

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 27th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

Friday, January 27th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
PTSA Family Event:
Geography Night

Friday, January 27th
BoxTops Contest Ends

Monday, January 30th
6:30pm
General Meeting

Monday, January 30th -
February 3rd
Stanford Testing

Tuesday, January 31st
5th Grade Camp
Fundraiser at Amante's
Pizza and Pasta

Thursday, February 2nd
Student Banking

Monday, February 13th
7:00pm
PTSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th
7:00pm
4th Grade Musical

Bond Vote: The vote on the Issaquah School District Bond will be April 17, 2012.
For information about the bond: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/bond/default.aspx>
To register to vote: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration.aspx>

Presidents' note

We hope everyone has been happy to get back in the groove of things this week after last week's unexpected snow break! We want to remind you all that we have our January PTSA General Membership meeting this Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM at The Woolly Toad. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this very important meeting. Here's a bit of what's on our agenda:

- Dr. Rasmussen, ISD Superintendent, will be presenting information on the District's April Bond package and a VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) rep will be there to answer additional questions
- Vote to endorse the April Bond
- Funding requests for mobile computer lab and school-wide author visit
- Voting in our Nominating Committee
- Door Prize - \$25 Gift Card to The Golf Club at Newcastle

Lately we have heard from a number of people in the community that they are incredibly impressed with the involved parent community at Newcastle Elementary. Thank you to all of our AMAZING volunteers...We are honored to be part of this Newcastle family!

Kim Plowman & Edana Peacock
PTSA Co-Presidents

Where in the World Family Evening Tonight! Friday, January 27th from 6 to 8 pm

We hope to see you at the school tonight for a special geography celebration! The event for grades K - 5 will begin at 6pm in the Newcastle Elementary Commons with a Magic Around the World show featuring magician Jeff Evans (pizza will be available for purchase). The fun will continue following the show with a map scavenger hunt, a mini geography challenge, foreign language fun, puzzles, games, and more!!

For the Full Calendar and all up-to-date information, please
visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

Thank you to the following business members for supporting our kids!

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The more we use their services, the more we can do for our kids & school!

Orthodontic Excellence
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Wanted: Used Books!

The Spring Used Book Fair (SUB) is just around the corner, so while you are doing your post-holiday cleanup and gearing-up on spring cleaning around the house, please review your book inventory to see what books your kids have outgrown that could be donated to our school book fair. If you want to place them in a bag and label it "donation" they can be dropped at the PTSA office. We always have a need for books appropriate for the 4th and 5th graders (as most books donated are for 4-9 year olds) so remember to ask your neighborhood friends with middle schoolers for any book donations they may ready to depart with.

SUB will be held in March and each book will be available for purchase for just \$1/each! Proceeds go to PTSA and ultimately to the needs of our wonderful school!

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support!
 Michelle Ryberg & Jana Miller - SUB Co-Chairs



Eat out and support our 5th graders!

Tired of the cold and rain? Need a break from the kitchen for a while? Want something to look forward to? We have the perfect day planned for you! Take a break from cooking on Tuesday, January 31 and eat lunch and/or dinner at Amante's! Mention that you're from Newcastle Elementary and 10% of your purchase will go to our 5th graders to help make their trip to Camp Warm Beach a little easier on their parents' wallets!

Amante's Pizza and Pasta · 4201 Sunset Blvd. NE, Renton 98059 · 425/271-8985

Results of the Newcastle Elementary School Geography Bee are in!

Thank you to all fourteen of the fourth and fifth grade finalists who participated in the first ever Newcastle Elementary Geography Bee on Friday, January 13th! We are proud of all of you! The questions were challenging and the students gave it their all as their peers watched and waited in suspense to see who would be named our school champion.

A big congratulations to fifth grader, Colby V., our school geography bee champion and also a big congrats to Bridget U., the runner-up! Colby and Bridget ended up tying in the championship round, leading to a tie-breaker to follow. A very exciting finish for all involved!

As our school champion, Colby will now have the opportunity to take a written test to have a chance at qualifying for the state 2012 National Geographic Bee. The top 100 students in the state (selected based on qualifying test scores) qualify to represent their schools and compete at the state level. State qualifiers compete in an oral competition at the state level, which is usually held in late March or early April.

We wish Colby the best of luck and again would like to thank all who participated in the bee! Many thanks to the fabulous fourth and fifth grade teachers who held classroom bees, Mrs. Newton (our moderator), Ms. Rickey (our geography bee teacher coordinator) and Newcastle Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Rich Crispo and Lisa Jensen (judges). Our first school geography bee was a big success and a great opportunity to again see the many talents of Newcastle Elementary students!

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Golden Acorn News: Committee & Nominee Information

Golden Acorn Committee

We are trying to find 2 more people to join Lisa Vold on this year's Golden Acorn/Awards committee. The job involves collecting nominations, then spending an afternoon or evening as a group working through everything with the rubric we will provide, then ordering certificates and letting the winners know they won. Pretty simple, yet incredibly important and valuable. Please email Lisa if you would like to join her or if you have any questions - lisalvold@yahoo.com

Golden Acorn Nominations

Each year our PTSA awards the Golden Acorn to individuals who have given outstanding volunteer service to the children and youth in our school community. The Golden Acorn is special and given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor our volunteers that have gone "above and beyond"! Award winners receive the Golden Acorn Award Pin and a special certificate from the Washington State PTA. The Council also contributes in the winner's name to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships to selected high school students entering post-secondary education. Please take a few minutes and complete [the form](#) to nominate someone who is making a difference in our children's lives. Send the completed form to the PTSA, ATTN: Golden Acorn through kidmail. The Golden Acorn Committee will make the final selections and notify the winners in mid-March. Questions? Contact: Lisa Vold, lisalvold@yahoo.com

Get Your Rear in Gear!!

As many of you already know, Mrs. Tinnea - one of our fabulous 1st grade teachers - is currently undergoing treatment for colon cancer. She and her Kickin' the Stink Out of Colon Cancer team are participating in the Mercer Island "Get Your Rear in Gear" event on March 25th. The day includes all of the following:

- Half marathon run & walk
- 10K run
- 5K run & walk (official "Get Your Rear in Gear" event!)
- Kids' Dash

Wouldn't it be great to show some Purple Power and support Mrs. Tinnea and the Colon Cancer Coalition by having a HUGE Newcastle Lions turnout for this event?! Register today at: <http://getyourrearingear.com/events/list/2012/mercer-island-wa-2012/> Just follow these easy steps: 1) Choose **Register Today** 2) Select **Join an Existing Team** 3) Find: **Team Katie: Kickin' the Stink out of Colon Cancer** 4) Register yourself and family members and select the event that fits you best. We hope to see so many friendly Lion faces on March 25th. Don't forget to wear your purple!

Directory Update

Please take a moment to update the following information in your PTSA Directory:

Sean Nielsen is now at Realogics Sotheby's International Realty and he can now be reached at:

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