



Marlene Grant, Editor & Publisher
The Club Herald
2010 Partners in Education Award

In an era when newspapers are on the decline, elementary and middle school students are devouring every issue of a newspaper delivered to classrooms across Newberg and St. Paul each month. Newberg School District Superintendent Paula Radich recognized Marlene Grant, Publisher and Editor of *The Club Herald*, as the district's 2010 "Partner in Education." This annual award is presented to a local business in our community in recognition of their exceptional service to education in Newberg Schools.

If you are not an elementary or middle school student, or a parent of one, you may not have heard of the *Club Herald*. The upcoming June issue will mark the end of the sixth year Marlene has published the *Club Herald*. Six years ago, Marlene's sister was publishing a student news section in a community newspaper in Tennessee. She inspired Marlene to do something similar in our community. The timing coincided with the school district's emphasis on improving student's literacy skills. Armed with inspiration, a good business plan and a positive response from teachers and advertisers, the *Club Herald* was launched.

For nine months each year, Marlene gathers student's short stories, poems, photographs and artwork. She inputs text, lays out the newspaper, sells the ads, keeps the books, oversees production and distributes the final product to schools. Her focus is on students. Ninety percent of the writing is by students in our local schools.

When you ask students what they say about the *Club Herald*, they tell you:

- They like reading the stories – and the comics.
- They love figuring out the puzzles
- They like to read for articles by students they know

Most of all, students are excited and proud to see their writing in the newspaper – and can't wait to show their families.

Refrigerators all over Newberg boast clippings of stories or poems written by sons and daughters. The *Club Herald* motivates students to read and inspired students to do their very best writing. The *Club Herald* is making an important contribution to our children's ability to read and write.