



## 2026-2027 AUCTION DONATION REQUEST

Dear Friend of Newcastle Elementary School,

The Newcastle Elementary PTSA's biennial auction raises critical funds for programs and opportunities that directly benefit our students, including **art education, reading support, classroom resources, field trips, enrichment programs, and additional student support.**

For the 2026–2027 school year, our goal is to raise **\$60,000**—enough to fund a full year of PTSA-supported programs with limited to no other fundraising events.

### Why Local Support Matters More Than Ever

Public schools rely on a combination of state, federal, and local funding, but those resources do not cover every program and experience that our families want for our children. School districts across Washington continue to face significant financial pressures, including changes in state funding, rising operating costs, and reductions to certain education programs. These pressures make **local community support increasingly important.** PTSA fundraising helps bridge the gap between what public funding provides and the additional opportunities we want Newcastle students to experience.

Your support helps make it possible for Newcastle Elementary to continue providing programs such as **Lion Art, teacher grants and classroom supplies, field trips, PE and playground equipment, and school-wide community events.**

### Our 2026–2027 Auction

This year's fundraising begins with our **Holiday Silent Auction on December 16, 2026**, during Winter Festival Family Night, and culminates with our **"All In for the Lions" Casino-Themed Auction Night on March 5, 2027**, at the Newcastle Golf Course. More than **300 parents, staff, and community supporters** are expected to participate.

We are asking local businesses and community partners to donate an **item, gift card, service, experience, or package** for our auctions. Every donation brings us closer to our goal and helps ensure that more of every dollar raised can go directly toward programs and experiences for Newcastle Elementary students.

### In appreciation of your donation, your business can receive:

- **Exposure** to Newcastle Elementary families and community members
- **Recognition** in our school newsletter, website, and auction materials
- An opportunity to **introduce new customers to your business** while supporting local students
- The chance to demonstrate your commitment to **investing in the local community and the next generation**

A donation to the Newcastle Elementary PTSA is more than an auction item—it is an investment in our students and in the programs that make their elementary school experience richer, more engaging, and more supportive.

Please complete the **Auction Procurement Form** online or return it by mail or email as soon as possible for inclusion in the **December 16 Holiday Auction**, or by **January 30, 2027**, for the **March 5, 2027 Auction Night**.

On behalf of our students, families, and staff, **thank you for considering a donation and for supporting Newcastle Elementary.** Your generosity helps our local school community continue to provide opportunities for our students that might otherwise be difficult to fund.

With gratitude,

**Katie Green & Maryam Taylor**  
Newcastle Elementary PTSA Auction Chairs  
*Investing locally. Supporting our students. Strengthening our community.*