

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News


Upcoming Events

Friday, October 26th
6:00pm
Costume Carnival

Thursday, November 1st
Vision & Hearing
Screening

Thursday, November 1st
Student Banking
During Lunch

Thursday, November 1st
Donation Deadline for
Holiday Online Auction

Tuesday, November 6th
Election Day 

Sunday, November 11th
5:00pm - 8:00pm
KinderConnect Family
Night Out

Monday, November 12th
No School - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 15th
Student Banking
During Lunch

Thursday, November 15th
7:00pm
1st Grade Concert

Presidents' Note

We have lots of great information for you in this issue of Cub News - please take a minute or 2 to read through and find out what's going on at school and around the district!

We hope to see you all tonight at the Costume Carnival!

Kim Plowman & Edana Peacock
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Attention Kindergarten Families! KinderConnect Family Night Out!

The KinderConnect Committee invites you and your families to gather at **The Rock Wood Fired Pizza** at The Landing on Sunday, November 11 from 5 - 8 pm.

This open house style event will give you and your Kindergarteners a chance to mingle with new friends from all kindergarten classes. Families are invited to drop by any time during the 5 - 8 pm window. Families will be responsible for their own food and beverage purchases.

Please check your emails for an Evite invitation from the KinderConnect committee chairs, Kelly Schoembs and Keri Moritz, or feel free to contact either Kelly or Keri for more information.

Kelly: kschoembs@metlife.com
Keri: keri_moritz@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed For Vision and Hearing Testing

On Thursday, November 1st 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>

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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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Student Banking - New Location For Deposits!

Student banking started out strong last month with seven new banking students and many returning bankers! Great job to all the kiddos who have remembered their bank deposits this year. There are many new prizes to choose from, so if you haven't made a deposit yet this year - please come visit us at our NEW location. Due to the overcrowded lunchroom this year, we've moved the banking table to the hallway outside the music room! There are just three banking days left before winter break - so mark your calendars for:

Thursday, November 1st
Thursday, November 15th
Thursday, December 13th

Parents, if your child already has an account with HomeStreet bank, please remind him/her to bring their deposit to the table in the hall by the music room during lunch. Deposits can be made in any amount starting with \$1.00 and each student with a deposit gets a fun prize.

If your child does not have an account already, please stop by the Newcastle HomeStreet Branch anytime M-F during their business hours to open one. Make sure you bring photo identification and SSN for both you and your child or you will not be able to open the account. 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 me (michele.maresh@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Donate Food to Vote for a Crazy Hair Day or a Pajama Day!



The Newcastle Elementary PTSA is sponsoring a food drive from November 1-16 to benefit members of our community as the holiday season approaches. All donations will go to the Issaquah Food Bank. In addition to the pantry staples that they always need, the food bank is currently requesting canned tuna, canned salmon, self-stable juice, baby wipes, toiletries, diapers (sizes 4-6), new socks, new underwear, cleaning products and camping equipment.

Donation bins will be located upstairs and downstairs at Newcastle Elementary. One donation bin in each location will be marked "Crazy Hair Day" and one will be marked "Pajama Day." Whichever bin collects the most food will determine which fun day we have at the end of November. If you have a large amount of donations that you would like us to pick up from your house or if you have any questions, please contact Kara Beal at karawbeal@yahoo.com or 425-793-9708.



"Holiday Online Auction" - Donations due November 1st!

Our first ever holiday online auction is just weeks away. Thank you to the many families and local businesses who have already generously donated items and experiences.

We are still in need of items for this kick-off to our largest fundraiser. Not sure what to donate? Here are a few ideas:

- 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, Sue at suewilkos@comcast.net or Georgia at 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 with any questions.

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

Give the Gift of Reading

Newcastle Elementary Gift-A-Book 2012



What is Gift-A-Book? It is a great way to recognize your child or a loved one *and* to help keep our school's library supplied with new and exciting hardcover books! The school district no longer funds new materials for our library. The only way to guarantee new books in our library is by donating to Gift-A-Book. If you have ever thought about it, this is the year to donate! By donating to Gift-A-Book, your child or loved one will:

- Be recognized in a special display in the library area.
- Have a personalized bookplate in the selected book.

How do you participate? From mid-October through November, donations can be made in two ways:

- Select a book title and dollar amount from the list which can be found three ways: at <http://bit.ly/SYij1b>, on the Newcastle Library Connect site (check the "Newsletters and Updates" tab) or from the wall of BOOKS displayed outside of the library.
- Donate a dollar amount for the librarian to choose for you.

If you have any questions regarding Gift-A-Book, please feel free to contact Laura Berry at berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu or 425-837-5825.

Please complete the following and return to the library together with check payable to Newcastle PTSA no later than **Wednesday, November 21, 2012**

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If you would like to donate a book to the Newcastle Library, please choose one of the following options.

- _____ My child would like to select a book from the choices listed on the Library Connect site.
- _____ My child would like to select a book from the choices listed on the BOOKS outside of the library.
- _____ The librarian may select a book from the list.
- _____ Our family will purchase the book listed below from another vendor.

Attached is our donation of: \$15 \$20 \$ 25 Other

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Donor's Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Preferred Book Choice: _____

Alternate Choice #1: _____

Alternate Choice #2: _____

(We will call parents if your child's first choice is no longer available.)

Macaroni Kid - Teacher of the Month

[Macaroni Kid Snoqualmie Valley-Issaquah](#), Bridget Franklin from The Cascade Team, The Flat Iron Grill, Therapeutic Health of North Bend and Issaquah Trophy & Awards would like to congratulate **Laura Berry** for being named Teacher of the Month for October 2012.

Here is the nomination:

Laura made it her personal responsibility to help a school family in need last year - she helped get them food & clothing, she also drove the parent to get help from a local organization that teaches English and helps with legal affairs and job training. She took personal responsibility for trying to help 4 people make a better life for themselves against difficult odds. All the while, she teaches every one of the 550 students in our school, she chairs our gift-a-book

drive, and now she's chairing both of our book fairs. What makes her so special are the personal relationships she makes with our kids. When I needed books for my girls, she talked me through their interests and helped select books that were the right fit for them. She had a stack of books for my then 4th grader...I was reaching for them to take them home with me, when she pushed them away from me and told me she'd take care of it. Later that day, she hand-delivered them to my daughter in her class and told her she'd picked them out especially for her and she was looking forward to hearing when she thought when she was done reading them. My daughter felt like a rock star! Now she is excited to find books with Ms. Berry and she's even more excited about reading. And Laura did the same thing for my younger daughter, now in 2nd grade. She's a very special woman and she truly cares about each and every student and family in our school.

Ms. Berry is a Librarian at Newcastle Elementary in the Issaquah School District. Please join us in congratulating this amazing teacher!



Show us your... “Magic of a moment...”

We're in the final week before the Reflections Program entries are due... **Don't be late. Next Monday, October 29th, the initial magic will end...and the judging will begin.**

Students can submit one or more entries in one of seven categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, or Special Artist. Entry forms, category guidelines and FAQs, are at <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>. **Please be sure to read the guidelines carefully as there are certain things that are REQUIRED in order for an entry to be accepted. Guidelines are different for each category and entries will be returned if not submitted correctly.**

And remember, the class with the most entries will earn a “Build Your Own...”party. More details to come next week!

With that...let the magic happen!

Chris Longfellow and Jahna Smith
Reflections Co-Chairs

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A Letter From Our Superintendent

It may be prime autodial season, but forget all that rhetoric—I know one call in your future that is guaranteed to make a positive difference in November! The Issaquah School Foundation's (ISF's) All in for Kids Campaign is underway, and every penny raised will directly benefit students in each school across the district. We're not only shaping the future of our state and nation next month, but of our children, too.

The All in for Kids Campaign raised \$325,000 last year, and ISF is challenging every family to give in whatever way possible, big or small, to surpass that amount this year. Students will be calling your house November 13 or 15 to ask for support, but you don't have to wait! Send in your gift using the envelope that came with your All in for Kids campaign letter mailed to your home or go online to donate right now, and your name will be removed from the call list and printed in The Issaquah Press. The funds from All in for Kids will support the Foundation's ongoing programs—including book rooms and art lessons at our elementary schools; open-library programs, robotics clubs, and financial literacy classes at our middle schools; and computer science and web design classes, PSAT scholarships, and science/technology/engineering/math initiatives at our high schools. This year, All in for Kids gifts will also fund a new Dedicated Fine Arts Fund for secondary schools.

Your gift—in any size—makes a difference for our students. Just \$60 a year (\$5 a month) will provide six months of individual mentoring support to a student who needs it most; \$1,000 a year will help spark interest in science for 580 elementary students with curriculum-aligned media for their school library. The list goes on and on.

This year, the Supreme Court ruled that Washington State is not adequately funding basic education. In the Issaquah School District, we are not going to let the state's financial constraints become our children's learning constraints. Together, we are All in for Kids. Take action now or make a student caller's day by picking up the phone in November.

Times are tight, which is why anything you can give is not only much appreciated but also much needed.

—Dr. Steve Rasmussen, Superintendent

News from our Community

A longtime Newcastle community and Chamber Member, Karen Pike, suddenly passed away in early October 2012. Karen was a very active member of the Chamber and was engaged at every event with her Arbonne products. We will greatly miss Karen's sweet smile and warm personality. In light of this, she has unfortunately left behind a young teenage daughter, who is now on her own, since her father passed away several years ago. We are asking for everyone to join us by contributing to a college fund to provide a scholarship for Karen's daughter, so that we can help her to be encouraged to get additional education in order to support herself in the future. Please bring your donations to HomeStreet Bank for the Newcastle Chamber's "Pike College Fund" and let's help Karen's daughter have a brighter future!



Psychological Testing:

Nuts and Bolts for Parents



Dates:

November 13, 2012

7 – 8:30 pm

Location:

Clark Elementary

Library

500 2nd Ave. SE

Issaquah, WA

Cost:

Free

Parent Networking
Opportunities after every
meeting
8:30 – 9 pm

Issaquah Special Needs Group

Have you ever wondered if changes in your child's behavior is more than "just a phase?" Is your child suddenly spending more time in the office or are you getting calls from the school's nurse informing you that your child is in the health room yet again with a stomach ache? Has your child become more withdrawn, refusing to participate in group work, or refusing to go to school altogether?

Please join us for our November meeting as we discuss psychological evaluations. Learn what tests are used and what they tell us about the child. Learn the difference between an evaluation conducted through the public school system and a private evaluator. Most importantly, learn how the results are used to determine a diagnosis and how that relates to accommodations received through a 504 plan or an IEP.

WELCOME Dr. Amy Ford

Dr. Amy Ford is a licensed mental health counselor with a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University. She completed her doctoral internship at the University of Washington Care Clinic. Amy is the owner of Dayspring Behavioral Health a private counseling and assessment practice here in Issaquah.

CLASS REGISTRATION

There are no fees or membership requirements. Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact Becky Gordon at info@IssaquahSpecialNeedsGroup.org or visit our website. IssaquahSpecialNeedsGroup.org

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