

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



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Cub News

Upcoming Events

June 6
PTSA General Membership Meeting: 2016-17 Budget Review and Approval
7:00 PM
Newcastle Elementary Library

June 8
Spirit Day: Beach Day
All Library Books Due

June 10
PTSA Sponsored Coal Creek Family YMCA Spring Fling
Newcastle Elementary Playground

June 15
Last Day of School for AM Kindergartners
Noon Dismissal

June 16
Last Day of School for All Grades
11:45 AM Dismissal

5th Grade Promotion
10:00 AM
The Commons

Report Cards Available on Family Access
4:00 PM

Presidents' Note

As the school year draws to an end, we want to extend our gratitude for the tremendous support you have shown for the PTSA, the school, and our students! We are an all-volunteer organization that relies on our members to give of their time to develop and run great programs. Due to the shortfall of funding from the State, we also are reliant on the generosity of our community to help fund these programs. Believe it or not, many of these programs, like the LionArt Docent program and Science-to-Go, would not exist without this funding support. So, if you've ever wondered what the PTSA does or where the fundraising dollars go, read on to learn about just a *few* of the *many* programs the Newcastle PTSA supports as well as recognize the depth of field of our volunteers.

PTSA helps to fund...

Classroom Technology Updates [\$26,000]
Educational Assistant [EA] support [\$30,000]
Family Engagement Events, such as Costume Carnival and Science Extravaganza [\$5,000]
LionArt Docent Program materials and training [\$6,000]
Playground Equipment [\$800]
Science Enrichment [\$6,000]
Staff Appreciation [\$3,000]
YMCA Recess PlayCoach Program and Zumba® Enrichment Programs [\$1300]

PTSA volunteers...

- * connect our community through Kidmail, Bulletin Board, Posters, PTSA Directory, Yearbook, and electronic communications like What's Happening, Cub News, Room Parents, and the website
- * screen for Hearing & Vision needs
- * help students be camera-ready for Picture Days, navigate the Book Fair, and have a treat on Popcorn Fridays
- * pack and deliver donations for Lunch for the Break, Polar Express, and other outreach programs
- * coordinate great family engagement opportunities like the Family Nights and Parent Education speakers
- * spearhead effective fundraisers to fund all the programs and ensure that students at Newcastle Elementary have resources and experiences that state funding shortfalls could not provide

Presidents' Note Continued...



2016-17 Auction: "Dare to Dream!"



Congratulations to Shauna Cour for submitting the winning theme for our Spring 2017 Auction to be held at The Westin Bellevue on March 11, 2017. She won an Amazon Gift Card for having her idea, "Dare to Dream," chosen for our auction! We would love to have YOU as volunteers to help in this event. There are openings for your business to be a corporate sponsor as well as opportunities to help individually. Contact co-chairs [Helen Gray-Schnase](#) and [Lisa Lewis](#) to learn more.

Please Check the Lost & Found



If your child is missing anything, please check the Lost & Found located just outside The Commons in the hallway facing the playground. **All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the last day of school.** Items cannot be kept year round as it gets too full. To avoid losing clothing and other items, please clearly label your child's belongings. Labeled items will be delivered to your child's classroom. Questions? Contact [Leanne Cole](#).

It takes the involvement of every family to fund and run the many programs touched by the Newcastle Elementary PTSA. We are humbled by your trust in our leadership and hope to see you around the school or at a PTSA-sponsored event soon!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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

Order Your 2016-2017 School Supplies Now!

For the 2016-2017 school year, all parents will be asked to pay a one-time supply fee to the school so that all student classroom supplies and consumables can be purchased together in bulk, leveraging the buying power of many. [Click here to pay for your school supplies.](#) Online payments require registering with the PTSA. Membership is encouraged but not required. Alternatively, you may pay for school supplies in the school office. Checks are made payable to the Newcastle PTSA. For information about scholarships for the supply fee and other school costs please contact the school office or check out the [school website](#). For more information, and a list of supply fees by grade, please see the website.



School Supply Drive for Tools4School - Through June 13!!

Tools4Schools is a community-wide partnership led by the Issaquah Schools Foundation to **provide new backpacks and school supplies for students** in the Issaquah School District. This year, the PTSA and Issaquah Schools Foundation are partnering on a **school supply drive in YOUR school.**

YOU CAN SUPPORT students in your school by donating new school supplies. Donation bins are in your buildings from **Monday, May 16th through Monday, June 13th.**

For school supply lists or to donate funds, volunteer or get more information, visit: www.isfdn.org/programs/tools-4-school

DO YOU NEED A BACKPACK OR SUPPLIES?

Please register by **August 5th** at www.isfdn.org/programs/tools-4-school or in person at the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (179 First Ave. SE) or at the Issaquah Schools Foundation (1st Ave SE - Portable 1). All supplies will be distributed at the annual Tools4School Health and Wellness Fair, held on Saturday August 20th from 10 am - 3 pm at Eastridge Church, (24205 SE Issaquah Fall City Road).

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Krista at krista@isfdn.org or Carolyn at Carolyn@isfdn.org or reach the Issaquah Schools Foundation at 425-391-8557.

The Staff Love Their Sparkly Cars!



A huge thank you to the ladies who showed up on Monday of Staff

Appreciation Week to wash the staff's cars. We had a gorgeous day with 80 degree weather. The staff felt really appreciated and the parking lot was sparkling!

Heather Ackermann, Yvette Blauvelt, Katie Burris, Becky Butler, Brittany Frank, Lana Miller, Edana Peacock, Julie Pedraza, Michelle Riley, Katie Ringwood, Karen Sharp, Rachel Smith.

Kona Ice for ALL!



On Thursday June 9th, the Kona Ice truck will be on campus to serve up a cool celebration for the students at Newcastle Elementary. The decision to make this incentive available to all was made as the community EXCEEDED the goal set for this fundraiser. Orange Ruler emphasized working together as a team and we have chosen to celebrate the team achievement together!

Thank You: Orange Ruler



THANK YOU, Newcastle community, for your overwhelming support and generosity in supporting our school during our Spring Fundraiser, the **Orange Ruler Fun Run!** The fundraiser was a tremendous success and we raised over **\$66,000!** Our children and school will benefit greatly from these funds and they will be used for PTSA-funded programs like EA support for Reading Club, technology updates, classroom grants and the LionArt 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 fundraising 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, cheering on the children and their teams. Thanks to all those who volunteered including Heather Ackermann, Jana Arnold, Candace Berde, Elizabeth Brecht, Adrian Bucher, Katie Burris, Kate Casey, JuliAnne Diesch, Danielle Dixon, Eva Downs, Brittany Frank, Luisa Gass, Jeanine Johnson, Sangeet Kindra, Renee Klein, Nancy Ko, Therese Kosar, Chris Longfellow, Kate Lonning, Christine McClure, Trudy Meulemans, Sue Mystkowski, Michelle Riley, Kelley Sweeney, Angela Ursino, and Stefanie Williamson.

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

University Book Store Success for Our Library

The University Bookstore Book Fair was huge success! Our school generated over \$10,400 in sales. Since our school takes the 25% store credit, Newcastle library can purchase \$2,600 in books!

A special thank you to Trudy Meulemans for her lead role and our fabulous librarian Laura Berry for overseeing the operation! Thanks too for all the volunteers including Vivian Bastron, Yvette Blauvelt, Sara Brester, Katie Burris, Eva Downs, Georgia Forchuk, Luisa Gass, Gina Hall, Alison Handlin, Susan Houpt, Ruthie Keyes, Renee Klein, Chris Longfellow, Kate Lonning, Christine McClure, Lana Miller, Michelle Riley and Matthew Rubenstein.



Teachers Appreciated “Love From the Oven!”



The staff was thrilled with the wonderful assortment of cookies and treats during Teacher Appreciation Week!

Thank you to Heather Ackermann, Vivian Bastron, Nora Chin, Lisa Chin, JuliAnne Diesch, Eva Downs, Stina Fluegge, Andrea Gilchrist, Vanessa Gun, Gina Hall, Alison Handlin, Therese Kosar, Linh Ma-Vu, Lana Miller, Shari Ojendyk, Ruxandra Pajor, Edana Peacock, Jenny Pham, Katie Shibale, Brandon Staggs, Stefanie Williamson, Juliana Wong.

Expressing Thanks for Our Exciting Science Extravaganza!



The Science Fair committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered for our extravaganza! It was a wonderful night - our students and their families loved everything! The night's great success was directly due to the efforts put forth by all of our volunteers. It would not have been possible without the contributions from the parents of the Newcastle PTSA, the Newcastle Teacher volunteers, the 4th Graders, students of Liberty High School, Issaquah High School and Maywood and Eastside Catholic Middle Schools. We're so grateful you all shared your time and talents with us. Thank you!

Newcastle Elementary Family Volunteers:

Marci Beppu, Tammy Chin, Chantra Cruikshank, Tracy Dearing, Lisa Dow, Brittany Frank, Ritu Jain, Ruthie Keyes, Therese Kosar, Mehul Krishna, Lisa Lewis, Chris Longfellow, Chinmay Nagarkar, Uma Naik, Marcia O'Donoghue, Peter O'Donoghue, Bushra Razi, Michelle Riley, Conrad Saam, Molly Sandvick, Christina Skally, Rachel Smith, Lisa Sunde, Matt Turetsky, and Angie Winn.

Maywood and Eastside Catholic Middle School Student Volunteers:

Natalie Crouse, Eva Hartman, Molly Keegan, Kaitlyn Keyes, Dathan Le, Jacob Rubenstein, Matthew Rubenstein and Bridget Ury.

Liberty High School DECA Volunteers:

Diana Bui, Brenda Mata-Diaz, Bethany Locke, Ben Poile, Sean Szymanski, Nicole Tu and Colton Vinen

Liberty High School Iron Patriots Robotics Club Volunteers:

Suzy Beeman, Chris Butler, Katie Moon and Lena Wiess

Issaquah High School Volunteer:

Hannah Judson

Working Behind the Scenes FOR YOU!



A lot of work done by PTSA volunteers is done behind the scenes and while it makes our lives run more smoothly, we often don't realize that it is due to the hard work of others.

We would like to thank several of this year's volunteers for their work helping to keep our community of families, teachers and staff connected and informed on a regular basis: Elizabeth Brecht (KidMail Coordinator), Mary Brown (Yearbook Sales), Melia Cossette (Website Coordinator/E-Communications Lead), Chantra Cruikshank (Bulletin Board), Stina Fluegge (Room Parent Coordinator), Trisha Louie (Yearbook), Nitin Punnen (Bulletin Board & Posters).

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News from the Issaquah Schools Foundation



The Issaquah Schools Foundation would like to thank Newcastle Elementary for an amazing year! Your generous support makes essential programs like Pre-k and K summer school, the VOICE Mentor Program, teacher classroom start-up funds, and many more programs possible here at Newcastle. This year we were also excited to help support our new science curriculum at Newcastle! Have an awesome summer break!!!

Thank you, Farha

ISF Nourish Every Mind 2016: Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



The Issaquah Schools Foundation cannot express their gratitude enough! **Thank you** to the more than 1,200 attendees at our *Nourish Every Mind* Breakfast and Luncheon!

YOU collectively raised over \$735,000, building bridges that change lives! Share your experience and the impact of what you are making possible.

All speaker videos from the *Nourish Every Mind* events [are available on our YouTube channel](#). Please enjoy, view and share!

