

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

May 2-6  
Staff Appreciation Week

May 4  
Orange Ruler Fun Run  
Donations Deadline

May 6  
Orange Ruler Fun Run & Pig  
Race

May 10  
Parent Education:  
Love and Logic  
10:00-11:30 AM  
Coal Creek YMCA

May 12  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert  
6:30 PM  
The Commons

May 16-20  
PTSA Sponsored University  
Book Store Spring Book Fair

May 18  
Chorus Performance  
5:30 PM  
Liberty High School

May 19  
PTSA Family Event:  
Science Extravaganza

May 20  
Coffee Talk with Principal  
Mellish  
9:30-10:30 AM  
The Commons

May 24  
Tapatio/zoeyogurt:  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Fundraiser  
All Day

May 30  
NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day

### Presidents' Note

At the April 25th PTSA General Membership meeting, the majority of the 2016-2017 Executive Committee were elected. We would like to take this time to thank all who made nominations and our incredible Nominating Committee of Mary Brown, Christie Pitts and Allison Sweeney. Please welcome (or welcome back) our leadership team for the coming school year:

(Co) President - **\*OPEN\***  
(Co) Secretary - Chantra Cruikshank  
(Co) Secretary - **\*OPEN\***  
Co-Treasurers - Ali Bligh and Debbie Park  
Co-VP of Outreach - Nancy Ko and Tammy Chin  
Co-VP of Programs - Michelle Riley  
Co-VP of Volunteers - Elizabeth Brecht and Jeanine Johnson  
VP Ways & Means - Elisa Piha

On April 26<sup>th</sup> your YES votes helped pass the much needed ISD Bond to get money to build some phenomenal schools for our district to help with our ever growing population. Thank you so much for your support.

We have many activities planned in May including our Orange Ruler Fun Run & Pig Race, the University Book Store Spring Book Fair, our Spring Family Night Science Extravaganza, and a Tapatio/zoeyogurt Family Night. Read on to learn more about these a-May-zing PTSA programs.

Warmly,

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

***The 2016 Bond Passed!***

**THANK YOU!**

**To our Community,  
Voters & Volunteers  
for your Support!**

*Thank you!*



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## Newcastle PTSA Earns 2015-16 WSPTA Award of Excellence

The Newcastle PTSA recently earned a WSPTA Award of Excellence for its Outstanding Newsletter! Our Cub News has been recognized as an important and effective form of communication with our school community!

Many thanks to Melia Cossette, Sangeet Kindra, Therese Kosar and Eileen Rubenstein for putting together such an exemplary form of communication each month.

## Newcastle Elementary Earns 2015 OSPI Washington Achievement Awards



Congratulations to Newcastle Elementary for being awarded the 2015 Washington Achievement Award as awarded by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for Overall Excellence and English Language Arts Growth. These awards are based on the State Board of Education Revised Achievement Index. Awards are calculated using statewide assessment data from the previous three years. The index measures school performance with an emphasis on improvement and recognition. Schools were recognized in seven categories: Overall Growth, High Progress, English Language Arts Growth, Math Growth, Extended Graduation Rate, English Language Acquisition, and Achievement Gap.

## Upcoming Parent Education Opportunity

The Newcastle Elementary PTSA proudly presents a *Parenting With Love and Logic Workshop* on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Coal Creek Family YMCA** at which parents can learn practical and effective strategies that can be put into action as

they get home!

*Love and Logic* is an approach to raising kids that provides loving support from parents while at the same time expecting kids to be respectful and responsible. Build and refine the skills necessary to parent children of all ages. This session will provide you the opportunity to learn with other parents and problem solve with a trained professional in a fun and welcoming environment.

**BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE** by learning how to:

- \* Take some of the stress out of parenting and add more fun back into your family.
- \* Stay cool, calm, and collected in front of your kids.
- \* Give away some control to get a lot in return.
- \* Avoid power struggles.
- \* Discipline without lectures, threats, or warnings.
- \* Discover effective strategies for helping kids be respectful, responsible, and fun to be around!

## “You Always Measure Up” with **ORANGE RULER**

The Orange Ruler fundraising is in full swing but there are only two days left to donate! This important program will help us raise much-needed funds that will be used for PTSA funded programs like Reading Club EA support, classroom grants, technology updates, enrichment programs, and the LionArt program.

Come join us on race day to cheer on the kids and support their hard work and efforts! [Click here](#) to sign up.

For more information on the Orange Ruler Fun Run [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Eva Downs](#) or [Kate Lonning](#).

## Mark Your Calendars! Tapatio & zoeyogurt Fundraiser on May 24!



6920 Coal Creek Pkwy SE  
Newcastle, Wa 98059  
425.747.0477



Newcastle families, mark your calendars and get ready for another great community-building event! Our friends at **Tapatio** will be supporting next year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class effort to raise money for Camp Seymour. On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Tapatio will generously donate a portion of all receipts for the entire day - lunch and dinner! If you pay for your meal in cash, Tapatio will donate 18% (and 12% for credit card payments). So, plan lunch with co-workers or friends and definitely take the night off from cooking and bring in the whole family. Let's show Tapatio our gratitude for their amazing support in Newcastle style!

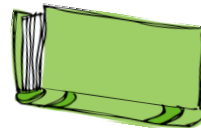
And...once you've had your fill of delicious food, walk on down to **zoeyogurt** to top it off with dessert! That's right, zoeyogurt is also participating in the effort to raise money for camp again! So load up that cup with lots of frozen goodness and sweet toppings. Or, grab a pre-filled pint or two to take home. Either way, you're making a difference!

Whether you have a child in 5th Grade in 2016-2017 or one coming up the pike, this is a great opportunity to spend time with friends old and new! Come on out and show your Newcastle Pride to our generous community. We'll see you there!

## University Book Store Spring Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the annual UBS Book Fair from May 16<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to browse and buy books in the library during their lunch and afternoon recesses. All proceeds go towards purchasing new materials for our school library. The UBS Book Fair hours of operation are:

- Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 AM-3:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 AM-3:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 AM-5:00 PM
- Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 AM-3:00 PM and 3:30 PM-8:00 PM (PTSA Family Night: Science Extravaganza)
- Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 AM-3:00 PM



Volunteers are needed during the hours of operation as well as for the set-up and tear-down. Your help is greatly appreciated! Sign-up via [VolunteerSpot](#).

More information will be sent home as the UBS Book Fair approaches. If you have any questions, please contact [Trudy Meulemans](#).

## It's Coming: The 2017 Newcastle PTSA Auction



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our biennial auction will be held on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at The Westin Bellevue! Mark your calendars for what promises to be another memorable event! In the past we've raised money for science, technology, math and art programs with all proceeds directly benefiting our children. The auction is the PTSA's largest fundraiser, and in order to make it a success we rely entirely on the time, talents and generous donations of all our families, teachers, administrators and community.

**NAME THAT AUCTION!** We are looking for a theme for the auction and we want your help! Please use this [link](#) to provide your ideas. The theme will be announced at the kickoff party! If your theme is picked, you win a prize!

**WE NEED YOU!** Join us *Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM at Lake Boren Park* (near the covered area by the playground) for our **SPRING AUCTION KICKOFF PARTY**. Auction planning and procurement is kicking off and we are in need of parent volunteers to help with these efforts!! Bring the kids to play and come find out all the ways you can support this great event. Please contact co-chairs [Lisa Lewis](#) and [Helen Gray-Schnase](#) with any questions.

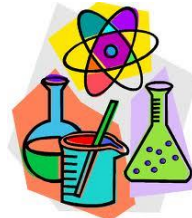
## 2016 PTSA Spring Family Night: Science Extravaganza

Join us on Thursday, May 19th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Newcastle Elementary Commons for a Science Extravaganza! This free event for Newcastle families will include activities and demonstrations that showcase all of the possibilities of science.

Explore the wonders of the galaxy with the Pacific Science Center Space Odyssey exhibit!

Experience robotics with the Liberty High School Iron Patriots Robotics Team!

Compete in the egg drop competition!  
(Winner will receive 4 tickets to a Seahawks Pre-season Game!)



Come see the uniqueness and beauty of real life parrots. You can even pet them!

Newcastle Elementary School Science Fair Displays!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase in support of the 2016-2017 5th Grade Camp.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact [Chantra Cruikshank](#).

### Newcastle Elementary Science Fair at the Science Extravaganza

***Our science fair is non-competitive***, as our goal is simply to encourage scientific exploration and discovery and promote a deep, lifelong passion for science. Each participant will have an opportunity to briefly present their project to a judge, and they will each receive a certificate.

Students in grades K-4 are encouraged to participate. 5th Grade students are *required* to participate and projects will be led by classroom teachers. For information packets, project ideas, or to volunteer to help with the May 19th Science Fair, click [here](#). Deadline to register is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 2015-2016 PTSA Executive Committee

### Co-Presidents

[JuliAnne Diesch](#)  
[Chris Longfellow](#)

### VP Volunteers

[Julie Pedraza](#)

### VP Outreach

[Nancy Ko](#)

### Co-VPs Ways & Means

[Eva Downs](#)  
[Kate Lonning](#)

### VP Program Enrichment

[Michelle Riley](#)

### Co-Secretaries

[Therese Kosar](#)  
[Eileen Rubenstein](#)

### Treasurer

[Angela Ursino](#)

## Issaquah School District Parent Education Opportunities

The Issaquah School District is currently changing and restructuring a more sustainable model of parent education that gives parents in our school district the latest tools, strategies and information to be the best parents they can be, conveniently and affordably, and as a tangible benefit of PTSA membership. When parents have the information to parent well, their children's brains can develop optimally, allowing them to live up to their true potential. Here are some upcoming Parent Education Workshops in our District for the month of May.

- Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: **Screenagers** (film documentary), *Privately sponsored\**, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM. Issaquah High School Theater.
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: **Parenting with Love and Logic**, *Speaker: Tori Berntsen (Hosted by Newcastle Elementary!)*, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Coal Creek Family YMCA.
- Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: **Paper Tigers** (film documentary & panel discussion), *Co-sponsored by Issaquah Schools Foundation & Issaquah PTSA Council*, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM. Issaquah High School, Black Box Theater.
- Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Cybercrime: Keeping Your Child Safe Online**, *Speaker: Officer Diego Zanella, sponsored by IMS PTSA*, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. Issaquah Middle School, Commons.

## Generous Support for “Lunch for the Break”

“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted”—Aesop

In March and April, Newcastle Elementary participated in Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank's Lunch For The Break and collected enough food donations to put together 35 BOXES of food!!

This program helps bridge the food gap during school breaks when children aren't getting their free/reduced school lunches. Newcastle Elementary school families GENEROUSLY donated various types of food for healthy breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Each box was distributed by the Issaquah Food Bank to those families in need in our school district.

THANK YOU to the families, students, teachers and staff that contributed to helping their neighbors in need, and to Yvette Blauvelt and Chris Longfellow for gathering and putting all of the boxes together. If you would like more information about this program, please call Rebecca at the Food Bank at 425-392-4123x11.

