



## May Blooms with More Power Panther Events

Power Panther traveled more than 15,000 miles in May and joined in 22 national and local celebrations! At these events, he helped to motivate children and their families to Eat Smart and Play Hard by following MyPyramid recommendations.

- Power Panther used the airwaves to highlight the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) on a YMCA television program. The program airs on local station BTW-21 in Martinsville, **Virginia**, on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. and will reach approximately 2,000 elementary school-aged children.
- Power Panther also promoted the SFSP at a Children's Museum of Richmond Family Fun Day. The purpose of the event, sponsored by the Central **Virginia** Food Bank, was to raise awareness about childhood hunger.
- In Pleasantville, **New Jersey**, Power Panther taught school children the importance of powering up with a healthful breakfast.
- Power Panther paid a visit to friends at the Hanover Community Health and Education Center in **Pennsylvania**. He attended the "You Can Do It!" program to motivate preschoolers and elementary students to eat healthy and be physically active.
- In **New Jersey**, Power Panther attended an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program graduation ceremony for preschoolers and elementary students. He participated in the school's health fair and gave more than 1,000 students certificates for completing a nutrition education class.
- High school students in **Rhode Island** assisted Power Panther in teaching healthy lifestyle behaviors to elementary school children at their annual Field Day. Power Panther line- and square-danced with more more than 300 children. Highlights include MyPyramid for Kids nutrition games designed by high school students. The event was covered by local newspaper, the *Warwick Beacon*.



**Tour de Panther.** Power Panther goes for a bike ride at the HealthierUS Fitness Challenge.



**Having a Field Day.** Power Panther participates in an annual field day event with Rhode Island schoolchildren.

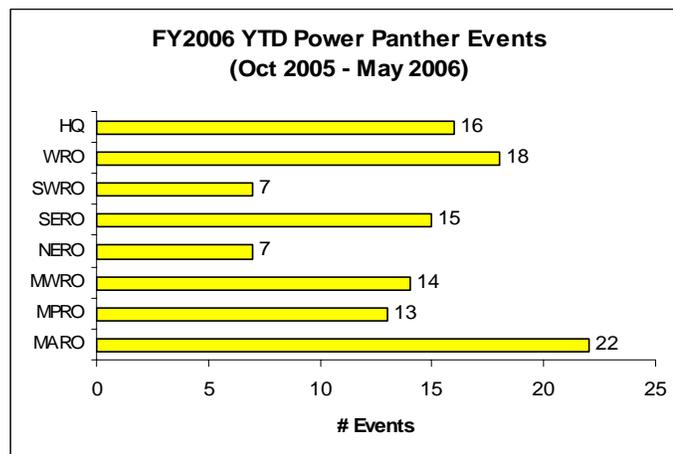
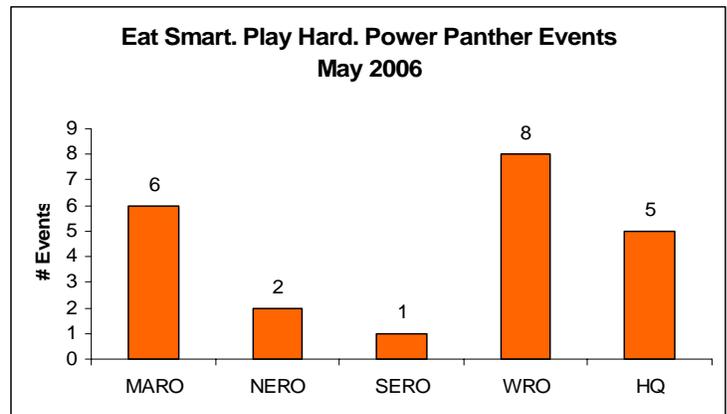




- Power Panther made several stops on a recent trip to **Idaho**. He helped Gooding Elementary School celebrate as they received Idaho's first HealthierUS Schools Challenge Gold Award! Power Panther toured five sites throughout the State of Idaho to get children excited about eating well and being physically active. At a Care for Kids regional nutrition education event, Power Panther taught children and staff the importance of healthful nutrition and physical activity.
- Power Panther visited **Mississippi** to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors with families at Olive Branch YMCA's anniversary celebration.
- In **California**, Power Panther visited Poway Unified School District to promote their "Just Say Whoa!" campaign, which raises students' awareness about low-nutrient foods. Power Panther served as a role model to motivate more than 350 elementary school children to choose healthier foods and be physically active.
- Power Panther mingled with the Harlem Globetrotters at the HealthierUS Fitness Challenge in **Washington, DC**. He greeted attendees, demonstrated his love of physical activity by riding a bike, performing Jazzercise, and participating in a photo shoot.



**Power Play.** Power Panther takes five with the Harlem Globetrotters at the HealthierUS Fitness Challenge.



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

