

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 21st
No School - MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22nd
7:00pm
WA State Education
Funding Community
Conversation ([see info](#))

Friday, January 25th
Auction Procurement &
Sponsorship Deadline

Friday, January 25th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

Monday, January 28th
7:00pm
PTSA General Membership
Meeting

Thursday, February 7th
Student Banking at Lunch
Time

For the full calendar
and all up-to-date
information, please
visit us on the Web!

<http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

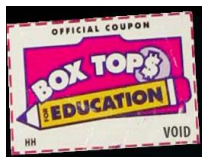
Presidents' Note

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you are back in the full swing of things. As we kick off 2013, we are looking forward to our upcoming PTSA Meeting on Monday, January 28th at 7pm in the Commons. With the New Year we are hoping to see some new faces and are always looking for new people to volunteer and get involved! We have many volunteer positions open to help finish off the year strong, including joining our Nominating Committee and our Golden Acorn Committee.

We would also like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our current volunteers for the countless hours and their dedication to Newcastle and our kiddos!

Take Care, Kim and Edana
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Box Tops Contest in January!



Starting now until Friday, January 25th, we will have a Box Top contest 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 \$1,300.

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, Pillsbury breads and rolls, Yoplait yogurt, Nature Valley granola bars, Welch's jelly, Huggies diapers, Pull-Ups, Avery office supplies, Ziplock bags, Cottonelle bath tissue, Kleenex, Scott paper products, Hefty garbage bags, and more.

We will also collect Labels For Education, but they will not count for the contest. Each label is worth 1-10 points that can be used for athletic equipment or academic resources. 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, Wolfgang Puck soups, BIC stationary products, and more. You can also collect caps from V8 juices.

Clip those Box Tops and send them in with your child to his/her classroom. There will be a collection bag in each classroom. Please don't drop them off in the container at the front of the school or your child's classroom may not receive credit.

Thank you for your help and enthusiasm for this simple yet productive fundraiser!
Questions? Contact Trisha Ackley at Trishaackley@hotmail.com .

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

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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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A Note of Enormous Appreciation from the Newcastle Library

Thanks to the fantastic Newcastle families and PTSA, the Gift-A-Book program purchased 185 new books for our kids to enjoy in the library! With funding cuts by the District, this program makes a big difference for our readers.

Thank you to all who gave our school library the GIFT of READING:

Abby & Jack A., Tawann A., Owen A., Ashlyn B., Alex & Brooke B., Grace, Kate & George B., Jady B., Chiara B., Krish B., Alex & Lindsey B., Griffin & Sarah B., Eleanor B., Connor B., Ryder & Zach B., Lili C., Noni C., Makena C., Julius C., Hellen & Vanessa C., Josh C., Tyler C., Allison & Maury C., Kealy C., Travis C., Thomas D., Alex D., Alan & Sophie D., Carter D., Taylor E., Spencer E., Jacob F., Daniel F., Karina & Lukas F., Cooper & Layne F., Kylie F., Andrew F., Anna & Calvin G., Gaia G., Dillon and Paige G., Jeevan & Jora G., Audrey H., Charlie & Sophia H., Mara H., Bauer H., Mia H., Eva & Zachary H., Max H., Jordan H., Lucy H., Odelle H., Rachel H., Jimmy H., Nathan & Ethan J., Dominic J., Sydney K., Jordan K., Christian K., Theo & Hana K., Miki & Emi K., Jarrett L., Ryan & Megan L., Amy L., AJ & Malea L., Alexa L., Kinsey Joe Lo., Kara M., Molly & Ellie M., Grace & Hannah M., Grace M., Madison, Mason & Morgan M., Ben & Elizabeth N., Kristina N., Jack & Kate P., Jordan & Jasper P., Abigail & Tabitha P., Beau, Bella & Brooke P., Keira P., Fiona & Brigitte P., Emma & Ethan R., Antonio & Vinnie R., Morgan & Will R., Isaac, Leo & Stella R., Jacob & Tyler R., Kevin S., Naomi S., Ryan & Kaitlyn S., Madison & Victor S., Damien S., Chloe S., Anna S., Natalie S., Daniel S., Cesar T., Allie & TJ T., Simone T., Brooke & Charlotte U., Ryker V., Hailey & Hannah W., Marcus W., Ella & Mia W., Ava & Riley W., Mari W., Julianne W., Brian Y. and Chloe Y.

Gratefully, Laura Berry

February 8 Science and Art Family Night

Come see Pacific Science Center's Super Cool Science Show on February 8 in the Commons! Discover what happens when things get super cool with liquid nitrogen. Watch as gases become liquids, liquids become solids and matter fizzes, freezes and flies. Then participate in hands-on activities provided by KidsQuest Children's Museum, Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, and Liberty High School's Physettes. Join in the celebration of the Reflections entries, including those that moved on to the Issaquah District competition. One project has been forwarded to the statewide competition!

Be among the first to preview the creative classroom art projects that will be highlighted at the PTSA Reach for the Stars auction on Saturday March 16. Enter the auction raffle for a chance at winning the \$1000 cash prize (actual drawing to take place on 3/16). The cost is only \$10/ticket or three tickets for \$25. This fun-filled PTSA-sponsored science and art family event will go from 6 - 8 pm. Pizza, salad and beverages will be available for purchase.

Volunteers are needed to help at this event! If you can assist with hands-on activities, set up or clean up, please e-mail danielle_dixon@comcast.net.

Unfortunately, the daddy daughter dinner dance at Liberty High School also has been scheduled for February 8, as noted in the recent Newcastle Elementary News. For those of you with daughters interested in attending both the Science and Art family night and a daddy/daughter Valentine's dance, the Issaquah Community Center (301 Rainier Blvd S.) is hosting its annual dance on Saturday February 9 from 7-9:30 pm for girls, grades 1 - 5, and their dads. Cost is \$20 for Dad and daughter(s), and preregistration is required (<https://www.issaquahparks.net/Start/Start.asp>; Barcode is 44996).



Register NOW for Auction Night!

Auction invitations have been sent home! [Click here](#) to purchase tickets for the March 16th *Reach for the Stars* auction at the Westin Bellevue. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled evening in support of our students. If your Newcastle Elementary mail carrier (your kid!) hasn't delivered your invitation yet, look for it to head your way today. If for any reason you don't receive it, please let us know and we'll get you another.

Planning on making a night of it? The Westin has set aside a limited number of rooms for us at a guaranteed rate of \$159. [Click here](#) to book your room now!

Procurement Deadline January 25th

Have you been meaning to send in that procurement form with your generous auction donation? NOW is the time! Just one week left to submit donation forms/details. [Click here](#) for a procurement form or contact suewilkos@comcast.net or lissawax@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Premium Wine -- BIG Bottles!

We are in need of large bottle wine donations for our Premium Wine Table (think magnums & jeroboams). If you are considering a premium wine donation and have access to 1.5L and 3.0L sizes, we anticipate a strong demand for these on auction night! Please contact khay210@gmail.com.

Bakers WANTED!

Are you known for your signature dessert? Why not make it and donate it to the auction? The Dessert Dash raises significant money for the auction (and for our students!) and is one of the highlights of the evening. [Click here](#) to learn more.

\$1,000 Cash Raffle!

Tickets for our fundraising raffle were sent home in KidMail yesterday. Ticket prices are just \$10 each or 3 for \$25 for your chance to win \$1,000. The winning ticket will be drawn auction night. You do not need to be present auction night to win, which means neighbors, friends and family near and far can all participate for a chance to win (18 years and older please). For more information, contact karawbeal@yahoo.com.

Mochas with Marla

If your New Year's resolutions included getting to know your child's principal better, we have a great opportunity for you. Please join Principal Marla Newton for coffee and refreshments in the Commons area after morning drop off on Friday, January 25th, 2013. Starting at 9:15am, this is a cordial, informal event for you to ask Marla questions or share what's on your mind regarding the school year. We will be wrapping it up around 10am; don't miss this opportunity! Sponsored by the Newcastle Elementary PTSA. Please contact Kara Beal at karawbeal@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

WANTED: Student Candids for the Yearbook!

Hello parents! The Yearbook Committee is looking for some great student photos from the school year thus far. Are you a classroom volunteer? Have you been a field trip chaperone? Did you watch your child perform in chorus? Or attend an evening classroom event? If you have a cute picture to share from any of these occasions, please email the photo, along with the names of the students featured, their grades, and teachers (if known), to Natalie Roberts at newcastle.yearbook.photos@gmail.com. Thank you all for your help!

“The Magic of a Moment” continues....

Congratulations to Christian K., whose Visual Arts entry is moving forward this week to the State Reflections competition! Christian’s entry is among 56 entries selected from students in grades K-12 throughout the district.

Additionally, one more “Congratulations” goes out to the following students whose entries also moved forward to the Issaquah School District competition!

Literature: Kara B., Hunter L., Hannah W., and Jacob R.
 Visual Arts: Kelsea A., Ella W., Rose M., and Paige B.
 Dance: Daniel F.

Everyone will have a chance to view all of the student entries at the Science and Art Family Event on Friday, February 8.

Many thanks to all of the parents who encouraged and supported their student to participate in this wonderful program. We look forward to next year!

Chris Longfellow and Jahna Smith
 Reflections Co-Chairs

Parenting Teens with Love and Logic

BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE!

- * Take some of the stress out of parenting and add more fun back into your family
- * Learn how to discipline without lectures, threats and warnings
- * Learn how to stay cool, calm and collected in front of your kids

Love and Logic is an approach to raising kids that provides loving support from parents while at the same time expecting kids to be respectful and responsible. Build and refine the skills necessary to parent teens and prepare them for responsible adulthood. This two evening course will provide you with the opportunity to learn with other parents and problem solve with the instructor.

Dates:
 February 12 & 26, 2013
 (A two night class)
 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location:
 Pacific Cascade Middle School Library
 24635 Issaquah Fall City Rd
 Issaquah 98029

Free to Issaquah Schools.

Golden Acorn News: Committee & Nominee Information

Golden Acorn Committee

We are trying to find 1 more person to join Kim Plowman and Lani Pedersen on this year’s Golden Acorn/Awards committee. The job involves collecting nominations, then spending an afternoon or evening as a group working through everything with the rubric we will provide, then ordering certificates and letting the winners know they won. Pretty simple, yet incredibly important and valuable. Please email Kim if you would like to join her or if you have any questions - kplowman@premieremarket.com

Golden Acorn Nominations

Each year our PTSA awards the Golden Acorn to individuals who have given outstanding volunteer service to the children and youth in our school community. The Golden Acorn is special and given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor our volunteers that have gone “above and beyond”! Award winners receive the Golden Acorn Award Pin and a special certificate from the Washington State PTA. The Council also contributes in the winner’s name to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships to selected high school students entering post-secondary education. Please take a few minutes and complete [the form](#) to nominate someone who is making a difference in our children’s lives. Send the completed form to the PTSA, ATTN: Golden Acorn through kidmail. The Golden Acorn Committee will make the final selections and notify the winners in mid-March. Questions? Contact: Kim Plowman, kplowman@premieremarket.com

PTSA Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed!

Believe it or not, it is that time of year again to start thinking about making nominations for our PTSA Nominating Committee! If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested in being a member of the nominating committee please submit any nominations or information to Kim Plowman - kplowman@premieremarket.com or Edana Peacock - edanatish@aol.com. We would like to have a minimum of 5 volunteers on the committee. These individuals will work together to create the nominating slate for the 2013 - 2014 PTSA Executive Committee. Please let us know if you have any questions...Thank you!



Happy New Year!

Thank you for making 2012 a year to celebrate. With your help the Foundation broke revenue records—raising \$1.2 million during the FY11-12 year; making it possible to invest more than ever before in our students and schools. This fall, evidence of this support was seen via kindergarteners who entered school ready to learn because of the Pre-K/Kindergarten summer school program, expanded After-School Labs and Open Library Programs, Book Rooms at every elementary school, more STEM support at our high schools and so much more. **Each of these investments elevates and enhances our students' education. None would be possible without your support.** Thank you and best wishes for a terrific 2013!

Volunteer Power

Did you know? Eight-hundred parents and community members gave over 28,000 hours to the Foundation during 2012. If you're looking for a new adventure, [check out our volunteer opportunities](#) to see if our committees match your talents.

Speaking of Volunteers ...

Calling all hard-working, fun-loving moms and dads ... the Foundation wants you for its 15th Annual *Nourish Every Mind* Benefit Luncheon Committee. The event, which raises nearly half of the Foundation's budget, runs on volunteer power. If you're interested in joining the crowd producing one of the community's largest fundraising events, please contact Lynn Juniel, ljuniel@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org. Remember to **Save-the Date for the Luncheon, May 9 at the Issaquah Community Center.**

January is Mentoring Month

Please join us this month in honoring the dedicated mentors who give so generously to our children all year long. Through the VOICE Mentoring Program, nearly 300 students—from elementary to high school—receive one-to-one support from caring community volunteers and high school students. If you're wondering how much of a difference a mentor can make, read the quote below from Michael, a student who has been paired with his VOICE mentor for four years.

"There are a lot of kids that have issues and feel they have no one to talk to. You can't always talk to your parents about everything and or trust your friends not to speak to others. Having someone like Jeff is reassuring. And when my mind isn't worried about problems, I can do better in school."

Currently, the need for mentors in our schools exceeds supply. If you'd like to become a transformative figure in a child's life, please contact the VOICE Mentor Program, VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu or visit <http://voicementorprogram.org/>

All in for Kids Pledge Reminder

If you made a pledge and/or indicated an employer match during the *All in for Kids* Annual Fund Campaign, please follow through. Respond to your pledge remit letter and fill out any required matching gift forms to ensure every one of the \$366,805 anticipated dollars can benefit our students.

2012-13 PTSA Executive Committee

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Race to Nowhere Showing at Liberty High School with a Homework Discussion Forum to Follow

Date: Feb. 6th - Doors open at 6 pm - showing begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Liberty High School, 16655 SE 136th Street, Renton
NEW!! PAC (Performing Arts Center)
Cost: Free

A free showing of **Race to Nowhere** will be held in the new **Performing Arts Center (PAC)** at **Liberty High School on February 6th at 6:30 pm** with a Homework Discussion Forum immediately following. **Race to Nowhere** is an education documentary film for parents, students, educators and policy makers that challenges current thinking about how to best prepare students for success.

Using this documentary as a springboard for conversation - please stay after to share your thoughts and suggestions regarding the district's homework policy. Families and staff from across the district are invited to participate. To preview this policy and other homework related information, go to www.issaquahptsa.org/advocacy/homework-policy. Comments will be shared with the district. The district is beginning a review of the current homework policy for relevancy and improvements.

This showing of **Race To Nowhere** is sponsored by the Issaquah PTSA Council and hosted by Liberty High School PTSA and Briarwood Elementary PTA. For more information contact Leslie Kahler, Briarwood parent and LHS PTSA Race/Homework Forum Chair at lesliekahler@comcast.net or Renee Emerson, Liberty parent and Briarwood PTA Parent Ed Rep at emersongr@msn.com.

For more information on this documentary, please visit <http://www.racetonowhere.com>.

Pre-registration is available on this web site, but is not necessary to attend.

Race to Nowhere is a call to action for families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.

Homework Town Hall Meetings: The Issaquah School District has asked the PTSAs to hold "town hall" style forums to gain feedback regarding parent, teacher, and student opinions about homework and homework policies. You can attend any of them -- we'll be posting the meetings as they are scheduled. The next one is scheduled at Pine Lake Middle School (PLMS), immediately following the PTSA GM Meeting which starts at 6:30pm (estimate Homework portion of meeting to start about 7pm). Find out more about the ISD's Homework Policy Review, go to: <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/advocacy/homework-policy>

Issaquah Special Needs Group

Have you ever wondered about the connection between WA state law and the special services your child receives in school? How exactly are IEP teams supposed to work? What resources are available to help parents figure out the special education system? Please join us for our February meeting as we discuss making special education work. It makes sense that in order to be a more effective advocate for your child, you need to understand those laws and how they work. More importantly, you need to understand how those laws affect the services and accommodations your child receives.

For the details and more information about this meeting, please [click here](#) to see the flyer.