

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

May 7th - May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Staff Appreciation Week

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Science Fair

Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
Auction Kick-off Meeting  
(see evite for address)

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking  
At lunch on Stage

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla  
In the Bookroom

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
California Pizza Kitchen  
and Barnes & Noble  
Fundraiser

Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:00pm  
PTSA Board Meeting

Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day - No School

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Kindergarten Mom's Night  
Out at Vino at the  
Landing

### Presidents' Note

May is a busy month here at Newcastle and we hope that you all will be able to enjoy all the fun activities that you will read about in this week's newsletter! We kick off the month with Staff Appreciation week on Monday, May 7th and close the week with our very first Newcastle Science Fair on Friday, May 11th in the Commons! Monday, May 14th is our 2013 Auction Kick-off Party at Kelly Hay's house (7 pm in the Reserve) and to close our month we are having our Spring Book Fair FUNdraiser on Sunday, May 20th at the Barnes and Noble in Bellevue! Please make sure to read the articles related to each event throughout the newsletter to get all the details!

Happy May... Kim and Edana

### Mochas with Marla

### Friday, May 18 at 9:15 AM in the New Bookroom!!!

Please join us for a special morning with our Principal, Marla Newton - in the new **BOOKROOM!!** (Portable building) This leveled-reading literacy resource was purchased through a \$23,000 PTSA grant with money raised from the 2011 auction Raise the Paddle and other PTSA fundraisers. Join us for coffee, juice and refreshments to learn more about the bookroom and to ask Marla questions or share what's on your mind regarding the school year. We will be wrapping it up around 10 am; don't miss this opportunity! Sponsored by the Newcastle Elementary PTSA. Please contact Event Chair, Monique Bloch, at 206/909-8457 or [blochmonique@gmail.com](mailto:blochmonique@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### Order Your EPI School Supply Packs Now!

School Supply Packs are now available to order online until May 30th. It's easy, saves time and avoids shopping hassles in August! Supplies will be waiting in your child's classroom at the Meet Your Teacher event before school starts. All supplies are teacher-approved and custom-packed for each student. Make sure you order the grade your child will be in next year. Go to [www.epipacks.com](http://www.epipacks.com), and enter our school ID - **NEW040** Contact Debbie McAllister, at [debbiemcallisternew@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiemcallisternew@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Staff Appreciation Week Festivities 2012

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

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It's that time of year again -- May 7 through May 11 is National Staff Appreciation Week! And in keeping with tradition here at Newcastle, we will celebrate our fabulous staff with a fun-filled week, including:

#### *Monday, May 7th*

**Breakfast Buffet:** The PTSA will be hosting a breakfast buffet of Top Pot Donuts, fruit, juice and coffee in the staff lounge.

#### *Tuesday, May 8th*

**Luncheon:** The Kindergarten and First Grade families will be hosting our third and final Staff luncheon with a Fiesta/Cinco de Mayo Lunch for the staff! Yummy!

#### *Wednesday, May 9th*

**Thank You Notes Day for Specialists and Teachers:** Students are asked to pick a staff or specialist to write a thank you to, as well as a special note to their teacher! Also, Jamba Juice will treat our amazing staff to yummy smoothies!

#### *Thursday, May 10th*

The PTSA will be providing Movie Ticket Bouquets!

#### *Friday, May 11th*

**Staff Car Wash and Cupcakes:** The PTSA will be organizing the car wash and hosting a Cupcake Royale treat to round out our week!

#### **How can you help?**

#### *Mexican Themed Luncheon*

The Kindergarten and First grade families will be asked through their room parents to provide this lunch. (The other grades have provided for the luncheons previously in the year).

#### *Thank You Notes Day*

We are hoping students will take a moment to recognize a couple of individuals at Newcastle who contribute to student's school day. (Teacher, P.E. teacher, librarian, music teachers, teacher aides, Office staff, lunch staff etc!) They can be thanked with a handwritten note, drawing, flower or treat!

#### *Car Wash*

Volunteers will be washing cars of every staff person! If you could help out on Friday, please contact Lani Pedersen at [beaubrooke261@msn.com](mailto:beaubrooke261@msn.com). The more hands the better!

Thank you for your help in showing our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated by our community.

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 Staff Appreciation Chairperson  
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This message was brought to you by the Newcastle PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee

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

## Spring Book Fair FUNdraiser! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 20th!

This year our "Spring into Summer Reading" book fair will not take place at school, but at the Barnes & Noble store in Bellevue. Barnes & Noble is giving us a generous portion of purchases made online and in the store from May 20th - 25th. In conjunction with B&N, the Bellevue California Pizza Kitchen will donate a large percentage of purchases made at their location from May 20th-26th!

Many Newcastle Staff will be at both locations on Sunday, May 20th to read books, help kids look for great summer reading materials and enjoy delicious CPK food! We hope you can join us that day! Remember the FUNdraisers last all week. You simply need to present the flyers that will come home with your child via KidMail on Thursday, May 17th. Check out the staff reading times on the flyers so that you can be sure to see your child's teacher!

Barnes & Noble is located at 626 106th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004 and [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com). The special Newcastle code for online purchases will be on the flyer. If you have friends and family who would like to support Newcastle Elementary's book fair, please feel free to pass along the online code so that their purchases contribute to our final FUNdraising total!

California Pizza Kitchen is located at 595 106th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004. While at CPK, your child can sign up for the CPKids Summer Reading Incentive program! CPK encourages and supports students reading throughout the summer. There are fun prizes available for our Lion Readers!

Be sure to look for the flyers with all the information on May 17th! If you have any questions, please call or email Laura Berry. ([berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu) or 425-837-5825)

Hope to see you on Sunday, May 20th in Bellevue!



## Auction News

Kick-off Evening: Interested in learning more about our auction? Please join us for an evening of auction fun on Monday, May 14 at 7 pm at Kelly Hay's house in the Reserve. Our auctioneer, April Brown, will be on hand to talk procurement and provide tips for a successful auction. We will announce the theme that night, auction off an item and sample a special auction cocktail. If you didn't receive the Evite, please contact [gforchuk@msn.com](mailto:gforchuk@msn.com). We hope to see you there!

A huge thank you to Michele Maresh, Sue Wilkos, Christina Manson, Christy Grabowski and Georgia Forchuk for volunteering at the recent Cougar Ridge Elementary auction. Cougar Ridge exceeded their fundraising goals and our volunteer efforts were truly appreciated. The Cougar Ridge parents look forward to helping us at our auction on March 16, 2013!

## Spanish Classes

Sponge is looking ahead to next fall and would like to gauge interest in before or after-school Spanish classes for K - 2 and grades 3 - 5. Classes take place at Newcastle Elementary. If you are interested, please e-mail [info@spongeschool.com](mailto:info@spongeschool.com)



### Award-a-Palooza

The Foundation celebrated over 60 teachers during Academic Enrichment Awards Night, Wednesday, April 25 at the Administration Building. Their award-winning projects represented an \$81,682 Foundation investment in our students and schools via Classroom Enrichment and Kateri Brow Grants. Some of the more unique requests ...Making Music the Ukulele Way for music teachers at Sunset, Newcastle and Discovery Elementary schools; Forensic Science materials for a new class at Issaquah High and Illuminated Orbiters for Maywood Middle School science classes. Bravo to our teachers for the vision and dedication to our students. [Click Here](#) to view the Kateri Brow grant list in its entirety. For Classroom Enrichment Grant winners, [click here](#).

### Have We Got a Deal for You!

Barbara Roser Photography is offering 50% off the value of your sitting if you mention Issaquah Schools Deal when booking your appointment. And, the deal gets even better. 100% of your savings will be donated to the Foundation. It's a win-win for everyone. [Click Here](#) to learn more about Barbara, Roser Photography or call 425-391-9371.

### More Deals ...

Check out the ISF Business Partnership page to view special offers from local merchants. And don't forget Amazon. Add [Shop Amazon for ISF](#) to your bookmarks. Each time you use it to log onto the Amazon site the Foundation will receive a donation of up to 8% of your purchase.

### Donor Dollars at Work

The Foundation's grant for iPads for special needs students is getting rave reviews. The iPads have numerous applications and in one case, even vocalizes for a student. You can see a video about the iPad program at the *Nourish Every Mind Luncheon* on May 10.

Recently students at Liberty High School enjoyed a presentation by Facebook employees. Turns out, one of the employees was an ISD graduate who participated in Robotics at Issaquah High—a program funded in part for years by ISF donors.

## Kindergarten Mom's Night Out at Vino at the Landing Scheduled for May 31!

On Thursday, May 31, there will be a KinderConnect event for moms at Vino at the Landing from 7 - 9 pm. All kindergarten moms are invited to have a night out to get to know (or reconnect) with other moms. There is no cost to attend this event; however, food and beverages will be available for purchase, if you would like. Vino at the Landing is located in Renton at 800 N 10th Place, Suite E. Please RSVP to the Evite so we know how much space to reserve. If you have any questions or do not receive the Evite in early May, contact Christy at [christinegrabowski@yahoo.com](mailto:christinegrabowski@yahoo.com) or Sue at [suewilkos@comcast.net](mailto:suewilkos@comcast.net). We hope you can join us!

## Science Fair

The science fair is fast approaching - May 11 from 6-8 pm. Students will be bringing home logistical information at the end of this week via Kid Mail. This e-mail highlights a few important details.

First, please ensure that your scientist takes his/her project to school on Wednesday, May 9, Thursday, May 10, or Friday, May 11 during regular school hours. Please note: *Students are NOT allowed to transport their tri-folds and projects on the bus.* If you need to deliver the science project after school has started for the day, please take it to office and they will ensure it gets to the appropriate classroom. Teachers have graciously agreed to store the projects in their classrooms until the science fair. Volunteers will be setting up the science fair projects starting immediately after school on Friday, so we will need all projects ready to go by 3:40 pm on May 11.

Second, please make sure that your scientist's tri-fold includes his/her name, teacher and grade level.

Third, go to <http://newcastleptsa.org/Page/sciencefair/ScienceFair> to view the checklist for student projects. Scientists from the community will be using this checklist to help in providing feedback to students at the event.

Finally, student scientists will be asked to stand by their projects for a specified period during the science fair to answer questions from the judges and others at the science fair. Everyone will also have an opportunity to view projects created by other students.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone's projects! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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### MSN Offers for School:

To get your hands on the next 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.

### 2011-12 PTSA Executive Committee

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