

Welcome to Newell Barney Junior High School - home of the Buccaneers. The school colors are maroon, navy and gold. Students will have the opportunity to excel and learn life long skills and as we reflect on our motto:

“Believe-Achieve-Succeed”

Our school Mission Statement is;

We, the Newell Barney Junior High School staff and community, BELIEVE that each student can learn and ACHIEVE academically and establish social goals that will help them SUCCEED in life.

Newell Barney Junior High School opened July 28, 2008, as a Middle School with over 400 sixth and seventh graders. This year, all seventh and eighth grade students in the Queen Creek Unified School District will attend Newell Barney - the “Home of the Buccaneers. The first day of school is Wednesday, July 29th, 2009.

Each day will be divided into seven periods: language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, and an elective. Language arts will be a two hour block. Students meeting the requirement for honors classes will be appropriately placed in Honors Science, Honors, Math and/or Honors Language Arts Classes. Students may earn High School credit in Spanish I and Algebra with an average of 75% or higher on semester tests.

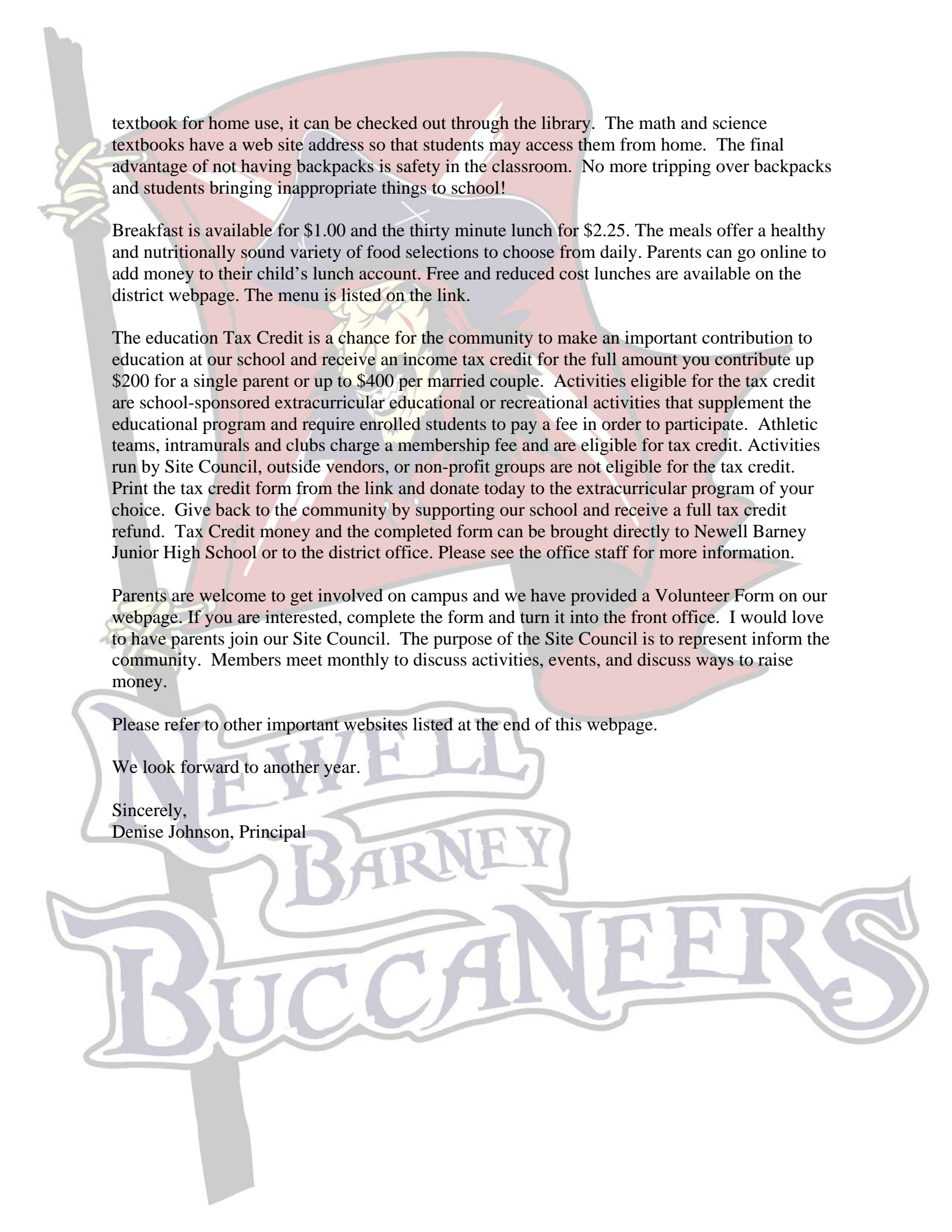
I am exceptionally proud of our students’ performance on last year’s Arizona AIMS test. We will continue to examine our curriculum for improvement. Additionally, we will reinforce Math, Science and Language Arts concepts using the web based Arizona State Standards academic program Study Island. Be sure to ask your child about this program.

Parents are able to view their child’s grades twenty fours a day by logging into the web based program called “Snap Grades.” Parents receive their log in password for Study Island the first day of school. Students are expected to log in on a regular basis to monitor their grades. Administration and teachers use Snap Grades to communicate with parents. The website is www.snapgrades.com

Newell Barney Junior High School offers extra curricular activities for students such as Athletics, Intramurals, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook, LEGO Club, Mathletics, Art Club, Band Club and Drama Club. The athletic program game schedule is available by clicking on the athletics link.

We are a “Character Counts” campus as students are exposed and participate in activities that relate to the six pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Citizenship, Responsibly, Fairness, and Caring.

Newell Barney Junior High continues to be a “Backpack Free” campus because of health concerns regarding heavy backpacks. Instead, students carry a three inch ring binder. We will be teaching organizational skills; so believe it or not, the three ring binder is all that is necessary. Each classroom will have a set of textbooks for students to use in class. If a student needs a



textbook for home use, it can be checked out through the library. The math and science textbooks have a web site address so that students may access them from home. The final advantage of not having backpacks is safety in the classroom. No more tripping over backpacks and students bringing inappropriate things to school!

Breakfast is available for \$1.00 and the thirty minute lunch for \$2.25. The meals offer a healthy and nutritionally sound variety of food selections to choose from daily. Parents can go online to add money to their child's lunch account. Free and reduced cost lunches are available on the district webpage. The menu is listed on the link.

The education Tax Credit is a chance for the community to make an important contribution to education at our school and receive an income tax credit for the full amount you contribute up \$200 for a single parent or up to \$400 per married couple. Activities eligible for the tax credit are school-sponsored extracurricular educational or recreational activities that supplement the educational program and require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. Athletic teams, intramurals and clubs charge a membership fee and are eligible for tax credit. Activities run by Site Council, outside vendors, or non-profit groups are not eligible for the tax credit. Print the tax credit form from the link and donate today to the extracurricular program of your choice. Give back to the community by supporting our school and receive a full tax credit refund. Tax Credit money and the completed form can be brought directly to Newell Barney Junior High School or to the district office. Please see the office staff for more information.

Parents are welcome to get involved on campus and we have provided a Volunteer Form on our webpage. If you are interested, complete the form and turn it into the front office. I would love to have parents join our Site Council. The purpose of the Site Council is to represent inform the community. Members meet monthly to discuss activities, events, and discuss ways to raise money.

Please refer to other important websites listed at the end of this webpage.

We look forward to another year.

Sincerely,
Denise Johnson, Principal

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