

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 18th
Walk to School Day!

Monday, April 21st
PTSA Meeting
7:00 pm
Newcastle Commons

Thursday, April 24th
3rd Grade Concert
6:30 pm
Newcastle Commons

Friday, April 25th
Walk to School Day!

Mochas with Marla
9:15 am
Newcastle Commons

Wednesday, April 30th
Orange Ruler Fun Run
Donations Deadline

Friday, May 2nd
Fun Run and Lion's Race

**Friday, May 2nd -
Friday, May 16th**
Spring Food Drive

**Monday, May 5th -
Friday, May 9th**
Staff Appreciation Week

Presidents' Note

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe we only have 2 months to go until summer break; we are beginning to wind things down for this year and gear-up for the 2014-2015 school year. As always, our success depends entirely on how involved we are as a community. Below are a few simple things that you can do to help continue to make Newcastle the amazing school that it is...

- ★ Help promote our **Orange Ruler** fundraiser! This is the only major fundraiser this year and the funds we raise will determine how many of our programs and events we are able to continue next school year.
- ★ Attend our PTSA General Membership Meeting this coming Monday, April 21 at 7 PM in the Commons. Join us as we elect our 2014-2015 Executive Committee, get an update on our Orange Ruler fundraising to date, hear details about the PTSA Family Fitness Event and more!
- ★ Purchase books at our Spring Book Fair the week of May 12! This is a great time to stock up on summer reading for yourself and your kids and benefit our Newcastle school library all at the same time.
- ★ Join us for the Issaquah Schools Foundation's 16th Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon, Thursday, May 8 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. This year's guest emcee is Evening Magazine's Jim Dever. Please email us to reserve your seat.

Enjoy your weekend!

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Newcastle PTSA Co-Presidents

Welcome to Our Orange Ruler Spring Fundraiser!



PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) FOR ALL THE DETAILS!!

Lost and Found

Next time you're on school grounds, remember to swing by the Lost and Found to see if your student's missing items are there! Thank you!

Heartbleed Has Not Affected VolunteerSpot

We want to take a moment and let you know that the recent software encryption vulnerability nicknamed "Heartbleed" has not affected VolunteerSpot; your activity data and volunteer information are all safe. To learn about the "Heartbleed" bug, please [click here](#)

Wednesday is Secretary's Day!

We will be celebrating our wonderful secretaries all day on Wednesday (April 23). Please feel free to join the Newcastle staff in showing them how much we all appreciate them. Here are some ideas for your child and/or family to participate with us:

- Students can make them a card, write a letter and/or poem
- Bring in a small treat or flowers

Staff Appreciation Week Festivities!

It's that time of year again ~ May 6th through May 10th is National Staff Appreciation Week! In keeping with tradition here at Newcastle, we will celebrate our fabulous staff with a fun-filled week, including:

Monday, May 5th - Luncheon

The Kindergarten and First Grade families will be hosting our third and final staff luncheon. We will celebrate this special week with a Fiesta/Cinco de Mayo Lunch!

Tuesday, May 6th - Breakfast Buffet

The PTSA will be hosting a breakfast buffet of Top Pot Donuts, fruit, juice and coffee in the staff lounge.

Wednesday, May 7th - Thanks-a-Latte Day

Students are asked to write a special note to their teacher as well as a staff member or specialist. These special notes are the greatest way to express our gratitude for all the wonderful things our Newcastle Staff do to support students. Also, the staff will receive a gift certificate for a specialty coffee drink of their choice.

Thursday, May 8th - Movie Day

The PTSA will be providing Movie Ticket Treat Bags!

Friday, May 9th - Staff Car Wash and Specialty Cookies

The PTSA will be organizing the car wash and hosting a sweet treat to round out our week!

How can you help?

Mexican Themed Luncheon

The Kindergarten and First Grade families will be asked through their room parents to provide this lunch. (The other grades have provided for the luncheons earlier this year).

Thank You Note Day

We are hoping students/families will take a moment to recognize a couple of individuals at Newcastle who contribute to their school day ~ classroom teacher, P.E. teacher, librarian, music teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodian, lunch staff, etc! Staff can be thanked with a handwritten note, drawing, flower or treat!

Car Wash

Volunteers will be washing the cars of each staff member on Friday, May 10th. Thank you for showing our incredible staff just how much they are appreciated!

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

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 Ken Cole, PT, COMT, FAAOMPT
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PTSA Family Event: Fitness Fun Night!



Join us for a fun-filled night of fitness activities on Friday, May 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

- Get an autograph and photo with **Blitz the Seahawk** (bring or wear your Seahawks gear to be signed!)
- Test your basketball skills against Mr. Neugebauer or try your hand at putting against Ms. McKenzie. Several of our fabulous teachers will be on hand for one-on-one Student/Teacher Challenges. Are you ready?!
- Dance like nobody's watching during Kids Zumba with Chris Longfellow
- Take a Balance & Functional Assessment with Olympic Physical Therapy (no one needs to know the results!)
- Kick it up a notch with Master Henkel's Kim's Tae Kwon Do
- Win a 3 month YMCA membership or a 1 week Newport Swim pass. Stop by the door-prize table to enter the drawing!

Dinner will be available for purchase (details to follow). If you would like to assist with the event or have any questions, please contact Georgia at gforchuk@msn.com or Sue at suewilkos@comcast.net. We hope to see you there!

Please Contribute to the Spring Food Drive

As part of our health and fitness focus this spring, the Newcastle Elementary PTSA is sponsoring a Spring Food Drive that runs from Friday, May 2nd - Friday, May 16th to benefit families in our community at Tiger Mountain Community High School and the Issaquah Food Bank.

Tiger Mountain Community High School is the only alternative high school in our school district. Many of the students there receive their only meals of the day at school and struggle without the basic necessities of life at home. The donations we collect will be given to the administrators at the high school to be distributed to the students as needed.

Next week's Kid Mail will include a list of suggested donations for Tiger Mountain and the Food Bank. Donation bins will be located outside the main office at Newcastle Elementary and at the base of the front stairs. If you send donations in to school with your children, they will know where to drop them off. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in supporting the greater Newcastle community!

If you have any questions, please contact Stina Fluegge (stinafluegge@gmail.com) or Danielle Dixon (danielle_dixon@comcast.net).

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The Spring Book Fair Is Coming!



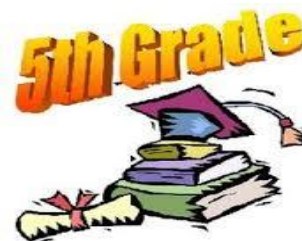
The University Book Fair will take place the week of May 12 - 16 in the school library. Hours of operation are:

- Monday, May 12th, 11:30 AM - 2:45 PM
- Tuesday, May 13th, 11:30 AM - 2:45 PM
- Wednesday, May 14th, 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday, May 15th, 11:30 AM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, May 16th, 11:30 AM - 2:45 PM and 3:30 - 7:30 PM (PTSA Family Night)

If you're interested in helping to set up (Monday, May 12th, 8 - 10 AM) or tear down (Monday, May 19th, 8 - 9:15 AM), please let Meri Hartman know. We also need volunteers to help during hours of operation. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

More information will be sent home as the Book Fair approaches. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Meri Hartman (merimelissa@yahoo.com)

5th Grade Promotion is Wednesday, June 18th at 10 am



Parents of 5th graders: Please save the date for 5th Grade Promotion!

The promotion ceremony will include a video of all 5th grade students (PTSA will film this and make a DVD for each student.) Please submit a picture of your 5th grader when he/she was younger. Digital pictures in high resolution are preferred. If you submit a hard copy photo, please put your child's name on the back of the picture if you'd like it returned to you. You may submit your picture electronically or, if you do not wish to have your child's picture appear in the video, please notify the following parent for your class:

Becky Hughes (hugheshouse@comcast.net) - Mrs. Rudolph

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