

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

- Now - November 16
Food Drive for Issaquah
Food Bank
- Sunday, November 11th
5:00pm - 8:00pm
KinderConnect Family
Night Out
- Monday, November 12th
No School - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 14 - December 10
Polar Express Drive
- Thursday, November 15th
Student Banking
During Lunch
- Thursday, November 15th
7:00pm
1st Grade Concert
- Monday, November 19th
7:00pm
General Membership
Meeting
- Thursday, November 22nd
No School - Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 23rd
No School - Day after
Thanksgiving

Presidents' Note

Hi There...

We hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Fall Season!! We would like to take a moment to recognize and thank all of our Committee Chairs and their volunteers for all of their time, energy and commitment to our kids and to Newcastle Elementary! Without their support Newcastle Elementary would not be the amazing school that it is. Over just the last few months there have been many tireless hours of volunteer work that have happened behind the scenes to make all of our school events, PTSA events and programs run smoothly and we want you to all know how much you are appreciated!!

A BIG "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING CHAIRPEOPLE...

Emergency Prep... *keeping our kids safe*
Picture Day... *keeping our kids smiling*
Vision & Hearing Day... *keeping our kids healthy*
Spiritwear... *helping us show our school spirit*
Kinder Connect... *helping connect families*
Website & E-newsletters... *keeping us "in the know"*
Membership... *100% membership!*
Directory Layout... *for the best phone book you'll ever have*
Directory Ad Sales... *supporting our bottom line*
Entertainment Book Fundraiser... *raising \$ and saving \$*
Gift-a-Book & Book Fairs... *helping our library grow*
Back to School Supply Kits... *saving us time*
Art Docent... *art education for our kids*
Reflections... *for creative minds*
Costume Carnival... *celebrating the season*
Staff Appreciation... *celebrating our amazing staff*
Food Drive... *helping feed our hungry neighbors*
Polar Express... *helping families have a happy holiday season*
Bulletin Board... *what's happening around school*
Auction... *our biggest fundraiser & a night out for parents!*

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If we have accidentally left you off this list... Please know that we "Thank you" for all that you have done and for all of your support of our kiddos!

Sincerely,
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**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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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

Polar Express 2012 - Attention Newcastle Elementary Families!

We have a great opportunity to give back to our community this holiday season by donating new toys, games, clothes, stocking stuffers and gift cards to needy families in the Issaquah School District. This year the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank is hosting a "Holiday Shoppe" at Pickering Place on December 12th and 13th. Registered families in need will be able to pick out and wrap gifts for their own family members.

It is so easy to help out! We will have general wish lists on train tags with gift ideas written on them at the front entrance of school starting November 14th. Pick something out to donate and drop it off at school in the toy bins near the front office. We will be collecting gifts for kids 0-18 years old! The last day to drop off is Monday, December 10th.

If every family is able to donate just one new toy, we could make it a great holiday for all children in our community! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Terri Catalani at 425/306-4585 or catalani@comcast.net.

Donate Food Until November 16th to Vote for a Crazy Hair Day or a Pajama Day!

The Newcastle Elementary PTSA is sponsoring a food drive through November 16th 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.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for Wednesday, December 12th and/or Thursday, December 13th to hand out holiday online auction purchases to winning bidders in the PTSA office. If you can spare a few hours, please contact sangeetkindra@gmail.com

Wine Donations Needed

Love wine? So do we! We have numerous wine needs for auction night: mid-value wines for our games, higher-end wines for the always-popular Premium Wine Table, and interesting/unique offerings for the Silent Auction (i.e., larger sizes, vertical offerings, collector wines, etc.). Donating wine is easy! Just complete a [donation form](#) and contact khay210@gmail.com to arrange delivery/pick-up.

Thank You!

Fall Harvest Luncheon

On October 30th, the 4th and 5th grade families hosted a Fall Harvest 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: Ania Murphy, Kara Beal, Kim Moger, Jeana Weng, Liz Rattie, Edana Peacock, Taneka Ogden, Shauna Cour, Ruthie Keyes, Jackie Barragan, Kristine Blik, Leslie Handeland, Heather Witz, Kelley Sweeney, Diana Graham, Amy Brainard, Katie Ringwood, Lisa Crutchfield, Lissa Wax, Prema Bhatt, Michelle Riley, Kelly Hay, Thanh Pham, Nami Kusunose, Heidi Campher, Rae Miller, Kim Plowman, Lani Pederson, Susan Marashi, Alisona Takai and Terri Catalani.

Thank you!

Kara Ford, Staff Appreciation Chair

Costume Carnival

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Costume Carnival a huge success! We couldn't have pulled it off without volunteer help and baked good contributions from the following: Angela & Elliot Oster, Lainey & Elise Sickinger, Yuko Buchi, Nikki Wiebe, Leanne Cole, Lissa Wax, Elizabeth Ury, Eileen Rubenstein, Kelly Schoembs, Toni Adams, Kelley Sweeney, Virgil Sweeney, Kim Alhadeff and brother Kevin, Victoria Vedmed, Jennifer Heng, Mark Riley, Josh Berde, Marnie Maraldo & her son, Molly & Hope Hegenderfer, Susan & Soraya Marashi, Cindy & Ella Buono, Jana Miller & her son, Anne Lehr, Natalie & Stella Roberts, Chloe Winn, Casey Harbert, Michelle & Jaida Woo, Meri & Eva Hartman, Rae Miller, Jill Polsin, Makenna Thomas, Julie Monetti, Linda Peffer, Thanh Pham, Tina Garzan, Edana Peacock, Janda Black Keenan, Casey Ellsworth, Kara Ford, Eva Downs, Rebekah Kim, Korre Veitengruber, Erica Yang, Khanh Dang, Rachel Wax, Brittney Frank, Shauna Cour, Darci Wash, Michaela Bradley, Katie Ringwood, Sue Wilkos, Heidi Harrington, Stina Fluegge, Amy Brainard, Newcastle QFC, Safeway, Albertson's, and a special thanks to all the kiddos who stayed after school to help with decorations.

Thanks again for all of your time and effort!

Candace Berde & Michelle Riley, Costume Carnival Co-Chairs

Fall Book Fair and FUNdraiser! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 1st!

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS



This year our fall book fair will take place at the Barnes & Noble store in Bellevue! Barnes & Noble is giving us a generous portion of purchases made online and in the store from December 1st -7th. In conjunction with B&N, the Bellevue California Pizza Kitchen will donate a large percentage of purchases made at their location from December 1st - 7th!

You will see some of the Newcastle Staff at both locations on Saturday, December 1st to read books, help kids look for great reading materials and enjoy delicious CPK pizzas, pastas and salads! We hope you can join us that day!

Remember the FUNdraisers last all week, so a field trip to Bellevue before or after conferences might be fun - this is a great way to get started on your holiday shopping! You simply need to present the flyers that will come home with your child via KidMail on Thursday, November 29th. (Neither B&N or CPK will donate to our school without presenting the flyers at the time of purchase.) The staff reading times will be on the flyers so that you can be sure to see your child's teacher!

Barnes & Noble information: 626 106th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004 and www.bn.com.

The special Newcastle code for online purchases will be on the flyer. If you have friends and family who would like to support Newcastle Elementary's book fair, please feel free to pass along the online code so that their purchases contribute to our final FUNdraising total! (The online customer is prompted just before payment if their purchase is in support of a book fair. Use the Newcastle code at that point to earn credit for our school.)

California Pizza Kitchen information: 595 106th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

While at CPK, your child can sign up for the CPKids Adventure Club program! CPK encourages and supports students reading throughout the year. There are fun prizes available for our Lion Readers!

Be sure to look for the flyers with all the information on November 29th! If you have any questions, please call or email Laura Berry. (berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu or 425-837-5825)

Hope to see you December 1st in Bellevue! Thank you!

5th Grade Fundraiser

Help support the 5th Grade Class by purchasing Brown Bear Car Wash tickets! Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00 each and are valid for a Bear Essential Car Wash at any of the 21 locations throughout the Puget Sound. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly toward Camp Warm Beach this school year. Purchase some tickets for yourself, friends and relatives. Everyone loves a clean car!!

Please reach out to your neighborhood 5th Grader or contact Debbie McAllister at debbiemcallisternew@hotmail.com for tickets.

WANTED: Costume Carnival Candid!

Hello parents! The Yearbook Committee is looking for some great student photos from this year's costume carnival. If you have a cute picture to share that was taken during the carnival, 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. Thank you for your help!

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

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Tapatio Night!

Our sister school to the south, Apollo, is looking for help to raise funds for their 5th grade camp. Meet your friends for lunch and/or take your family out for dinner on November 13 at Tapatio Mexican Grill in Newcastle (6920 Coal Creek Parkway SE, Newcastle)! Tapatio has agreed to donate **up to 15%** of all proceeds from the entire day to Apollo's fifth grade camp fund. If you pay with **CASH OR CHECK**, they will **donate 15%**. If you pay by credit card, they will donate 10%. **TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED TOO.** Your support is greatly appreciated!! Thank you in advance for your support of Apollo's fifth grade camp!



All in for Kids Update

Thanks to the nearly 1,200 families who have donated to the *All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign*. Look for your name in a special Thank You ad in the November 7 issue of Issaquah Press. Now it's time for everyone else to pitch in. The degree to which the Foundation can fund its ongoing roster of programs is dependent upon meeting our \$330,000 *All in for Kids* campaign goal.

You can do your part by giving now, at isfdn.org, or by answering the phone when our high school students call on the nights of **November 13 & 15**. Whether you can give \$5 a month or \$500 a year, know that your gift will elevate and enrich education for every Issaquah School District student. Thank you.

Now Live and on the Web

Online applications for **Academic Enrichment Grants** go live on **November 1**. Teachers, staff and parents may apply for projects that reflect creativity and innovation in education and/or support school needs not currently covered by building or district budgets. Grants are awarded in two categories: **Classroom Enrichment** for projects that cost less than \$1,000 and **Kateri Brow Big Idea/Biggest Need** for projects in the \$1,000 - \$10,000 range. Helpful hints and detailed information on the grant process will be discussed at a **November 8 Grant Workshop**. Applications are due January 14. Contact Michelle Weldon, mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org for more information.

Super Deal from Sharing Spree

ISF is Sharing Spree's featured nonprofit from **Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 11**. They're offering TWO terrific deals. The Foundation will receive 10% of each purchase.

November 7- 8	\$70 for 1,200 sq. ft. of carpet cleaning by Unique Dry Carpets.
November 9-11	\$29 for a winter check-up and oil change from Lakemont Auto in Issaquah.

[Follow the link to register](#). Once registered, your purchase will be credited to the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Thank you!