

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 1st
Spring On-line Auction
week #1 begins

Monday, March 4th
6:30pm
Race to Nowhere showing
@ Liberty HS ([info](#))

Tuesday, March 5th
Author Kirby Larson visits
Newcastle (pre-order books
[here](#))

Wednesday, March 6
Spring On-line Auction
week #1 closes

Thursday, March 7th
Student Banking at Lunch
Time

Thursday, March 7th
7:00pm
4th Grade Recorder Concert

Friday, March 8
Spring On-Line Auction
week #2 begins

Monday, March 11th
7:00pm
PTSA Meeting in The
Commons

Wednesday, March 13
Spring On-line Auction
week #2 closes

Saturday, March 16th
5:30pm
[Reach for the Stars Auction](#)
Westin Bellevue

Presidents' Note

Hi There ...

We hope that all of your kiddos have enjoyed Read Across America this week! Please don't forget that Author Kirby Larson will be visiting Newcastle on Tuesday, March 5th. To pre-order books to be signed please [click here](#).

Thank you to Danielle Dixon and her amazing team for a wonderful family science night! We'd also like to thank all of the auction art docents for the beautiful display of art that was available for a "Sneak Peek" during the family science event!

After 2 years of waiting and 1½ years of planning, the auction is finally here! The first of 2 weeks of online auctions begins today (Friday)! You'll find highlights, more information and the link to the online site in the auction section at the end of this newsletter. We want to thank Georgia Forchuk and her entire auction team for all of the time and energy they have put in to making this auction a huge success. The March 16th event at the Westin Bellevue promises to be an amazing night and **it's not too late to purchase your ticket if you haven't done so already.** [Click here](#) to register. Here's a quick recap of what we have in the works:

- Two Online auctions
 - Week #1 runs Friday, March 1 - Wednesday, March 6
 - Week #2 runs Friday, March 8 - Wednesday, March 13
 - This is your chance to win 1 of 2 spots for child's class teacher experience!!
- Raffle tickets on sale now - \$1000 cash prize!

At the March 16th event at the Westin Bellevue:

- Silent Auction
- \$1000 cash raffle (\$10/ticket or 3/\$25) plus 3 Exciting Raffle Prizes (\$25/ticket or 5/\$100)
- Prize Wheel and Lucky Squares games
- Premium Wine Table
- Dessert Dash
- Live Auction
- Only chance to win your child's class art project!

We have our next PTSA meeting on Monday, March 11th at 7 pm in the Newcastle Commons. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kim & Edana

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

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Ken Cole, PT, COMT, FAAOMPT
Kendra Vadney/Stella & Dot
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Rainier Ballet Academy
Lisa Jensen Websites

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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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Bartells
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Thank-You's -- Italian "Amore" Luncheon

On February 12th, the 2nd and 3rd grade families hosted an Italian themed luncheon for the fabulous Newcastle staff to show how much they are appreciated! It was a great success and the staff truly enjoyed it.

A huge thank you to the following volunteers that brought it all together: Sherie Szubski, Janet Cloud, Molly Hegenderfer, Tina Palmer, Lisa Crutchfield, Becky Butler, Natalie Bauge, Stina Fluegge, Kara Beal, Linh Ma-Vu, Stefanie Williamson, Lissa Wax, Connie Gaidjiergis, Nori Coulon, Rae Miller, Ruthie Keyes, Nami Kusunose, Korre Veitengruber, Laura Derwin, Annette Gage, Katie Ringwood, Jennifer Shook, Jennifer Root, Maggie Peloquin, Kim Moger, Meri Hartman, Natalie Roberts, Danielle Dixon, Edana Peacock, Amy Brainard, Jenny Pham, Nora Chin, Grace Tazuma, Leanne Cole, Michelle Riley and Lani Pedersen.

Thank you!

Kara Ford, Staff Appreciation Chair

Golden Acorn News: Nominee Information

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. Nominating forms are due to the PTSA office by Monday, March 11th. The Golden Acorn Committee will make the final selections and notify the winners in late-March. Questions? Contact: Kim Plowman, kplowman@premieremarket.com

WANTED: Student Candids for the Yearbook!

Hello parents! The Yearbook Committee is looking for some great student photos from the school year thus far.

We are looking for pictures that capture:

- 1st grade performers from their November concert
- Read Across America Week festivities
- 3rd grade performers in "Westward Ho!"
- Fun times at the 4th Grade Wax Museum
- 2nd graders performing in their upcoming evening concert

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!



Spring Online Auction #1 is NOW Open!

[Click here](#) to start shopping! This online auction is open to everyone, i.e.: neighbors, friends and family near and far so spread the word! Over 60 items, including:

- Mariners Owners' Seats (front row center!)
- HTC One Phone with 1 Year Service
- Newcastle Golf Club package
- 2013 American Girl of the Year ("Saige")
- Victoria Clipper tickets
- Eyelash Extensions by Noir Lash Lounge
- Cookies by Cour (back by popular demand!)
- Hotel stays, spa treatments, autographed and collectors books, theatre tickets and much more!

Don't delay! The Spring Online Auction #1 closes on Wednesday, March 6th. All proceeds support the education of our students. Happy shopping!

Have you registered for Auction Night?

If you plan on attending auction night yet have not registered, please do so [here](#). This will allow us to give the Westin an accurate guest and meal count and help our many volunteers plan accordingly. Thank you!

Westin Rooms

The Westin still has a limited number of rooms available to us at the \$159 rate for auction night. To reserve a room, [click here](#).

Preview the Auction Night Items!

Check out the "[Browse Catalog](#)" section of the auction website to see the exciting Live and Silent items available for bidding on auction night. You will also find the highly sought after teacher experiences listed here. Are you ready to compete for one of two available spots per class? One spot will be sold during the Spring Online Auction #2 (starts March 8) and the other on Auction Night. Teacher Experiences include Lucky Strike, iFly, KidsQuest and more!

\$1,000 Cash Raffle!

Just two weeks left to purchase raffle tickets for the \$1,000 cash prize. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25. Please submit all monies from ticket sales to the PTSA office by March 15 in order to be entered into the drawing auction night (you do not need to be present to win). For additional tickets, please contact karawbeal@yahoo.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 no anyone who might be interested in being a member of the nominating committee please submit any nominations or information to Kim Plowman - kplowman@premiermarket.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!



CONGRATULATIONS to our **2013 Classroom Enrichment Grant** winners. Nine recipients received balloons and notice of their award on Friday, February 15. Included among the winning projects were grants for Math Support and Enrichment at Issaquah Middle, a History Day at Liberty and a community based Free Little Library for Discovery Elementary. Hats off to the staff who dedicated hours of personal time to completing their applications AND to our wonderful Balloon Brigade volunteers. See the complete list of winners at [2013 Classroom Grant Winners](#).

Kick Your High Schooler Out of Bed on Saturday, March 9

He or she should be at the Issaquah Community Network's **Youth Job Skills Fair** at Issaquah High School. Hosted in part by the Issaquah Schools Foundation, the **Youth Job Fair provides students ages 14-24 'need to know' information about finding a job and discovering their passion**. In addition to learning how to conduct an interview, write a resume, put your best foot forward and keep a job once you've landed it, participants will have the opportunity to meet with local business leaders from various professions to learn the 'inside story' about careers in their field. **The Job Skills Fair is FREE and runs from 11:00 am - 3:30 pm at Issaquah High School. Advance registration is required. Go to www.isfdn.org/yjsf for more information.**

NEM Count Down

March 1 marks 69 days to one of the best events of the spring—the **15th Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon**. If you want to become part of the team ensuring the event's success, join us as a Table Captain. Cathia Geller, our intrepid Table Captain Chair, can tell you everything you need to know at our **March 22 Table Captain Kick-Off**. Contact Cathia at cathia@cathiageller.com. You're also welcome to come as a *guest* - just let us know!

Did You Get Your Year-End Tax Receipt?

Letters were mailed at the beginning of February. Email Tina Weber, tweber@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org if you didn't receive yours.

Donors Helping Kids Get on Track at Tiger Mountain High School

ISF donors are helping Tiger Mountain High School move one step closer to completion of a multi-purpose Teen Center. When fully realized, the Teen Center will offer Tiger Mountain students a safe and healthy after-school environment and the opportunity to satisfy high school credit requirements, prepare for state tests and gain skills for career and life. **A \$2,400 grant from the Foundation will underwrite one of the first phases—staff time to assist students with homework assignments, credit retrieval and state exam preparation.** We are grateful to our donors for making it possible to invest in this innovative project.

It's Time to Speak Your Mind about Building Better Schools

You have ideas on how to make our schools better. Share them with those who can help implement change. **The Community Forums Network is hosting the third survey in its Education Funding series.** Your responses will be compiled and packaged as a **"Where's the consensus?" REPORT** for policy makers and the media. **BONUS!** By taking the survey, you'll qualify the Foundation for a grant of up to \$2,500. Follow the link, CommunityForumsNetwork.org, complete the survey and select Issaquah Schools Foundation as the beneficiary. **Hurry, the survey closes on March 31. THANK YOU!**

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Yearbook Orders -- It's Not Too Late!

This week, order forms were distributed for those children we don't currently have a yearbook order. The price for the **Newcastle Lions 2012-2013 Yearbook** is \$18 each. If you would like your child to have a yearbook but you did not receive a form and haven't ordered online, please contact Lainey Sickinger at lainey.sickinger@gmail.com.



Race to Nowhere Film (PG-13) and Homework Forum at Liberty High School

Date: Monday, March 4th. 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 **March 4th 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>.

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

<http://www.newcastleptsa.org>