

# *Angela Ursino*

Angela Ursino's unfailing commitment to the school and students is evident in so many ways. She is extremely involved in the PTSA and is always willing to assist with a smile. She is also dedicated to improving the community as exemplified by her work with the Girl Scouts and the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF). We are delighted to announce Angela as one of the 2018 Golden Acorn Recipients!

Angela always goes above and beyond as demonstrated by her extensive involvement in the PTSA. She accepted the PTSA Treasurer position before her daughter even started at Newcastle Elementary. She functioned as the sole Treasurer from 2014-2016 and successfully handled a multitude of tasks, including financial responsibilities related to the biennial auction. For the past two years, Angela has been the PTSA co-President and effectively managed a variety of projects and fundraisers. She is organized, dedicated and always willing to help whenever needed. For example, she served as the School Spelling Bee pronouncer in 2017 when that position unexpectedly needed to be filled. Indeed, she helps keep the Board running smoothly and is a great resource for our school.

As if the above wasn't enough, Angela also can be seen at the school volunteering in her daughter's classroom. Over the years, she has helped in the class and assisted with art projects. She also can be found working with students and chaperoning field trips.

Angela's dedication does not stop within the Newcastle Elementary community. She is the beloved "cookie mom" of her daughter's Girl Scout Troop. Angela has coordinated the cookie sales for the past four years which include attending meetings with the Girl Scouts of Western Washington, holding meetings at her home, managing cookie pre-sales, picking up cookies from the warehouse, coordinating booth sales, and collecting cookie money. Angela also has acted as a liaison between Newcastle Elementary and ISF, supporting fundraising efforts by filling tables at the annual luncheon.

Angela's unwavering commitment and dedication not only have benefited the students at Newcastle but also the entire community. Angela served on the Newcastle Community Activities Commission from 2010-2014, helping coordinate popular community events such as Newcastle Days. For the last 3 years, she has been on the board of Leadership Tomorrow, a Seattle program that develops community leaders.

Angela graciously balances her dedication to the school and community with a cheerful and friendly disposition. Newcastle is very fortunate to have such a wonderful volunteer. We are proud to honor Angela as one of our 2018 Golden Acorn Award winners.