

**Newfield General PFO Meeting
Wednesday, January 21st, 2010**

Welcome

Jen Lupinnaci, Co-President

PFO announcement – Camelia Herndon, for personal reasons, has stepped down from the PFO. Randi Leeds will step into her position for this year to assist Jen for this year.

Administrative Report

Dr. Stevenson

In an effort to help the families in Haiti, the Student Council is holding a collection. The collection box will be in the lobby and the Main office starting Thursday, 1/22 through 1/29. Please contribute any amount of your choice. The funds will be delivered to AmeriCares by Dr. Stevenson.

Mrs. Arango

Happy New Year to everyone! Report card conferences and winter concert went well and were very well attended.

No Executive PFO meeting in the month of February.

Lockdown drill scheduled for January 21st.

Looking forward to the Science fair the week of January 25th.

Special Presentation – DRA-2

Mrs. Cody & Mrs. Hawkins

DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) testing is done 3 times a year, in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

This testing is a requirement of the State Department of Education. Testing is not done in Kindergarten.

Some children are not tested in the Fall. All children in grades 1 – 5 are tested in the Winter and Spring.

There are many things you can do at home to help your children:

Before you read – you at the cover of the book, look at the pictures. Try to predict the story. Ask your children questions, what happened first, next, last, etc... What was your favorite part of the story Make a connection; is there something in the story that reminds you of an experience you have had?

Some reading guidelines: How long should my child practice reading his/her “just-right” book each day?

Emergent Reader	15 minutes
Early Readers	20 minutes
Transitional Readers	25 minutes
Extending Readers	30 minutes

Here are some reading websites to help guide you:

<http://home.comcast.net/-ngiansante/>
www.booknutsreadingclub.com

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Gallup

Kindergarten: Hilarious Hat Day. Children make a silly hat at home and wear it to school.

First Grade: Teacher's ask – please dress your children for the weather. We will be going outside for recess when we can. Jackets, hats, gloves.

Second Grade: Science Projects are due in classrooms 1/26. 2nd grade individual projects are optional. 2nd grade are doing projects within the classroom.

Treasurer Report: Liz Buzzeo

Presented the budget and announced that Grade A cards and Spirit Wear are doing well.

Volunteers: Nicole Cuscuna

THANK YOU to all volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Nicole for upcoming events.

Fundraising: Jenn Salvatore

Basket Raffle – Tickets go on sale the week of February 8th and the week of February 22nd.

The drawing will be on February 25th after the *Everyday Math Presentation*.

Basket Themes:

Kindergarten basket	Pampered Mom
First Grade basket	Kitchen
Second Grade basket	Fun & Games
Third Grade basket	Sports
Fourth Grade basket	Gardening
Fifth Grade basket	Gift Certificates

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Continue to clip your **Box Tops** – we collect them in the Fall and Spring

Buy your **Grade A** cards – Newfield School receives 10% back on all cards sold.

Sign your **Target** credit card up for Take Charge of Education. A percentage goes back to your School.

Taste of Newfield, March 19th

Chaired by: Kendall Daly, Michele Somody, Jenn Salvatore.

We are reaching out for donations for this event, for both the Silent Auction and Pop-A-Balloon.

Silent Auction items can be summer home/winter home, gardening services, painting services, to name a few.

Pop-a-Balloon items are requested for \$10 or more, can be anything you would like, gift cards to any of your favorite restaurants, coffee, stores, new items that you have that you cannot use.

Other News:

Board of Education meetings at the Government Center – Jan. 26, Feb 9, Feb 23

New member Jerry Pia looking to start a new Citizens Advisory Panel

Important Events:

Lockdown Drill	January 21, 2010
California Pizza Kitchen Day	January 21, 2010
Science Fair	January 26 – 29
*Parents night – Science Fair	January 28 (6:30-8:00pm)
Sports Day – hosted by the Student Council	February 5
School Store	February 5
Burger King Night	February 9
Red Day – hosted by the Student Council	February 12
Winter Recess	February 15 – 19
General PFO Meeting	February 24
Everyday Math Presentation	February 25
<i>*There will be a 15 minute presentation and games for children in grades 3-5</i>	

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