

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Presidents' Note

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 10th
7:00pm
PTSA General
Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 18th
9:30am
5th Grade Promotion

Tuesday, June 18th
Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 18th
12:00pm - 5:00pm
Newcastle Neighborhood
Life 4th Annual Block Party
Lake Boren Park

This is our last Cub News of the 12-13 school year -- what a ride it has been! We want to take a moment to say thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time this year to make our PTSA endeavors such a success. It is the volunteers who make it happen -- from our fun family events, to our outstanding art docent program, to this year's record-setting auction. We are so proud to be a part of this community!

We would also like to say thank you to the smart and dedicated women of the PTSA Executive Committee: Cindy Buono, Leanne Cole, Allison Flash, Meri Hartman, Janda Keenan, Taneka Ogden, Lani Pedersen and Natalie Roberts. When you see these women around, please take a minute to thank them for the hundreds of hours they spent on PTSA events and projects this year - we are so lucky to have them at our school!

Also, we want to express our appreciation for some extra special women: Laura Derwin, our art docent chair; Georgia Forchuk, our auction chair; and Elena Thibeault, our e-communications director. These ladies worked tirelessly throughout the year and we are forever grateful for their time and talents!

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for our final PTSA meeting of the year at 7PM, Monday June 10 in the Commons. We will review and approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget, so there will be lots of great information to share about next year. Hope to see you there!

It has been our pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents these last 2 years. We thank you for your continued support, it has meant the world to us!

May we all have a safe, happy and sunny summer!

Kim & Edana

Spring Family Event "Westward Ho!"

WOW, WHAT FUN!!! This year's Spring Family event was a huge success and it could not have been possible without the help of ALL of our wonderful volunteers. I would like to thank each and every one of them for helping out to make it happen! Thank you Kelly Hay, JuliAnne Diesch, Leanne Cole, Cindy Buono, Laura Derwin, Michael (Laura's cousin), Karen Saino, Mark Riley, Nikki Wiebe, Edana Peacock, Eileen Rubenstein, David Morris, Dave Derwin, Rae Miller, Weene Crouse, Amy Brainard, Elizabeth Brecht, Janda and Brent Keenan, Jana Miller, Stefanie Williamson, Allison Flash, Kathy Keegan, Khanh Tran, Danielle Dixon, Andy Wand, and Duane Silvestri.

Everyone who attended had a fabulous time and it was all because of the amazing volunteers that made everything run so smoothly. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all your help - thank you!!! I would like to extend a "Very Special" thank you to Leanne Cole and Cindy Buono for the countless number of hours they put into planning this event with me. It would not have come together so beautifully if it weren't for them - and for that, I am truly grateful. Thank you!

Michelle Riley, event chair

Enjoy your
Summer!

We'll see you on the
first day of school,
September 4th!



Thank you on behalf of Newcastle Elementary's LionArt Docent 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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 Sean Nielsen (Realogics)
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 Dr. Rod Nordberg
 Eastside Pediatric Dental
 Jayme Benson/Jayme's Hair Design
 Ken Cole, PT, COMT, FAAOMPT
 Kendra Vadney/Stella & Dot
 Marcie Maxwell & Lisa Lam
 Michelle Woo (Windermere)
 Paula Spence/Emergency-Pac
 Rainier Ballet Academy
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What a phenomenal year our team of volunteers has had working with and guiding all of our students in the Visual Arts this year. This would not have been possible without the support and funding of our very generous **Newcastle PTSA** and those local businesses, individuals & families who so generously donated funds and/or their time to our program.

Additionally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the **City of Issaquah** and the **Issaquah Arts Commission** who awarded our LionArt Program with our first ever "Arts Grant" this year, offering additional financial support to further develop Visual Arts at Newcastle Elementary. With this funding, we were able to further expand our Clay and Glass programs; purchase storage and organization solutions for our materials; create a safer working environment in our Kiln Room; and contributed to bringing in guest artists, Tracy Haselman and Terry Anderson, into our classrooms. All of which further exposed every student in our school to a unique variety of both traditional and modern concepts and styles of art. Thank you, Issaquah Arts Commission, for making this grant available to us!

On a personal note, I'd like to thank each and every LionArt Volunteer, whether a Classroom Art Docent, or a parent who faithfully showed up to assist in a project at some point in the year ... your time and effort has made a significant difference.

And, finally, to **Vicki Hoffman**, our Issaquah School District Art Liason (and, yes a volunteer) and new friend! You gave our LionArt Program hope and encouragement throughout the entire year ... and have become our true Art Angel!

Cheers to you and always remember, Earth Without Art is Simply ... "Eh"!

Laura Derwin
 Newcastle Art Docent Chair

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!

Orthodontic Excellence
 Safeway
 Everything Party
 Precision Autocraft
 Target
 Office Depot
 Bartells
 GoodSearch.com

Staff Appreciation Week ~ Thank You

On May 7th, the kindergarten and first grade families hosted a Cinco de Mayo 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: Rachel Wax, Alka Sandhu, Rachel Smith, Heather Witz, Rebecca Wong, Erica Yang, JuliAnne Diesch, Eva Downs, Lisa Tom, Karen Saino, Korre Veitengruber, Stina Fluegge, Uma Nail, Elina Oda, Annette Gage, Angela Oster, Susan Tokish, Maggie Peloquin, Stefanie Williamson, Brittany Frank, Tori Broughton, Ansu Chandy, Sangeet Kindra, Michelle Riley, Evelyn James, Jaqueline Park, Julie Treloggen, Mary Ann Trevino, Steve Winn, Kiersten Byus, Danielle Dixon, Georgia Forchuk, Becky Butler, Kelly Schoembs, Samakshi Krishna, Shirley Elkan, Jennifer Jochumsen, Sunny Huang and Lani Pedersen.

On May 10th, we were able to wash over 20 staff cars in less than two hours! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped at the staff car wash: Elena Thibeault, Becky Hughes, Kathy Nolan, Koleen Morris, Lisa Vold, Natalie Roberts, Kelly Hay, Debbie McAllister, Michelle Riley, Tori and Reece Broughton and Lani Pedersen! What a wonderful week we had celebrating our fabulous staff here at Newcastle! Thank you for making this a special week for staff!

Student Banking Completed!

The final banking day for the 2012-13 school year was yesterday! Thank you to our many diligent student bankers this year. Whatever your savings goal, I hope you had fun working toward reaching it! Student banking would not happen without our partner Homestreet Bank in Newcastle and their friendly staff person, Mrs. Sue. Next time you are at HomeStreet please thank them for their investments in our Newcastle school community. And lastly, a huge thank you to Stacy Tribble who volunteered at the banking table once a month this year - her dedication has been invaluable and much appreciated!



You Did It Again!

Thank You parents and community for another amazing *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon. On Thursday, May 9, nearly 1,200 guests packed the Community Center to raise a record-breaking \$681,000 in support of our students and schools. We are incredibly honored, but not surprised by your generosity. Ours is a community that cares deeply about education.

Your donations will fund the first installment of our rotating **\$100,000 Dedicated Fine Arts Fund** for secondary band, orchestra, vocal, drama and visual arts programs, enable us to continue our ongoing roster of programs, expand our successful **Pre-K/Kindergarten Summer School**, support even more **High School STEM Clubs and initiatives** and begin investing in a **\$364,000 elementary and middle school writing curriculum**.

The Luncheon could not have been possible without the leadership of **Kristin Behn, Nourish Every Mind Chair** and her army of volunteers as well as our speakers, **Rebecca Fowler** and Rocketry Club students from Skyline High School, **Liliya Stefoglo**, District ELL Curriculum Specialist, the **Issaquah High School Jazz Band**, the nine teachers who created interactive Teacher Displays, **Robin Wood** and the **Maywood 6th Grade Choir** and our wonderful emcee's **Dave Ross** and Issaquah High School sophomore **Alaya Carr**.

To view the videos shown at the Luncheon— Forensic Science, the VOICE Mentoring Program and Fine Arts—go to www.isfdn.org.

Mother's Day Fun Run



The weather for the Foundation's inaugural **Mother's Day Dash on Saturday, May 11** was perfect and over 300 runners, joggers and walkers joined us for the family friendly 5K. We had a blast! Our sincere appreciation to all who participated—runners, volunteers and to our sponsors—**Lil' Kickers Soccer, Issaquah Triathlon, Sports Authority, Ben & Jerry's and Zeeks** as well as **Jim Berry and Heather Matthews**. Check our Facebook page for an update on the total raised and our contribution to The One Fund. Plan now to join us next year!

Looking for an Internship?

The Foundation has teamed with the Issaquah and Sammamish Chambers of Commerce to create a database of internship opportunities for Issaquah School District students and alumni. Internships are a great way for current students to explore career options and for alumni to develop 'real-world' business experience. Interested students may access the database through their school's career counseling office or by contacting the Foundation at info@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org. Please include your name and high school in your message.

It's Time to Shop for Summer Vacation and Summer Camp

Add this link-- [Shop Amazon for ISF](#) to your bookmarks. Each time you use it to log onto the Amazon site the Foundation will receive a donation of up to 8% of your purchase. Have a Great Summer!

Sponge School Summer Camps!

Hola! We're closing in on a wonderful year of language learning at Newcastle Elementary. We've learned all about cooking, our families, our hobbies and activities, wintertime, shopping, animals, and various Latin American cultural traditions!

Next academic year will be full of all new units and themes for your kids to learn about while being immersed in another language! Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be opening up soon.

In the meantime, make sure to check out our summer classes and fabulous summer camps, Passport to China and Passport to Latin America! Learn more and sign up here for classes at one of our centers <http://spongeschool.com/sign-up/> and here for summer camps <http://spongeschool.com/sign-up/summer-camps-2013/>

As always, email us at info@spongeschool.com with any questions or to check in about registering!



Save the date

NEWCASTLE NEIGHBORHOOD LIFE 4th ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

School is out, HELLO summer!

It's that time of year again! JUNE 18th is the last day of school (for the Issaquah School District). Let's get together with our friends and neighbors to celebrate!

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Lake Boren Park

FREE HOTDOGS provided by **Chiropractic Wellness Center**.
Grilled by Traeger Master: Gordon McCallon and Retired
Seattle Seahawk Fullback and resident, **MACK STRONG**

FREE BOTTLED WATER sponsored by **1630 Hair Artisans**

Lots of fun entertainment for the whole family; music (provided by DJ Brooklyn), face painting, balloon artist, dress up photo booth, treats, chair massages, covered lounge area...and the list goes on!

SIDE DISHES provided by Newcastle Residents, please bring:

- Fruit or Veggie Trays (if your first name begins with the letter A-J)
- Side Dish (if your first name begins with the letter K-P)
- Dessert (if your first name begins with the letter Q-Z)
- Lawn chairs or blankets for Picnicking



In order to know how much food to purchase, please **R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 7th 2013** to Koleen Morris
KoleenMorris@CenturyLink.net

Rain or Shine the event will go on!

In case of bad weather: we will be providing seats and tables under a large tent (no one wants to get their hair wet)

See you there!