

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

Wed., October 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
[Mothers of Sons Free Seminar](#)

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking  
During Lunch


Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Picture Re-take Day

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am  
Mochas with Marla

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Costume Carnival

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vision & Hearing  
Screening

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Student Banking  
During Lunch

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day 

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
No School - Veteran's Day

### Presidents' Note

Hello everyone! The days are getting shorter, nights are getting colder, and school is in full-swing! Our Entertainment Book Fall Fundraiser just came to an end last Friday and we would like to thank Meri Hartman, Laura Derwin and their entire team for all of their long hours, hard work and for running a very successful fundraiser - over \$30,000 in sales, with half of the money going to PTSA fundraising!! It takes many volunteers to make our PTSA run and we are so fortunate to have such a supportive and involved parent group.

We will finish out the month of October with our picture retakes on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and our not-to-be-missed 4th Annual Costume Carnival on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We hope to see you all there decked out in your amazing costumes!

Have a great weekend,  
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PTSA Co-Presidents

### Volunteers Needed For Vision and Hearing Testing

On Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> our school nurse, Karen Herring, will be conducting both vision and hearing testing on every student at Newcastle. We are in need of volunteers for either morning or afternoon shifts. It is a fun and easy way to volunteer and get to know your kiddo's fellow students.

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/743052734080>

### Costume Carnival Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Costume Carnival on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We have spots for set-up, clean-up and helping during the actual carnival! In addition, this year's Carnival will have a Treat Walk (like a Cake Walk, but with various treats.) If you would like to donate a store-bought baked treat (like cupcakes or a cake,) you can also sign up for that online.

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!

Michelle Riley & Candace Berde, Costume Carnival Co-Chairs  
([mmriley628@hotmail.com](mailto:mmriley628@hotmail.com) & [cmberde@yahoo.com](mailto:cmberde@yahoo.com))

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## Thank You

I would like to extend special recognition, as well as a huge thank you to both Jana Miller and Taneka Ogden for helping assist on Picture Day. The schedule ran smoothly, recess hair combed, lunch faces wiped, and collars straightened. Thank you very much!

Tiffany Ryan, Picture Day Coordinator

## Picture Retake Day

This is a friendly reminder that Picture Retakes are Tuesday, October 23rd. Please return your package with your child that day in exchange for new photos taken. If your child missed the original Picture Day, this will be your opportunity for them to get their pictures taken for the first time. Picture Day Forms are located in the school's front office if needed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: Tiffany Ryan: [rtrryan@comcast.net](mailto:rtrryan@comcast.net) - Picture Day Coordinator

## 2nd Annual Newcastle Elementary Geography Bee!



On November 30th, qualifying Newcastle Elementary 4th and 5th graders will once again have the opportunity to participate in the fun and challenging National Geographic School Geography Bee! To qualify for the school bee, Newcastle 4th and 5th graders will soon be participating in mini geography challenges in their individual classrooms to determine grade level finalists.

Are you wondering how to prepare for this challenge? The National Geographic website (website: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>) is a fabulous place to start with a study corner, daily quizzes and links to other geography resources. If you'd like to practice your knowledge of locations, free online map quizzes can also be found online at Seterra (<http://online.seterra.net/en/>). Who will be the fastest and most accurate in your home?

"Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge." (website: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>)

2013 National Geographic Bee Dates:

School Bees: November 12, 2012-January 15, 2013  
(Newcastle Geography Bee = November 30th)  
State Bees: April 5, 2013  
National Level: May 20-22, 2013

Stay tuned, more information to follow as the date of the bee draws nearer!

## Does your student like to draw or paint? Author their own stories? Or would they prefer to make the next viral YouTube video??

If you answered yes to one, or more, of those questions...then **REFLECTIONS** is for you!! The Reflections Program challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme. We are so excited about this year's theme...

“The magic of a moment...”

Students participate by submitting entries in one of seven categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, or Special Artist. This program provides an opportunity for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Artistic exploration and expression enhance and develop intellectual, social, and physical skills. Creating art is a valuable learning process.

To get started, talk with your student about what is “magical” to them. Maybe it's that trip they took to Disneyland this summer, or how they felt the first time they rode their bike on their own, or seeing something for the first time. Magic happens every day in the life of a child...and that is what this year's Reflections theme is all about. So, your child doesn't have to be a protégé of Monet, Gene Kelly, or Steven Spielberg to participate...Reflections is for everyone!

Entries are due Monday, October 29th. This year there is a class incentive. The class with the most entries will win a “Build Your Own...” party. More on that later...

For more information on the program, entry forms, category guidelines and FAQs, go to <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

We look forward to seeing all of the magical entries!  
Chris Longfellow and Jahna Smith  
Reflections Co-Chairs

## Upcoming Parent Education Seminar

**Moms of Sons: Wednesday, October 17th from 7:00-8:30**  
**Sunset Elementary**  
**Presenter: Rob Lehman, MD**

Sometimes mothers feel confused on what their role should be in steering their son in his course towards manhood. This talk covers some of the unique issues facing boys as they mature, some of the things on their minds, the role of male and female role-models, and strategies in building communication between the teen boy and his mom.

Rob Lehman, MD and Julie Metzger, RN, MD are co-founders of Great Conversations ([greatconversations.com](http://greatconversations.com)) and the popular For Girls Only and For Boys Only classes held at Seattle Children's and Overlake Hospitals.

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



### "Holiday Online Auction"... just around the corner!

Our first-ever holiday online auction will run the week of December 3. This is the first of our Reach for the Stars events with all proceeds supporting the education of our students. We have some exciting items in store, perfect for this time of year:

- Take in the Tree Lighting festivities with a weekend stay in Leavenworth
- Reduce the stress of holiday planning with a massage at Apple Therapy or Massage Envy
- Kick-start your New Year's resolution with a CrossFit fundamentals package or a 3 month YMCA membership
- Pamper yourself with hair or nail services from Newcastle Nails, Obadiah, Jayme's Hair Design and more
- Check out the latest Hollywood flicks in style and ultimate comfort with a VIP package from iPic Theatres
- Manage the in-laws or other overnight guests by escaping for a 1 night stay at the Westin Bellevue!

We are still looking for items to round out this exciting online event. Following are some ideas to get you started:

- E-readers, such as the new Kindle Fire or the B&N Nook
- Kinect, Xbox, Wii, DSi and other electronic games or devices
- Tablets, such as Microsoft's new Surface or an iPad
- Ski Packages and stays
- Spring break getaways
- Champagne or sparkling wine
- Nutcracker, Cirque du Soleil Tickets or theatre & concert tickets
- Gift cards

Simply complete a [procurement form](#) by **November 1st** and submit it to Lissa at [lissawax@gmail.com](mailto:lissawax@gmail.com), Sue at [suewilkos@comcast.net](mailto:suewilkos@comcast.net) or Georgia at [gforchuk@msn.com](mailto:gforchuk@msn.com). Donations received after that date will be part of our spring online auction or our March 16, 2013 evening at the Westin Bellevue. Thank you for your part in helping our students Reach for the Stars!

### Wanted: Delicious Dessert Donations for Auction!



Amazing baker? Dessert savvy? Just generous? Make a sweet donation to the Newcastle PTSA Auction that fits your dessert profile. We're inviting you to bake a fabulous treat, purchase rich wonders at a special bakery, or simply contribute towards the purchase of something yummy. However you like to dish up dessert, we'll accept your addition to our wildly popular Dessert Parade at the March auction.

Desserts will be accepted in person on the Friday morning before the auction, March 15, on disposable trays. The Desserts team will remind parents of the deadline two weeks before the auction. To donate a dessert (12 servings) or make a financial contribution, please [click here](#) for the dessert donation form.

Please contact Tiffany Ryan at 425-235-2635 or [rtrryan@comcast.net](mailto:rtrryan@comcast.net) with any questions.

## Entertainment Book Fundraiser Update



We are thrilled to announce that the students passed our sales goal, selling OVER \$30,000 in Entertainment Books!!! Mrs. Robinson's class is the lucky winner of the pizza party, having 80% of her students sell at least 1 book. The cupcake party will go to both Mrs. Canadey and Mrs. Reimer's classes, which both had 71% of their students sell at least 1 book. A whopping 47 students sold 10 books or more and won the lunchtime limo ride to McDonalds! Because there were so many winners, limo rides will occur over the next few weeks. Finally, grade level winners will be announced during the lunch periods on Friday. Each of the grade level winners will receive a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice.

Thank you to all parents and family members that helped make the Entertainment Book fundraiser happen. We know a lot of hours are spent at home helping your students reach their sales goals. The kids light up telling us stories of their sales success and they are proud to know that their work helps the PTSA run programs like Art Docent, Student Banking, Reflections, Parent Education and the Family Events. We can't run fundraisers without your involvement, so thank you very much for your time.

Orders will be fulfilled over the next two weeks, as we receive the books from the Entertainment Company. If you placed an order for over 5 books, you'll be contacted directly to coordinate a pick-up time for the books. Orders of 4 books or less will be sent home with the students (this began on Tuesday).

A special shout out to those parents that came to the school to help sort, label and distribute books and count and process book orders: **Marci Beppu, Monique Bloch, Sherrie Corrington, Angela Hei, Janda Keenan, Kim Moger, Julie Monetti, Koleen Morris, Lani Pedersen, Michelle Riley and Nikki Weibe. THANK YOU!**



## Legislative Assembly

PTA will convene its statewide Legislative Assembly at the SeaTac Marriott on October 19-20. At the assembly, members will vote to decide which issues to place on our legislative platform for the coming two years. There are currently 18 issues under consideration, and you can check them out at [http://wsptalegassembly.blogspot.com/2012\\_09\\_01\\_archive.html](http://wsptalegassembly.blogspot.com/2012_09_01_archive.html). There is still time and space to register if you are interested in going -- just contact Edana or Kim.



## Homework

Issaquah School District is revisiting its homework policy and wants to hear your opinion on your child's homework. We will be discussing homework at our next general meeting on November 19, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you would like more information:

Here is the district's timetable for reviewing the policy: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/events/297/6-20-12%20Homework%20Grading%20Plan%202012%2013.pdf>

The district's current policy regarding homework can be found here: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/policymanual/2000%20Instruction/2422%20Homework.pdf>

and the respective duties of parents, teachers and students can be found here: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/policymanual/2000%20Instruction/2422P%20Homework%20Procedures.pdf>



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# Bartell Drugs Contest

Win up to \$500 for our group!

The three eScrip groups who have the highest sales increase at participating Bartell Drugs stores from September 1 - October 31 of 2011\* to September 1 - October 31 of 2012 will win.



<b>First Prize:</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Second Prize:</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Third Prize:</b>	<b>\$100</b>

Additionally, one Bartell Drugs shopper from each of the three winning groups will be randomly selected to win a \$50 gift card from Bartell Drugs.

So, be sure to use your Bartell Drugs Community Card every time you shop!

Don't have a card? Pick one up and register at the store today.

Contest runs from: September 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012

\*All enrolled groups with or without earnings in 2011 are eligible to participate. Groups without earnings in 2011 will start at \$0.

