

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Registration for PTSA Membership is now open online at www.newcastleptsa.org

Even if you have already joined PTSA, please take a moment to register with us so that we have your email addresses and contact information for the PTSA directory! We will not be sending out paper registration materials this year unless specifically requested.

Upcoming Events

September 6th
Spirit Wear goes on Sale

Sept 14th-October 5th
Innisbrook wrapping paper fundraiser

September 15th
Curriculum Night
6:00pm - 6:45pm
3rd-5th Grade
7:00-7:45pm
Kindergarten - 2nd

September 19th
7:00pm
General Meeting

September 23rd
Picture Day

September 30th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

President's note

Hello...we hope that everyone had a great first week of school and a wonderful holiday weekend! We have some very exciting news to share with you as we gear up for our first full month of school. Elena Thibeault has been working very hard on a new and improved website which will allow us to communicate more efficiently and help us to become more paperless! Thanks, Elena! You can find our new website at the old address... www.newcastleptsa.org.

This year, rather than sending home all of our PTSA paperwork in hard copy, we have created an online "First Day Packet" that you can find and fill out on our new website!! Please take a minute to visit - click on the "First Day Packet" link on the left and follow the prompts to be able to fill out all your information for the directory, join the PTSA and volunteer. The new website will have up-to-date information on all of the PTSA and school events, as well as links to Enrichment classes and Escript registration. We encourage you to mark this website as one of your favorites and visit often!

This special paper edition of CUB News includes most of the information you'll need to make your way through the first few chaotic weeks of school. It is the PTSA's hope that we can ease you into the transition of school schedules, paperwork, and activities, and that you can use this newsletter to answer many initial questions. Please note that in our continued efforts to minimize paper use, expense and waste, this will be the only issue of CUB News that will be sent home in hardcopy this year. All future issues of CUB News will be available for viewing, download, and printing from our website at www.newcastleptsa.org. You may also request to have it sent directly to your email inbox during your First Day Packet sign-up.

Our Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fall Fundraiser will kick-off on September 14th...please keep an eye out for the packets to come home with your kiddos. This will be our largest fundraiser this year and we hope that everyone will support their children in their sales efforts... ☺

The eScrip "Back to School" promotion ends on September 13th! If you haven't had a chance to renew your Safeway card please do so before the end of the promotion. You will find information and a link to the renewal form on our new website!

Have a great September and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Take Care,

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Newcastle Elementary PTSA Co-Presidents

Show Your Newcastle Lion Pride!



This year we are excited to offer online ordering for Newcastle Spiritwear! The website will be available Tuesday, September 6th. Check it out at www.c9sports.com/newcastle and place your orders to show your "Lion Pride". Look for a spiritwear flyer to come home in the next few days.

If you have any questions email us!

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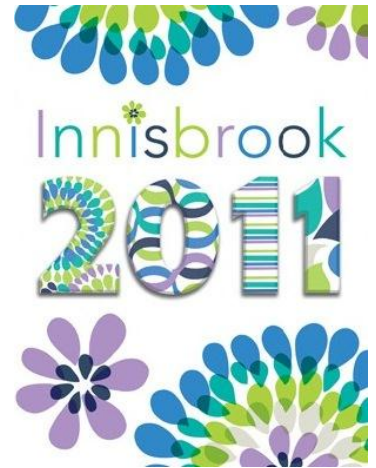
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Fall Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Beginning September 14, Newcastle PTSA will kick off the Innisbrook gift wrap & more fundraiser. Innisbrook provides top quality wrapping paper, Helen Grace chocolates, Organic Indulgence body care products, makeup by Victoria Jackson, and more. With your help we can reach our fundraising goal of \$20,000 to support the EA Program and Science Enrichment.

Please register your student on-line at www.innisbrook.com and include our school's number 112446. Out of town family and friends can help too by buying on-line using this information. If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser or have questions, contact Meri Hartman at merimelissa@yahoo.com or Michelle Riley at mmriley628@hotmail.com



Mochas with Marla

Please join our Principal, Marla Newton for coffee, juice and refreshments in the Commons area after morning drop off on Friday, September 30th. Starting at 9:15am, this is a cordial, informal event for you to ask Marla questions or share what's on your mind regarding this coming school year. We will be wrapping it up around 10am; 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 if you have any questions.

Come and Visit our new website!

The screenshot shows the Newcastle Elementary PTSA website. The header includes the address: 6947 Coal Creek Pkwy SE #299, Newcastle, WA, 98059 and the website URL: www.newcastleptsa.org. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Upcoming Events:** A calendar view showing events from Sep 4 to Sep 17. Key events include Labor Day Holiday (No School) on Sep 5, Spirit Wear goes on Sale on Sep 6, Safeway eScrip 10% Back-to-School Promotion ends on Sep 12, Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins on Sep 14, 6:00p Curriculum Night on Sep 15, and Deadline for PTSA Directory Ads on Sep 16.
- Announcements:** A section titled "Show Your Newcastle Lion Pride!" with text about online ordering for spiritwear starting Tuesday, September 6th. It provides contact information for Jayme Benson and Kiersten Byus.
- Other News:** A section titled "Smith Brother's Farms - Earn Money for your School" with a link to read the full article, dated September 5, 2011 by Elena Thebaud. Below it is a section titled "What is... DIVERSITY?" with a welcome message and information about the Reflections Program.

The left sidebar contains navigation links: home, calendar, news, ptsa, programs, school, first day packet, spirit wear, contact us, and my account.

Come and visit our new website at www.newcastleptsa.org. Our new and improved website contains lots of great features which make it easier for our members to get the latest information, view the calendar, purchase your PTSA membership, yearbooks, etc. Please make sure you complete the First Day Packet. This will prompt you to sign up for the website, fill out family information for our directory, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and purchase the Newcastle PTSA membership. If you would like to receive the Cub News in your Inbox, make sure to check off the appropriate checkbox on the first page. If you have any questions, please contact us at newcastleptsa@gmail.com

Before & After School Enrichment

An exciting line-up of enrichment programs is available to Newcastle Elementary students this year. In addition to the ever-popular art classes by MaryArt and chess program by Chess4Life, Leap4Kidz will offer a Lego® class and Sponge will offer Spanish classes at the school for all grades. Our PTSA will no longer be managing the class registration for these programs, therefore please contact each business directly for schedules and registration. More information is available on the programs page of the PTSA website: <http://newcastleptsa.org/Program>. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Handsman jeffreywdiana@aol.com or Georgia Forchuk gforchuk@msn.com.

For a quick overview of the wide-range of programs being offered at the school, we've put together this "Week at a Glance":

Day/Activity	Time	Session	Contact	Sponsored by
Monday				
Art	before school	Year-round	MaryArt	External
Jogging Club	after school	Sept-Oct	Mr. Miller	Teacher
Chorus (Grades 3-5)	after school	Year-round	Mrs. Wood	Teacher
Tuesday				
Spanish (Grades K-2)	before school	Year-round	Sponge	External
Art	after school	Year-round	MaryArt	External
Chess	after school	Year-round	Chess4Life	External
Wednesday				
Jogging Club	after school	Sept-Oct	Mr. Miller	Teacher
Art	after school	Year-round	MaryArt	External
Lego	after school	Year-round	Leap4Kidz	External
Thursday				
Video Prod. (Gr. 4 & 5)	before school	Year-round	Ms. Keller/Mrs. Goddard	Teacher
Spanish (Grades 3-5)	before school	Year-round	Sponge	External
Student Banking	lunch – 1 st Th/mo.	Year-round	Michele Maresh	PTSA
Friday				
Math Olympiad (Gr. 4 & 5)	before school	Year-round	Mr. Neugebauer	Teacher
Popcorn	2 nd recess	Year-round	Erinn Ford Michaela Bradley	PTSA

What is...DIVERSITY?

Welcome back! Now that everyone has had a chance to recharge, it's a great time to get those creative juices flowing. The Reflections Program is an excellent opportunity for students to show off their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Students may submit works of art in the following categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video, Photography, or Choreography/Dance.

Last year, we received some amazing entries. We know this year's theme, "Diversity Means...", is going to spark some fabulous ideas and we can't wait to see them! Every student who submits an entry will get the chance to compete in the district-wide competition -or maybe move on to the State or National competitions. *But wait, there's more!* ... Each student will also receive a special prize just for participating!

We're on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

Issaquah School Foundation



As we start the new year, I want to help ‘spread the word’ about a partner that helps make possible so much of what makes our schools special—the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The Foundation is a community-supported non-profit that works year-round to raise funds to bridge the gap between the dollars the state provides for basic education and the money our schools require to give students the comprehensive 21st Century education they need for success. With parent and community support, the Foundation is able to fund programs and investments that advance academic achievement, support struggling students, and promote professional development.

From 2009 to 2011, Foundation funded investments at Newcastle include:

- **A NEW - K-5 Science Curriculum adoption to ensure our students meet state requirements and experience the wonder of science from their first day in school.** Working together with the PTSA's, \$438,000 was raised to ensure every grade level would have an engaging, comprehensive curriculum that was aligned with state standards.
- **District Wide Visual Arts Lessons K-5 - Lesson plans for grades K-5, integrated with ISD Curriculum and aligned to WA State “Arts Framework” for Teachers and Art Docents. (2010-2011 / \$7,500)**
- **Making Meaning: A Picture Book’s Guide to Comprehension** - This guide is used to teach students reading comprehension strategies through picture books; students visualize, make inferences, draw conclusions, summarize, wonder, predict, and more. (2009-2010 / \$812)
- **Learning Music Through Technology** - Music software that provides an engaging way to teach and reinforce a variety of music skills and concepts and help differentiate instruction. (2008-2009 / \$1,250)
- **National Board Certification Scholarships** that give teachers access to the ‘pinnacle’ of professional development programs; equipping them with the tools to develop inquisitive, engaged learners. **Newcastle currently has two National Board Certified teachers.**
- **VOICE (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education)** - a mentor/tutor program that pairs caring community volunteers with struggling students to improve academic performance, boost self-esteem, and help curb the high-school dropout rate. **At Newcastle, nine students are being served by six mentors.**
- **GLAD** - a ‘best practices’ professional development program that helps teachers reach students of every learning style and help them excel. **Newcastle has 24 GLAD trained teachers!**
- **Nurse’s Fund** - Funds for all schools to provide necessary essentials for student learning such as eyeglasses, prescriptions, breakfast foods, etc. \$5,000/yr

The Foundation needs your help to continue providing these programs—and more, to our students. Please consider donating to their *All in for Kids* Annual Fund campaign this fall. Your gift, whether \$5 a month or \$500 will make a tremendous difference in the quality of educational resources Newcastle can make available to your student. **Flyers and information were sent home in student information packets and are available in our office. You may also donate online at www.isfdn.org**

The Foundation is asking every parent to participate and we hope that you do. Together, we can prepare our students for the challenges they will face upon graduation. Thank you for partnering with Newcastle and the Foundation.

Upcoming Events

All in for Kids Calling Nights - November 16, 17 & 19th.

Crawl, Walk or Run to the Issaquah Run at Salmon Days

Thanks to the Issaquah Rotary, the Foundation will once again be the beneficiary of a portion of each October 2 Issaquah Run entry fee. Last year, the Foundation received a donation of over \$9,500 from proceeds. Celebrate Healthy Kids and Healthy Communities. Join the fun as an individual runner, or grab your friends and form a team. It’s easy. Go to www.issaquahrun.com for more information. Register by September 6 for an early bird discount.

PTSA Directory Ads - deadline extended!

2011-12 PTSA Executive Committee

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There's still time to get an ad in this year's PTSA school directory! This is grassroots marketing at its best, one of the smartest ways to connect to our community. Your ad and listing will help put a "face" to your business as a supporter of our school and what matters most, OUR KIDS! Your name will be at the fingertips of those that want your products and services. You will help our families and staff find what they need, FAST!

It is our goal to provide our families with not only a means to get in touch with each other, but also an efficient way to connect with the wonderful resources within our community. We are striving to be the directory that families go to first! If you would like to have an ad in this year's directory or if you know of another business that might, please contact Leanne Cole at weezypt@comcast.net or go to www.newcastleptsa.org for more information and an order form.



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Starting September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for every five people from your school community who sign up for our service, we will pay your PTA/PTO \$250!

So if 10 families from your school sign up for service, we will write a check to your PTA/PTO for \$500! Additionally, we'll give YOU a \$20 credit for your first delivery!

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