

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

Friday, March 30th  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Liberty High PTSA's  
Electronics Recycling  
Drive

Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00pm  
GET Information Seminar  
at Sunset Elementary

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking

April 9 - April 13  
Spring Break - No School

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00pm  
PTSA General Meeting

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Student Banking

**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

**Ballots have been mailed for the April 17 School Bond Vote!**

By now registered voters should have received their ballots for the special Issaquah School District bond election and we are being asked to decide one thing: **whether or not to help bridge the huge gap left by inadequate state funding of education.** Although the \$219 million bond package might seem big, the truth is our taxes will actually go down - the owner of a \$500,000 home will pay about \$215 less per year than we currently pay on the bond package that runs out this year.

You might be surprised to learn that **Washington State does not fund regular maintenance of public schools** - *local voters must approve school bonds to make sure our kids have safe buildings in which to learn and grow.* If we don't approve this package, the ISD will be forced to divert funds from areas like teacher salaries and books in order to make even basic repairs to school buildings. For example, if a school boiler fails, the replacement is \$500,000, which is equivalent to 6 teaching positions. In some elementary schools, class sizes are up to 28 students. Imagine how much more difficult it will be for our kids to learn and our teachers to teach if there are 30 or more students in each classroom!

Within the \$219 million package are almost **\$4 million for Maywood Middle School** and **\$44.58 million for Liberty High School**, which will enable our district to complete the construction that has already begun and will turn our high school into a state-of-the-art facility like Issaquah HS and Skyline HS. Our south-end Newcastle & Renton schools are first on the construction schedule, which means the work should be complete in about 3 years, in plenty of time for most of our Newcastle kids to actually enjoy the new buildings.

**Something to remember, as we enter the last 3 weeks of the campaign - the Snoqualmie Valley School District lost a bond measure in 2010 by only 2 votes. Every vote really does count! The ballots must be postmarked by April 17 and we need 60%+1 of those votes to be in favor of funding a better education for our kids.**

For more information, you can log on to <http://www.visvote.org/> or let one of us know if you have any questions.

Kim & Edana

**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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### Thank you to our corporate sponsors for their generous annual contributions to Newcastle PTSA!

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

Orthodontic Excellence  
 Safeway  
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 Precision Autocraft  
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## Spring Used Book Fair (SUB)

The SUB Fair was greatly successful in putting over 1100 books into children and adult hands! A big thank you to each family that donated books - without you, we wouldn't have been able to offer the amazing spread of books to choose from! We would also like to thank the volunteers that helped set up, run, organize, and take down for the book fair: Laura Berry, Lani Pederson, Lance Gytoku, JulieAnne Dietsch, Viviane Rossi, Angela Oster, Sarah Herr, Cindy Buono, Marnie Maraldo, Kathy Nolan, and Terri Catalani. Each of you played a big part in the smiles of children as they walked away with multiple books, all for just \$1.00 each!

Jana Miller and Michelle Ryberg

## Science Fair

Wow! Newcastle students are clearly passionate about science! Thanks to everyone who registered for the May 11 Science Fair.

As your junior scientists start on their projects, there are helpful videos, resources, and project checklists at <http://newcastleptsa.org/Page/sciencefair/ScienceFair>. The school library also has resources that can help students with project ideas. For students who registered but have not yet selected a topic, or for those who change project ideas, please submit a follow-up registration form (available at the above weblink) to the PTSA office by Friday, April 20. Projects may not include living or preserved animals, harmful or hazardous substances, weapons, body fluids or flammable materials. If your junior scientist experiments with plants, please plan to display only photographs given allergy concerns.

We are excited to see the enthusiasm for this first-time Newcastle event! Question/comments? Please contact: [danielle\\_dixon@comcast.net](mailto:danielle_dixon@comcast.net)

## Calling All 5th Grade Families Headed to Maywood!

Welcome to Maywood's PTSA! Find everything you need to know at [www.maywoodptsa.org](http://www.maywoodptsa.org). At the middle school level, sports and other after school clubs become the responsibility of ASB (Associated Student Body) - but there's still a strong need for YOUR support of PTSA activities.

Sign up for the PTSA registration/volunteer information available in August, by sending your email address to: [info@maywoodptsa.org](mailto:info@maywoodptsa.org) - ask for "registration info". For more information, contact Leslie Kahler at 425-226-1314 or Tina Waters at 425-255-2674, Maywood Co-PTSA Presidents or by email at [lesliekahler@comcast.net](mailto:lesliekahler@comcast.net) or [Waters.t@comcast.net](mailto:Waters.t@comcast.net)

## Lego Spring Session

Calling all junior engineers! There are still a few openings for the Lego spring session. Click here for more information:

[http://www.leap4kidz.com/Enroll\\_Newcastle.html](http://www.leap4kidz.com/Enroll_Newcastle.html)





## Got Lunch?

Want to enjoy the most energizing, informative and inspiring lunch of the year? Join us at the Issaquah Schools Foundation's **14th Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon, Thursday, May 10** from 11 am - 1 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. **Nourish Every Mind** is THE place to learn more about what the Foundation does for your child, how it impacts our schools and what you, as a parent, can do to make sure the Foundation can continue to improve education for every student.

**\*\*\*There are no tickets to buy in advance.** Just contact Eileen Rubenstein ([edrubenstein@hotmail.com](mailto:edrubenstein@hotmail.com)) or Edana Peacock ([edanatish@aol.com](mailto:edanatish@aol.com)) to reserve a seat at Newcastle's table!

## Something to Talk About



You'll have much to discuss after viewing **American Teacher**, the second entry in the ISF/ISD/IEA/PTSA sponsored **Community Conversations** film series. Narrated by Matt Damon, the acclaimed documentary reveals the joys and frustrations of today's teachers and asks viewers to consider the current state of the teaching profession ... do we value our teachers? ... are they equipped to prepare our children for the future? The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring current and former teachers. Don't miss your chance to join the conversation at the **FREE** screening of **American Teacher, Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6:30 pm** at Issaquah High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

## Award Winning Teachers

Winners of Classroom Enrichment Grant awards were surprised in their classrooms by Foundation volunteers bearing balloons and banners on Thursday, March 1st. The Foundation awarded 10 grants to teachers across the District for projects of \$1,000 or less that enhance the learning environment in our classrooms, libraries and schools. Congratulations to our winners for going above and beyond to make our students' education the best it can be. [Click Here](#) for a complete list of grants. Check out the Issaquah Reporter article about the grants [here](#).

## Like Shopping?



You'll love My Community Place, our newest business partner. Click the badge to your left to enter the site and shop at one or more of the participating merchants. You'll find a wide variety of stores and services---everything from Barnes & Noble and the Microsoft store to Legos and Lowes. Up to 10% of your purchase price will be donated to the Foundation. It's an easy way to combine shopping and philanthropy. [Click Here](#) to learn more about MyCommunity Place and to view offers from other Foundation business partners.

## Reminder - Free Electronics Recycling Event!

When: Saturday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: At the Briarwood Market behind Doofers

Liberty High School PTSA is holding an E-Cycle event with 1 Green Planet. 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.

All donations received will go toward the Class of 2014 Senior Events.

## 2011-12 PTSA Executive Committee

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## Auction News!

### SAVE THE DATE!

What: Newcastle Elementary PTSA Auction (our biggest fundraiser!)  
When: Saturday, March 16, 2013, 5:30 pm  
Where: Westin Bellevue

**HELP WANTED!** We are still in need of a Raffle Leader and Procurement Support. We are also still seeking volunteers for Cougar Ridge's Auction on Saturday, April 21 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm. Please contact [gforchuk@msn.com](mailto:gforchuk@msn.com) for more information.

Procurement is underway! Please consider asking your favorite restaurant, winery, resort, salon, summer camp, etc. if they would be willing to donate to our auction. While our Procurement Team will be mailing hundreds of donation requests, personal connections increase our chances and often result in higher value donations. [Click here](#) for a procurement form. Thank you for your assistance!

Interested in learning more about the auction? Join us for our Kick-Off Planning Meeting on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. Location details to follow.



## Support our school when shopping at Everything Party!

With spring and holidays approaching, we want to remind families that Newcastle Elementary is enrolled in a give-back program with Everything Party at the Renton Landing. Every time you shop and tell the cashier you are with Newcastle Elementary, 10% of your transaction will be sent to our school. To participate in the program, simply notify the store cashier of our school name at the start of your transaction. Everything Party will automatically track the sales and send a quarterly check to our school!

If you have questions on the program, please contact Meri Hartman at [merimelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:merimelissa@yahoo.com).



### NIGEL COOPER PHOTOGRAPHY DEAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

It's another exciting week for Newcastle PTSA - a deal for \$100 for \$200 toward Senior Portraits at Nigel Cooper Photography is available for you to purchase to support Newcastle! To get your hands on this great bargain, go to <http://www.msnooffersforschools.com/WA/NewcastleE/> Remember, it's important to use this web link because it's how we track the amount of funds raised for Newcastle.

# 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)**

**164<sup>th</sup> & SE 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton WA 98059**

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

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