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The **Raider Reader** is published
nine times during the school
year. Have a great summer!

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Raider Reader

The Nathan Hale High School PTSA Newsletter

Principal's Message

Lisa Hechtman, Nathan Hale Principal

Commencement: new beginnings Graduation: new dreams Summer: freedom!

June is an emotional time as we prepare to send our students out into the "real world": for some, beyond our community, our city, and our state. We have seniors who are experiencing a number of "this is the last time that..." Families who state, "I can't believe that we're already at..." Staff who, through smiles, call "We wish you well." I share these words by Marianne Williamson with our seniors because they can inspire you to "all the places you will go" and beyond:

*The deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
The deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be
brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?"
Actually, who are you not to be?*

*Your playing small does not serve the world.
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking
so that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We are all meant to shine.*

*It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.*

Your learning, your experiences, your sharing is the way that we all try to positively impact the future. While you will be missed here, there is no way that any one of us would deny you the opportunity to pursue your dreams, your adventures, your life beyond these walls. We know that you will achieve greatly as we watch to see the impact that you will have as the leaders, dreamers, and citizens of tomorrow. Finally, we know you to be honorable, thinking, skillful citizens of this world and believe that you are this city's, this country's, this world's greatest hope.

We possess great expectations of you. We believe in you. We are proud of you. We know you shine.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

The Staff of Nathan Hale High School



PTSA NEWS AND INFORMATION

Letter from the PTSA President

Melissa Larson, Hale PTSA President

celebrate!

The 2006-2007 school year is coming to an end. We have had a busy and productive year. Please enjoy these last few days of school and celebrate successes — large and small.

Celebrate Parents — getting students to school and to all their events, signing seemingly endless forms, attending events for their students and for the school in general, helping their student have a successful year!

Celebrate Teachers (Staff) — being there at school and events for our students, keeping the forms to a minimum, planning events to allow our students to shine, helping all Nathan Hale students be successful!

Celebrate Students — actively participating in school and events, bringing home all those forms (in a timely manner??), sharing events with their parents, reaching goals (large and small), learning and growing in so many ways!

Heave a great summer!

PTSA Staff Appreciation Update

Patricia D'Alessandro, PTSA Staff Appreciation

Nathan Hale staff received a fabulous breakfast and many delicious desserts during Teacher Appreciation week in May. **Thank you** to all the families who contributed their time and culinary talents! Families and students expressed their appreciation in a variety of other ways as well. Of course, one week isn't really enough to show how much we all value what our teachers and staff do, so Staff Appreciation works throughout the year to remind them. Co-Chair Pam Ferguson's son graduates this month, so as Pam moves on we can really use more help and new ideas for the coming year. If you would like to be a part of this team, please let us know!

A staff luncheon is planned for Monday, June 25, the first week-day after school is out. We need volunteers to bring food as well as liven up the lunchroom and be on hand for set-up, serving, and clean-up. Help give our staff a good summer send-off!

Please contact Patricia D'Alessandro at 206-523-4005 or pmdalessandro@msn.com or Pam Ferguson at 206-523-9725 or pjfergiee@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Recap of May 1 PTSA Meeting re "Teens and Drugs"

Judy Reed, Hale PTSA Secretary

On May 1 the PTSA sponsored an informative evening with Laura Reding, MS, EdS in Couple and Family Counseling at Ryther Child Center. The topic: "Drugs, Alcohol and Teens." To begin, Laura gave the audience a "Two Minute Drug Challenge," a series of multiple-choice questions that made us think about our impressions of drugs and teens. We discovered that the percent of seniors who had experimented with illegal drugs (not including alcohol) was over 50% (this was better than my impression had been!) Teen cigarette smoking has declined significantly over the past five years. Interestingly, the leading information source about the risks of drugs for teens is their school. Principal Hechtman and Dean of Students Linett spoke about Hale's policy towards drugs/alcohol/smoking on campus. Meeting participants agreed more work must be done to inform the community about the measures Hale can and will take when confronted with these issues. We also agreed we should find how other schools deal with drugs and alcohol. The Hale PTSA plans to facilitate these discussions and studies in the next school year — stay tuned!

Raider Reader Editor Needed!

Leanne Hawkins, Hale PTSA Newsletter Editor

Editing this PTSA newsletter for two years has been one of the most rewarding and educational volunteer opportunities I've ever had. But it's time for someone else to take over. All that's required is a willingness to learn and the ability to remind people of deadline dates — the Hale community is rich with wonderful contributors. Interested? Contact Leanne Hawkins at Hawkins1022@msn.com or PTSA President Melissa Larson at larschmitt@hotmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION



Class of 2009 Counselor Notes

Jeffrey Jones, Hale Staff

To assist students planning for their junior year next fall:

Summer suggestions

- Sophomores continue working on community service hours (60 hours total must be documented to meet graduation requirements).
- Start a résumé or activity list to outline what you have been involved in at Hale and the community: you will need this to get letters of recommendation from your teachers and counselor as a senior.
- Complete your LA summer reading requirement (book list and details are at http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/hale_read_list.htm)

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) Info

- Will be offered at Hale Saturday, **October 20**, am.
- Is created by the CollegeBoard, SAT test-makers.
- Exposes students to SAT-type questions. Depending on the score, can qualify a student for entrance into the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Current sophomores considering applying to a 4-year college should take this test in the fall, followed by the SAT in the spring.
- Watch the *Bulletin* for more about PSAT registration and times this fall.
- www.collegeboard.com has more info about SAT/PSAT, plus prep tips, academic planning guides, and a college search engine.

PSAT Accommodations If your student has an IEP or 504 allowing for testing accommodations such as extended time, have him/her get a Student Eligibility Application from the counseling office. I must submit these requests to the CollegeBoard by **June 15**. If approved, accommodations will be allowed on the PSAT and SAT. ACT has a separate application, to be updated on its website (www.act.org) in the fall.

Highly Recommended for Fall The National College Fair is at the Convention Center in Seattle November 4-5. Juniors and parents may obtain info from colleges across the country. Information is at www.nacenet.org.

Credit Retrieval If your sophomore is short on credits or might fail a current course, contact me re credit retrieval options.

Please contact me with questions about your sophomore's progress towards graduation or academic planning. *Jeff Jones, Class of 2009 Counselor* jjajones@seattleschools.org or 206-252-3689.

About the Yearbook

Hannah LaCroix, Business Manager

- A) **CLASS OF 2008** seniors who want their class "mug" photo in the 2008 Yearbook must submit a professional color photograph from a reputable photographer to the Yearbook team. Hale's official photographer is Rowland Studios. In June, Rowland Studios will mail a letter to all seniors indicating their appointment time and place and including information about Rowland Studios. Please look for your letter. Common questions about this process:



Do we have to use Rowland for our senior pictures?

No. But we appreciate parents honoring our contractual agreement with Rowland Studios as "the official photographer of NHHS."

Can any studio do the Yearbook picture?

Yes. But we encourage professional photographs by a reputable photo studio. (Hopefully staying away from "anyone" with a digital camera.)

What criteria must the photo meet?

CASUAL HEAD SHOT—chest up w/arms or hands okay (head and shoulders).

BACKGROUND— Bluish or bluish-gray gainsborough (mottled or "sponge painting" effect in blue/grays).

DIGITAL COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY— 1-1/2" x 2" + 400 dpi submitted on a CD. 1" maximum head size.

When does the photo HAVE to be submitted?

Friday, October 12, 2007.

- B) **2007 Yearbook Distribution Day:** Tuesday, **June 12, 2007**. (Seniors attending Senior Assembly receive their Yearbook Friday, June 8.) Distribution Day is also Patriot's Assembly and we will be on altered schedule for the assembly and distribution. Students who did not buy an ASB card have not bought a Yearbook (since the two are connected) and must wait until June 20, 21, 22 to find out if spare Yearbooks are for sale. Please note: any student who doesn't pick up his/her Yearbook within 365 days of distribution relinquishes all rights to the book.

- C) **Yearbooks for Sale.** If you or someone you know would like a full set of Yearbooks (especially graduating seniors who would like all four years), contact the Yearbook team. Prices: 2006— \$65; 2005—\$45; 2004—\$25; all prior Yearbooks at \$20.

Please contact Ms. Tertocha, advisor, at 206-252-3711 or hal_yearbook@seattleschools.org or stop by Room 124.

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From Freshmen to Seniors, Your Donation Means so Much!

Those Amazing Graduates

Your donation to the Annual Campaign helps every student at Nathan Hale receive a very high quality education. The goal: to educate every student to be a caring, skilled, and educated citizen for our community — and just look at how your money has been “put to work” by the Class of 2006.

- About 1/3 of students entered colleges ranked in the top 100 nationwide
- About 33% of the graduating class received Washington State Honors for academics
- The Class of 2006 earned approximately \$850,000 in scholarships
- Worked over 20,000 hours of community service
- Graduates also entered the work world to pursue goals in areas such as technology, theater design, and health care.

Thank you to the Nathan Hale Community for Annual Campaign contributions to date: \$91,441
Amount still needed to reach our goal: \$28,559



Annual Campaign Summary

- The goal is \$120,000
- The first \$100,000 raised goes to teacher salaries and education tools; \$5,000 is needed for classroom technology upgrades; \$10,000 for the Homework Help Center
 - All funds will be used in the 2007-2008 academic year
- Donate online at <http://www.nathanhale.org/donations.htm>
 - Or pick up a pledge form at the school office

Even the Freshmen are “Feeling Fabulous”

How can a school put the idea of “no student left behind” into practice? Well, the dollars you contribute through the Annual Campaign to pay for teachers, educational supplies, classroom technology, and the Homework Help Center are the foundation for academic success. Nathan Hale’s unique mentorship program and conscious effort to make sure no student leaves the school “unnoticed” makes even freshmen “feel fabulous.” 2007 Freshmen are saying:

“This has been the first year where I actually enjoyed, understood, and got a high grade in Social Studies, thanks to my awesome teacher.”

“I love all the arts classes like photography, drama and song/music-making class.”

“No cliques, cool kids.”

“I have learned to grow up this year.”

“The most interesting thing that I’ve done this year is to be Antigone for our play. I wanted a big part so I could show off my personality since I’m usually really shy. This gave me a chance to get to know people better.”

“There is more advanced learning than at most schools. It was hard, but still it was interesting.”

The Annual Campaign is the ONLY fundraiser dedicated solely to academics at Nathan Hale. Help keep the “A” in **Academics** for all our children by being as generous as possible with your donation — any amount of money helps! If every family at Hale contributed just \$50 a year, we’d make our goal. Go to www.nathanhale.org/donations or pick up a pledge form in the school office today.

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Annual Campaign News, cont.

“Thankful” for Homework?

Not every parent realizes a dedicated team of teachers, in every academic subject, helps students with homework Monday—Thursday after school. This year alone, over 500 students have been tutored in the Homework Help Center. But money to pay for the teachers and supplies must be donated every year: can you help? The Annual Campaign wants to give \$10,000 to help students be “thank-ful” for their homework. What students are saying about the Homework Help Center:

“During football season my grades improved, because of Homework Center.” Wyatt Taboh-Graziano, ‘07

“I love Homework Center because it helps me do better in school.” Ritchie Wilson, ‘07

“Homework Center is a good place to study before a big test.” Jennifer Wooten, ‘09

“Homework Center is a good quiet learning environment where you can get help from teachers who actually teach the subject.” Kyle Dean, ‘07

Please contribute today at www.nathanhale.org or pick up a pledge form in the school office so the Annual Campaign can give \$10,000 to keep the Homework Help Center open next school year. Your dollars DO make a difference every day, in essential ways, for students at Nathan Hale.

Every Student at Nathan Hale has Benefited from Her Efforts... Thank you, Carol Driver!

The Annual Campaign Committee thanks Carol Driver for her five years of service as chairperson. Carol greatly increased our fundraising efforts and results when the school budget was drastically cut in 2003. Under her leadership, the Annual Campaign moved from raising \$63,000 in 2003 to \$119,000 in 2006, and has raised over \$500,000 to help support Hale’s academic programs. Carol’s work has benefited all in the Nathan Hale community. “Carol’s work that has been so ‘behind the scenes’ has touched the lives of every Nathan Hale student by providing support for our relevant and rigorous curriculum,” points out Principal Lisa Hechtman. “She has clearly impacted the future of this community in a positive way because of the students her fundraising and her advocacy has supported. Words are not enough to express our gratitude, but thank you, Carol.”



Volunteers Work Hard to Support Academics at Nathan Hale

Carol Driver and Marsha McGillivray, this year’s Annual Campaign co-chairs, thank all our committee members who have worked so hard to run such a successful campaign. Each had one or more jobs, and everyone pitched in to make phone calls asking for pledges and help other committee members when needed. It takes a huge amount of effort to run a campaign this size, and we couldn’t do what we do for the school without the extraordinary dedication and efforts of these people: *Rob Beem, Cheryl Behrens, Joanne Besch, Michele Cavanaugh, Chuck Harbaugh, Lisa Hechtman, Sally King, Melissa Larson, Norma Miller, Megan O’Shea-Milinovich, Claire Powers, Michelle Quackenbush, Steve Reynolds, Chris Rylko, Judy Smith, Susan Von Lossow.*

Leave a Legacy

Steve Reynolds, Nathan Hale Foundation

Leave a lasting legacy at Nathan Hale with an entry courtyard or foyer plaque engraving. You also help the school through the Foundation. Check out a flier, available in the main office, or by contacting Steve Reynolds at stever@u.washington.edu or 206-784-0625. Foyer plaque engravings occur as they are ordered. Courtyard engravings are done once a year.



Fall Reception—Save the Date

Steve Reynolds, Nathan Hale Foundation

Your attendance graciously requested: Save **November 2** for the Nathan Hale Foundation’s Fall Reception and Fundraiser. Details to come in the summer issue of the *Nathan Hale News*. If you would like to help by donating a silent auction item or as a volunteer, e-mail foundation@nathanhale.org or call Steve Reynolds at 206-784-0625. See you on November 2!

BULLETIN BOARD: ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, RECOGNITION

Spree 2007— Just Around the Corner!



SPREE IS ALMOST HERE!! It's almost time to find out where we'll go and what we'll do! Whatever it is, it will be FUN!! If you have purchased a ticket, only two steps remain:

1. You should have already turned in your signed permission form. If you haven't, blank forms and a collection box are in the Counseling office. You can't go without a signed form on file.
2. On graduation night, meet in the gym at **9 pm** for check-in. Don't bring anything we might need to take away (see info sheet with permission form), and **DON'T BE LATE!** Busses leave at 10 pm and students must be in the gym and checked in by that time. If you miss the bus, no refunds are given.

If you don't have a ticket yet, a few may be available. Contact Lynn Wolf at thewolffam@comcast.net or 206-523-5020. See you June 18, and be ready to **PARTY!!**

SPREE 2007 Thanks

Lynn Wolf and Nina Wolsk, SPREE '07

The Spree 2007 Committee thanks these businesses for their generous donations and support of senior Spree 2007. If you would like to make a donation and add to our list, contact Bev Sagen at 04thesun@hotmail.com. Many senior parents also contributed to our scholarship fund which has enabled ALL seniors access to this fun event. Thank you very much!

<i>Home Street Bank</i>	<i>Italian Spaghetti House</i>	<i>Jamba Juice</i>
<i>Beehive Salon</i>	<i>Big Foot Car Wash</i>	<i>Starbucks</i>
<i>Zao Noodle Bar</i>	<i>Black Cat Espresso</i>	<i>Zoka's</i>
<i>Paint the Town</i>	<i>Landmark Theatres</i>	<i>U Village</i>
<i>Kisaku Restaurant</i>	<i>Wild West Trucks</i>	
<i>Hollywood Video</i>	<i>Third Place Books</i>	
<i>Mariners B'ball Tickets</i>	<i>Hale Sports Boosters Club</i>	
<i>Campbell Nelson Nissan Edmonds</i>		

Independent Living Report

Cindy Kegley, Hale Staff

Students from Ms. Kegley's Independent Living Class visited Junior Achievement World in Auburn. They spent the day learning how to manage finances in a creative, hands-on way.



Hale Musical News

Gabi McCarthy, Hale Parent

Music Department Please save **June 14, 7 pm**, for the final concert of the year in the Nathan Hale PAC with all our musical groups.

Auditions for Vocal Jazz are coming up! Sign up for your spot on the Choir Room door. Possible dates are May 29—June 8 from 3:15-4 pm each day. Each audition spot is 15 minutes. See the information sheet on the door or the music website for more information on how to prepare for the audition.



Musical If you missed seeing our fabulous musical this year you still have a chance to get a flavor by going to our website (www.nathanhale.org/musical). We are fortunate to have great photos by Yoshiaki Nakamura (father of Momo Nakamura, '09) for you to see. At the website you can also join "Friends of Nathan Hale Productions" to get information about upcoming car washes and a possible garage sale.

Performing Arts Festival Thanks to the generosity of the Nathan Hale community at last November's Performing Arts Festival, our PAC foyer now sports a beautiful glass display tower filled with pottery by our talented students. More funds will be spent to improve the sound in the theater.

Thank you to the FedEx/Kinko's on Sandpoint Way for our discounted copying throughout the school year — we couldn't have done it without you!

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Hale Football Star in East/West All-Star Game

Ric Wraspir, All Sports Boosters

Nathan Hale's football "All Star," Kiel Rasp, will compete in the Washington State East/West All-Stars Game on Saturday, **June 30** at the Everett Memorial Stadium, 1 pm. This game includes Washington State's best football athletes and should be the year's best high school football game. Varsity All-Stars from east and west of the state will suit up for this match. Please mark your calendars to support Kiel, our Hale Football All-Star, and this year's game. Tickets are limited and may be purchased (\$7.00) from Carol Rasp at 206-522-6577. Wear your red, white and blue and come cheer our Raider Athlete. Go, Kiel!!!!

FCCLA News Update

Cindy Kegley, Hale Staff



Students from Hale's chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) were very successful at last month's state competition. *Kiah Lesher* (second from left) and *Emnet Getahun* (right) were elected as State Officers (only 19 in Washington State and Hale has two!). *Laura D'Asaro* (center) placed first in her category, Focus on Children. Also attending were *Natalie Wilson* (left) and *Riley King* (seated). Kiah, Emnet, Laura and Ms. Kegley will attend FCCLA Nationals in California in July.

Best Kept Secret at Nathan Hale

John Howell, Hale Parent

If I told you Nathan Hale has sports teams this spring ranked 5th in the country (for boys' high school teams) and 6th in the country (for girls' high school teams), I think you'd be surprised. With teams that accomplished you'd think the entire school community would be buzzing about this remarkable achievement. But outside of the kids on the teams, the coaches, and the parents who cheer on the sidelines, the buzz is barely a whisper. Hale's best kept secrets are the Ultimate Frisbee boys' and girls' teams. On May 12-13 the two teams completed their seasons with tremendous showings at the Western National tournament. The nation's best high school Ultimate teams are divided into two groups, with the Mississippi River as the dividing line. Both our boys' and girls' teams finished third in this year's Western National Tournament.

For those who haven't seen an Ultimate Frisbee game played at a high level, the skill and athleticism displayed is impressive. Imagine running full speed for 40 yards and at the last minute launching your body airborne to stretch out and catch a Frisbee (or "disc"), trying to get the disc before a defender (whose purpose is to knock it to the ground), all the while judging the wind's effect on the disc. The Hale players aren't just good — they are among the best in the country. To be successful at Ultimate requires all seven players on the field play as a cohesive unit. Both the boys' and girls' teams displayed awesome teamwork and a sophisticated understanding of the game. This is a real tribute to the kids and their coaches — Sam Chatterton-Kirchmeier, Jon Ladd, and Chris Forsberg.

The best part about Ultimate is it places a premium on **both** top-quality athleticism and sportsmanship. At tournaments players and teams receive awards for winning the competition and for exhibiting the best sportsmanship—"the spirit of the game" — that transcends the sport and creates camaraderie among teams. A lasting tournament memory came at the end of one of the Hale boys' games. Moments after beating a team from Junction City, Kansas, the boys from both teams gathered on the field and played a rousing game of "milk" for 40 minutes. (A one-gallon plastic milk container is thrown to the ground and bounces in the air. The object is to catch the container with one hand. The challenge is that 30-40 boys are trying to catch the container at the same time.) I am proud to report that your Nathan Hale Ultimate Frisbee teams competed with the best of the best and demonstrated that both the girls' and boys' teams are among the premiere Ultimate teams in the country. They also displayed the kind of sportsmanship and spirit that should make all of us proud.



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Not so fast! — Summer’s approaching, but it’s not here yet!

You have one last issue of the *Raider Reader* to peruse before bidding “adieu” to the 2006-2007 school year. Look inside for information regarding:

- ◆ Fabulous Freshmen
 - ◆ Stunning Sophomores
 - ◆ Jubilant Juniors
 - ◆ Splendid Seniors
- ◆ AND the community of staff, parents, businesses, alumni and others who are working together to help create opportunities for every Hale student to dream, strive, and succeed.