

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

November 18th
10:30 am
PTSA Board Meeting
Conference Room

November 22nd
Mochas with Marla
9:15 am
Newcastle Commons

November 26th
P.I.E Night
5:00 pm
Newcastle Commons

November 27th
Report Cards Go Home

**November 28th
&
November 29th**
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Presidents' Note

Congratulations Newcastle, we've done it: 100% PTSA membership this year! That means that we have one adult member to represent each student in our school. You helped give every child a voice. Last year we were 1 of only 25 schools in the entire state of Washington to reach 100% PTSA participation (and 10 of the other 24 were also in the Issaquah School District.) Here at Newcastle we have a long-standing tradition of parents doing whatever they can to give their kids the best elementary school experience possible, both in and out of the classroom. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." We have an amazing, giving community and those of you who attended the annual Costume Carnival experienced that first-hand. We want to thank Co-chairs Michelle Riley and JuliAnne Diesch for putting on a spectacular event with the help of their many, many volunteers. We know everyone is already looking forward to next year's carnival!

Believe it or not, as we near the end of 2013 it's time for us to start planning for the 2014-2015 school year. We hope you will plan to attend our next PTSA General Membership meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7 PM in the Commons. At that meeting, we will elect our Nominating Committee, which is charged with recruiting the most qualified people for the 2014-2015 PTSA Executive Committee. The work of this committee is paramount to fulfilling our mission as a PTSA. **We are looking for one parent from each grade level to serve on the Nominating Committee** (including alternates.) The commitment is a short one - just 2½ months - as the final slate needs to be posted at the beginning of April. Committee work includes holding confidential meetings, reviewing nominations, and searching for the best qualified candidates for leadership roles in the Newcastle PTSA. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either one of us! We wish you all the best and hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Polar Express Holiday Gift Drive 2013



Mark Your Calendars:
Monday, November 18th -
Friday, December 6th

The annual Newcastle Elementary PTSA Polar Express Gift Drive is here! This is an opportunity for our Newcastle families to help make the holiday season a little brighter for local families in need of extra support. We encourage donors to shop for gifts that match your children's ages & genders. If you'd like to add something extra, every year the food bank is short on gifts for Middle and High school children, so feel welcome to donate for older children in addition. Please bring any new and unwrapped gifts and/or gift cards to the school and place them in the bins near the front office, or at the base of the stairs, on or before Friday, December 6th.

If you have time at the end of the gift drive to help organize donated gifts, shop for gifts with donated money, etc., please contact Janis Yu at kamjanis@yahoo.com.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Thank You to our Costume Carnival Volunteers!

Costume Carnival Co-Chairs Michelle Riley and JuliAnne Diesch wish to extend many "fangs" to the dozens of volunteers who made the October 25th event a monster-mashing success!

Kim Alhadeff, Terry Anderson, Maya Bashoury, Stephanie Bashoury, Elaine Brabant, Cindy Buono, Leanne Cole, Laura Derwin, Jenn Dosenbach, Kelly Hay, Stephen Hei, Jacob Hepp, Anne Lehr, Chris Longfellow, Rae Miller, Angela Oster, Tina Palmer, Tracy Ritterbusch, Tiffany Ryan, Malia Wall, Maddie Weng, Stefanie Williamson, and Melissa Yap, who spent time setting up (or loaned us) the games, inflatables, and Spooky Path help set the stage for a frightfully fun night.

Maya Bashoury, Melissa Bowers, Elaine Brabant, Sara Brester, Cindy Buono, Becky Butler, Kristin Cakarnis, Leo Camo, Tarika Chawla, Janet Cloud, Shauna Cour, Weene Crouse, Mindy Culala, Khanh Dang, Danielle Dixon, Eva Downs, Stina Fluegge, Georgia Forchuk, Brittany Frank, Cindy Irvine, Jennifer Jochumsen, Nancy Ko, Grace Lee, Caroline Lilley, Michele Maresh, Jen Matin, Lana Miller, Rae Miller, Liting Mitchell, Kim Moger, Sue Mystkowski, Cindy Nelson, Angela Oster, Ranae Pepper, Thanh ha Pham, Abirami Ramachandran, Eileen Rubenstein, Karen Saino, Kelly Schoembs, Melissa Slaton, Rachel Smith, Korre Veitengruber, Rachel Wax, Sue Wilkos, Katrina Young, and others who donated treats of varying kinds and sizes, making it possible for more than 135 children to shop the treat bootique after winning the Treat Walk.

Valerie Adams, Maya Bashoury, Stephanie Bashoury, Sam Berde, Destri Bernstein, Ella Buono, Leo Camo, Leanne Cole, Olivia Cole, Shauna Cour, Natalie Crouse, Weene Crouse, Mai-Linh Dang, Zach Derwin, Jenn Dosenbach, Eva Hartman, David Heyward, Glisenys (Gli) Heyward, Bailey Keegan, Molly Keegan, Anne Lehr, Megan Lehr, Ethan Likes, Bethany Locke, David Morris, Tammy Nguyen, Rachel Noble, Nechelle Ogden, Angela Oster, Ryan Palmer, Tina Palmer, Thanh Pham, June Ricks, Vinnie Riley, Tracy Ritterbusch, Natalie Roberts, Stella Roberts, Eileen Rubenstein, Jacob Rubenstein, Matthew Rubenstein, Tyler Rubenstein, Kelly (& baby Tyler) Schoembs, TJ Tribble, Dawson Van Pelt, Luke Van Pelt, Mindy Vu, Andre Wax, Malia Wall, Maddie Weng, Stefanie Williamson, and Melissa Yap, who volunteered at stations to make sure that attendees had treat bags, prizes, and cauldrons of fun to keep them from playing hide-and-shriek.

The 5th Grade class sponsors and parents—Shauna Cour & Lani Peterson, Jayme Benson, Ania Murphy, Sean Murphy, and Kathy Nolan—who organized, ordered, and sold pizza (and more) for the 5th Grade Camp Seymour Fundraiser. They experienced such support from the gathered ghouls that every morsel was munched before the event ended!

Valerie Adams, Elaine Brabant, Leo Camo, Khanh Dang, Mai-Linh Dang, Danielle Dixon, Michele Getty, Trisha Kauffman, Bethany Locke, Thanh Pham, Mindy Vu, and Maddie Weng, who stayed until the end of the cleaning shift, kept everyone from flying off the handle of a broom, and made it possible for all to be home before our coaches turned into pumpkins.

Thank you all for coming together to make the Newcastle Elementary Costume Carnival a howling good time for every ghoul and gargoyle!

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for our kids & school!

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eScrip



Did you know you can earn money for our school every time you shop at Safeway and Bartell?

By registering your Safeway loyalty card # along with your debit and credit card #'s, each time you shop at these local merchants, a percentage of your total purchase will be credited towards our PTSA group!

Our PTSA earnings for the month of September 2013 was \$689.98! YTD we have earned \$2600!!

This is an easy way for Newcastle families to raise funds. Your relatives and neighbors can also register and join the team - simply go to www.escrip.com and register your Safeway loyalty card along with your debit card information. **NOTE:** Safeway will no longer provide donations if you use your credit card for payment, only debit cards. For Bartell purchases, you may pay using either your debit or credit cards registered to the program. The site will keep your information confidential and secure.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to renew your membership on the eScrip site each year. Please sign into your eScrip account, and if you have not renewed as of November 1st, you will see a button to renew. Click, and you are reregistered. Remember to also update your debit and credit card numbers in the event of any changes in the past 12 months.

Target REDCard



If you have a Target REDCard (Debit or Charge card) you can register your card to provide a donation for Newcastle for up to 1% of your purchases at Target!

To do so, go to: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home> to designate Newcastle Elementary as your affiliated school.

YTD through August 2013, Target has donated \$2633 to Newcastle Elementary! Currently, we have 22 registered users for Newcastle donations. With the holiday season coming up, if each Newcastle family with a Target REDCard registers their card for Newcastle, we can certainly increase our earnings substantially!

Box Tops for Education



We're launching our 2013/2014 school year Box Tops for Education campaign! This is a very easy way for kids and families to help earn donations for the Newcastle PTSA. ***Did you know that we earn 10¢ for each Box Tops coupon we submit??***

All you need to do is clip the Box Top coupon from each participating product that you use. Send it to school with your child and each classroom will send those box tops into the PTSA for submittal. Students can also drop off zip lock bags of Box Tops coupons in the box in the school entrance lobby, located right next to the drinking fountain next to the elevator. **SUPER EASY!**

Did you know there is also an online version of Box Tops? All eBoxTops® Rewards are electronically credited to our school's account, with no clipping required. Just like clipped Box Tops, eBoxTops® are worth 10¢ apiece. Click here to get started and check out a complete list of participating stores:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/consumer-registration?action=HeaderSignUp>

For more information on eScrip, Target REDCard rewards and Box Tops for Education, please contact Christine Norrander at cnorrander@outlook.com

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Auction Chairperson Needed!

Do you enjoy planning events? Do you like to throw parties? Are you organized and detail-oriented? Well, we have the perfect opportunity for YOU - Auction Chairperson or Co-Chairperson! We are looking for someone to run and facilitate Newcastle Elementary School's Biennial Auction that will be held in the Spring of 2015. This is an extremely important event for our school and for our students so if you have any questions and/or are interested, please contact Meri Hartman at merimelissa@yahoo.com

Help the 5th Graders Attend Camp



To help pay for 5th grade promotion and to reduce the cost of camp, the 5th graders will be selling Brown Bear Car Wash tickets at a significant discount. Here's how it works: Tickets will be sold during the month of November for the following amounts: 1 for \$7.00, 3 for \$18 and 5 for \$25. These make great stocking stuffers or corporate gifts! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Nolan at Kathy.Nolan@comcast.net or Ania Murphy at Ania.Murphy@simplybluedenim.com.

Here's to a clean car in the winter! We appreciate your support.

Reflections

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's PTSA-sponsored Reflections Program! We received many beautiful entries artistically interpreting this year's theme, "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Twelve entries are being forwarded to the District representing Newcastle. We would like to thank the following for taking the time to judge our entries: Terry Anderson; Amy Friedman, owner SmartwithArt; and Heidi Leonard of Heidi Leonard Photography.

Everyone in our community is invited to the District Reflections Gallery Walk Reception, January 14, 2014, to see our school entries as well as those from throughout the district. We will also showcase the entries at a future Newcastle event. Thank you again to all participants!