

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

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## Cub News

### Upcoming Events

November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Huskies vs. Cougars  
Food Drive Begins

November 1<sup>st</sup>  
eScrip Deadline

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Student Banking

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Reflections Program  
Deadline

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Veteran's Day  
No School

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Polar Express Drive  
Begins

November 17<sup>th</sup>  
Student Banking

November 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical

November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Huskies vs. Cougars  
Food Drive Ends

November 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:00pm  
PTSA Board Meeting

## PTSA COSTUME CARNIVAL

6 - 8 PM TONIGHT!!!!



Games! Prizes! The Mariner Moose (bring your camera and a ball to sign)!

### Presidents' note

We have lots of great information for you in this issue of Cub News - please take a minute or 2 to read through and find out what's going on at school and around the district! We hope to see you all tonight at the Costume Carnival!

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### Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Hi There Everyone! The Fabulous Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon to Newcastle Elementary and we need LOTS of volunteers to help!

The book fair setup will begin this year around Monday, November 21st. The actual book fair sales will take place the week during conferences, November 28th - December 2nd. Take down will begin after the book fair has closed. If you are able to help whether it is during the actual event, or with set up and/or take down or all of the above, Newcastle will be most grateful!

Book fair is such a fun experience! Here are some of the perks to volunteering:

1. You will get to see all of the books in advance that your kids are just "begging" to buy!
2. You can help Newcastle Elementary to build our classroom libraries. 50% of all of the book sale dollars come back to the school and Newcastle gets to pick out books for our school to keep!
3. You will get to meet other fabulous Newcastle Volunteers and make some new friends!
4. Your kiddo will think that it is so very cool that their parent is a volunteer at the book fair!
5. You get to meet and see lots of the kids that are in classes with your child, super fun!

Thank you in advance to everyone who has already volunteered to help. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Lissa Wax at [lissawax@gmail.com](mailto:lissawax@gmail.com).

Newcastle Elementary would be so grateful for your help, thanks again!

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

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 Michelle Woo (Windermere)  
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### Thank you to our corporate sponsors for their generous annual contributions to Newcastle PTSA!

The more we use their services, the more we can do for our kids & school!

Orthodontic Excellence  
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## Thank You Vision and Hearing Volunteers

It takes many volunteers to test each students' Vision & Hearing. I would like to send out a special Thank you to all for the wonderful volunteers who generously gave their time to help administer the Vision & Hearing testing this year.

The volunteers include:

Trina Wagenblast, Christy Grabowski, Kara Beal, Michelle Havery, Susan Marashi, Terri Catalani, Grace Tazuma, Katie Ringwood, Viviane Rossi, Lynne Ewart, Laura Moore, Georgia Forchuck, Becky Hughes, Traci Schneider, Debbie McAllister, Michelle Riley, Lisa Vold, Darci Wash, Teri Cresta, Stacy Tribble, Evelyn James, Kiersten Byus, Lisa Crutchfield, Jackie Williams, Edana Peacock, Uma Naik, Kim Moger, Chris Longfellow, Leanne Cole, Cindy Buono, Nikki Wiebe and Katie Burris.

Thank you so much ladies!

Lani Pedersen  
 Vision & Hearing Coordinator

## Art Docent Materials Needed

The Art Docent program is looking for a few items that might be gathering dust in your closet or attic. If you have any of these materials and would like to donate them, please drop them in the labeled "Art Docent" Bin located outside the Office. They will be put to great use by the children!

- 12" vinyl records (not 45's). These will be painted on, so the label does not matter. Ask the grandparents too!!
- Natural feathers (no colored)
- Anything that can give texture to clay. Sometimes as simple as a pen cap that has a fun pattern, large headed bolt with octagonal shape, legos, and interlinking blocks with raised shape...
- Marbles, glass gems/glass flower vase filler marbles preferably w/ a flat bottom- any color

Thank you in Advance: Heidi Furman and Rachel Handsman, Art Docent Co-Chairs  
 Any questions?? Contact: [ghfurman@comcast.net](mailto:ghfurman@comcast.net) or [jeffrewdiana@aol.com](mailto:jeffrewdiana@aol.com)

## Need Your Photos to Make Our 2011-2012 Yearbook Stunning!

We need your help in capturing great photos to add to our yearbook. As you attend school events, chaperone classroom field trips, or just doing the walk-a-bout around school, bring your camera and help us capture fun candids! Please send your digital photos to [neyearbook2011@hotmail.com](mailto:neyearbook2011@hotmail.com). Any questions? Contact Heidi Campher at [hcampher@comcast.net](mailto:hcampher@comcast.net) or Lisa Crutchfield at [delaney1416@comcast.net](mailto:delaney1416@comcast.net). Thanks!



We look forward to seeing all the great pictures!

## Food Drive -- Huskies vs. Cougars



The PTSA's annual food drive begins November 1 and runs through November 18. Collection bins will be in the front lobby of the school and at the bottom of the front stairs. Just send food in with your kids and they will know where to take it. If you are a Huskies (University of Washington) fan, then you put your donations in the UW bin. If you are a Cougars (Washington State University) fan, then put your food in the WSU bin. We will announce the school which gathers the most donations at the end of the food drive. All donations will go directly to the Issaquah Food Bank. The food bank is currently in need of all types of perishable items (but not canned pumpkin or canned cranberry). Please visit their webpage, which they update regularly, to see their most pressing needs: <http://issaquahfoodbank.org/>

Support your team and support the Issaquah Food Bank at the same time! Go Cougars! Go Huskies! Go Newcastle Elementary!

## So You Think You Can Dance?

Do you have a future hip hop dancer or prima ballerina? The Reflections Fine Arts Program is an excellent way for your student to show off their talents. There is only 1 week before the **November 4th deadline**. *In order to be eligible for judging, works of art must be created by only the student, and need to reflect this year's theme, "Diversity Means...."*.

During the week of November 7th, we will have a group of local professionals in each category who will judge and provide feedback on each entry. One of our literature judges will be Deena Cook, local author of three children's books, *Pinky and Peanut: The Adventure Begins*, *Pinky and Peanut: Trouble Times Two*, and *Pinky and Peanut: No Boys Allowed*. Entries will have the chance to compete in district, state or national competitions. Students also receive a Newcastle participation prize!

Students may submit works of art in any, or all, of the following categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video, Photography, or Choreography/Dance. **Remember, the deadline for submitting entries is November 4!** If you are just getting started, OR if you've requested an information packet(s) via the red Reflections form, please go to the following link for the required forms, guidelines and additional information: <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html>

If you have questions, please contact one of the Reflections Program Co-Chairs: Chris Longfellow ([chrisongfellow17@comcast.net](mailto:chrisongfellow17@comcast.net)) or Jahna Smith ([jahna-smith@comcast.net](mailto:jahna-smith@comcast.net)).

## Spirit Wear!!

We only have one more opportunity to place orders for Spirit Wear! You can go online to <http://www.c9sports.com/newcastle/> to place your order. Orders must be placed by **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11th** and they will be delivered before winter break. Email [jaymebenson@msn.com](mailto:jaymebenson@msn.com) with any questions.



## Issaquah Schools Foundation



### All in for Kids Campaign Update

Calling nights (& a morning) for the **All in for Kids Campaign Annual Fund Campaign** are drawing near. More than 300 high school students will take to the phones on **November 16, 17 & 19** to seek donations from District families. You can help lighten their load by visiting [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) to make your donation by **Friday, November 4**. Your name will be removed the calling list and added to the **All in for Kids Thank You** ad in the Issaquah Press.

To those who have already given—Thank You! If you haven't made your donation yet, now is the time. Give what you can with the knowledge that your gift will make a difference to every student in every classroom, every school.

### Amazon for the Holidays

If a stop on the Amazon site is on your holiday shopping list, please use the ISF site to take you there. Visit [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) and click on the Amazon logo in the top left corner. You'll be taken to the Amazon site. Once there, add the link to your bookmarks. Then shop as usual and with no further effort on your part, up to 8% of your total purchase will be donated to the Foundation. Happy shopping!

### Great Local Deals

Don't forget to visit the Foundation's Business Partner page to find great local deals that benefit you and our schools. [Elements Massage](#) is offering a special price on massages on **November 21 and 22** and donating 15% of proceeds to the Foundation. Visit <http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/supporters/partners.htm> to view specials from each of our Business Partners.

If you have any questions please contact: Eileen Rubenstein [edrubenstein@hotmail.com](mailto:edrubenstein@hotmail.com)

## Passing the Issaquah School District Bond What Does It Take?



The Issaquah School District (ISD) bond package will be on the ballot April 17, 2012. Passing this bond is all about numbers: 70% and 50%.

70% is the number of ISD residents that **do not** have students in K-12. That means only 30% of the district residents have a personal stake in passing this bond. The 70% needs to be educated and informed on why passing the bond will benefit all ISD residents.

50% of ISD parents are currently registered to vote. There are roughly 25,000 parents in the Issaquah School District, so this leaves only 12,500 that can vote on Election Day. The other 12,500 need to register to vote as soon as possible.

How can you ensure that this bond passes? Endorse the bond. Donate money to the campaign. Sign up to help with the campaign when asked. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits of passing the bond, and make sure they are all registered to vote.

For more information about the bond package go to: [www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/bond](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/bond)

To register to vote go to: [www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration)

For more information on VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools - the campaign committee), to donate to the campaign, and to volunteer to help go to: [www.visvote.org](http://www.visvote.org)

Visit us on the Web! <http://www.newcastleptsa.org>

## 2011-12 PTSA Executive Committee

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## Scheduling Committee & Optimal High School Experience

In late 2008, our high-school administrators—through collaboration, focus groups, surveys, and constant monitoring and analysis—created five belief statements about what makes for an [optimal high-school experience](#). They are in the areas of Access, Connectivity, Citizenship, Resiliency, and Expression. These belief statements have served as a filter for many decisions that have incrementally changed the landscape of our high schools—from online learning to partnering with our middle schools to provide more flexibility in fulfilling graduation requirements to rethinking summer-school enrichment opportunities.

The superintendent also asked the high-school administrators specifically to take a closer look at the use of time and scheduling. That work was intentionally delayed to allow for a more careful analysis of existing practices in our schools. However, in this current period of diminishing resources and growing academic expectations, it is now important that we return to that charge and look closely at the precious resource of time in our high schools in an effort to design a common schedule for high schools. We do not yet know what such a schedule will look like, but it should allow us to better share resources, consolidate our professional support for staff, and capitalize on our learnings from the last three years

*We strongly encourage every one of you to learn about and attend a High School Schedule Committee meeting to support the model and program that you feel is best for your child. The model that is currently at Liberty High School does not conform to the model at Issaquah and Skyline.* The model at Liberty has kids taking 4 classes each day, which means longer periods to learn subject matter, an extra day to get homework completed and prepare for tests, and the ability to take 8 classes per semester. The children at Liberty currently have the opportunity to further expand their learning by taking more classes and, by sampling a more diverse field of study, they have a better understanding of potential college interests and career paths. Besides taking the core class load required at all high schools, Liberty kids can explore the culinary program, take more years of foreign languages, and complete more AP credits because they take more classes. By reducing the periods, it will cut many elective classes which means kids will have fewer choices to explore. Currently Skyline and Issaquah are on a 6 period schedule which means they attend 6 classes per day.

A few years ago, Issaquah school district made a decision to do away with the block schedule offered by Liberty in an effort to have a uniform model for their high schools. This decision was made without community input and created significant chaos to the point that the decision was reversed. The Scheduling Committee has been formed to allow input from the community, administrators, teachers, parents and students.

Please take some time to review the link below and **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD...** These decisions will affect your children in the years to come!

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/secondary/HSSchedule/Default.aspx>

The next High School Scheduling Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd from 6 - 8pm.