

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 29th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

Thursday, April 4th
Student Banking
Lunch Time

Thursday, April 4th
7:00pm
3rd Grade Concert

April 8th - April 12th
No School - Spring Break

Monday, April 15th
Hazelwood's Tapatio
Fundraiser

Thursday, April 18th
Student Banking
Lunch Time

Monday, April 22nd
7:00pm
General Membership
Meeting

Thursday, April 25th
7:00pm
5th Grade Concert

Friday, April 26th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

Presidents' Note

Congratulations to Georgia Forchuk and her incredible auction team on an extremely successful *Reach for the Stars* Auction Evening!! We are so fortunate to have such a generous community that believes in supporting the enhancement of our children's education through the gift of time, advocacy and strong financial support! The \$175,000 raised through the online auction, auction evening event, raffle ticket sales and generous raise the paddle contributions will continue to support many needed programs over the course of the next 2 school years...THANK YOU!

We would also like to Congratulate and Thank our Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Award Winners...Georgia Forchuk, Laura Derwin, Michelle Riley and Lance Gyotoku! Without the continued support of outstanding parent volunteers like all of you, Newcastle Elementary would not be the special place that it is! THANK YOU for your Above and Beyond commitment to Newcastle and all of our children!

Happy Spring!

Kim and Edana

Afterschool Enrichment: Time to Register for Lego STEM Class!

Leap4Kidz is enrolling for the spring 2013 session!

Explore physics and engineering through Lego models using gears, pulleys, cams, and motors to bring your creations to life!

Day: Wednesdays
Session: 8 weeks starting 4/24
Time: 1:35 - 2:35PM
Cost: \$120
Ages: 1st through 4th grade
Room: Stage

LEAP4KIDZ™ offers project-based STEM programs designed to teach principles and methods of science, technology, engineering, and math to children. This is a hands-on class where students will build and design with LEGO® bricks. Student Builders will develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills while exploring engineering, architecture, inventions and physics.

To Register: www.leap4kidz.com
Click on After School Class and choose Newcastle

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

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The more we use their services, the more we can do for our kids & school!

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Box Tops Contest a Huge Success!

Earlier this year, families cut, tore and clipped over 15,000 Box Tops from General Mills brand products. This relatively simple act raised the PTSA \$1,500! Once everything was counted up, we found that Mrs. Buder's class won the contest submitting 1,930 Box Tops and Mrs. DeJesus's class came in second place with 1,570 Box Tops. These classrooms won a pizza party for 1st place and a cupcake party for 2nd place.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families that helped count, trim and bundle the thousands of Box Tops received: Janet Beach, Jayme Benson, Lisa Cain, Terri Catalani, Weene Crouse, Allison Flash, Brittany Frank, Lynn Genson, Lance Gytoku, Becky Hughes, Yuko Hume, Yun Li, Caroline Lilley, Becky Malloy, Lani Pedersen, Jacqueline Park, Edana Peacock, Michelle Riley, Natalie Roberts, and Stacy Tribble.

Announcing....Record Auction Earnings!!

As a result of your tremendous generosity, we raised a record-breaking **\$175,000** for our children's education! This exceeds our goal by almost \$20,000! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this success including our 150 volunteers, 300+ donors, 15 corporate sponsors, 400 auction night guests and our online auction and raffle ticket purchasers. The money raised will allow us to extend technology resources to our students, expand online literacy tools, continue to fully fund and manage the art education program, enhance the current science curriculum and support our children's education in so many other ways.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Auction Committee Leaders for their part in exceeding our goal: Kara Beal, Cindy Buono, Heidi Campher, Leanne Cole, Christy Grabowski, Kelly Hay, Meri Hartman, Sangeet Kindra, Caroline Lilley, Christina Manson, Susan Marashi, Michele Maresh, Rae Miller, Sue Mystkowski, Edana Peacock, Lani Pedersen, Kim Plowman, Eileen Rubenstein, Tiffany Ryan, Elena Thibeault, MaryAnn Trevino, Lisa Vold, Lissa Wax, Sue Wilkos and Stefanie Williamson. Thank you ladies! It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you these past 18 months.

I am grateful to be part of a community that truly values the importance of a strong education. Thank you for the time you've given and the investment you have made to prepare our children for the future and enable them to *Reach for the Stars*.

Georgia Forchuk, 2012/2013 Auction Chair





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Got Lunch?

Want to enjoy the most energizing, informative and inspiring lunch of the year? Join us at the Issaquah Schools Foundation's 15th Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon on Thursday, May 9 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. Nourish Every Mind is THE place to meet, mingle and learn how much our students benefit from your support. **Everyone is invited and there are no tickets to buy in advance.** We are extending a special invitation this year to our Kindergarten parents! We are saving a seat at all our school's tables for our existing and incoming Kindergarten parents. Please email Rebekah Kim (rebekahkim@hotmail.com) Newcastle Elementary Schools' ISF liaison if you are interested in attending.

What Makes a Great School?

Leadership ... grades ... graduation rates? Share your thoughts and discover what the State Board of Education and local legislators think about great schools at the next **Community Conversations, Thursday, April 4 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Issaquah High School Theatre.** Learn about the Achievement Index and a proposed law to 'grade' all schools, then participate in a panel discussion with District staff, parents and students. **Community Conversations** is free and sponsored by the Issaquah Schools Foundation, Issaquah PTSA Council, Issaquah School District and Issaquah Education Association. Call 425-391-8557 for more information.

What a Year

The Foundation's Annual Report to the Community was mailed to all donors the week of March 18. If you did not receive your copy, or would like an extra, contact Michelle Weldon, mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org. Thank you for support.

What Teens are really doing

Sponsored by the Issaquah PTSA Council, Issaquah High School presents "What Teens are Really Doing:" an evening of information with our very engaging School Resource Officer Karin Weihe. This program is recommended for EVERY middle and high school parent.

Whether you are the parent hearing lots of stories of drugs and parties or the parent who has heard nothing, this presentation is for you. Officer Karin Weihe will share honest, important information about:

- What is currently happening on the IHS campus with specific facts
- What is happening away from campus
- What to watch for and what to do
- Legal ramifications for you and for your kids surrounding issues of drugs, alcohol, parties and driving.

Be sure to attend! Be an informed parent!

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2013, 7 pm

Location: Issaquah High School, Black Box Theatre, 700 2nd Avenue SE, Issaquah