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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

6 Box Tops, Spirit Wear and
Membership Drives End

6-8th Jump Rope For Heart

14 PTA General Meeting

3:15-4:15pm

16 Science and Math Fair and
Canned Food Drive 6:00-7:30 pm

24 Licorice and Smencil Sale

27 Chipotle Partnership Night

3:30-7:30pm

27- March 3rd Read Across Ameri-
ca Week

MARCH

2 Read Across America Guest
Reader Day

3-17 Mixed Bag and Cookie Dough
Fundraiser

14 PTA Board Meeting

3:15-4:15pm

19 Weed Pulling Party 10-11am

20 McTeacher Partnership Night

5-7pm

31 Licorice and Smencil Sale

February 2017 PTA News

This February, if you haven't joined your PTA, purchased some Spirit Wear or turned in your Box Tops you have until the 6th. PTA memberships make great Valentines presents, and who doesn't need a new Skyhawk T-shirt? Show your love for your PTA by considering giving the gifts that keep on giving (no more dead flowers and calorie infested candy). Thank you from your secret admirers, your very own Sacajawea Elementary PTA.



23rd Annual Sacajawea Jump Rope for Heart

February 6th-8th Sacajawea is again participating in Jump Rope for Heart, raising money for the American Heart Association. Banana donations and volunteers are needed. Recently a red flier, with volunteer form, went home in Friday Folders. This flier is chock full of information about the event. Thanks to **Wendi Stone, Cristi Wikstrom, and Mr. Jones** for coordinating this heart healthy event.

Licorice and Smencils

The next Licorice and Smencil Sale will be **February 24th**, during lunch. Punch cards were recently sent home for your convenience. Licorice donations are needed. There will be koala huggers and erasers available to purchase this month in addition to Smencils and licorice. Thanks from your Sacajawea 5th Grade Committee for your continued support!



Sacajawea Elementary is very proud to announce that some of our teachers have been the recipients of grant funding from Famers Insurance! In December 2016 and January 2017, the following Sacajawea Elementary teachers were the lucky recipients of grant funding **2nd grade: Anndrea Eagle, Margaret Meddaugh, Mary Allmaras, 3rd grade: Trish Judkins, Jodi Church, and Justine Warunek-Lane.** Grant funding applicants for the month of February are **4th grade: Kristen Mann, Ramona Lomeli, and Jennifer Baybado.** This incredible opportunity will allow these teachers to purchase some much needed items to help them do what they do best, TEACH! Farmers Insurance is committed to education, and they know a great education starts with teachers! If you happen to see these wonderful educators in the halls at Sacajawea, make sure to congratulate them and don't forget to thank your friendly Farmers agent!



The Science and Math Spectacular

On **February 16th** from 6-7:30 make sure to keep the calendar clear for the one, the only Math and Science Spectacular!!! See amazing science and math projects performed by your own Sacajawea students and teachers. See Student Council in action as they collect food for a canned food drive benefiting the Clark County Food Bank. Watch in breathless amazement as the class that collects the most canned food and the student that has the closest estimate to how much food is donated wins a super fabulous science prize. Don't miss out of this spectacular event brought to you by the brilliant, brainy, and bionic brains of **Mrs. Judkins, Mrs. Lomeli and Mrs.Church.**



Chipotle Partnership Night

This yummy event is **Monday, February 27th**, between 3:30pm and 7:30pm at the Chipotle at 7715 NE 5th Avenue. Bring in your flyer, or show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting Sacajawea PTA and your PTA earns money. Not having to make dinner, the PTA gets 50% of the proceeds and there is guacamole? Sign me up. See coordinator **Cristi Wikstrom (eric21cristi@gmail.com)** for questions.

Legislative and Regional News

If you weren't able to attend Focus day last month and still want to advocate for education, your WSPTA suggests: meeting with your legislators, know your WSPTA legislative priorities, connect with other parents, teachers and advocates, and to put it in writing. All you ever wanted to know about Focus Day can be found at www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html

Getting to Know Your PTA: Co-President and Friday Folder Filling Fanatic Brandi Dymant

Brandi Dymant, PTA co-president, staff appreciation coordinator and my favorite Friday Folder Filler is mom to Sumi, a 2nd grader and Kimi, a 6th grader. Brandi's favorite thing about Sacajawea is that it is a well kept secret in Vancouver school district and has amazing staff, students and families. If she had a time machine Brandi would go back to 1988 to warn herself that shaving the sides of her head was not the best look. If she had a super power, Brandi would "love to be able to see into the future. I'm an obsessive planner so knowing what to prepare for, would really ease my anxiety."

If she were elected ruler of the universe the first thing Brandi would do is "make people be nice to one another. Kindness is a lost art." If there were PTA Olympics Brandi would definitely win the gold medal in Balloon Transportation. "Last year, I had the unique opportunity of driving down Hazel Dell Ave while holding 3 dozen balloons out my car window to Sacajawea. I was my own one woman parade." [See last May's PTA newsletter for the exclusive photo.] One last fun detail Brandi wanted to be sure everyone knows is that she was once in a Prince music video. Only those who actually read this newsletter will know this saucy gossip about her! She will only tell you in person, which music video it was. So now you know a little more about the fabulous Brandi Dymant, ask her about that music video!



Rewards Programs Total: \$1575.24!

Sacajawea PTA participates in several free rewards programs. All you have to do to participate is to sign up and/or shop. We are currently in 5th place for My School Rewards at Vancouver Mall and could win \$500. Thanks for logging your receipts! Also thanks to **Sara Johnston** and **Cristi Wikstrom** Rewards Programs coordinators.

Box Tops-\$415.60, contest currently running, send in those labels and box tops!

Labels for Education-9,694 points

Fred Meyer- \$429.42

Grocery Outlet-\$685.06

Amazon Smile- \$43.62

escrip-\$1.54

Read Across America Week

It's Read Across America time! This year Guest Reader Day is **Thursday, March 2nd**. If you would like to be a guest reader, a yellow sign up form went home last Friday and is due no later than February 10th. You can bring your own book, or choose one that will be available at the event. Sign ups for feeding a plethora of hungry volunteers will be coming soon, if you would like to donate snacks. Get those bookmarks ready to go and contact **Shelly Copeland, (360)313-2750** with any questions.



Help Still Needed!

The one and only Angela Arnett, who has been PTA Spring Carnival Chair and Donations Chair for too many years to count, is currently planning her graduation from Sacajawea. Angela is looking someone to pass on all her valuable carnival planning knowledge and years of donations experience. If you would like to learn from the master please, please, please (with a cherry on top and sprinkles) contact **Angela Arnett (angela_arnett@hotmail.com)** as soon as possible. —Love, your Sacajawea PTA.

Nominating Committee

Do you want a say in who is in charge of your Sacajawea PTA? Do you have a friend who would make a great PTA executive but just doesn't know it yet? Are you looking for something to fill your time? Your PTA will soon be putting together a Nominating Committee of three lucky people who will collect suggestions and read submissions for PTA Executives for the 2017-2018 school year. Nominations can be yourself, a friend, an acquaintance, or that person you see in the carpool line everyday. Without nominations or a Nominating Committee your PTA will be a gigantic mess. Look for more information soon and fill out those nomination forms!

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This newsletter was brought to you by Brianna Welburn, with the assistance and approval of your Sacajawea PTA. Tons of news and information all crammed onto one sheet of paper, it must be the Skyhawk Scoop...