

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Sept 14th-October 5th
Innisbrook wrapping
paper fundraiser

September 19th
7:00pm
PTSA General Meeting

September 23rd
Picture Day

September 23rd
Deadline for PTSA
Directory Ads

September 30th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

October 17th
6:00pm
Parent Ed Seminar

7:00pm
PTSA Board Meeting

October 20th
Vision & Hearing
Screening

October 28th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

October 28th
6:00pm
PTSA Costume Carnival

Presidents' note

We hope everyone has had a fantastic start to the school year! You might have noticed that there was no PTSA paperwork in your brown start-of-school envelopes this year - that's because we're going paperless so that we can make our PTSA communications simpler and easier for everyone. Here's how it works:

Link here to our new PTSA website to register your family for PTSA communications: www.newcastleptsa.org. Click on "PTSA Newsletter and Communications Sign-up" under Announcements. This is where you will enter all of your contact information for the PTSA directory and e-communications. **THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS JOINING PTSA! Even if you have already joined PTSA this year, we need you to sign up here because this is the only way we will have your contact information!** You can also join PTSA, (if you haven't already done so) and sign up to volunteer for a family event or another activity. And we've made it so easy that the entire process will take you no more than 5 minutes. No joke!

In keeping with the simple and easy theme for the year, we have only 2 e-newsletters that we'll send out regularly:

What's Happening Calendar

Every Monday you'll receive a calendar of what's going on at school over the next 2 weeks. This will include reminders about things like Picture Day, school closures and family events.

Cub News (This newsletter!)

Every other Friday you'll receive our Cub News, which will contain information on events, volunteer opportunities, community information and other PTSA-related events. (*Please note: This will contain PTSA and related information only. All school/district information will go out in the monthly Lions' Page, which is sent out by the school.)

We hope that you'll take a few minutes to read through our newsletters when they come out. In addition, you can find most of the information on our PTSA website, along with a full calendar of everything going on this year.

As a reminder, we have our 1st PTSA General Membership Meeting this Monday, September 19 at 7 PM in the Commons. Everyone is invited to attend and enter your name for our door prize! We'll review and approve our budget for the year, hear what's going on with the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) and vote in some new Executive Committee members. We hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend!

Kim Plowman & Edana Peacock (kplowman@premieremarket.com & edanatish@aol.com)

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Spirit Wear Reminder



If you are planning on ordering spiritwear you need to place online orders by **Monday, September 19** to receive the October 13th delivery! Please go to www.c9sports.com/newcastle to place your order. If you have any questions, please email jaymebenson@msn.com or kierstenbyus@comcast.net.

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](#).

Volunteers for Hearing and Vision Screening needed for October 20th!

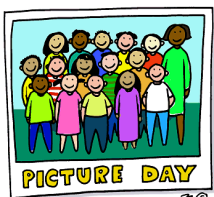
On Thursday, October 20th our school nurse will be conducting both vision and hearing testing on every student at Newcastle. We are in need of 20 more volunteers for either morning or afternoon shifts. It is a fun and easy way to volunteer and get to know fellow students.

Please contact Lani Pedersen if you are able to volunteer: beaubrooke261@msn.com or 425-430-2911

Student Banking is returning to Newcastle Elementary School in October!

If your child would like to participate in the Student Banking program at Newcastle Elementary School this year, please mark your calendars for the upcoming **HomeStreet Bank Open House. On Saturday, October 1st from 9am-12pm** the Newcastle Branch of HomeStreet Bank (located next to the UPS store on Coal Creek) is hosting an open house where your child will have the opportunity to meet the staff at the bank, open an account and receive special prizes. Once an account has been opened, your child will be able to take her/his money to school each month and have it deposited in her/his account. You will need to take photo identification and Social Security numbers for **both you and your child** in order to open the account. There is a \$5.00 minimum deposit to open a savings account and after that any amount \$1.00 or higher can be deposited by your child at school on Banking Day during all lunches. There are no fees associated with these accounts until your child reaches 18 years of age. Please mark your calendars and plan on stopping by the bank on October 1st! Stay tuned, more details are coming about Student Banking.

Picture Day!



Reminder: Next Friday September 23rd is Picture Day at Newcastle Elementary!!!

Visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

Double the Impact of Your Time & Gift!

Numerous companies and foundations in Puget Sound currently match their employees' gifts to non-profit organizations such as Newcastle Elementary. Under a corporate matching gift program, cash gifts, or gifts of volunteer time from a company's eligible employees, are matched with company or corporate foundation funds. It all adds up to a great way to increase your contributions and receive more benefits at no additional cost to you!

Here are just a few of the companies that match their employees' gifts. If your company's name is not listed here, please ask your human resources department if they match educational gifts:

Aetna, AT&T, Bank of America, The Boeing Company, The Chase Manhattan Bank, CIGNA, Cingular Wireless, City of Seattle, Costco, D.A. Davidson, ECG Management Consultants, Gates Foundation, Kennedy Associates, Key Bank, Lakeside Industries, Medtronic, Mercer Consulting, Microsoft Corp., NW Mutual, Puget Sound Energy, Real Networks, REI, Starbucks, Sun Microsystems, United Parcel Service of America, Inc., United Way, Washington Dental Service, The Westin Hotel, ZymoGenetics.

Mochas with Marla is back!

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.

What is...DIVERSITY?

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.

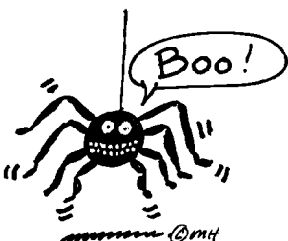
Last year, we received some amazing entries. We know this year's theme, "Diversity Means...", is going to spark some fabulous ideas and we can't wait to see them! Every student who submits an entry will get the chance to compete in the district-wide competition or maybe move on to the State or National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



The deadline for entries is **November 4**. We encourage you to go to the following link for additional information. http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/program_details.html.

Here you will find the guidelines for each category and the required forms for submittal.

Also, if you're interested in seeing what others have done, here are last year's entries: <http://newcastleptsa.org/Article/View/What-is-DIVERSITY>



Volunteers for Costume Carnival needed for October 28th!

On Friday night October 28th we will have our fabulous Costume Carnival...We need parent volunteers to help run multiple booths and help the evening run smoothly for the kids.

Please contact Lani Pedersen if you are able to volunteer: beaubrooke261@msn.com or 425-430-2911.

Space Still Available for Enrichment Programs!

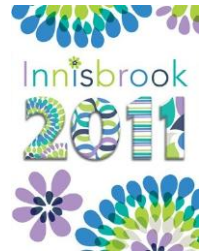
Interested in before and after school enrichment classes? Space is still available for these programs! Classes begin in the next few weeks. For information and registration, please click on the following links:

- Spanish: <http://www.spongeschool.com/newcastle.html>
- Art: http://newcastleptsa.org/Doc/PTSA%20Documents/Newcastle_MaryArt_Flier_Fall_Winter_2011_2012.pdf
- Lego: http://www.leap4kidz.com/Newcastle_Enrollment.html (K-2 full but waitlist, Grades 3 - 5 still available)
- Chess: <http://www.chess4life.com/chess-event/newcastle-fall-chess-classes/1562>

Feel free to contact Georgia Forchuk gforchuk@msn.com or Rachel Handsman jeffreywdiana@aol.com with any questions.

Our Fabulous Fall Innisbrook Fundraiser is Here!

On Wednesday, September 14th your child brought home their Innisbrook Gift Wrap packet. Please take a minute and 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



Looking for an Entertainment Book this year?

Consider supporting one of the following ISD organizations:

The Liberty Choir is currently in the final days of their Fall Entertainment Book fundraiser. The funds they raise will go directly into their travel, uniform, and festival/adjudication entry fees account. To support the Liberty High School Choir Singers please use the link below to purchase an entertainment book. You will need to use the Seller information below in order for them to get credit. Robin Wood will deliver your books to Newcastle Elementary! For questions please contact Robin Wood @ 425.837.5820. Sale Ends September 23rd. Thank you for supporting Liberty High School Choir. http://www.entertainment.com/discount/local_editions.shtml

Seller Information:	Liberty Choir
Seller Name:	Robin Wood
Group/Account Number:	357252
Seller Number:	97973

Consider supporting Apollo Elementary in their fall Entertainment Book sale through September 20. If you would like to purchase one for \$25, please contact Lauri Mendoza at president@apollopta.org and they will deliver to Newcastle Elementary!

Take five for kids: 2011 issues survey

What is most important to children in our community? Take this Washington State PTA [survey](#) and let us know.

Washington State PTA lobbies on behalf of all of PTA and PTSA members for the well-being and education of our state's youth. Delegates will be meeting this October to adjust WSPTA's [2-year platform](#) and they need feedback. Representatives from local PTAs and PTSAs, as well as the councils, will be considering adding six issues (early learning; juvenile justice; opportunity gap; school zone signage; charter schools; and highly capable) and amending our teacher compensation priority. Links to issue guides can be found [here](#).

Your opinion matters: It will help shape our advocacy for the next year. But hurry -- [survey](#) closes September 25.

Resources for you:

- Survey URL: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JJK9WVD>
- HOW ARE WE DOING?: http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/session_2011/2011_Focus_On_Schools.pdf
- 2011 legislative session: http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/session_2011/index.html
- Issue papers: <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html>

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Parenting Workshops

Emotion Coaching workshop

Everyone has emotions – especially children. And what children do with their emotions is crucial for optimal child development. So, what can you do when your preschooler or grade-schooler is angry or frustrated? Do your children know how to label and regulate their feelings?

Find out how to be your child's Emotion Coach at a free Issaquah workshop, "Emotion Coaching," developed by the Talaris and Gottman institutes.

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at the YWCA Family Village campus in the Issaquah Highlands. FREE. Pre-registration required.

"Strengthening Families" for 5th & 6th graders. They meet with both the parents and students at the same time, the class is free, dinner is provided and it lasts 7 weeks with an orientation on September 28th. See the link below for more information:

Find more information at <http://www.encompassnw.org/subcontent.aspx?SecID=109>

Multiplication Madness

We are very happy to announce that this year Mathnasium has decided to help our local community students with their Multiplication tables to help them get a strong start on the new school year. It is a six week program using a combination of games and worksheets to help students master their multiplication tables.

Who: Any students in grades 2 through 6
 What: Free Six Week Multiplication Madness Course
 Where: Mathnasium Issaquah - 4546 Klahanie Dr SE 98029
 When: Sept. 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 14, 21 from 4:00-5:00
 Why: To set your child up for success in their upcoming school year

Contact:
 Sumitha Reddy, Mathnasium of Issaquah
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Tryouts are Here!!

The Select basketball season is rapidly approaching and tryouts for 4 - 8th grade boys and girls will be held the week of September 25th. Please [Click Here](#) for more information or visit www.libertyselectbasketball.com

