

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

November 11th
Veteran's Day
No School

November 14th
Polar Express Drive
Begins

November 17th
Student Banking

November 18th
Huskies vs. Cougars
Food Drive Ends

November 19th
4:00pm-6:00pm
Chorus Concert at The
Landing

November 21st
7:00pm
PTSA Board Meeting

November 23rd
Give-A-Book campaign
ends

November 24th & 25th
No School -
Thanksgiving

November 30th &
December 1st
No School - Elementary
Conferences

Presidents' note

Hi There...

We hope you are all enjoying this "CHILLY" Fall Season!! We would like to take a moment to recognize and thank all of our Committee Chairs and their volunteers for all of their time, energy and commitment to our kids and to Newcastle Elementary! Without their support Newcastle Elementary would not be the amazing school that it is! Over the last few months there have been many tireless hours of volunteer work that have happened behind the scenes to make all of our school events, PTSA events and programs run smoothly and we want you to all know how much you are appreciated!!

A BIG "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING CHAIRPEOPLE...

Rae Miller	First Week of School
Lance Gytoku	Emergency Prep
Jana Miller	Picture Day
Lani Pedersen	Vision & Hearing Day
Sue Wilkos & Christy Grabowski	Kinder Connect
Elena Thibeault	Website
Julie Monetti	Membership
Leanne Cole	Directory Ad Sales
Meri Hartman & Michelle Riley	Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser
Debbie McAllister	Back to School Supply Kits
Heidi Furman & Rachel Handsman	Art Docent
Jahna Smith & Chris Longfellow	Reflections
Wendy Thomas	Costume Carnival

If we have accidentally left you off this list... Please know that we "Thank you" for all that you have done and for all of your support of our kiddos!

Sincerely,

Kim Plowman and Edana Peacock
Co-Presidents

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Need Your Photos to Make Our 2011-2012 Yearbook Stunning!

We need your help in capturing great photos to add to our yearbook. As you attend school events, chaperone classroom field trips, or just doing the walk-a-bout around school, bring your camera and help us capture fun candid! Please send your digitals photos to NEYearbookpics2011@hotmail.com. Any questions? Contact Heidi Campher at hcampher@comcast.net or Lisa Crutchfield at delaney1416@comcast.net. Thanks!
We look forward to seeing all the great pictures!

COSTUME CARNIVAL

“Thank you” to the team!

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

Orthodontic Excellence
 Olympic Physical Therapy
 Bob Moawad (John L. Scott)
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 Acura of Seattle
 Healthy Smile Dentistry
 HomeStreet Bank
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 A Kids Place Dentistry
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 Marcie Maxwell & Lisa Lam
 Michelle Woo (Windermere)
 Paula Spence/Emergency-Pac
 Rainier Ballet Academy
 Lisa Jensen Websites

I would like to send out a huge “thank you” to the amazing team of people who helped make the Costume Carnival happen. The party was made possible through their creativity, hard work and enthusiasm! *Laura Derwin, Meri Hartman, Mike Nakamura, Laina Nakamura, Dana Harbert, Casey Harbert, Linda Galluzo, Samantha Galluzo, Angie Winn, Suzi Beerman, Michelle Pan, Madison Chapman, Thomas Hei, Stephen Hei, Amelia Hei, Angela Hei, Fern Lam, Lorrin Johnson, Carol Chappelle, Andrew Chappelle, Erica Kahler, Myron Thomas, Peyton Thomas, Doug Eickerman, Engel Lee, Uma Naik, Kelly Schoems, Taneka Ogden, Thanh Pham, Ruth Benitez, Stephanie Thoresen, Andy Monetti, Julie Monetti, Marni Maraldo, Megan So, Sierra Lesnik, Anne Lehr, Lauren Dodd, Amanda Hemmen, Jordan Hemmen, Vincy Fok, Maury Miller, Jana Miller, Mark Riley, Michelle Riley, Victoria Vedmed, Maddy Smith, Kimberly Eickerman, Kelly Hay, Stefanie Williamson, Rachel Handsman, Georgia Forchuk, Cathy Martin, Yer Vu, Charles the Clown, The Mariner Moose*

The fabulous artwork displayed throughout the party was created by our own talented Newcastle students. A big “thank you” goes out to the following people who worked so hard to coordinate gathering the artwork and put it up for display: Jill Donnelley, Cindy Buono, Stephanie Williamson, Kiersten Byus, Becky Butler, Angela Oster, Lissa Wax, Nikki Wiebe, Tracy Pham, Candace Berde, Rae Miller, Heidi Furman, Traci Schneider, Laura Derwin, Adminta Procel, Viviane Rossi, Rachel Handsman.

“Thank you” to the pizza crew who kept everyone fed and happy! Kathy Nolan, Koleen Morris, Tracy Haselman, Molly Hegenderfer, Donna Smith, Mackenzie Nolan, Peyton Thomas, Quinlan Gray, McKenzie King, David Morris, Koko Haselman, Marlee Vadney, Macee Vadney, Megan Smith, Hope Hegenderfer, Chloe Winn.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you for being a part of this fun event!

Wendy Thomas

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!

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 Bartells
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Food Drive--Huskies vs. Cougars



The PTSA's annual food drive is underway and runs through November 18. Collection bins are in the front lobby of the school and at the bottom of the front stairs. Just send food in with your kids and they will know where to take it. If you are a Huskies (University of Washington) fan, then you put your donations in the UW bin. If you are a Cougars (Washington State University) fan, then put your food in the WSU bin. We will announce the school which gathers the most donations at the end of the food drive. All donations will go directly to the Issaquah Food Bank. The food bank is currently in need of all types of non-perishable items (but not canned pumpkin or canned cranberry). Please visit their webpage, which they update regularly, to see their most pressing needs: <http://issaquahfoodbank.org/>. If you have a large donation and you would like someone to pick it up from your house, please contact Kara Beal at karawbeal@yahoo.com or 425-241-0400.

Support your team and support the Issaquah Food Bank at the same time! Go Cougars! Go Huskies! Go Newcastle Elementary!

Polar Express Starts November 14th!

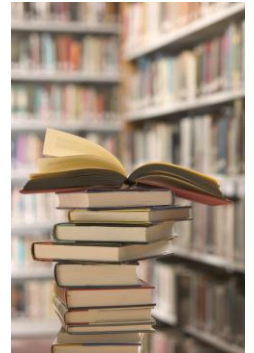
This holiday season Newcastle Elementary and PTSA will be continuing the tradition of the POLAR EXPRESS, caring through sharing, holiday gift-giving program. Several families will be chosen from the Issaquah School District that are in need of assistance this holiday season. From November 14 thru December 12 these families' wishes and needs will be described on Train gift tags at school, online at www.newcastleptsa.org and at kiosks in Target. Also Safeway gift cards will be provided to the families. The POLAR EXPRESS provides us with a fabulous opportunity to help these families in need, right within our community. What better way to show our kids the true meaning of giving this season!

Terri Catalani, Polar Express chair
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Gift-A-Book Update

WOWZA! Thank you so much to everyone who has participated in the 2011 Gift-A-Book campaign! So far **97** new books have been selected by kids for our library! If you are interested in donating a book to the Newcastle Library in your child's name there is still time. Our campaign runs until Wednesday, November 23rd. You can find the form [here](#). To see the list of requested book titles on the Library Connect site, click [here](#). If your child would like a book title that is not listed, just send in the title of the book and the author and it will be ordered for you.

Many thanks to all who have so generously donated to the Newcastle Library! If you have any questions, please call or email Laura Berry (837-5825 or berry@issaquah.wednet.edu).



The North Atlantic current brings warm waters from the tropics to the west coast of which continent?

If you happen to be at school over the next couple of months, you may hear questions such as the above being asked of Newcastle's 4th and 5th graders. Soon, 4th and 5th graders at Newcastle Elementary will have the exciting opportunity to share their geographic knowledge as they compete in the 2012 National Geographic Bee challenge! Finalists for our school bee (to be held in early January at a morning assembly) will be determined through individual classroom bees in November and December.

The Geography Bee is a great chance for students to have fun together while learning more about the world that we live in! If you'd like to test your geography know how, check out the National Geographic website at: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/> where you will find many additional resources (including geography quiz apps for your phone, etc.) and tips for success! Stay tuned for more Geography Bee updates to follow! (*Answer to the above: Europe*)

You're Invited: Reflections Art Reception

We'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to all of the students who submitted an entry for this year's Reflection Art Program. These unique works of art encompass the theme, "Diversity Means....". We were very impressed by the originality of the entries. Judging takes place this week to see which ones will move on to the District competition. However, before we send them forward, we'd like to invite everyone to attend the **Newcastle Reflections Art Reception** to view the entries next **Monday, November 14th** from 7-8pm in the Newcastle Library. We'll see you there!

VOICE Mentor Program (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education)

VOICE is Thankful for all our mentors and wishful for more!!

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and “get more than they give.” We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued.

Placements are made based on the mentors’ interests, location preference and time availability. Whether a mentor’s passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor. We welcome high school students who wish to mentor at the elementary level.

For further information contact:

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VOICE is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in Cooperation with the Issaquah School District.

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Save the Environment and Earn Money for Our School

We’re continuing our partnership with Terracycle and recycling Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink pouches, Ziploc (or other brand) baggies, and Elmer’s glue sticks and bottles. Terracycle recycles consumer waste and creates new products.



We started recycling Ziploc products in February 2011 and collected almost 9,500 baggies.

Last school year we collected 4,005 drink pouches. We receive \$0.02 for each usable item - that means we earned **\$269.24** while keeping everything we shipped Terracycle from the landfill!

Students can participate two ways, in the lunchroom and at home. At lunch, students empty their drink pouches or plastic bags and put them in the recycle boxes in the lunch room. If you want to participate at home, we ask that the bags be relatively clean and dry, and the drink pouches be empty. Gather them up and drop them off in the lunch room. We also accept Ziploc (or other brand) hard plastic containers. Elmer’s glue sticks and bottles can be recycled in the work rooms.

If you’re interested in learning about Terracycle recycled products, check out www.terracycle.net.

To purchase Terracycle merchandise visit www.dwellsmart.com



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Once you're registered, click on "At the Online Mall" and shop online at **over 1,000 merchants**. Shop from the websites you know and trust. **Pay exactly the same price** as you normally would as you support our school. It's that easy. You can have friends or family shop the eScrip Online Mall without registering by clicking on the button at the top of this email or go to the PTSA website and click on the Online Mall button there. It will automatically redirect you to the eScrip Online Mall and we will get credit for your purchases.

Register your credit or debit cards on eScrip

Another way to contribute is to register your credit or debit cards on eScrip and then eat out. Local restaurants included Casa Durango, Purple Wine Bar, Azteca's, Chutney's, Palomino - over 65 restaurants within 15 miles of the 98059 zip code. Newcastle earns 2.5% of what you spend (including tip) and can earn another 2.5% if you fill out the post-dine survey sent to your benefit confirmation email. (This email is sent to you shortly after each time you dine to let you know how much you contributed to Newcastle Elementary.)

Not a member?

If you're not already a member, go to www.escrip.com to register your Safeway Club Card and credit and debit cards to automatically contribute to our school when you shop, travel or dine. Our Group ID is #500004191.

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