



Principal's Report By Renaud Beaudoin

This school year has started off with enthusiasm and excitement. Our usual core of dedicated parents is present and accounted for. This core group provides a valuable perspective and acts as a common sense sounding board for thoughts and ideas. It is representative of the school community in a variety of significant ways. I rely on this group to keep us centered and moving in the correct direction.

I have served at Newberry for twenty years and look upon the school as a work in progress. The dynamics of change can be subtle and, at times, aggressive. These dynamics are, in my opinion, a microcosm of the city and nation. The school, like the city, is better than twenty years ago. The teaching staff, the curriculum, the facility, the services provided by those who give more than is reasonable to expect are all improvements that have come through slow and steady progress. Revolutionary, aggressive change is not good for a third world nation and it is not very good for a school.

The school, like the city, is undergoing a subtle change in economic and cultural demographics. That is reflected in the expressed desires and expectations of parents. This subtle shifting is like continental plates moving against each other. The shift may not be obvious but it is happening. What this shift in demographics will mean for the school remains to be seen. As stated above we rely on a dedicated core of parents to act as a sounding board for thoughts and ideas.



The Spring Benefit is Sunday, April 6th, 2008, and the event is going to be at Scoozi! Save The Date!

Trick-or -Treat for UNICEF
Newberry raised \$750.72!! This will provide children with blankets, school supplies, clean water, high energy biscuits, and immunize against measles and rubella. We did a fantastic job.

Library News by Mrs. Froman

How High Can You Count?
How many books do we have in our Library? Well, if you always wondered, we circulate 6,897 books--and that's not including the Reference Collection. For the first time in recent memory, an Inventory was taken this Fall by Ms. Froman. Over a period of two days, each book was counted! Now we are in the process of reordering lost books, and placing our first order of the year, thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of Newberry and the lost book fees from last year. If you have a wish list of books you would like to see in our Library, it's never too late To email your suggestions to Ms. Froman at jbfroman@cps.edu.

Another Book Fair?
It's true. We had a Book Fair in Fall this year, November 8 - 14, and thanks to all our Newberry Community members for buying those books in time for holiday gift giving! Our Library will keep fully one third of all the money collected during the Book Fair.

Special thanks to Sarah West and Jennifer Wellman, parent helpers, who make a

huge difference in how our Library feels and looks.

If you missed us this Book Fair, don't worry...we'll have another one at the next Report Card Pick-up in the Spring. Happy Reading!

But What Would I Do?
As a Library volunteer, you would help put books on the shelves, help with displays and cleaning, read to a child or help a child find a book that is just right for them. "The Right Book to the Right Person at the Right Time"....that's one of our ongoing goals in the Library. If you want to join us, email Ms. Froman at jbfroman@cps.edu or stop by the office and ask for a bright yellow pass. THANKS!

PTO & Friends of Newberry activities

The **Gold & Silver Festival** was held on the Newberry playground on Saturday September 8th! Newberry kids bounced in the moonwalk, got artistic creations painted on their faces, played mini golf, tossed some rings and basically had a good time. Thanks to Mary Iwanicki for once again organizing the event and securing a number of food items for everybody's enjoyment. Everybody enjoyed the hot dogs, popcorn, Jimmy John's sandwiches, Chipotle burritos and guacamole, Bobtail ice cream and so much more. New families learned more about the nuances of Newberry, met some of their child's schoolmates, got to know fellow first-time parents, and talked with Newberry old-timers, while the returning families had the usual good time with old and new friends. Thanks also go to Boka restaurant and Alderman Vi Daley for their generous donation to offset costs of the event.

This year's **K- 2nd Fall Festival** took place on Friday, October 26th. Gina Parker and Nancy Gardner organized various activities, and made sure the traditional scarecrows were created!

When you pass by the Newberry Discovery Garden, see if you can recognize anyone among the scarecrows. Thanks to all parents who came early and stayed late, and to all those who donated not only candy but their time to make this day fun!

This year's **Holiday Bazaar** is scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday, December 12th and 13th, 2007. Newberry students have a jolly fun time getting in the holiday spirit and shopping at the Holiday Bazaar! Each class has a scheduled time to shop. Kids love to do a little holiday shopping for their family and friends. We welcome all donations. Items needed include any store bought goodies such as candy or baked goods (homemade items are not allowed), gift-wrapping paper, dollar store items, homemade crafts and jewelry. We are particularly in need of items that fathers, uncles and brothers would enjoy receiving. And....do join in the fun! **We need volunteers** to work the tables and assist the students with their shopping. Contact Annette Booczko (ambooczko@aol.com)

The **3rd -5th grade Movie Day** is right around the corner. This year, third through fifth graders will enjoy a movie right here at Newberry during the



Fall Fest '07

Kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders participated in Newberry's Fall Fest '07 on 10/26. All the grades played Halloween games, listened to scary stories from a professional storyteller (Priscilla from The Entertainment Project), and created the fabulous scarecrows now adorning the front garden. Special thanks to Gina Parker for making the fall fest a success, and thanks to the many volunteers.

school day on Tuesday, December 18th. This event was a huge success last year, with all the students in those grades enjoying a break in their academic life. Volunteers are needed for the event. Please contact Sarah West if you're able to help (sarahwest@att.net)

The last **Market Day** order before Thanksgiving is coming up! Orders are due 11/12, online orders are due 11/14. Pickup is 11/17. This month's featured item is the delicious range of Market Day pies - with an incentive to earn more profit the more pies we order. Now is the perfect time to order enough for Christmas, too!

Are you receiving email updates about all Newberry events, activities, etc? If you have not yet signed up with the **Friends of Newberry Yahoo group**, please consider doing so! This is a great way for busy Newberry families to receive all information sent home via your child's backpack in electronic format. If you need to sign up, please send an email to friends_of_newberry@yahoo.com and include your email address in the Yahoo group.

First Quarter Awards

Lists (rcvd. As of 11-6-07)

Mrs. Selke

Room 107

Principal's List

Alexander West

Honor Roll

Carrie Bergan

Lauren Borg

Angeline Cloutier

Jane Morahan

Maya Villarubia

Danielle Yee

Melanie Ziazaris

Citizenship

Noe Delgado

Maya Villarubia

Jordan Wood

Danielle Yee

Melanie Ziazaris

Veronica Zilmer

Carrie Beergan

Lauren Borg

Angeline Cloutier

Jane Morahan

Alexander West

Perfect Attendance

Bridget Acre

Aron Frellick

Kiana Eke

Everett Wise

Faustino Rivera

Yuriy Shepta

Chase Thilleman

Canielle Yee

Maya Villarubia

Mr. Collins

Principal's List

Anysley Parker

Liam Kenny

Jane Knox

Honor Roll

Hayden Miller

David Schmiege

Kyler Warden

Emma Wise

Katryna Dyakiv

Krystyna Bobel

Honorable Mention

Milan Brown

Peter Patryka

Brianna Rogers

Lauren Spencer

Nazar Dymnich

Krystal Almazan

Perfect Attendance

Milan Brown

Aniya Fleming

Nick Henry

Jennifer Oladunni

Peter Patryka

David Schmiege

Lauren Spencer

Emma Wise

Katryna Dyakiv

William Bigjohn

Citizenship

Jailin Felton

Marco Lopez

Aynsley Parker

Mrs. West

Room 209

Principal's List

Chigo Asonye

Melissa Bustamante

Catlin Miller

Honor Roll

Breeze Alvarado

Elias Contreras

Pavlo Diatkovych

Minna Khan

Celandria Tharpe

Jacqueline Villsasana

Honorable Mention

Jade Greenwood

Iryna Marchuk

Citizenship

Chigo Asonye

Melissa Bustamante

Elias Contreras

Jade Greenwood

Minna Khan

Iryna Marchuk

Catlin Miller

Celandria Tharpe

Alfonso Torres

Svitlana Tyndyk

Jacqueline Villsana

Perfect Attendance

Breeze Alvarado

Chigo Asonye

Hector Bautista

Amia Brown

Melissa Bustamante

Pavlo Diatkovych

Iryna Marchuk

Angel Marquez

Update on *Friends of Newberry*

This academic year started off with a bang! In late August, Newberry parent Mary Iwanicki single-handedly arranged for **volunteer extras for the Batman movie *The Dark Knight*** which was filming in Chicago. Mary was able to round up over 60 non-Newberry volunteers to serve as extras on the set. Her tremendous efforts netted a **donation from that film production of \$3,055 to *Friends of Newberry***. Thank you Mary!

Ten To Grow On was distributed to all Newberry students in early October. In less than four weeks, 60 families have donated \$1,855 to this campaign. We are positive that the remaining 340 families will also send in their donations! Remember, **we are hoping that each family donates \$10 for each of their children** that are students or graduates of Newberry.

Thus far, over 100 individuals have sent in their **PTO membership** support. Every single dollar of your PTO membership supports activities for your children, including the recent K – 2 Fall festival, 3rd – 5th grade movie day and the 6th – 8th grade winter dance. **Send in your PTO membership!**

Scrip orders have been rolling in! We had a successful order in September, and raised \$384 for *Friends of Newberry*. The second school-wide order is currently underway. **The holiday scrip order forms will be due 12/4 and the cards delivered on 12/11.** When you buy scrip through *Friends*, you are actually purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The gift certificates are issued by national and local retailers where you already shop – Jewel, Dominick's, Starbuck's Border's, Amoco BP, just to name a few. You can use these certificates (scrip) to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas, and other essentials. With every purchase of scrip, *Friends of Newberry* earns revenue for our school.

Are you ordering from Amazon for those holiday gifts for friends and family? Do you need items from Oriental Trading Company for your next party and festivity? Make money for the school...use the **Amazon.com** and **Oriental Trading Company** links on the Newberry website (www.newberryacademy.org)

and *Friends of Newberry* receives 5% of your order **AT NO COST TO YOU**. Thus far, orders placed using these links have earned \$214 for *Friends of Newberry*. At the September 17 meeting, the board of directors of *Friends of Newberry* approved the expenditure for two programs: the Circle Training in the Restorative Justice method for several teachers, and the Suzuki-Orff "clap, sing and read" program for Newberry Kindergarten students. Furthermore, *Friends of Newberry* also offers smaller grants to all teachers at the school to supplement their classroom curriculum. Several teachers have submitted wonderful ideas for their classrooms.

Newberry's annual Spring Benefit

The Spring Benefit committee has begun its work in planning for this year's event. **Save the date of Sunday, April 6th!** This is the school's largest fundraiser. Last year's event raised over \$37,000 for Newberry Academy. Proceeds from last year's benefit were used to purchase leveled readers from the Wright Group and Rigby companies, to support the **guided reading component of Newberry's balanced literacy program**. The guided reading approach explicitly supports small-group strategic reading instruction that promotes reading strategies, increases reading comprehension, encourages independent reading and expands belief in one's own ability through the experience of success. Children are assessed at various points throughout the school year and are fluidly grouped with other children accordingly. The ultimate goal of guided reading is to help children learn how to use independent reading strategies successfully. The books were purchased primarily for grades K-3, and a smaller portion of non-fiction leveled readers were purchased for grades 4-6. Newberry's plan is to continue to expand our leveled book library. There were sets purchased for every K-3 classroom and additional sets are being stored in room 203 and are 'checked out' on an as needed basis.

As you can see, the Spring Benefit is a worthy cause for Newberry students. It's not too early for you to help. **Come join in the efforts to make this year's benefit a success!**

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Submit stories/awards/photos to Kellylouchios@Sbcglobal.net

Advertisement is available!

The Newberry PTO would like to extend a warm thank you to the following individuals and local businesses for their contributions to the Newberry Gold & Silver Festival:

- Alderman Vi Daley, for sponsoring the face painting
- Rob Katz, owner of Boka & Landmark restaurants, for sponsoring the moonwalk
- Annette Booczko & Family, for providing yummy Jimmy John's sandwiches
- Bobtail Ice Cream, for donating their delicious ice cream once again this year
- Chipotle (2256-58 N. Orchard) for donating burritos, chips and guacamole
- America's Dogs (2300 N. Lincoln) for contributing hot dogs

The festival was enjoyed by all, thanks to all the volunteers and the generosity of our contributors! Thanks again for making this a great event!

Windy City Chiropractic and Massage Ltd. Benefits Newberry

Windy City Chiropractic and Massage Ltd. held its first annual Back to School Drive to benefit Newberry Academy. The drive was a great success. New and old patients generously donated 3 or more school supplies. For their efforts patients received a free initial exam or treatment as well a 20% discount on a 1/2 hour or 1 hour massage. Windy City Chiropractic and Massage Ltd. and their patients enjoyed reaching out to the community and the children of Newberry Academy. A big "thank you" to all participants. Newberry parents, teachers and students are always welcome, and invited to participate in our current specials offered to Newberry families. Please call to make an appointment at: 773-360-3320.

** Windy City Chiropractic and Massage Ltd. is located at 911 W School Street, 1 Block N. of the Belmont El, near the corner of School and Clark.

**Check out our website and learn more about Dr. Christine Rosenkrantz at www.WindyCityChiro.net

**Dr. Christine Rosenkrantz is Sammy's mom. Sammy is in first grade and enjoying Mrs. Miles class.



Upper Science Report by Mrs. McKinney

Area Science Fair: We have three 7th and 8th grade students who are busy working on their winning science fair projects from the Newberry Science Fair in this past spring. Karina Salinas, Lindy Wing, and Chigo Asonye will compete in January for the Area competition. Currently, they are writing a Review of Literature, improving their experiments and collecting more data.

Middle School Perceptions of Science: In upper grades, we have had interesting discussions about the views our students have on the image of a scientist, and what they do. A majority of students, even females, perceived scientists as old men who wear glasses and work with chemicals in a lab. It is very important that we not only promote women, and people of all different races and backgrounds in scientific fields (including math and medicine), but emphasize the variety of scientific fields. Science involves studying food, nature, space, people, etc. and takes place in multiple settings that are not in a sterile lab. Please use this email address for further contact: mkmckinney@cps.edu.

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Garden Report by Mrs. Capper

We had our final garden clean up/bulb planting on October 20. We were again lucky to have Chicago Care volunteers to help us in the garden. They came twice a month from May to October. Many thanks to Cynthia Mathews and Sarah West for leading the volunteers. We will be back in the garden in April, so plan to come and help out.

Sean Mayfield
Catlin Miller (Cont'd. P. 4)

From P. 2...

Michael Pearson
Trevor Snyder
Svitana Tyndyk
Jacqueline Villasana
Ashante Walker-Morgan
Soren Wasmer
Mrs. Hazer
Room 205
Principal's List
Madeline BenYoseph
Samuel Lasota

A&B
Caitlin Acevedo
Chloe Grozdina
Caroline Minn
A&B- 1 C
Sebastian Guerra
Kayla Martinez
Otto Steinbrecher
Citizenship
Caitlin Acevedo
Madeline BenYoseph
Liliana June
Samuel Lasota
Kayla Martinez
Caroline Minn
Otto Steinbrecher
Oliver Shindler

Perfect Attendance
Jacob Deleon
Nyshanell Freeman
Emily Bergan
Chloe Grozdina
Joseph Hendrix
Samuel Lasota
Antonio Perez
Amari Roby
Paul Ruscitti
Otto Steinbrecher
Levar Wade
Mrs. Paglio
Room 202
Honor Roll
Ruslana Dyakiv
Tomasz Sztot
Principal's List
Vanessa Aceves
Honorable

Mention

Imani Flexas
Emily Beckert
Jacob Billimack
Jocelyn Jones
Isabella Schindler

Perfect Attendance

Vanessa Aceves
Jeremy Asbury
Jacob Billimack
Imani Flexas
Breonna Glispie
Michael Hardman
Jocelyn Jones
Philip Labiano
Nazar Mandryka
Kinsa Sillah
Tomasz Sztot
Anastasia Terletska
Omar Torres
Jamaya Wyatt
Mrs. Morrisette

Room 212

Principal List
Anita Oladunni
Honor Roll
Genevieve Acevedo
Angelina Lecour
Fernanda Santos
Kayla Shaw
Amanda Sifuentes
Lindy Wing
Amelia wisehart

Honorable Mention

Yordy Bautista
Jesus Villasana
Citizenship
Yordy Bautista
Carlos Bastamante
Matthew Deleon
Allyssa Lara
Angelina Lecour
Fernanda Santos
Amanda Sifuentes
Stephen Spencer
Jesus Villasana
Lindy Wing

Amelia Wisehart
Perfect Attendance

Yordy Bautista
Carlos Bustamante
Brianna Casewell
Matthew Deleon
Christopher Gasiamis
Daniel Idowu
Angelina Lecour
Anita Oladunni
Amanda Sifuentes
Mateusz Sztot
Lindy Wing
Amelia Wisehart

Mrs. Ruengpinyophon**Room 206****Principal's List:**

Nora Murphy
Brenda Vega
Honor Roll
Morgan Aranda
Tessa DeFrisco
Hannah Kreinik

Honorable Mention

Chibu Asonye
Marta Huzar
Yevhenia Oliylyk
Perfect Attendance
Chibu Asonye
Valentin Balaban
Peter Bied
Sofiya Bobrovskaya
Marta Huzar
Luis Iwamuro
Diana Mazyrok
Yevhenia Oliylyk
Elliot Schreiber
Brenda Vega
Jasmine Webb
Tatiana Zambrano
Citizenship Award
Tatiana Zambrano
Trevon Woods
Steven Richardson

Room 201

Mr. Navas
Perfect Attendance
Aceves, Julian
Drucker, Ari
Iwanicki, Eric
Johnson, Justin
Kurylo, Ulyana
Marin, Megan
Morton, Ashley
Phipps, David
Rocha, Carlos

Rodriguez, Galeano
Rodriguez, Michael
Rogers, Joshua
Vuchasty, Michael
Wing, Eric
Honor Roll
Aceves, Julian
Camarillo, Cristian
Estrada, Daniela
Guerra, Natalia
Kurylo, Ulyana
Parks, Zoe
Rodriguez, Galeano
Villasana, Janice
Wing, Eric

Honorable Mention

Drucker, Ari
Elegbede, Olu
Redmond, Leni
Rodriguez, Michael
Sims, Yasmine
Vega, JoseJuan

MR. FINELLI**ROOM 207****All A's**

None

All A's and B's

Kyuana Bradley
Ellen Byun
Max Duboff
Cassie Harding
Gil Juarez
Nate Perez
Shiloh Psujelk
Lauren Towne
Vitaliy Vuchasty
A's, B's and 1 C
Johnny Nute
Ashaunti Roby
No Checks
Aaron Asbury
Ellen Byun
Max Duboff
Cassie Harding
Gil Juarez
Nate Perez
Shiloh Psujelk
Lauren Towne
Vitaliy Vuchasty
Perfect Attendance
Aaron Roll

