



## Power Panther Turns April Showers into MyPyramid Rainbows

Power Panther hit the road in April. He traveled more than 17,000 miles to celebrate national and local events showing children and their families how to Eat Smart and Play Hard following MyPyramid recommendations. Here are some highlights from his travels.

- Power Panther participated in the National Cherry Blossom Parade in **Washington, DC** on April 8. He braved the rain and greeted thousands of children and their families.
- Power Panther stepped out on April 16 to attend the White House Easter Egg Roll in **Washington, DC**. He greeted more than 16,000 children, parents, and caregivers.
- Deputy Under Secretary Kate Coler hit the courts with tennis pro Zena Garrison and other FNS officials in **Washington, DC** to announce the launch of the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) Disparity Elimination Using Care and Exercise (DEUCE) grants. Power Panther assisted FNS nutritionists with a MyPyramid for Kids presentation to local children. SERO orchestrated this partnership.
- In **Virginia**, Power Panther attended the For A Child's Health Fair. He greeted children at the 4-H Smart Choices Nutrition Education booth, posed for snapshots, and promoted healthy lifestyle behaviors.
- Power Panther joined more than 1,000 people for Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania's** 10<sup>th</sup> annual 8-mile Walk Against Hunger.
- In **Pennsylvania**, Power Panther visited the Hanover Community Health & Education Center to promote their Spring Into Action – Bring Your Sneakers nutrition and physical education series.
- Power Panther attended a **Minnesota** Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) meeting to promote eating smart and playing hard. FCCLA is a student organization that empowers young men and women to become leaders by addressing personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.



**No rain on this parade.** Power Panther kicks his heels up during the National Cherry Blossom Parade.



**Tennis, anyone?** Deputy Under Secretary Kate Coler hits the courts with tennis pro Zena Garrison, USTA officials, Power Panther, and local children in Washington, DC.

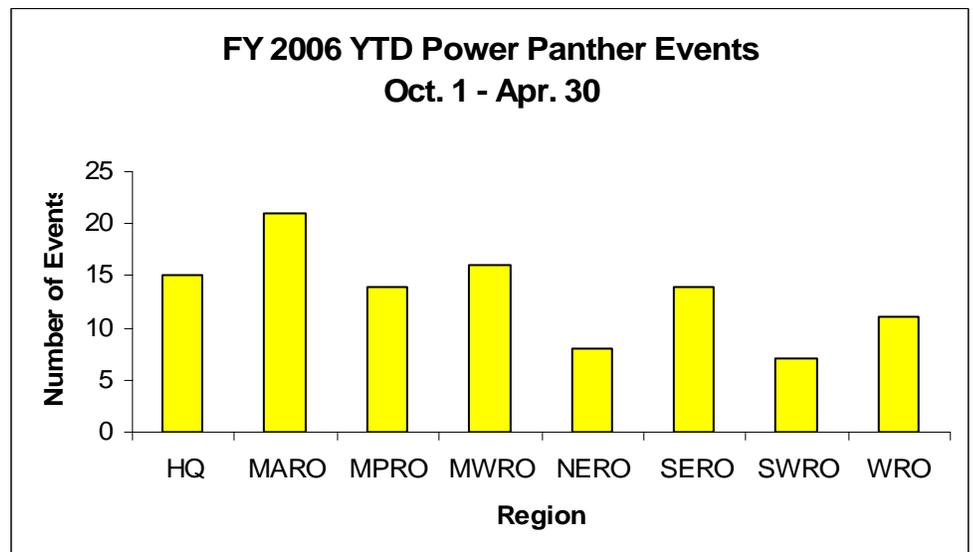
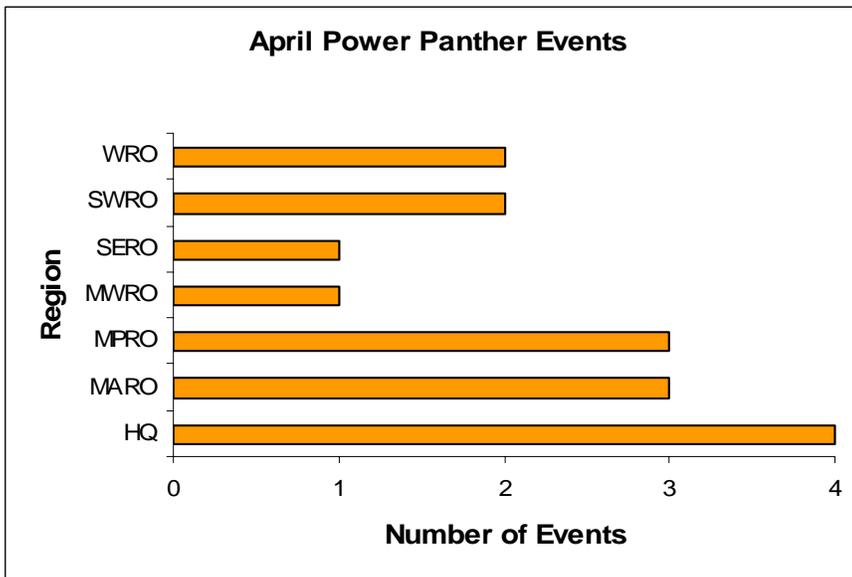


**(Low fat and fat-free) Milk does a body good.** Power Panther admires Andy Roddick's milk mustache during USDA's Take Your Children to Work Day festivities.





- During two visits to **Kansas**, Power Panther attended the Arkansas City Health Fair and stopped by the Teddy Bear Clinic at Emporia Social and Rehabilitative Services to meet children and show them the importance of healthful eating and physical activity.
- Power Panther visited **North Carolina** to meet children and their families at the Yadkin County Health Department.
- Power Panther also traveled to Santa Fe, **New Mexico** to help County Extension Service staff teach children the importance of healthy lifestyle behaviors.
- Power Panther met Coeur d'Alene School District students in Coeur d'Alene, **Idaho** to help teachers demonstrate the importance of eating smart and playing hard.
- Power Panther also attended the **Idaho** State WIC Annual Meeting in Boise to share Eat Smart. Play Hard.<sup>TM</sup> nutrition education materials with WIC program cooperators.



Note: Power Panther event data based on invoices from International Mascot Corporation. Please notify Heather Hopwood (703-305-2120) of any discrepancies.

