

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

December 20th
Lost & Found Items
Donated to Charity

**December 23rd thru
January 3rd**
NO SCHOOL -
First Winter Break

January 13th
8:00am
Site Council Meeting

January 16th
First Grade Concert

January 20th
NO SCHOOL -
Martin Luther Jr. King Day

January 27th
PTSA General Membership
Meeting at 7:00pm
(Electing Nominating
Committee)

January 27th thru 31st
Stanford Testing

January 31st
PTSA Winter Family Event

Presidents' Note

Happy holidays to all of our Newcastle lions and families! Since this is the last Cub News of 2013, we can't help but think back on the past few months and what a successful year it's been so far. Thank you to everyone who has joined PTSA this year - you once again helped us reach 100% membership and you have given a voice to every student in the school. We really hope you will join us at our January 27, 2014 General Membership meeting at 7 PM in the Commons. We will be discussing regular business, electing our nominating committee and discussing/voting on some exciting ways to spend the \$50,000 that we raised during Raise the Paddle at the last auction... plus some additional reserve funds. We want and need everyone's input and votes so please join us and let your voice be heard!

We'd like to send out a big thank you to Natalie & Brad Roberts and Lissa Wax for their amazing work on this year's PTSA Family Directory. It's our way of thanking you for your membership and support. If you are a PTSA member and did not receive your directory, please let us know. In addition, if you have not yet joined PTSA and would like to become a member of this amazing organization, it's never too late to join and we have an extra copy of the Directory ready for you!

We wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!
See you all in 2014!

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Congratulations to Reflection Finalists!

Twelve entries in this year's Reflections Program have been selected as the finalists from our school and have been forwarded to the district wide Reflections contest. Congratulations to all who entered for their fine art work and interpretations of this year's theme, Believe, Dream, Inspire. The artwork was fabulous! Our finalists are: Sam B., Kate B., Kaitlinn B., Isabella F., Lukas F., Rachel H. (2 items), Christian K., Luke L., Kara M., Madeline M., and Jacob R. The community is invited to see these entries at the 2014 PTSA Winter Family Event. Congratulations again to all who entered!

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

Orthodontic Excellence
Olympic Physical Therapy
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Healthy Smile Dentistry
HomeStreet Bank
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May Creek Landscaping
Melissa Larson (Financial Advisor)
Sambica
Sean Nielsen (Realogics
Sotheby's International Realty)
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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
Lisa Jensen Websites

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New App from Scholastic to Help Find Out Book Levels for Your Student!

Scholastic has a new app for you iPhone to help find out the level of books. Just hold the device over the barcode on the back of the book while it scans and then the app will tell you the level of that particular book. This app is very useful for parents when wanting to choose a good fit book for a child to read and can be found by clicking [here](#).

Thank You for This Fall's Staff Appreciation Luncheon!



On October 29th, 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 people: Molly Hegenderfer, Allison Halgren, Melissa Tremel, Liz Rattie, Linh Ma-Vu, Shauna Cour, Katie Ringwood, Michelle Woo, Kelly Hay, Natalie Bauge, Prema Bhatt, Julianne Wu, Shelia Visperas, Grace Tazuma, Heather Witz, Lisa Crutchfield, Mai Li Lee, Anne Lehr, Lisa Banh, Michele Maresh, Eileen Rubenstein, Sue Mystkowski, Nami Kusunose, Korre Veitengruber, Jana Arnold, Joyce Szanyi, Kim Plowman, Laura Derwin, Kim Moger, Dean Adamo, Ania Murphy, Stefanie Williamson, Sherrie Corrington, Annette Gage, Becky Butler, Linh Le, Chin Vong, Kara Beal, Thanh Pham, Wendy Thomas, Tiffany Ryan and Georgia Forchuk. Thank you!

From Kiersten Byus and Kara Ford, Staff Appreciation Chairs

Food Drive Was a Great Success!

Thank you to all who donated to this year's food drive! The PTSA collected eight large boxes of food items and other essential supplies to help the Issaquah Food Bank and local families in need. The PTSA sponsored a school-wide contest to encourage donations, and the majority of kids selected Pajama Day at school, always a popular event. Janis Yu deserves a round of applause for chairing the food drive, as do Kara Beal, Nancy Ko, Kelly Hay, and JuliAnne Diesch for volunteering their time to ensure its success.

Polar Express



Thank you to all Newcastle families who so generously donated gifts to this year's Polar Express campaign. Your contributions are truly appreciated and will make a huge impact on local families this holiday season. Thank you!

Final Days to Claim Lost & Found



On Friday, December 20, all Lost & Found items will be donated to a local charity. Please swing by and take a look to see if your student's missing items are here. Thank you!

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Keep Reading Through Winter Break!



Looking for fun project ideas, activities and engaging literature? MackinVIA has books and databases to keep our Newcastle Lions reading during the two weeks away from school!

VIA, Tumblebooks and StarWalk Kids Media offer hundreds of eBooks and activities. Kids can choose to read the book on their own or have it read aloud to them.

- Does your child love to learn new things? The databases we subscribe to are very user-friendly!
- Interested in learning about people and places? Try CultureGrams!
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- Interested in animals? Investigate Zoobooks!
- Do you love to learn with Tim and Moby? Open BrainPop!

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Happy Reading!

Mochas with Marla Resumes in January



Due to winter break, there will be no Mochas with Marla this month. Our next session is scheduled for Friday, January 31st. Hope to see you there!

Remember Box Tops for Education



A quick reminder about turning in any Box Tops by Wednesday, December 18th so we can submit by the end of the month. We're excited to see that many of you have already turned in bags of Box Tops in the collection box located in the main entrance lobby!

We'll be announcing the contest to the students in January, to focus our efforts on meeting our goal of \$1000 earned by March 15th. All Box Tops turned in during this push will count towards the contest!

[Click here](#) to learn more!