

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, February 16th
Student Banking

Thursday, February 16th
2nd/3rd Grade Staff
Appreciation Lunch

Friday, February 17th
Golden Acorn Nominations
Due

Feb. 20th - February 24th
Second Winter Break - No
School

February 27th - March 2nd
Read Across America!
Week

Tuesday, February 28th
7:00pm Kindergarten
Parent Orientation

Thursday, March 1st
Student Banking

Thursday, March 1st
6:30-7:30pm
Read Across America at
Liberty High School

March 7 - March 9
SUB (Spring Used Book
Sale)

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

Thank you to Stina Fleugge and her team of volunteers for putting on an amazing Geography event! We know how much time and effort you all put into it and we thank you for making geography fun for our kids!

We'd also like to thank everyone who attended our January PTSA general membership meeting! We had a great time at the Woolly Toad and worked our way through some important business...

- **We voted to use the remaining Fund-a-Need money from the 2011 auction to purchase a mobile computer lab.** This will enable entire classes of kids to work on computer projects at the same time. As we look ahead to more state testing being done on computers, this resource will be especially valuable.
- **We also voted to endorse the Issaquah School District's April Bond measure.** To learn more about how this will impact our kids, please click on the link <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/bond/default.aspx>. If you are not yet registered to vote, it's not too late! Click here to more information: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration.aspx>

We have our next PTSA meeting this Monday, February 13 at 7 PM in the Commons. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Kim & Edana

Thank You Where in the World Volunteers!

I would like to extend my gratitude and a big thank you to all who helped make our Where in the World evening last January 27th a success! To begin, many thanks to our Newcastle Elementary students who took the time to complete such detailed and colorful world maps that were displayed in the halls. Some amazing effort there! How interesting it was to get a glimpse of the heritage and favorite places of our diverse Newcastle Lions!

In addition, a host of volunteers contributed before during and/or after this event! Many thanks to: Prema Bhatt, Danielle Dixon, Jeff Evans, Kurt Fluegge, Georgia Forchuk, Rachel Handsman, Kelly Hay, Trisha Kauffman, Michele Maresh, Enid Mendez, Kathy Nolan, Lani Pedersen, Aminta Procel, Luca Procel, Yer Vue, Andy Wand, Karen Yang, Grace Tazuma and Stefanie Williamson.

The evening was definitely a team effort and I send many thanks to all who contributed! Stina Fluegge

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

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the more we can do for our kids
& school!

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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. All nominations are due by February 17, 2012. Questions? Contact: Lisa Vold, lisalvold@yahoo.com

Discover Your Inner Scientist!

Eureka! Mark your calendars for Newcastle Elementary School's first ever science fair to be held on Friday, May 11 from 6-8 pm in the Commons. This Newcastle Elementary PTSA sponsored event will begin with a Radical Reactions demonstration by the Pacific Science Center. After the show, engage in hands-on activities led by staff from the KidsQuest Museum and observe science fair projects created by children from Newcastle Elementary School. Judges from different branches of the science community will be there as well.

Students interested in creating projects for the science fair must register by 3:40 pm on Friday, March 23rd. Please keep an eye out for directions and registration forms to come home via Kid Mail in early March. Projects will be due in early May.

Please contact Danielle Dixon (danielle_dixon@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with set-up, clean-up, or other aspects of the event.

Family Game Night is coming soon - Mark your calendars!

Please join us for the Newcastle Elementary School PTSA-sponsored Family Game Night Event to be held on Friday, March 9th from 6-8pm in the Commons. Popular children's entertainer and singer Al Hirsch, a.k.a Alleyoop, will be showcasing his "Games of the World" exhibit and highlighting how games have developed mathematical skills throughout the centuries. In addition, a variety of popular board games will be on hand for families to play together or in small groups. The 5th graders will be selling pizza to fundraise for camp. We hope you will join us for an evening of unplugged family/community bonding. We still need 4-6 volunteers to help during the event. Please contact Michele Maresh (michele.maresh@comcast.net) or Grace Tazuma (gtazuma@comcast.net) if you are available.

Calling All Cooks!!!

As many of you know, our beloved Mrs. Tinnea is undergoing chemotherapy and continues to do really well. One way we can show our love and support to her and her family is to help prepare meals for them. It is one less thing to worry about after a long day. If you would like to share a meal with Mrs. Tinnea's family, simply log on to <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=CEQB8750> and sign up for which date you would like.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Flash at eaflash@comcast.net

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 be ready to depart with.

For those families new to the SUB we will have the book fair in March and will be selling each book that was donated for a thrifty \$1.00 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



Parents Night Out!

Hey parents... Do you need a night out? Lake Heights YMCA would like to help you take some time out for yourself. We are hosting our annual Parent's Night Out series from 6:00-10:00pm on the following dates:

February 10
March 2
March 9

Our experienced and knowledgeable staff will be providing dinner, a movie, and arts and crafts activities all night. The cost is \$25 per child, or \$40 for up to two siblings. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please call Nicole Andes at 206-276-0095, or email at nandes@seattleyymca.org. Registration is required at least two days prior to the night you would like to attend. This event is open to the public for children ages 5-12 years old.

The Lake Heights Y preschool department will also be hosting Parents Night Out on February 10 for children ages 12 months-4 years old. For further information on that, please contact Angie Gould at agould@seattleyymca.org.

All proceeds for these events will be going to the YMCA's annual Partners With Youth fundraising campaign.

Liberty High School PTSA's Electronics Recycling Drive

The Liberty High School PTSA's electronics recycling drive is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 31st at Briarwood Market Place, at the corner of 164th Street Southeast and Southeast 128th Street. It will be in the back parking lot behind Doofers Bar & Grill.

Accepted items include working and broken electronics, appliances, bicycles, motorcycles, cars, trucks, batteries, fitness equipment, medical equipment, lawnmowers and barbecues.

Volunteers will collect the items, and Issaquah nonprofit 1 Green Planet will haul away the collections. Recycling is free, but the Liberty PTSA appreciates monetary donations. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

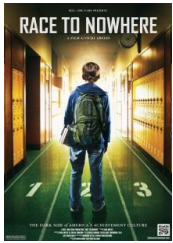
For the Full Calendar and all up-to-date information, please
visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>



Donor Alert

If you made a gift to the Foundation during the 2011 calendar year, you should have received an Annual Report and year-end tax statement. If not, please contact Tina Weber, tweber@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org

Community Conversations



The next entry in the ISF/IEA/PTSA /ISD sponsored **Community Conversations** film series—‘Race to Nowhere’—will be shown on **Thursday, March 1, at 7 pm at the Issaquah High School Performing Arts Center**. This critically acclaimed documentary is a must see for parents and students. Filmmaker and mother Vicki Abeles turns her lens on the culture of hollow achievement and pressure to perform that has invaded America’s schools and explores the price our kids pay for this ‘race to nowhere.’ Attendees will have the opportunity to share their reactions to the film during a post-screening panel discussion featuring District parents, students and personnel. Tickets to ‘Race to Nowhere’ are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased at <http://rtnissaquahhs.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited. [Click Here](#) to see a theatrical trailer.

Think Spring

Celebrate spring at the **Nourish Every Mind Luncheon!** This year’s event will be held on **Thursday, May 10 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Issaquah Community Center**. If you’ve attended before you know the Luncheon is the place to be to network, catch up with friends and hear first-hand how donor funded ISF programs are changing the lives of Issaquah School District students. If you haven’t attended in the past, add it to your ‘to -do’ list. Save-the-Date cards will be mailed soon. In the meantime, you may call or email Michelle Weldon, mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundtiaon.org to add your name to the invitation list.

After-School Homework Labs

Does your student need homework help or a safe supervised location to work on group projects? Remind them to utilize the **After School Homework Labs** at our middle and high schools. Funded by ISF donors, **After School Homework Labs** are staffed by teachers and/or counselors who offer assistance on a variety of subjects. Visit your school’s homepage to learn what’s offered at the **After-School Homework Lab** at your location.

Anticipation Builds

30 applications ... nearly \$130,000 in requests ... and \$75,000 to distribute. Who will be among this year’s **Academic Enrichment Grant** winners? Results will be announced in March.

Alumni Outreach

We’re looking for ISD grads who are passionate about education for our newly formed Alumni Committee. Headed by Issaquah High School grad Jay Kipp (2001), our Alumni Committee seeks to create connections between past and current grads, become a resource for Alumni Reunion planners, and investigate how alumni can best support our current students—be it as a mentor, speaker, sage, or ...? Your input will help determine the path the committee takes. Curious? Contact Jay Kipp, jay@jaykipp.com, for more information.



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Newcastle Elementary celebrates Reading!

The Newcastle Lion Pride will be roaring with excitement for our
 SCHOOL-wide celebration ~ Read Across America!

Following Winter Break, students have the opportunity to participate in many fun activities the week of February 27th-March 2nd.

Monday, Feb. 27th~ All kids will complete the Reader's Oath, hear their teacher read a book by Dr. Seuss, and there is a just-for-fun optional hat decorating project!

Tuesday, February 28th~ Using books from each state in the US, all classes will *READ* their way across America. Check out the map across from the library to see all of the great titles!

Wednesday, February 29th~ Dress as your favorite character from a book!

Thursday, March 1st ~ Family Dr. Seuss event at Liberty High School - 6:30-7:30 pm!

Friday, March 2nd ~ All students and staff will Drop Everything And Read!

That's not all!



On Monday, March 5th, we have a special author visit by Matt Holm of *Babymouse* and *Squish* fame! All students will attend an assembly from this fantastic author and illustrator. Books by Matt Holm will be available for pre-purchase online until February 17th. If you'd like your child to meet Matt and have their book signed, you will want to visit <http://www.akjbookclub.net/newcastle-elementary.html> to get your books! Select Newcastle Elementary from the left frame and find the books you'd like! All books will be sent directly to our school before Matt's visit. Online sales are live February 2-17.



Thank you so much to our generous PTSA for bringing Matt Holm to Newcastle!

We're not done yet!



Later that week you can stock up on great books at the SUB, the Spring Used Book sale! The SUB sale runs from Wednesday, March 7th- Friday, March 9th!

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT



Computers,
Laptops,
Printers,
Computer
parts, Faxes,
Scanners,
Modems,
Wires, Toners,
Computer
Batteries, etc.



Appliances,
Washers/dryers
refrigerators,
water heaters,
etc.



Stereos, CD,
DVD,
VHS,cassette
players,
speakers, etc



Televisions
monitors,
any size, etc.



Bicycles, motorcycles,
cars, trucks, car-boat
motorcycle
batteries,etc



Barbecues (no
propane tanks pls!),
Lawn mowers (pls
empty gasoline and
oil!) Fitness
equipment, Medical
equipment ,etc.



Recycling made **FREE & EASY**

Saturday, March 31st, 2012

10:00AM-3:00PM

**Briarwood Market Place - *back parking lot* - behind Doofer's
(organized by Liberty High PTSA)**

164th & SE 128th Street, Renton WA 98059

Bring your recyclable items(working or not!) Items will be accepted without a drop feecash donations would be appreciated to the Liberty High PTSA for organizing and staffing this free event for the community.

1 Green Planet recycles the raw materials which fund operations and benefit local charities, homeless shelters, and food banks. Seattle Children's Hospital and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



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