

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 19th  
Entertainment Book Sale  
Kickoff

Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Picture Day

Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking  
During Lunch

Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
Girl Scouts Parent  
Information Meeting  
The Commons

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla

Saturday, Sept. 29th  
9:00am  
HomeStreet Bank Open  
House

Thursday, October 4th  
Student Banking  
During Lunch

### Presidents' Note

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is happily settled into the new school year routines! We are excited to be back as PTSA Co-Presidents for a second year and we want to fill you in on what we have planned for this year.

Our primary goal this year is to get every Newcastle family to register on the PTSA website ([www.newcastleptsa.org](http://www.newcastleptsa.org)) because this is our main communication hub. If you haven't already done so, please make it a priority to visit the website, taking special note of "back to school sign-up" on the top left of the home page. This will take you step-by-step through the following:

- Family information page
  - This is where you enter or edit your family's contact information & kids' homeroom teacher, and **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION IN THE 2012-2013 PTSA STUDENT DIRECTORY** (*we will no longer be getting the information from the school.*) Family contact information must be entered by Friday, October 5 in order to be included in this year's directory.
- PTSA membership
- Volunteering opportunities
- Donations for staff PTSA memberships/auction tickets
- Donations for Gift-a-Book to support our school library
- Purchase your student's yearbook

Another big change this year is we now accept PayPal and major credit cards! You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this option - you can sign in as a guest and enter your credit card information for your entire purchase!

This special paper edition of Cub News includes most of the information you'll need to navigate the first few chaotic weeks of school. It is the PTSA's hope that we can ease you into the transition of school schedules, paperwork and activities, and that you can use this newsletter to answer many initial questions you have about upcoming events, our fall Entertainment Book fundraiser, the March "Reach for the Stars" biennial auction and much more. Please note: In our continued effort to minimize paper use, expense and waste, this will be the only issue of Cub News that will be sent home in hardcopy this year, unless you request a hard copy when you register on the PTSA website. Beginning Friday, September 28, we will send out the biweekly electronic Cub News.

We hope you have a great September and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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## Get Ready for Picture Day: Thursday, September 20th!

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 20**, when Dorian Photography will be on site to take individual photographs of your child. Check kid mail for order forms, and turn in the completed form with payment before or on picture day. Retakes are scheduled for October 23 and class pictures will be taken in the Spring.

Questions? Contact Tiffany Ryan at [trryan@comcast.net](mailto:trryan@comcast.net)

## Student Banking starts NEXT WEEK!

The banking table returns to the lunchroom next week on **Thursday, September 20th**. If your child already has an account with HomeStreet Bank, please remind him/her to bring their deposit to the table on the stage during lunch. Deposits can be made in any amount starting with \$1.00 and each student with a deposit gets a fun prize.

**Please mark your calendar now for all of the 2012-13 banking days:**

Thursday, September 20th	Thursday, February 7th
Thursday, October 4th	Thursday, March 7th
Thursday, October 18th	Thursday, March 21st
Thursday, November 1st	Thursday, April 4th
Thursday, November 15th	Thursday, April 18th
Thursday, December 13th	Thursday, May 2nd
Thursday, January 3rd	Thursday, May 16th

\*If your child does not already have an account, please plan on attending the HomeStreet Bank Open House on **Saturday, September 29th, from 9 AM - noon** at the Newcastle Branch on Coal Creek next to the UPS store. ***Please arrive early and make sure you bring government issued identification and Social Security Cards for both you and your child.*** You will not be able to open the account without them! For students, either a birth certificate or passport is required, and parents your valid driver's license, passport, or other form of Government Issued ID will work. If the Open House date and time do not work for you, you may stop by the Newcastle Branch anytime during their business hours. Once an account is set up for your child, he/she can begin bringing deposits to school on banking day.

Please feel free to e-mail Michele Maresh ([michele.maresh@comcast.net](mailto:michele.maresh@comcast.net)) if you have any questions.

## WANTED: First Week of School Candids!



Hello parents! The Yearbook Committee is looking for some great student photos that capture the fun and excitement of the first days of school. If you have a cute picture to share that was taken on school campus during the first week, 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](mailto:newcastle.yearbook.photos@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

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

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### 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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## Thank You To Our Volunteers!

A huge shout out to all of the Ladies that were able to lend a hand during the first weeks of school! They helped with before and after school & lunchtime help with the kindergarteners and students new to Newcastle! Thank you for all of your assistance:

Candace Berde  
Jayme Benson  
Michelle Riley

Cindy Buono  
Kara Ford  
Natalie Roberts

Edana Peacock  
Kim Plowman  
Shauna Cour

Eva Downs  
Meri Hartman  
Stefanie Williamson

And all others who were able to step in! Thank you!

## Fall Family Event Volunteers Needed! Annual Costume Carnival!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Costume Carnival on Friday, October 26th. We have spots for set-up, clean-up and helping during the actual carnival!

Please log in here: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/642918624096>

Thank you for helping to make this event a success, we couldn't do it without volunteers!

If you have any questions, please contact the Costume Carnival Co-chairs, Candace Berde ([cmberde@yahoo.com](mailto:cmberde@yahoo.com)) & Michelle Riley ([mmriley628@hotmail.com](mailto:mmriley628@hotmail.com))

## Mochas with Marla

Please join our Principal, Marla Newton for coffee, juice and refreshments in the Commons area after morning drop off on Friday, September 28th, 2012. Starting at 9:15 AM, 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 10 AM; don't miss this opportunity! Sponsored by the Newcastle Elementary PTSA. Please contact Event Chair, Monique Bloch at 206.909.8457 or [blochmonique@gmail.com](mailto:blochmonique@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## Calling all future engineers and rocket scientists!

The Fall Session for Lego STEM Class After School Enrichment begins on September 26th and registration is open now. Class size is limited and students will be accepted on a first come basis.

Students explore science, technology, engineering and math through creation of Lego models of the world around them. Skills include math, science, physics, problem solving, critical thinking, fine motor skills, social cooperation and imaginative play. Sessions are every Wednesday for 8 weeks, from 1:35 -2:35 PM for students K-2nd grade. Classes are held on the stage in the Commons. Cost is \$100 for the 8 week session.

To register: [www.leap4kidz.com](http://www.leap4kidz.com) and click on After School Class and choose Newcastle.

For the full calendar and all up-to-date information, please visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

## It's an Auction Year... Reach for the Stars!

What does that mean exactly? For those of you who have been at the school for the past few years, you know very well (and many of you are already actively involved... thank you!) However, for our new families, I hope this provides you with a quick overview of this year's Auction, our largest fundraiser.

Every two years, the Newcastle PTSA hosts an auction with the help of our teachers, staff, students, parents and the community. This year's event will be held at the Westin Bellevue on March 16, 2013. The auction is a major undertaking which delivers impressive results: our goal this year is to raise over \$150,000 for our students. Past auction proceeds have funded the new book room, a portable computer lab with 20 new laptops, the ActivBoards you see in the classrooms and science support, including Science-to-Go labs, plus many other initiatives. Our priority for 2013 is technology and curriculum support, which will benefit each and every student. Generating proceeds for these initiatives is more critical than ever due to state funding cuts.

### *How can you help?*

1. Donate or procure an item (see separate handout for details)
2. Volunteer (now, later or event night.... we need you!)
3. Become a Sponsor
4. Participate in our online auctions (first one is early December...more to come!)
5. Attend auction night

Please contact Georgia Forchuk (Auction Chair) at [gforchuk@msn.com](mailto:gforchuk@msn.com) with any questions or comments. We hope you will help our children **Reach for the Stars** by being part of this exciting event.

### **Creative Leaders Wanted**

If you would like an opportunity to work with your child's class on a meaningful project as well as to help create a valuable art donation for our spring auction, please consider being a Classroom Auction Project Lead. At Curriculum Night on September 13th, teachers will be seeking 1-2 volunteers to lead their class' auction project. If you are unable to attend curriculum night or are reading this article afterwards, you can still volunteer by contacting Christy Grabowski at [christinegrabowski@yahoo.com](mailto:christinegrabowski@yahoo.com) or Christina Manson at [hikingoutside@hotmail.com](mailto:hikingoutside@hotmail.com). Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **Printing help needed!**

Are you someone with connections to a great printer or a printing business? Know someone who is? **We need your help!** Our auction team is seeking a place to get our materials printed for our 2013 auction. These materials include the invitations, auction catalog, and signage. We would love a discount or even donation, if possible! Any business making a donation will be given free advertising via our website, catalog, and 'night of' signage.

Please contact us if you are able to help!

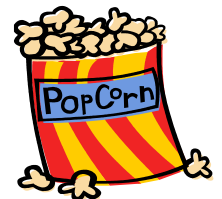
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## Popcorn Fridays

Hello families! Once again we are fortunate to have our Popcorn Fridays! Please send with your child \$.25 (1 quarter) on Friday mornings. Your child has the opportunity to buy popcorn at his/her afternoon recess. *Please refrain from sending big bills, as we don't have the change to give back.* Thank you!





**Please Renew (or Join) by November 1st**  
**Thank you for continuing to give to Newcastle Elementary!**

eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. Even if you've signed up your Safeway Club Card before, every year we are required to have members renew their commitment to the eScrip program. Please take 5 minutes to continue contributing to our school. Thank you very much for your support and time.

**Are you one of our 343 supporters who haven't renewed yet? Please renew so Newcastle Elementary continues to earn contributions!**

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Safeway Club Card number

If you are not an eScrip member, your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our school. You can also register your credit or debit cards, shop at the over 1000 merchants at the eScrip online mall and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be contributed to Newcastle Elementary.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter School ID # **500004191**
- Enter your Safeway Club Card number. Call 1-800-SAFEWAY if you don't know it.

Questions? Contact Trisha Ackley at [trishaackley@hotmail.com](mailto:trishaackley@hotmail.com).

## Entertainment Coupon Books Coming Home September 19th!



Treat yourself and friends to great deals while supporting Newcastle Elementary! On Wednesday, September 19th students will take home Entertainment Books coupon books as we kick off the PTSA's fall fundraising campaign.

Entertainment books contain literally hundreds of coupons for local retailers, such as QFC, Sports Authority, Bartell Drugs, Cold Stone Creamery and more.

Student will have the opportunity to sell the Entertainment Books to friends and family for \$30 each. 50% of book sales will go directly to the Newcastle PTSA. Our fundraising goal is to sell \$30,000 in books and proceeds will be used to run programs such as Art Docent, Kinder Connect, Emergency Preparedness, the Fall Costume Carnival and much more. The fundraiser will run September 19 through October 3. It takes many volunteers to make this program come together - if you have an hour or two to give to this fundraiser, please contact Laura Derwin at [lgderwin@comcast.net](mailto:lgderwin@comcast.net) or Meri Hartman at [merimelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:merimelissa@yahoo.com). Thank You!

**We're looking for Entertainment Book Delivery Volunteers!**

Please go to: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/412898102072> to sign up to help on either September 14th or September 18th for various delivery duties. Thank you!

**Volunteers make it happen!**

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## Calling All Girls - Girl Scouts Kindergarten through 5th Grade Have Fun All Year Long!

Join the fun of Girl Scouting by becoming a **Girl Scout**. Your daughter will have **FUN** and enjoy activities with other girls of the same age while being guided by adult leaders.

Come find out about how to get your daughter involved in Girl Scouting at the community Parent Information Night.

**When:** Thursday, September 20th, 2012  
**Time:** 7 PM (Presentation will last about 1 hour)  
**Where:** Newcastle Elementary School - in the Commons  
**Who Should Attend:** Girls age 5-10 who are new to the community or new to Girl Scouting (not presently in a troop) **with** their parents.

For more info please email Michele Havery at [michelesu444@gmail.com](mailto:michelesu444@gmail.com)



## Cruising for Katie

If you have always dreamed about a Caribbean vacation and don't have plans for spring break 2013 then escape the Seattle rain: grab your sunscreen & shades and join us on the brand new Carnival Breeze sailing from Miami on April 7, 2013 for 6 nights of fun.

Sun-sational Vacations & Cruises is donating \$25 for every cabin they book to Colon Cancer on behalf of Katie Tinnea. We are also challenging our guests to match our contribution. This is a fabulous opportunity to raise money for colon cancer while cruising the tropical ports of Grand Turk, Ocho Rios Jamaica, and Nassau Bahamas.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle Ryberg at 425-736-9687 or email [Sun-sational@comcast.net](mailto:Sun-sational@comcast.net). Category 4E inside cabins start at \$425 per person, and 8B Balcony cabins are \$660 per person plus taxes and port fees. We have limited space left, so don't delay just place your refundable \$250 per person deposit on the cabin, sit back and count the days until paradise. Offer expires 10-31-2012. To tour the ship please visit [http://www.carnival.com/cms/fun/ships/carnival\\_breeze/default.aspx?shipCode=BR](http://www.carnival.com/cms/fun/ships/carnival_breeze/default.aspx?shipCode=BR)

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