

PTSA Howler

**NEWSLETTER OF THE SHELTON ELEMENTARY
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Over 100 Students Participated in Shelton Science Fair

Over 100 students participated in this year's Science Fair at Shelton on November 17th. During the kick-off assembly in October presented by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the students were motivated to develop their own questions and investigate topics scientifically through research, experiments, and data collection. Students from all grade levels including Kindergarteners participated in the event. During the Science Fair, the students engaged in lively presentations with science fair judges on their research and findings. The judges provided constructive feedback on individual strengths and ways to improve scientific reasoning further.

During the evening reception, the students had the opportunity to share their projects and knowledge with their peers, parents, and teachers. Clearly, not only the student participants benefited from this PTSA sponsored science enrichment – so did the visitors! The chosen topics demonstrated the curiosity and creativity of our Shelton students: Do you know why people of age lose their sense of taste? Which household materials filter water most efficient? Or what kind of distraction impairs the concentration of your kid the most? The students found answers to all of these questions!

This year, PTSA sponsored for the first time prizes for outstanding projects of students in grade levels 5 and 6. Prizes were awarded to students for distinguished work and self-motivated, detailed, and convincing research and presentations. The following 12 students were rewarded for their work during the evening reception with a \$40 gift certificate to be redeemed at a science store:

Julie Spawn (6)
Mia Lawrence (5)
Jessie Fell (6)
Ben Romig (6)
Taylor Burcar (6)
Kaley Stevens (6)
Anthony Golden (6)
Kadin Ritter (6)
Alex Townsend (5)
Kyle Mitchiner (5)
Mat Baird (5)
Harrison Moss (6)



Congratulations 2011 Science Fair Prize Winners!

Leaving the reception in the evening, students were already planning their Science Fair topics for 2012 - Many thanks to our numerous Shelton parents, volunteers, and teachers for contributing to another motivating science experience for our students!

~Tanja Rauch-Williams

Howler Format Change

In 2012, the Howler will become an online-only publication. The reason for this change is both financial and environmental - that is we're saving money and trees! We are following the lead of other area schools with this change as well. The Howler will be available to read on the PTSA's website: www.sheltonptsa.org. You will be notified of a new Howler via the EVRITS email system. We are also interested in your input. If you have an opinion about this change that you'd like to share, please contact Deb Romig, Howler Editor (djromig@gmail.com, 303-279-7472) Thank you!

Volunteer Thank You!



A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who planned classroom Halloween parties. We heard from teachers that all the parties went great! They all agree planning parties is one of the most helpful things parents can do. And we've already got Winter party planners set for EVERY classroom. Our parent volunteers are awesome!! ~Maggie Bengston

Oral Interpretation

We had another wonderful Oral Interpretation Festival. The participants presented their poems at the PTSA General Meeting in November and also at Shelton's Barnes & Noble Night. Thank you to Shannon Cross for heading up Oral Interpretation this year, and thank you to all of the parents who gave their time during practices before school: Donna & Bob Fell, Julie Kerwin, Heather Komoras, Rhonda Peters, Tanja Rauch-Williams and Carma San Juan. Your time and talents are appreciated!

Congratulations to all of the participants:

Kindergarten:

James Kerwin
Samantha Komoras
Sabiha Radhi
Bo Walter
Tarik Williams

1st Grade:

Jack Cross
Kayla Mitchiner

2nd Grade:

Sophia Barber
Catalina Kerwin
Kaelen Peters
Sonja Williams

3rd Grade:

Jax Collins
Max Cross

3rd Grade continued:

Mackenzie Dodd
Lily Fell

4th Grade:

Bianca Lenssen
Sam Romig

5th Grade:

Blake Komoras
Madison Larson
Alex Townsend

6th Grade:

Michael Barber
Taylor Burcar
Jessie Rose Fell
Koa Kampovitz
Ben Romig
Sam Wubben

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**HAVE A GREAT
WINTER BREAK!**

~ THE SHELTON PTSA

Barnes & Noble Night

Shelton's Barnes & Noble Night was on Wednesday, November 30th. *However, you may still make purchases online to benefit Shelton. Just use the code 10490241, and a portion of your purchase will be given to Shelton! This code will be good through Monday, December 5th.*

Instructions:

1. From the Payment page, scroll to the very bottom and choose "Check this box if this is a Book-fair Order." Note: If you are already signed into your BN.com account, you may need to click "Change" on the payment section on the Checkout page and then scroll to the very bottom.
2. Enter the Bookfair ID as indicated.



A big Thank You goes out to our coordinator, Helen Kampovitz-Lawrence, who brought out more people than ever for this event! Thank you to all of our parent-volunteers who helped make this night a success, especially to Carl Spetzler, our storyteller. Thank you too to Mr. Nye, the Coyote Choir and all of the Shelton singers as well as Shannon Cross and all of the Oral Interpretation participants. As usual, you were great representatives of our school!