



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 15th, 2016

Grade Level Elimination for
2nd Annual Newcastle Elementary Spelling Bee

Friday, December 16th, 2016

PTSA Directory Distributed via KidMail

Wednesday, December 21st, 2016 - Monday,
January 2nd, 2017

Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

January 12th, 2017

ParentWiser: Birds & Bees Talks for the 21st
Century

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM / Cascade Ridge Elementary

Monday, January 16th, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

ParentWiser: Teen Kindness Advocate, Houston
Kraft

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM / Issaquah Middle School

Thursday, January 19th, 2017

National Geographic Bee

2:40 PM / Newcastle Commons & Gym

Friday, January 20th, 2017

Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM / SAGE Classroom

Monday, January 23rd, 2017

5th Grade Movie & Potluck

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM / Newcastle Commons & Gym

Thursday, January 26th, 2017

1st Grade Music Concert

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM / Newcastle Commons

Monday, January 30th, 2017

Teacher Work Day

NO SCHOOL

Presidents' Note

As we are on the verge of the winter season and the end of 2016, we want to reflect on the successes that our community has achieved in the few months of this school year so far. We are grateful for the collective efforts of such kind, generous students and family members in the Newcastle community. Whether reaching out to aid our community through Food Drive and Holiday Gift Barn donations, enriching the lives of current students by being an Art Docent or supporting the Gift-A-Book program, or raising funds for future students at Newcastle by buying tickets for the Fall Auction Raffle or bidding on items in the Holiday Online Auction, you make a difference.

Please mark your calendars for our General Membership meeting on January 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Newcastle Elementary Library (a movie will be played for kiddos in the Commons to make this more accessible to families). We welcome your input and your votes. Let your voice be heard as the PTSA discusses regular business, elects the Nominating Committee, and makes decisions about how monies raised will be spent!

We hope that your Winter Break brings an opportunity to rest and reconnect as a family, that the weather cooperates with all your travel plans, and that we'll see you in good health for all when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd!

Thank you for all you do!

Angela & JuliAnne

PTSA Co-Presidents

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Nominating Committee Connections

The PTSA Nominating Committee is responsible for putting together our team of PTSA leaders for the 2017-2018 school year. Having qualified people step into leadership positions at Newcastle will ensure success for many years to come. The work of this committee is paramount to fulfilling our mission as a PTSA. We're so excited to have new faces and new energy to add to our organization!

If you would like to serve on this short-term committee or would like to suggest a phenomenal volunteer for any positions within the PTSA, please reach out to our VPs of Programs, **Jeanie and Elizabeth** today!

How Do You Spell D-E-T-E-R-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N?

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December 15th will determine our finalists for the 2nd Annual Newcastle Elementary Spelling Bee, to be held on February 6th, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the Commons. During our final school Bee, students will be asked to spell words orally in front of a judge, their peers, and a small audience. One finalist will be selected to represent our school at the regional competition on March 19th at 1:00 PM at Seattle Town Hall.

Contact **Danielle** or **Eileen** with any questions.

Ten Finalists Determined for the National Geographic Bee!

Congratulations to the following 4th and 5th grade students who have qualified during their classroom bees to compete as one of the ten finalists in Newcastle Elementary's National Geographic Bee!



Nidhi A. - Miss Keith

Mia W. - Mrs. Binks

Brandon R. - Mrs. Blackburn

Ryan S. - Ms. Keller

Ezra R.V. - Mrs. Vaughn

Pablo P. - Mrs. Howard

Aditi M. - Mrs. Howard

Dylan B. - Ms. Roybal

Andrew K. Ms. Roybal

Zach B. - Mrs. Kilgore

The above students will share their geography knowledge during the school bee on January 19th beginning at 2:40 PM. After the school Bee, our school champion will have the opportunity to take a written test in an attempt to continue on to the state Bee, held on March 31, 2016. Parents are welcome to attend and support our finalists on January 19th during this fun and challenging event!

PARENTS: Please look for the Newcastle PTSA Directory. The directory will be coming home Friday, December 16th via KidMail!

Auction News & Updates



Thank you to all our Newcastle Elementary School participants in the Holiday Online Auction, which raised \$4,875 towards our net goal of \$137,000 where 100% of proceeds will benefit our school directly through curriculum in the arts and sciences through enrichment, intervention, and technology!

Reaching this goal depends entirely on the involvement and generosity of Newcastle families, community members, and local businesses. Thank you for your support!

Donations Are Still Needed for Auction Night

We ask that each Newcastle family consider donating 1-2 items to the Auction. Some specific needs include:

- **Hosted Parties** - Themed parties or even a gourmet dinner for a group make for memorable experiences and a great way to form connections within our Newcastle community. Poker Night, Cinco de Mayo, or Wine & Cheese Tasting are just some ideas.
- **Premium Wine** - Please consider donating a bottle of premium wine for the Auction. Monetary donations are also accepted to purchase wine on your behalf! Contact **Kate** or **Eva** for details.

Thanks to all our corporate sponsors for their support of the students at Newcastle Elementary!

Join The Auction Team!

Leadership and support opportunities are still available! Contact co-chairs: **Helen Gray-Schnase** at helen.graymd@gmail.com and **Lisa Lewis** at lisa@lisaraelewis.com

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