

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

October 1st
9:00am - 12:00pm
HomeStreet Bank Open
House at HomeStreet
Bank

October 5th
Innisbrook wrapping
paper fundraiser ends

October 12th
Lion Art Contest
Deadline

October 17th
7:00pm
PTSA Board Meeting

October 18th
7:00pm
Parent Ed Seminar

October 20th
Vision & Hearing
Screening

October 23rd
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Kindergarten Family
Night at Tapatio's

October 28th
9:15am
Mochas with Marla

October 28th
6:00pm
PTSA Costume Carnival

Presidents' note

Thank you to everyone who has already registered on our new PTSA website (www.newcastleptsa.org). Over half of our families have already registered! Our goal is to have 100% participation so that we can communicate with all of our families. Starting in October, we will be sending our Cub News directly from the website, which means that only families who are registered will receive this newsletter. Remember that this is not the same thing as joining PTSA - even if you have already joined, we need you to register online. However, if you haven't joined yet and would like to, you can do it on the website.

Let us know if you have any questions! Have a great weekend!

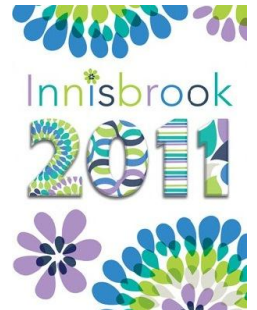
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Gift Wrap Orders Due October 5th

Please return the Innisbrook gift wrap and chocolate order to your student's teacher by Wednesday, October 5th. Orders should be entered online at www.innisbrook.com and once completed, print a "Payment Voucher" to return to the school with the appropriate amount of cash or checks. (If you have not yet entered your students information online, simply select the EZ Order Entry icon and enter Newcastle's school code of 112446.) The "Payment Voucher" should be returned in the large Innisbrook envelope that contained the catalogs sent home on the first day of the fundraiser. Please double check your order for accuracy and keep the large customer order sheet at home for your records. **Please note: Family and friends can also pay online with a credit card and have their orders shipped directly to them.



Thank you for helping to raise funds for the PTSA's school activities! If you have questions, contact either Meri Hartman (merimelissa@yahoo.com) or Michelle Riley (mmriley628@hotmail.com).

Calling all 5th grade parents!

If you didn't get a chance to sign up at Curriculum Night to be a chaperone at 5th grade camp next June, please email Lisa Vold (Lisalvold@yahoo.com) or Shauna Cour (shaunacour@hotmail.com) to get details.

Volunteers for Hearing and Vision Screening needed for October 20th!



On Thursday, October 20th our school nurse will be conducting both vision and hearing testing on every student at Newcastle. We are in need of 20 more volunteers for either morning or afternoon shifts. It is a fun and easy way to volunteer and get to know fellow students. Please contact Lani Pedersen if you are able to volunteer: beaubrooke261@msn.com or 425-430-2911

Mochas with Marla



Please join our Principal, Marla Newton for coffee, juice and refreshments in the Commons area after morning drop off on Friday, October 28th. Starting at 9:15am, this is a cordial, informal event for you to ask Marla questions or share what's on your mind regarding this coming school year. We will be wrapping it up around 10am; don't miss this opportunity! Sponsored by the Newcastle Elementary PTSA. Please contact Event Chair, Monique Bloch at 206.909.8457 or blochmonique@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Calling All Newcastle Artists - Give us your best LION!!

You should have received the Lion Art Contest through kidmail last week. Please don't forget to submit your entry! We are currently working on the 2011-2012 school directory and need some original artwork for the front cover! Students can illustrate their best Newcastle Lion and their creation could end up on the cover of this year's PTSA Directory or on the cover of the yearbook! All entries due in the PTSA office by Wednesday, October 12th.

Kindergarten Family Night at Tapatio's Scheduled for October 23!

On Sunday, October 23, there will be a KinderConnect event at the Tapatio Mexican Grill from 5 - 7 pm. All kindergarten families are invited to come for dinner and get to know other families. (Each family will be responsible for their own food and beverages.) Tapatio's is located in Newcastle at 6920 Coal Creek Parkway SE. Please RSVP to the invite that will be sent to you. If you have any questions, contact Christy at christinegrabowski@yahoo.com or Sue at suewilkos@comcast.net. We hope you can join us!



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We need your help! The Newcastle PTSA is excited to continue its Art Docent Program for the 7th year, but we are missing docents in several classrooms. If your child has either: Ms Andrews, Mrs Reimer, Mrs Generaux, Mrs Keegan, Ms Keller, Mr Neugebauer or Mrs Smith, please consider becoming a docent volunteer. *No formal art training is needed.* The program provides each docent with art lesson plans and samples of the projects, so the planning is already done for you. There are 6-8 projects over the course of the year and each can be completed in a one hour session. *Volunteers get to choose the date and time of the projects so it is easy to work into your own schedule.* Volunteering as an art docent is a fun and rewarding way to get involved in your child's classroom. Please consider becoming a docent. For more information please e-mail Rachel Handsman at jeffreywdiana@aol.com or Heidi Furman at Heidi.Furman@comcast.net.

Parent Education

How do we as parents instill standards while building a solid, loving relationship with our school-aged children?

Come hear Jan Faull address the issue.

The PTSA of Newcastle Elementary Proudly Presents,

Making the Most of the Middle Years (ages 6 -12)

Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm at Newcastle Elementary.

Jan Faull has taught Parent Education for more than twenty-five years. She is a recognized speaker to a wide variety of organizations, weekly columnist for The Seattle Times and author of four books on parenting topics.

If you have any questions, please contact either Kris Blik (kris.blik@comcast.net) or Elizabeth Ury (urys@comcast.net)

Attention Student Bankers - Banking starts NEXT WEEK!

The banking table returns to the lunchroom next week on **Thursday, October 6th**. If your child already* has an account with HomeStreet Bank, please remind him/her to bring their deposit to the table on the stage during lunch time that day. Deposits can be made in any amount starting with \$1.00 and each student with a deposit gets a fun prize.

Please note that banking has moved to once per month this year instead of every Thursday. So, please mark your calendars for the *first Thursday of each month* and keep collecting your money in the weeks in between!

The banking dates for this fall are:

Thursday, October 6th

Thursday, November 3rd

Thursday, December 8th (No School on December 1st - Teacher Conferences)

*If your child does not have an account already, please plan on attending the HomeStreet Bank Student Banking Open House - Saturday October 1st, from 9 AM - noon at the Newcastle Branch on Coal Creek next to the UPS store. Make sure you take photo identification and SSN for both yourself and your child or you will not be able to open the account. If the Open House date and time do not work for you, you may stop by the Newcastle Branch anytime M-F during their business hours. 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 or would like to help out with the banking table during lunches.

Calling all Artists and Photographers!

The Reflections Program is well under way and the clock is ticking. If your student is an "artiste" and would like an opportunity to show off their talents, then the Reflections Fine Arts contest is an excellent choice. Students create *their own original* works based on this year's theme, "**Diversity Means....**", and judges from the local community provide feedback. All entries will have the chance to compete in the district-wide competition -or maybe move on to the State or National competitions. Additionally, each student will receive a participation prize!

Students may submit works of art in any, or all, of the following categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video, Photography, or Choreography/Dance. The deadline for submitting entries is November 4. So don't wait until the last minute! Please go to the following link for additional information, guidelines and required forms. <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html>.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Reflections Program Co-Chairs: Chris Longfellow (chrislongfellow17@comcast.net) or Jahna Smith (jahnaasmith@comcast.net).

Happy Creating!

FALL EVENT ~ COSTUME CARNIVAL

Friday, October 28th 6-8p

Come join the fun...putt-putt golf, face painting, ball toss,
arts & crafts and more!

~in The Commons at Newcastle Elementary~

Boo!



Please contact wendyllynthomas@comcast.net with any questions.

News From Issaquah Schools Foundation

Are you in ...

...to the All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign?

We know that state funding alone can't provide the comprehensive education our kids deserve and the marketplace demands. *All in for Kids* is our opportunity, as parents, to make sure our children have access to the resources they need to succeed. Our gifts will fund investments as diverse as the VOICE Mentoring Program for struggling students to the Financial Literacy Program, Robotics Clubs and Computer Science and Web Design classes that prepare our students for the challenges of college and beyond.

Give what you can with the knowledge that your gift will make a difference to every student in every classroom, every year. Go to www.isfdn.org to make your *All in for Kids* Annual Fund Campaign gift. Our kids are counting on you.

Free Money

Money may not be falling from the sky, but the Foundation's new **Business Partners** are making it very easy to direct dollars to our schools. These civic-minded local merchants have agreed to **donate a portion of their sales to the Foundation**. All you have to do is [CLICK HERE](#) to take advantage of generous offers from:

- Issaquah Highlands Self Storage
- WildFin American Grill
- Christine Kipp, Ewing and Clark
- Elements Therapeutic Massage
- QuahPon
- SchoolHouseTravel.com
- Mail Clinic Gilman
- Lexus of Bellevue

ESI Update

It's coming! The District's Teaching and Learning department has confirmed that materials from our brand spanking new Elementary Science Curriculum will arrive in classrooms by the end of the month. Staff members and volunteers even had an all-day work party on Sunday, September 18th to assemble science kits in an effort to ensure the materials would reach our students as soon as possible. Units will rotate among schools so ask your child what he or she is learning - earth, physical or life science. And don't forget to give yourself a pat on the back. Your GOT SCIENCE donations made it possible to bring all three domains to our kids this fall.

Internship Time

Issaquah Schools Foundation has partnered with the Issaquah and Sammamish Chambers of Commerce to prepare our students for the workforce by promoting and publicizing available internships. A database of internship opportunities will be made available in the spring to ISD high school students and alumni. **If you are a business that provides internships, please [CLICK HERE](#) to take our three minutes survey.** A Foundation intern will follow up to answer specific questions and gather more information.

Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities

Calling all physical fitness and healthy living enthusiasts. The Foundation wants you to sign up for the **Issaquah Rotary Run at Salmon Days on Sunday, October 2nd**. The 10K run, 5K walk and 1K Kids Dash offer challenges for every level AND a portion of each entry fee will benefit the Issaquah Schools Foundation—which will then benefit your kids. Last year the Foundation received a donation of nearly \$10,000 from the Run. Word on the street is that Pacific Cascade Middle School has vowed to have the largest team. Any challengers? Go to www.issaquahrun to join the fun.

Visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

2011-12 PTSA Executive Committee

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Please Renew (or Join) by November 1st. Thank you for continuing to give to Newcastle Elementary!

eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. Even if you've signed up your Safeway Club Card before, every year we are required to have members renew their commitment to the eScrip program. Thank you for your support (last year we raised over \$5100), and please take 5 minutes to continue contributing to our school.

Are you one of our 277 supporters who haven't renewed yet? Please renew so Newcastle Elementary continues to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Safeway Club Card number

If you are not an eScrip member, your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our school. You can also register your credit or debit cards, shop at the over 1000 merchants at the eScrip online mall and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be contributed to Newcastle Elementary.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter School ID # **500004191**
- Enter your Safeway Club Card number. Call 1-800-SAFEWAY if you don't know it.

Questions? Contact Susan Crow at edsusancrow@msn.com or Landy Bowers at landylu@yahoo.com

Save the Environment and Earn Money for Our School

We're continuing our partnership with Terracycle and recycling Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink pouches, Ziploc (or other brand) baggies, and glue sticks and bottles.

Terracycle recycles consumer waste and creates new products.

We started recycling Ziploc products in February 2011 and collected almost 9,500 baggies. Last school year we collected 4,005 drink pouches. We receive \$0.02 for each usable item - that means we earned \$269.24 while keeping everything we shipped Terracycle from the landfill.

At lunch, students can just empty out their drink pouches or plastic bags and put them in the recycle boxes in the lunch room. If you want to participate at home, we ask that the bags be relatively clean and dry, and the drink pouches be empty. Gather them up and then drop them off in the lunch room. We will also accept Ziploc (or other brand) hard plastic containers. Elmer's glue sticks and bottles can be recycled in the work rooms.

If you're interested in what Terracycle makes from recycled products, check out www.terracycle.net or visit www.dwellsmart.com to purchase Terracycle merchandise.

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