

NEWSLETTER

Cal Young Middle School

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Mark Your Calendars

March

- 2 F Early Release, Progress Rpts., 12:25 p.m.
- 2 F Read Across America Day
- 2-9 M-F Classified Employees Week
- 7 W Track Kick-Off Mtg., 2:30 p.m., Gym
- 12 M Track Practice Begins
- 13 Th St. Patrick's Day Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., W Gym
- 14 F Orchestra Con. @ Sheldon, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- 16 F Jazz Band @ Clackamas Festival
- 19-23 M-F Spirit Week
- 19 M First Day of Track Practice
- 21 W Symph. Winds @ Valley Band Festival
- 21 W Site Council Mtg., 4 - 6 p.m.
- 21 W PFCY Mtg., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 26-30 M-F NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

April

- 2 M NO SCHOOL, Staff Development
- 3 Tu Classes Resume
- 5 Th Track: CY/Spencer Butte @ SEHS
- 11 W Orchestra Festival @ SEHS
- 12 Th Track: Jefferson/CY @ Sheldon
- 12 Th Beg. Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., W Gym
- 13 F NO SCHOOL, Staff Development
- 19 Th Concert Band @ Shasta Festival
- 19 Th Track: Kelly/CY @ Sheldon
- 20 F Activity Night, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 25 W 8th Gr. Pictures, 11 a.m. - 12 noon
- 25 W Site Council Mtg., 3 - 5 p.m.
- 25 W PFCY Mtg., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Th Band @ OSU
- 26 Th Track: CY/Monroe @ Sheldon

May

- 3 Th Sub-District Track Meet @ NEHS
- 8 Tu Art Night, 5:30 - 7:30, Band in W Gym
- 11 F Early Release, Progress Rpts., 12:25 p.m.
- 11 F District Track Meet @ Hayward Field



In memory of Nathan Daniel McBryde

January 1994 - February 2007

We will never forget how you loved to laugh,
how you loved to play the saxophone,
and how you made us feel important.

You will be missed.

From the Principal



Dear Cal Young Families,

I would like to thank all of our families for their caring support with the death of Nathan McBryde. Nathan was a wonderful person and we miss him dearly. Your children have been an incredible comfort to each other and to all of us. Your kind thoughts and consideration have been greatly appreciated.

In the next month or so, we will be holding an all school assembly to remember Nathan. I will keep families posted as we finalize plans and details.

The most recent and exciting upcoming event is our track season. I encourage you to consider having your child participate. We have a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Gym. All interested students are invited to attend. With our new track we are eager to have a large turn out and enjoy the advantages our track program has to offer.

In the near future we will have information coming home about elective choices for next year. This information will be helpful to forming our class schedule for the coming year. When it arrives, please assist your child to make appropriate selections.

In April, we will be holding our 4J spring reading assessments. These assessments are different from the state assessments. Retired 4J teachers will administer the assessments. Students will be tested on reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary.

Thank you as always for your support. We strive to help each child be successful and we appreciate all that you do to help us achieve that goal.

With warm regards,

Sara



Volunteers wanted

Adults interested in volunteering in one the afternoon wood working classes are encouraged to contact Rick Bliss at 687.5400 or <bliss@4j.lane.edu>.

To contact the Cal Young staff

Address your email to the staff member you wish to contact by name listed in the column below followed by **@4j.lane.edu**
For instance, to contact the registrar, you would address your email to: hanauska@4j.lane.edu

Mike Abrams, Regional Learning Center	abrams
Linda Ague, Library/Media	ague
Scott Baker, Science	baker_sc
Kathleen Bear, P.E.	bear
Rick Bliss, Industrial Arts	bliss
Karen Bodine, Language Arts/Social Studies	bodine_k
Tom Cantwell, Language Arts/Social Studies	cantwell
Allan Chinn, Assistant Principal	chinn
Diane Combs, Learning Center	combs
Sara Cramer, Principal	cramer
Gina deGrassi, Science	degrassi
Sue Gardiner, Enrichment Coordinator	gardiner
Gale Fiszman, Orchestra/Choir/Drama	fiszman
Julie Francis, Counselor	francis_ju
Alicia Hanauska, Registrar	hanauska
Mike Heil, Math	heil
Julie Hohenemser, Science	hohenemser
Hal Huestis, Art	huestis
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Clarice Loo, World Language/Social Studies	loo
Barb MacWilliam, Earth Science/Health	macwilliam
Katie Mason, Speech	mason_ka
Ronny Mason, P.E./ Explore	mason_ron
Hillary McClintick, Lang. Arts/Soc. Studies	mcclintick_h
Dan Powell, Band	powell
Melissa Riley, Behavior Support	riley_m
Korrinne Ross, Family Liaison	ross_k
Laurie Rowe, Nurse	rowe
Asher Royce, Language Arts/Social Studies	royce
Angie Ruzicka, Science	ruzicka
Eric Schiff, Technology	schiff
Terri Simons, Language Arts/Social Studies	simons
Jodi Suter, Office Mgr./Attendance	suter_j
Linda Vie, Learning Center	vie
Eric Wade, Math	wade_e
Joyce Wade, ELL	wade_j
Patti Wessman, Art	wessman

Language Arts teacher Alia Turner is on maternity leave until May 7. Congratulations to Mrs. Turner and her family on the birth of their new baby daughter, Zarina. Karen Bodine, a well loved and frequent substitute teacher at Cal Young, will fill in during Alia's absence. If you would like to contact Ms. Bodine or have any questions, you can reach her at 687.5467 or email <bodine_k@4j.lane.edu>.

From the library - The Reading Thing

Sponsor a shelf and become a part of the new Cal Young

You are invited to SPONSOR A SHELF in the new Cal Young library. For \$25 we will place a brass plate on one of the library shelves acknowledging your contribution toward this special place. You can make it a special gift to a current student or a tribute to a former Pioneer. You can recognize an individual or your whole family. You can even create an amusing phrase for generations to ponder.

Your contribution will go toward maintaining the collection and updating the technology in the library.

Fill out the form below and send your **tax deductible** contribution to:

Cal Young Middle School Library
2555 Gilham Rd.
Eugene OR 97408
(Please make checks payable to **Cal Young Middle School**)



_____ shelves x \$25

TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Please engrave as follows (30 letter maximum): _____



Read Across America Day

March 2 is Read Across America Day! One way to celebrate:



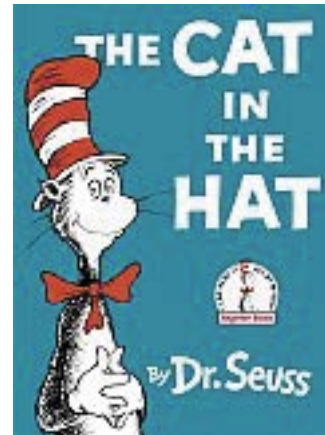
In honor of the 50th anniversary of *The Cat in the Hat*, Random House and Dr. Seuss Enterprises are launching a national literacy initiative: Project 236. (This is the number of different words in *The Cat in the Hat*.)

Project 236 aims to raise support for First Book, a non-profit program that provides disadvantaged children with new books. Youngsters (and "oldsters") can send an email birthday card to *The Cat in the Hat*. For each card received, Random House will donate a book to First Book, up to 1 million books across America. They will also donate a book for every Dr. Seuss book bought between January 1 and May 1, 2007.

Go to the Seussville website to color and send your cards — it's easy, fun, and it plays music!

<http://www.seussville.com>

Linda Ague
Librarian



Field trip thank you

Thank you to all parents who sponsor a needy child by sending in an additional dollar or more for field trips. We always include all students on special field trips, but your contributions to help those who cannot afford to pay the fees are a wonderful addition. The costs of transportation and admittance fees to different events really adds up.

Your extra dollars are very much appreciated!

Help Cal Young Middle School earn free supplies

Office Depot is Taking Care of Education in 2007, by providing the essential tools and supplies that students need to be successful in the classrooms, plus programs and services that benefit our school and teachers. Every time you purchase from Office Depot, please give them our school ID number so we can get 5% of the sale in the form of a gift card to purchase free school supplies. Cal Young's ID number is **70083653**. During the school year we help many students with school supplies who cannot afford them. This would contribute to that fund.

Thank you for your additional support!

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1. Log on to www.escrip.com
2. Enter our group number: 8410484
3. Register your credit/debit cards and/or grocery cards
4. Watch as a percentage of your purchases helps Cal Young

Author Susan Fletcher to visit Cal Young

Thanks to all of you who were so generous at the Cal Young book fair, we are able to invite author Susan Fletcher to come to Cal Young in the spring. She will be doing a presentation about her research for the book *Alphabet of Dreams* to all students in the morning and then working with a smaller group of aspiring writers and avid readers in the afternoon. Tsunami Books in Eugene has offered to make her books available to students at a 25% discount. Ms. Fletcher will be happy to autograph the books during her visit. For more information about the author and her books, visit <http://www.susanfletcher.com>

To place an order for her books, please print and return the form below with payment to Ms. Ague in the library by April 20. Forms are also available in the office. Please make checks payable to *Cal Young Middle School*.



Order Form for Discounted Books by Author Susan Fletcher

Student Name _____



Title	Cost	Quantity	Total
<i>Alphabet of Dreams</i> (hardback)	\$ 12.75	_____	_____
<i>Walk Across the Sea</i> (paperback)	4.50	_____	_____
<i>Shadow Spinner</i> (paperback)	4.50	_____	_____
<i>Sign of the Dove</i> (paperback)	4.50	_____	_____
<i>Flight of the Dragon Kyn</i> (paperback)	4.50	_____	_____
<i>Dragon's Milk</i> (paperback)	4.50	_____	_____

Total enclosed \$ _____

If you have some special instructions for Ms. Fletcher related to her signing the books, please indicate below. Otherwise, she will follow the request of the students on the day of the visit.

Please sign: _____

6th Grade Students of the Semester

On Friday, February 16, an assembly of all 6th graders was held to honor two students from each of eight categories. Last term's honorees announced the winners who received a certificate and a voucher for the school cafeteria. The winners were:

Great Attitude:	Nick D. Michael F.	Most Helpful:	Chris J. Kelsey S.
Zest for Learning:	Elizabeth D Shelby M.	Proactive Involvement:	Samantha B. Cassidy P.
Beyond the Call of Duty:	Haiin K. Bryceson J.	Leadership:	Ashley H. Nathan C.
Citizenship:	Alex C. Spencer C.	Most Improved:	Arashi C. Jessica P.



Congratulations to you all!

Cal Young Track and Field

Wednesday, March 7: there is a Track 2007 Kick-off Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the gym. All students interested in participating on the CY track team should attend. An important packet of information will be handed out.

Monday, March 19: first day of practice for the CY track team / all paperwork due today. This day begins the first week of practices on March 19, 20, 21, and 22; no practice Friday, March 23. In order to practice this week, all paperwork and fees must be turned in. Envelopes can be given to Coach Mary Koritnik, Room 702, or to Diana Keefe in the main office.

On February 24, Cal Young retired Track uniform #106, to honor the memory of Nathan McBryde who participated on the 2006 track team in discus and shot put. The uniform and practice cards were presented to Nathan's parents at his memorial service.

Music notes

In February the Cal Young Orchestra joined with the Sheldon Area elementary strings class for a concert in the gym. It was very exciting to see all the string students in grades 4 through 8 and their progression. There were 80 young string players and it was great to see so many in the audience! Thanks for your support.

The Cal Young Orchestra has several performances coming up. On March 14 they will be sharing a performance with both Monroe and Sheldon. They are really looking forward to this, as it will give them an opportunity to hear and see their classmates from the last few years; both those who went on to Sheldon, and those from elementary strings who went on to Monroe. The concert is at 7 p.m. in the Sheldon Auditorium. Our audience will appreciate the plush seating as well as the beautiful music.

The Orchestra will also be performing at the annual District 12 Music Festival at South Eugene High School on April 11. This is a fun educational experience where the orchestra gets to hear other middle school groups and play for a judge and be critiqued. It is always helpful to get different perspectives and ideas. This happens during the school day, though we do not yet know the specific times. We would love to have a few chaperones join us. More information will be following.



Gale Fizman, Orchestra/Choir/Drama Teacher