

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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Cub News

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 26th
NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

Thursday, May 29th
Second Annual McTeacher Night
5 pm to 8 pm
Newcastle McDonalds

Friday, May 30th
Mochas with Marla
9:15 am
Newcastle Commons

Tuesday, June 3rd
Kindergarten Concert
6:30 pm
Newcastle Commons

Monday, June 9th
PTSA Meeting
7:00 pm
Newcastle Commons

Presidents' Note

Happy May Everyone!

We would like to give a Big Thank You to Kara Ford and her team of volunteers for a fabulous Staff Appreciation Week, Georgia Forchuk and Sue Wilkos for a very fun and successful Family Fitness "Fun" night and to Laura Berry and her crew for another successful University Bookstore Book Fair. May is a busy month and keeping our kiddos focused becomes harder and harder as our days get longer. With the MSP testing window behind us we would like to say "Thank You" to all the families who supported the staff and all of your kids during this testing period. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend.

Take Care,
Kim and Edana

The 2nd Annual McTeacher Night is Coming...



Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual McTeacher Night at the Newcastle McDonalds on Thursday, May 29th from 5-8pm! Newcastle teachers will be working shifts and serving food throughout this wildly popular community event. A portion of all walk-in and drive thru sales, plus 100% of all fresh baked cookie sales, during this three hour window will go directly to the 5th Grade Camp fundraising efforts. So, take the night off from cooking, invite all your friends, and head on down to McDonalds to show your Newcastle Pride & support! The teacher with the most students signing the guest book that night will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card and bragging rights! We hope to see you all there. Stay tuned for a list of participating teachers and their schedule!

Questions? Please contact Stefanie Williamson: stefanieong@yahoo.com, or Michele Maresh: michele.maresh@comcast.net.

Order Your EPI School Supply Packs Now!

School Supply Packs are now available to order online until June 16th. It's easy, saves time and avoids shopping hassles in August! Supplies will be waiting in your child's classroom at the Meet Your Teacher event before school starts. All supplies are teacher-approved and custom-packed for each student. **Make sure you order the grade your child will be in next year.** Go to www.epipacks.com, and enter our school ID - NEW040. Contact Brittany Frank at brittanyhfrank@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Newcastle PTSA Auction 2014 - 2015 Needs Your Help!

SAVE THE DATE! Our biennial auction will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 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.

WE NEED YOU! Auction planning and procurement is kicking off and we are in need of parent volunteers to help with these efforts!! Please contact co-chairs Elysa Piha (empiha@gmail.com) and Luisa Gass (L_vacca@hotmail.com) to find out how you can help.

Fitness Fun Night Thank You!



A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for making the night a success: Heather Ackermann, Laura Derwin, JuliAnne Diesch, Danielle Dixon, Stina Fluegge, Brittany Frank, Christy Grabowski, Amanda Ha, Jon Irvine, Sangeet Kindra, Nancy Ko, Therese Kosar, Anne Lehr, Michele Maresh, Lana Miller, Angela Oster, Jacqueline Park, Edana Peacock, Neal Potter, Michelle Riley, Rachel Smith, Korre Veitengruber and Steve Wilkos. A special call out to Landy Bowers and Luisa Vacca-Gass for all their time and effort in providing us with a delicious CPK dinner.

The night wouldn't have been possible without the amazing teachers and staff who participated in the teacher/student challenges: Mrs. Binks, Mrs. Cakarnis, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Hooke, Ms. Hancock, Mr. Neugebauer, Ms. McKenzie, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Webb. Thanks, too, to Cathy Martin for all her support.

Lastly, a special thanks to Ken & Leanne Cole and Olympic Physical Therapy for fitting and giving away hundreds of bike helmets to keep our kids safe, to Chris Longfellow for inspiring everyone to dance with Zumba® Kids and lastly to Master Henkel of Kim's Tae Kwon Do.

Your Fitness Fun Night Chairs,
 Sue Wilkos & Georgia Forchuk

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All School Kona Ice Party!



Due to the incredible success of our Spring Fundraiser, in surpassing our overall school goal, and the community spirit and enthusiasm shown by the students and their families, we would like to extend the Kona Ice Party to all classes in the school!! The Kona Ice Truck and Flavor Wave will be on campus on Friday June 13th and all students will get to visit the truck with their class for their personalized Kona Ice. Thank you again for supporting the PTSA and having a great time as a community at the Fun Run!

Thank You: Orange Ruler Fun Run



Newcastle parents, thank you for the incredible job you did in supporting our school through the big Spring Fundraiser, the Orange Ruler Fun Run! It was a tremendous success and we raised over \$51,000! Our children and school will benefit greatly from these funds, as they will be used for PTSA-funded programs like Reading Club EA support, classroom grants and the Lion Art Docent Program.

Not only did we raise these important funds but the overall Orange Ruler Program was a very positive and fun experience for our children, school and community. Throughout the past couple weeks, the consistent encouraging messages for our children to believe in themselves, work as a team and stay active made a big impact. It was also rewarding to see so many parents at the Fun Run itself out cheering on the children and their teams.

We want to thank you again - it was great to see our whole school and community come together for this important cause.

Sincerely,
Newcastle Elementary PTSA & The Orange Ruler Team

Found and Found

The Lost and Found Committee has reunited many items with their rightful owner over the past weeks, and there is more to do! Still in need of reunions are: Lunchboxes, re-useable lunch containers, water bottles, scarves (decorative type and winter), gloves (pairs and onesies), batting glove, raincoats, winter jackets, fleeces, hooded sweatshirts, zip ups, many printed t-shirts, hairbands, sweatpants, tank tops, socks and umbrellas... Please stop by the Lost and Found area in the next few weeks to reclaim your student's missing items before summer break!