ecology and sustainable development. This program emphasizes four core disciplines: science, culture, leadership and service. I attended this program last summer with a group of students and was blown away by the impact this experience had on everyone involved, myself included. I hope to recruit students soon, as we will be engaging in a significant amount of preparatory work and fund raising. I will be putting together an informational meeting sometime for anyone interested in learning more.

You can read more about Global Explorers, including their educational philosophy, as well as view slides and itineraries for the Amazon program at www.globalexplorers.org. Feel free to contact me via email or phone (tmbhannon@seattleschools.org; 206-920-1402) if you have any questions.

Cabaret Night - Nathan Hale Productions Showcase/Fundraiser on Sat., March 8th @ 7:00 PM

Gabi McCarthy

Please join us for this fun night out in the NH PAC!

Meet your friends and enjoy Broadway Show Tunes performed by local Musical Theater professionals, Nathan Hale students and staff, including Marni Campbell, Larry Uhlman, and Bud Jackson. Last but not least, see a Sneak Preview of "Bat Boy: The Musical" performed by our talented students. To see the list of confirmed performers, check our website: nathanhale.org/musical Tickets are available at the door or download an order form at nathanhale.org/musical -> [Download](#). \$15 adults \$5 students/NH staff/seniors

Musical Movie Night - Friday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm

Think "Fremont Outdoor Movies come to the Nathan Hale cafeteria" - if your couch fits, bring it!

Some refreshments will be available for purchase. FRESH POPCORN - OF COURSE!

The ASB purchased a special license to allow us to show movies at the school. Small donations to help cover some of the cost are greatly appreciated. The Musical Movie Night is sponsored by Nathan Hale Productions, the parent group putting on the spring musical at NH. Our intention is to share our love of musicals and provide a fun activity for our students that is open to the whole family.

Watch the Daily Bulletin for this month's movie selection.

Music Boosters

Janet Cairns

The Nathan Hale Pep Band played at the Basketball games against Sealth and Lakeside. Come to the games against West Seattle and Cleveland to hear the Pep Band play.

The Solo Ensemble is at Roosevelt High School on March 8th. To participate in this event, talk to Mr. Jackson or Mr. Nolet before Feb 8th.

The Concert Choir will travel to the UW in late January to attend a Choral Clinic. Vocal Jazz is off to Bellevue for the Bellevue Jazz Festival on February 1st. In March all of the band students will be going to the Metro Band Festival.

In late February our Jazz Band students are traveling to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The Vocal Jazz Band is going to the Reno Jazz Festival in April.

**Save these dates: Swing into Spring Dance on March 22
Nathan Hale music at the Triple Door on May 18**

Greetings from your counseling department. It's a new year, second semester has begun, and registration for next year is underway!

Megan Reibel, Counseling

Here are some important dates for second semester and registration deadlines:

- Feb 7th: Students will be receiving course selection sheets for next year in their Mentorship classes.
- Feb 8th: Last day to drop a second semester class with a W on transcript.
- Feb 13th: Course selection sheets are due to Mentorship teachers. It is important for students to list alternates for all elective classes, and turn this form in on time.
- March 7th: Last day to drop a second semester class with a N on transcript.

The counseling department also wants to make sure that the following items are on your radar for the months to come...

Freshmen (Class of 2011) –

- It's never too early to start thinking about post high school options. A good place to start is the College Board website (collegeboard.com) or the College/Career Center (next to the library).

Sophomores (Class of 2010) –

- WASL Dates have been set for **March 10-13th** for the *reading and writing* sections and **April 15-18th** for the *math and science* sections. All 10th graders will be taking this assessment. Please try not to plan to miss school during this time (appointments/vacation), as make-ups are not available until August.
 - There will be Saturday study sessions for caregivers and students starting in February, details will be forthcoming.
 - Questions should be directed to Mr. Kinsey, our Dean of Academic Interventions. His email is chkinsey@seattleschools.org.

Juniors (Class of 2009) –

- Don't forget to register to take the **ACT** (www.act.com) or **SAT** (www.collegeboard.com). Registration can be completed online or paper applications can be picked up in the counseling office to be mailed.
 - If you have a 504 or IEP plan and would like to request accommodations for the SAT, pick up the forms in the counseling office--forms take 2 months to process, so submit your paperwork early. Forms to request accommodations on the ACT are available at www.ACT.org.
 - Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch also qualify for testing fee waivers. Come to the counseling office for more information.
- The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC) is sponsoring a Seattle Spring College Fair! It will be held **Saturday, March 15th** at Seattle University from Noon-3:00pm.
- Students who did not pass sections of the WASL will be required to retake the sections they failed during the WASL test dates.

Seniors (Class of 2008) –

- Worried about how you will pay for college? Don't forget to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), online applications are available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. College Scholarship information is available in the Career Center (local) and the Counseling office (national). Ms. Hagood is in the Career Center Wednesday thru Friday and is a great resource in the search for opportunities that meet your qualifications.
- Don't forget that 2nd Semester grades **do** count, don't let "senioritis" get the best of you.
- Students who did not pass sections of the WASL will be required to retake the sections they failed during the WASL test dates.

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Have You Made Your Donation to the 2008 Nathan Hale Annual Campaign yet?

Christine Rylko

The Annual Campaign is the only school-wide fundraising event to support academic programs at Nathan Hale – please be as generous as possible and donate today.

- Kick-off: January 2008 \$\$\$ Goal: \$120,000
- All money used for students in the 2008-2009 school year
- Donate online: www.nathanhale.org or Pick up Pledge Envelopes: available in the school office

From Teenager to Student to Citizen: Your donation to the Nathan Hale Annual Campaign supports a unique educational system that is transforming lives and building a stronger community every day.

- **Honors and Advanced Placement course options offered to EVERY student** – *other high schools require students to enroll in separate classes to enjoy this curriculum – a privilege only a small percentage can take..*
- **High improvement in achievement test scores across ALL student demographic groups** – *the money spent on teacher collaboration time and the emphasis on a unique teacher-as-mentor relationship, helps make sure no student slips unnoticed through Nathan Hale. Other high schools don't have the same OVERALL improvement for ALL students.*
- **Highest science achievement scores among Seattle high schools** – *Nathan Hale has the highest percentage of teachers with advanced education degrees and spends money to have the best classroom technology for teaching.*
- **Approximately \$980,000 earned in student scholarships and over 175 acceptances to colleges and universities ranked in the top 100 *** – *a rigorous and relevant curriculum helps students achieve their higher education goals.*
- **Over 23,000 hours of community service*** – *this Nathan Hale graduation requirement not only reaches out to the immediate needs of our community but helps create the habit of service for the future.*
- **A place for students with special needs** – *Nathan Hale has one of the largest classes of special needs graduates.*
- **Many graduates leave Hale prepared to choose a vocation in areas such as technology, theater, and health care – skills learned in Nathan Hale classes and activities allow students to do real life jobs that prepare them for their future careers.**

* statistics from the Nathan Hale Class of '07

Our Principal's Vow: "Students are at the heart of all that we do. With your support, the teachers and staff at Nathan Hale will continue to build a community where ALL students become honorable, thinking, skilful citizens, who see the limitless possibilities for the future."
– Principal Marni Campbell

RAIDER GEAR SALES SUPPORTS ALL NATHAN HALE SPORTS PROGRAMS – Darcy Niedermeyer

New Raider Gear is now available. The logo was designed by Senior Jarrod Reddish in the Marketing Class. The logo is available on Men's black t-shirts, Ladies white hoodie, a drawstring backpack, water bottle and a winter hat. Get the limited time logo gear now. Go to RaiderGear.Info for photos and order form. Bookmark this page to keep up to date with new additions. Embroidered full zip fleece and quarter zip fleece will be available by special order. Profits from the sale of all items goes to support the general fund - all sports programs- at Nathan Hale. Thank you for your support. Questions: Please feel free to email Darcy at darcymn@comcast.net

About the YEARBOOK: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cammie Wraspir, Heritage Business Manager

GRAD ADS FOR SENIORS: Advertising sales for Grad Ads is in full swing. Don't be late – space is limited! Guarantee your spot in the yearbook by sending in your packet today. Don't forget: photo(s), message, salutation and valediction, and payment.

A complete information packet was mailed home (to the address of all seniors) before Winter Break — WE HOPE YOU RECEIVED YOUR MAILING. Our packet included:

- Rate Sheet
- Order Form
- Info Letter w/pertinent information and deadline date.

Please note that the DEADLINE is very important and your GRAD AD needs to be submitted as soon as possible because we can not give extensions beyond February 15th This deadline is the Friday before Mid-Winter Break... Do NOT be late!!! Send your packet back today!!!

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

If you did not receive your packet, please feel free to contact Ms. Tertocha, adviser, at any time.

hal_yearbook@seattleschools.org - preferred e-mail for GRAD ADS or 206-252-3711

Drug and Alcohol Information Night, Tues., Feb. 5th at 7 p.m. in the Roosevelt Library - Co-sponsored by Nathan Hale and Roosevelt HS PTAs

(The Library is located straight ahead as you come in the main doors to Roosevelt.)

Our speaker, Dr. J. David Hawkins, a professor in the UW School of Social Work, will be speaking on teens and alcohol. His research focuses on understanding and preventing child and adolescent health and behavior problems. He seeks to identify risk and protective factors for health and behavior problems across multiple domains; to understand how these factors interact in the development of healthy behavior and the prevention of problem behaviors. He has authored numerous articles and several books as well as prevention programs for parents and families, including *Guiding Good Choices*, *Parents Who Care*, and *Supporting School Success*.

Correction on Contact Information for Christine Talianus, Drug & Alcohol Counselor

Christine Talianus works at Nathan Hale as a drug and alcohol prevention and intervention specialist at Hale in the Teen Health Center on Thursdays. Questions or concerns? Email Ms. Talianus at cmtalianus@seattleschools.org.

Come Watch Us Wrestle

Kevin Larson, parent

Head Coach Rick Richards and his Assistant Coaches Tod Shelton and Joe Czerwiec have been busy training the new wrestlers and building a Team. The Co-Captains this year are Seniors Josh Arndt #140, Michael Haralick #285, and Junior Kris Larson #160. The Team has had more newcomers this year than in the several previous years. These wrestlers are well conditioned and ready to show the school their talents. Recently the team was at the West Seattle Invitational. There were thirteen teams, with a mix of 4A and 3A competing. Josh Arndt, #140, took second; Bjorn Berkedal, #171, and Aaron Zeitlin, #103, took 5th. Josh Arndt remains undefeated in Metro League matches. The team has suffered a little lately with illnesses and injuries, which have put some of the varsity on the sidelines for matches. In all, this year the team has shown great team spirit and support for each other. But then under the leadership of Head Coach Richards what else could you expect.

Buy Spring Bulbs to Support the Class of 08!

Terry Benson

The spring bulbs are here! We have 1000's of awesome bulbs to plant now for spring color in your garden. These are the very same bulbs you find at the nurseries, Fred Meyer and other stores. They are great to buy for yourself or as gifts.....Valentine's Day is coming.

All of the money raised from the bulb sales goes to the Class of 2008 for their graduation party. The money raised helps to keep the prices low and allows us funds for scholarships to the party for those in need.

Call Terri Benson 368-9590 or email for a full list terriyaki2@comcast.net. Put bulbs in the subject line. All of the bulbs are at my house. No waiting 6 weeks after you order to receive them.

We will also be at The Bite on February 12th!

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Janet Thompson, PTSA Membership

The Nathan Hale PTSA membership drive is on track with a total membership of 390. A huge "Thank you" to all the parents and students who have joined the PTSA so far this year. Our membership goal for the 2007-2008 school year is 450 parents and students. Parent and student involvement the Nathan Hale PTSA provide value to the Nathan Hale High School experience. If you are not already a member please consider joining.

Your membership assists the PTSA in providing a voice for your children and resources for you as parents. This year's programs range from general meetings and staff appreciations to student leadership and academic support. We couldn't do these programs and other school support functions without our members. In the next few weeks we will be making a special effort to encourage student memberships. PTA has a number of Member Benefits you should be aware of are: Barnes and Noble on line; Kidz-IDZ; Liberty Mutual; MedicAlert Foundation; Southwest Airlines Vacations; and Sonics tickets. More details can be found on http://www.pta.org/jp_membership_benefits.html.

**Focus Day 2008 -
February 13, 2008,
Olympia, Washington,
Legislative Building**

Plan to join PTA advocates from across the state in Olympia for the WSPTA annual Focus Day. A full day of activities is planned. Look for additional information on the WSPTA website: www.wastatepta.org. For questions, contact the WSPTA office at (253) 565-2153 or Nathan Hale PTSA Contact, Laura Lippold at LippoldLau@aol.com