

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
PTSA Board Meeting

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
Parent Ed Seminar

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Vision & Hearing  
Screening

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Kindergarten Family  
Night at Tapatio's

October 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla

October 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
PTSA Costume Carnival

November 1<sup>st</sup>  
eScrip Deadline

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Student Banking

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Reflections Program  
Deadline

### Presidents' note

Welcome to fall, everyone! It's official now -- the rain is here, days are getting shorter, nights are getting colder, and school is in full-swing! That means our fall PTSA activities are underway... the ever-popular, not-to-be-missed **3rd Annual Costume Carnival** is Friday, October 28th, and we're looking forward to seeing both kids and parents decked out! We also have our **Annual Food Drive** beginning on November 1st, so start stocking up now on non-perishable items to contribute to either the UW Husky or the WSU Cougar bins. (Who will win this year?!) Right after that, we'll launch our **Polar Express gift giving program** to help local families in need. A big change to our fall schedule this year is that we have moved our **Scholastic Book Fair** to the week after Thanksgiving during parent-teacher conferences. So, after you meet with your kids' teachers, please make sure to stop by the book fair and do a little holiday shopping and stock up on books for your kids!

Have a great weekend,  
Edana Peacock & Kim Plowman ([edanatish@aol.com](mailto:edanatish@aol.com)/[kplowman@premieremarket.com](mailto:kplowman@premieremarket.com))  
PTSA Co-Presidents



### Innisbrook Fundraiser Results!

A tremendous thank you is sent to the 247 students and families that supported the 2011 Innisbrook Fundraiser. Our students sold over \$25,400 in Innisbrook products, exceeding our sales goal by \$5,400! Newcastle Elementary PTSA will receive over \$11,000 to support the programs and events provided to the students throughout the year.

Earlier this week the top sellers were announced during lunch, receiving great applause from their classmates. The top 30 sellers sold \$8,600 in products and each earned a spot at a mobile video game party to be held later this year. Additionally, the PTSA recognized the top 3 sellers across the school with a large Max the Monkey and each top seller per grade will receive a \$50 gift card. Details on these prizes have been sent home with the winning students.

Products will arrive at the school in early November and families will have the opportunity to pick up their orders. Internet orders have already begun to ship, and many have been received.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the sale such a success: Cindy Buono, Laura Derwin, Caroline Lilley, Lani Pedersen, Julie Monetti and Lissa Wax. If you're available to help during product distribution in November, please contact the fundraiser co-chairs Meri Hartman ([merimelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:merimelissa@yahoo.com)) and Michelle Riley ([mmriley628@hotmail.com](mailto:mmriley628@hotmail.com)).

Meri Hartman & Michele Riley  
Innisbrook Co-Chairs

## Mochas with Marla



Please join our Principal, Marla Newton for coffee, juice and refreshments in the Commons area after morning drop off on Friday, October 28th at 9:15 AM. 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](mailto:blochmonique@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Picture Day - Success!

Another successful picture day has come and gone.

Thank you for sending your children bright-eyed and ready to have their darling pictures taken. If you missed out on picture day due to vacation or illness or if you would like a re-take, you will have a second opportunity in the fall. More information to come. Picture packets will come home in the school mail within the next two weeks.

A big thank you to volunteers: Tiffany Ryan, Michele Maresh, and Taneka Ogden. Your help in picking up the classes and ensuring each child looked great was much appreciated!

Jana Miller,  
Picture Day Coordinator

## Thank you to the First Week Volunteers

On behalf of our school and parents, thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out with the first week of school. Volunteers such as you are an incredible asset to our school. With your help the students quickly learned their routine, got on the correct buses, and learned the rules of the lunch room. Your help eases the worry that our kids can have that first week of school, so a big thank you to: Marnie Maraldo, Stina Fluegge, Michele Maresh, Jana Miller, Tiffany Ryan, Molly Hegenderfer, Georgia Forchuck, Candace Berde, Kim Elfstrom, Lisa Vold, Shauna Cour, Angela Hei, Meri Hartman, Evelyn James, Koleen Morris, Allison Flash, Kiersten Byus, Stacy Tribble, Becky Hughes, Cindy Buono, Sangeet Kindra, Diana Lopez, Angie Winn, Kara Ford, Jessica Aslakson, Kelley Sweeney, Elena Thibeault, Rose Rodda, and Sue Wilkos.

I would like to give a special thank you to Lani Pedersen who is in charge of organizing all of the volunteers for the entire year. Not a small task so thank you for sharing your energy, talents, and time.

Rae Miller

## Kindergarten Family Night at Tapatio's Scheduled for October 23!

On Sunday, October 23, there will be a KinderConnect event at the Tapatio Mexican Grill from 5 - 7 pm. All kindergarten families are invited to come for dinner and get to know other families. (Each family will be responsible for their own food and beverages.) Tapatio's is located in Newcastle at 6920 Coal Creek Parkway SE. Please RSVP to the invite that will be sent to you. If you have any questions, 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!



## Spring 2013 Auction Planning is Underway!

In our 4 year auction history, we have raised nearly \$500,000 for the school. Our biennial auction is the primary source of PTSA funds, which support current school programs and other initiatives. You can see this money at work every day, whether it's the ActivBoards in each and every classroom, the entire art program, science and literacy support or the continual investment in ever-changing technologies.

Our PTSA-led auction would not be possible without the creative ideas, hard work, collaboration and generosity of our parent volunteers. No, this isn't an auction year so are you wondering where this is leading...?

Initial planning is now underway for our **Spring 2013** auction! There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities over the next 18 months, ranging from one-time, at-home projects to year-long leadership involvement. If you would like to be part of the upfront planning process (including venue exploration and auctioneer selection) or if you are interested in being a committee lead, please contact me. I look forward to working with you to create an exciting and successful event!

Georgia Forchuk  
2013 Auction Chair  
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## Student Banking - Additional Dates Added!

Student banking started out strong last week! Great job to all the kiddos who remembered their deposits! And welcome to the many new/first time bankers! We have exciting news: Banking Day will now be offered twice per month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, except in December. A huge thank you to Wendy Larkin for volunteering and making this possible. Please add the new fall dates (in bold below) to your calendar and continue to encourage your child to save.

**Thursday, October 20th - NEXT WEEK!**

Thursday, November 3rd

**Thursday, November 17th**

Thursday, December 8th (No School on December 1st - Teacher Conferences)

If your child already has an account with HomeStreet bank, please remind him/her to bring their deposit to the table on the stage during lunch that day. Deposits can be made in any amount starting with \$1.00 and each student with a deposit gets a fun prize.

If your child does not have an account already, please stop by the Newcastle HomeStreet Branch anytime M-F during their business hours to open one. *You will need photo ID and SSN for both yourself and your child in order to open the account.* Once an account is set up for your child, s/he can begin bringing deposits to school on banking day.

Please feel free to e-mail me ([michele.maresh@comcast.net](mailto:michele.maresh@comcast.net)) if you have any questions.

Michele Maresh  
Student Banking Chair

## So You Think You Can Dance?

Do you have a future hip hop dancer or prima ballerina? The Reflections Fine Arts Program is an excellent way for your student to show off their talents. There are **only 3 weeks before the November 4th deadline**. *In order to be eligible for judging, works of art must be created by only the student, and need to reflect this year's theme, "Diversity Means...."*.

During the week of November 7th, we will have a group of local professionals in each category who will judge and provide feedback on each entry. One of our literature judges will be Deena Cook, local author of three children's books, *Pinky and Peanut: The Adventure Begins*, *Pinky and Peanut: Trouble Times Two*, and *Pinky and Peanut: No Boys Allowed*. Entries will have the chance to compete in district, state or national competitions. Students also receive a Newcastle participation prize!

Students may submit works of art in any, or all, of the following categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video, Photography, or Choreography/Dance. **Remember, the deadline for submitting entries is November 4!** If you are just getting started, OR if you've requested an information packet(s) via the red Reflections form, please go to the following link for the required forms, guidelines and additional information:  
<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html>

If you have questions, please contact one of the Reflections Program Co-Chairs: Chris Longfellow ([chrislongfellow17@comcast.net](mailto:chrislongfellow17@comcast.net)) or Jahna Smith ([jahnasmith@comcast.net](mailto:jahnasmith@comcast.net)).

## Gift-A-Book

Help make our library out of this world! Now through November you can donate new hardcover books for our library. Select a book title and dollar amount from the list on the school library website

(<http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/newcastle/staff/berryl/b/weblog/archive/2011/10/05/2011-gift-a-book-titles.aspx>) or donate a dollar amount for librarian's choice. Look for this week's Kidmail flyer for more details! If you have any questions regarding Gift-A-Book, please feel free to contact Laura Berry at [berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu) or 425-837-5825. Thanks for supporting our library!



## PTSA needs your help!

The PTSA has a number of programs that do not have Chairpersons in place. Without volunteers like you to support these programs, we may not be able to have them this school year. If you have the ability to give time to the school, your efforts will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Meri Hartman ([merimelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:merimelissa@yahoo.com)) or Cindy Buono ([cindy\\_buono@hotmail.com](mailto:cindy_buono@hotmail.com)) to learn more.

**Corporate Matching Program:** The position researches which Puget Sound companies offer corporate matching programs and provides information back to Newcastle families on how to sign up for the programs to benefit the school. The position runs during the fall and spring at an average of 10 hours per semester.

**Spring Used Book Fair:** This position oversees procurement and sale of used book donations from Newcastle families for the used book fair held during Read Across America week. The position runs from January through March at an average of 1 - 3 hours per week.

**Yearbook Sales:** This position coordinates with Dorian Studios, the Yearbook Layout team and Newcastle families to order and distribute yearbooks. Yearbook sales kick off in February and distribution is in June. During these months, the position takes an average of 2-4 hours per week.



### FALL EVENT ~ COSTUME CARNIVAL

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8p

Come join the fun...putt-putt golf, face painting, ball toss,  
arts & crafts and more!

~in The Commons at Newcastle Elementary~

Please contact [wendyllynthomas@comcast.net](mailto:wendyllynthomas@comcast.net) with any questions.

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Questions? Contact Susan Crow at [edsusancrow@msn.com](mailto:edsusancrow@msn.com) or Landy Bowers at [landylu@yahoo.com](mailto:landylu@yahoo.com)

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## Please Renew (or Join) by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for continuing to give to Newcastle Elementary!

eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. Even if you've signed up your Safeway Club Card before, every year we are required to have members renew their commitment to the eScrip program. Thank you for your support (last year we raised over \$5100), and please take 5 minutes to continue contributing to our school.

Are you one of our 277 supporters who haven't renewed yet? Please renew so Newcastle Elementary continues to earn contributions.

- Go to [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com)
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Safeway Club Card number

If you are not an eScrip member, your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our school. You can also register your credit or debit cards, shop at the over 1000 merchants at the eScrip online mall and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be contributed to Newcastle Elementary.

- Go to [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com)
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter School ID # **500004191**
- Enter your Safeway Club Card number. Call 1-800-SAFEWAY if you don't know it.

Questions? Contact Susan Crow at [edsusancrow@msn.com](mailto:edsusancrow@msn.com) or Landy Bowers at [landylu@yahoo.com](mailto:landylu@yahoo.com)

## Collect Box Tops & Labels For Education - Contest This January



We will have a Box Top contest during January 2012 with a party for the classroom(s) that brings in the most Box Tops. So clip and save to help our school earn cash! Each box top is worth \$ .10 and last year we earned over \$1100.

Look for Box Tops on General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker desserts, Nestle juices, Green Giant frozen vegetables, Totino's Pizza, Hamburger Helper, Old El Paso products, Progresso soups, Pilsbury breads and rolls, Yoplait yogurt, Nature Valley granola bars, Welch's jelly, Huggies diapers, Pull-Ups, Avery office supplies, Ziploc bags, Cottonelle bath tissue, Kleenex, Scott paper products, Brita water filters, Hefty garbage bags, and more.

We will also collect Labels For Education, although they will not count for the contest. Each label is worth 1-10 points that can be used for athletic equipment or academic resources. Last year we collect over 4,000 points. **We must have both the Labels for Education logo and UPC code to receive credit.**

Look for Labels for Education on Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farm snacks, Prego sauces, SpaghettiOs, Swanson broth, Pop Secret popcorn, Post cereals, Dannon Kids Yogurt (Danimals), Wolfgang Puck soups, BIC stationary products, and more. You can also collect caps from V8 juices.

Questions? Contact Susan Crow at [edsusancrow@msn.com](mailto:edsusancrow@msn.com) or Landy Bowers at [landylu@yahoo.com](mailto:landylu@yahoo.com)



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## Support our school when you shop at Everything Party!

We recently enrolled Newcastle Elementary in a give-back program with Everything Party at The Landing in Renton. 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!

To kick off the program, Everything Party has also provided a 20% off coupon to each family, which will arrive in kid-mail. The coupon is valid only on merchandise at full price (marked down items do not qualify for further price reductions) from October 13-26th.

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

## Click for Kids day

Parents ... today is a Click for Kids day! The Issaquah Schools Foundation encourages those who have not yet made their *All in for Kids Annual Fund* contribution to visit [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) and make a donation today. Whether you can give \$60 (just \$5 a month) or \$600—our schools need you. Your donation will make a difference to every child, in every classroom, every day. By making your donation today, your name will be removed from the call list on Nov. 16 - 19!!



## Women's Association

Hey ladies! Grab your girlfriends and learn about the game of football! The Seattle Seahawks Women's Association is hosting a 'Football 101' workshop on Saturday, October 29th at the Virginia Mason Athletic Center (VMAC) in Renton.

This interactive workshop is designed to teach you the technical side of the game, including the basic rules and fundamentals.

The workshop will feature a Q&A with current players, classroom instruction, and the opportunity to run drills and play a mock game in the VMAC Indoor Practice Facility.

Participants will receive a Seahawks "Football 101" playbook, the opportunity for autographs from current Seahawks players, a reception catered by El Gaucho - Presenting Partner of the Seahawks Women's Association, and a special gift bag!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pink Daisy Project and the Young Survival Coalition Seattle. The event is part of a broader NFL campaign to raise awareness for breast cancer during the month of October.

Registration: \$75.00 per person

Go to: <http://www.seahawks.com/community/football-101.html> to register.

