

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



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Cub News

Upcoming Events

March 31

Last Day to [Purchase a Yearbook!](#)

April 6

Spirit Day: Comfort Day
Wear anything that makes you feel comfortable (e.g. sweats, PJs)

April 11-15

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

April 20

Orange Ruler Fun Run
Kick-off Assembly
10:00 AM
The Commons

April 20-May 4

Orange Ruler Fundraiser

April 21

3rd Grade Concert
6:30 PM
The Commons

April 25

PTSA General Membership Meeting
7:00 PM

Newcastle Elementary Library

April 28

ISF Nourish Every Mind Luncheon
12:00-1:00 PM
Issaquah Community Center

April 25-29

Smarter Balance Testing
3rd Grade

May 4

ISF Nourish Every Mind Breakfast
7:30-8:30 AM
Eastridge Church

Presidents' Note

To help all our families understand better why the General Membership of the PTSA voted to ENDORSE the April 26, 2016 Bond and why you should "VOTE YES!" on your ballot please see the information below:

Issaquah School Bond - Growth & Building: In 1990, student enrollment was 8,600. The District had three high schools, three middle schools and seven elementary schools. By 2002, enrollment had climbed to 14,500. Today nearly 19,000 students attend three high schools, five expanded middle schools, and 15 elementary schools. Over the last 10 years, the Issaquah School District Capital Projects Department has successfully managed approximately \$325 million in projects and our schools and support service centers are modern, efficient, cost effective, and equitable district-wide. A variety of sustainable strategies have been used to enhance the learning environment while reducing maintenance and operational costs. **Energy efficient construction saves operation dollars that can be used for the classroom. For an update on ISD's current construction projects please visit:**

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects>

Issaquah School Bond - Responsible Financing: The Issaquah School District is one of only a handful of districts in the nation with a Moody's Aaa rating and an S&P AA+ rating. Only 0.45% of school districts nationwide have this distinction! This allows the district to borrow funds at a lower interest rate and therefore save taxpayers money.

Issaquah School Bond - Cost Comparison: The Issaquah School District builds top notch facilities at a cost per square foot that is on average lower than that of its neighboring districts. Be certain to register to vote in King County by March 28th. If you are not already registered to vote, you can register to vote using MyVote. To register to vote using this online program, you **must** have either a valid Washington State Driver's License, or State Identification (ID) Card. To register online, click [here](#) and VOTE YES on the Issaquah School District Bond on (or before) April 26th!

Your PTSA Presidents,

[Chris](#) & [JuliAnne](#)

Last Chance for Yearbooks-3 Days Left to Purchase!!!

Don't miss out on this timeless treasure that your kids will look at for years to come! The final day to purchase yearbooks for 2015-2016 is this **Thursday, March 31st**. They can be purchased through the [PTSA website](#). All you need to do is click on the 'Order Yearbooks!' tab, log in, and follow the prompts to complete your purchase. If you purchased one at the beginning of the school year, your order is confirmed and you do not need to do anything further. If you're not sure, you can log into the PTSA website, click on 'my account', log in, and view current orders. If you have any questions, please contact [Mary Brown](#).

Spring Family Night & Science Fair

Save the date for our final Family Night of the year as students get to explore the world of science! Join us **Thursday, May 19th** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in The Commons for free science activities for kids, and food and drinks for sale to support next year's 5th Grade camp. More details to follow next month!

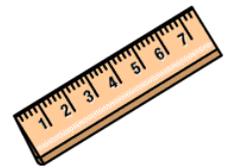
Spring Fundraiser: Get Ready Parents!

We are excited to announce our Spring Fundraiser, the Orange Ruler Fun Run! This program will last for two weeks and begins with our kick-off assembly on Wednesday, April 20th.

The Orange Ruler team has put together a fun-filled experience for our children and school that focuses on teamwork, staying active and believing in yourself. This important program will help us raise much-needed funds that will be used for PTSA programs like Reading Club, EA support, classroom grants, technology updates, enrichment programs, and the LionArt Docent program.

Please be on the lookout for the Orange Ruler parent letter and donation envelope, which will be coming home with your child on the day of the kick-off assembly.

Get ready for our great Spring Fundraiser! Thank you!
[Eva Downs](#) & [Kate Lonning](#)



Thank You, Issaquah Schools Foundation!

Once again, the Issaquah Schools Foundation is making a difference in the Newcastle Library! The foundation is generously supporting emerging readers with a Classroom Enrichment Grant. With this grant, the library will receive new shelving units. These shelves will make it much easier to connect kids with just-right books! Thank you so much, Issaquah Schools Foundation for your tremendous support.

Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support - Parent Information Presentations

Are you curious to learn about Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support and missed the latest Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish on March 18? Well, you're in luck!

Student Support Coaches are hosting parent information nights in April and May. Presentations will cover information about Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support (PBSES) including what PBSES is and what your child's school is doing to support the behavioral and social/emotional needs of students. Student Support Coaches will also provide information on Growth vs. Fixed Mindset and how what we say can empower our students to build resiliency. Parents will also learn how to support their students at home with evidence-based strategies used at each building.

A Question and Answer session will follow the presentation. The presentations will take place **Monday, April 4** at Maywood Middle School for Apollo, Maple Hills, Newcastle, Briarwood Elementary and Maywood Middle schools from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

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ISF Nourish Every Mind Luncheon & Breakfast

This year the *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon will be held at the Issaquah Community Center on **Thursday, April 28th from 12:00-1:00 PM** with doors opening at 11:00 AM for program displays, a wine & whiskey wall and more. The Breakfast will return to Eastridge Church on **Wednesday, May 4th from 7:30-8:30 AM** with doors opening at 7:00 AM for networking and a breakfast buffet. There will also be an Online Auction April 17-26th.

Last year, **\$842,000** was raised--nearly half of the Foundation's revenue budget. These donations funded programs that enriched education for your child and every student in the district. A few of the programs supported: VOICE Mentor Program, Healthy Youth Initiative, Financial Literacy Classes, Academic Enrichment Grants, Free After-School Homework Labs, and Computer Science and Web Design Classes. This year we hope to raise **\$860,000** to fulfill even more student and school needs. We can't do it without **YOU**. Seating at the Luncheon and Breakfast are limited. Visit www.isfdn.org or call [425-391-8557](tel:425-391-8557) today to learn more.

eScrip for Newcastle

Want a simple way to help the Newcastle PTSA earn more money than ever before? Sign up for eScrip at <http://escrip.com> and start shopping.

Did you know?

- By using the eScrip Online Mall, we earn up to 16% of your purchases from over 1,000 name brand merchants- including Amazon.com.
- You shop from the same websites you know and trust and pay exactly the same price.
- The specific items you buy are not recorded in any way, just the total you spent from each merchant so you can earn contributions.

Be sure to visit the [Online Mall](#) first whenever you shop, so we can earn every time.

Classified Staff Week

The Staff Appreciation Committee recognized the classified staff members in our building this past week with gifts of notepads, Redbox certificates, s'mores cupcakes, Skittles, and coffee cards. Classified staff members include the front office staff, educational assistants, cafeteria workers, custodians, Lions Club and bus drivers. We give a big thanks to Yvette Blauvelt for making the week so special!

