

TMS Homesteaders

February 12, 2011

Old Time Dance & Dessert Fest

Tumwater Middle School

Pioneer Valentine's Celebration

A Pioneer Valentine's celebration was held February 12, 2011 at Tumwater Middle School.

The TMS Homesteaders, and guests, enjoyed the annual Old Time Dance and Dessert Fest to the tunes of Jon Flory and the Grizzle Grizzle Band. Homesteaders attended the festivities in their normal pioneer attire, to get the feel of what social life was like in the 1800's, complete with period appropriate music.

We were joined this year by several guests, including Civil War re-enactors and members of the Tumwater Historical Association, who were also dressed in their best pioneer clothing. As the pictures show, everyone had a splendid time and the desserts provided the icing on the cake. The Civil War Re-enactors and THA Board Members really added to the Homesteaders enjoyment of the event since there were others who "dressed up". Many homesteaders really got into the tunes of Buffalo Gal, as well as dancing the Virginia Reel, and practicing their pioneer (period appropriate) etiquette. By the time they were really into the dance and started doing the square dance routines they didn't want to stop. By the end of the dance all the kids, both young and old, were tuckered out, but with smiles on their faces. Many of the kids have asked if they could come back next year, even though they will not be in the middle school. The answer is YES. All Homesteaders, former Homesteaders, and families are welcome to this annual event.

Captain and Mrs. McAllister and Mrs. Stauffer want to thank the Civil War visitors, THA members, plus the Homesteaders and their families for the great turn-out. A big thank you goes to those homesteaders who helped as members of the Dance Committee by making all the decorations and helping with the setup (and clean-up) for the dance. You helped make this a memorable event for us all.



The Grizzle Grizzle Band



Tumwater Historical Association Board Members

L-R Chuck & Suzanne Hornbuckle, Dave Shade, Bev York, and Robert Cooksey



Civil War Era Guests in Attire



Homesteader Kids Dancing Buffalo Gal



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Homesteaders and Parents Enjoying Dance and Music



Everyone Getting into the Festivities