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Newcastle Elementary PTSA
Parent Teacher Student Association

**What Is the PTSA?**

* Non-profit member organization dedicated to serving children
* Works in partnership with school staff to make Newcastle a place where every child can excel
* As a member, you also become a member of the Washington State PTA and the National PTA
* The Washington State PTA provides training and support to local PTAs and works to influence legislation that will benefit education and children
PTSA Communications:
* Cub News newsletter
* Weekly What’s Happening e-blast
* PTSA website: www.newcastleptsa.org
* Bulletin board
* Room Parent emails
* Kidmail flyers
* Quarterly PTSA meetings

How to Get Involved in PTSA:
* JOIN!! Give every child a voice!
* Volunteer
  ▪ Sign up electronically during August school registration
* Visit our website: www.newcastleptsa.org
* Speak to an Executive Committee member
* Speak to a Committee Chair
* Contact your child’s teacher
* Attend a PTSA function
  ▪ KinderConnect
    ▪ Back-to-school event (Popsicles at the Playground)
    ▪ Tears and Tissues
    ▪ 2-3 parent or family events during the year
* The PTSA’s Inspire Greatness Auction is March 14 at 5:30 pm at the Westin Bellevue
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What is Kindergarten About?

Developing the skills, knowledge and habits that promote future success in school.

* Learning the **routines** of schooling (turn taking, group play, collaboration, lines, schedules...)

* Developing **self-control** and personal discipline (waiting, following directions, personal space...)

* Building **social skills** in a large peer group (sharing, collaboration, empathy, understanding, reading others...)

* Building and reinforcing the **academic** foundations (number sense, site words, handwriting, phonemic awareness and all phonemes, word families...)

* Developing the foundations of **thinking** skills and habits (persisting, creating, observing, inferring, comparing...)
Full Day / Half Day

* Same curriculum
* Pacing
* Time for enrichment
* 2 PE v 1 PE, 2 Music v 1 Music
* Lunch
* Recesses (3 v 1)

Is your child ready for Kindergarten?

* Age 5 by August 31
* Department of Early Learning and Development Guide
* Independent Living Skills (Zippers, buttons, shoes, potty, washing, eating...)
* Spectrum of Learners
10. Do your social studies

* Study your child during play
* Is he/she flexible
* Appropriate touch and personal space?
* Takes turns?
* Uses kind words?
8. Teach Transitions

* Give notice
* Clear 1-2 step instructions
* Follow directions the first time
7. Reduce Warnings

* For “never behaviors”
* Hitting
* Tantrums
* Hurtful behaviors
* Defiant behaviors
6. Pencil Grip

* Talk to pre-school now!
* Tripod
* Grips and broken pencils
* Build hand strength: clay, legos...
* Draw, color, trace...

5. Build self-awareness

* Stop and Think
* Is that a good choice?
* Empathy and Perspective

Resources: You are a Social Detective, Thinking About You, Thinking About Me
4. Reduce rough play / play fighting

3. Play
2. Don’t get it right

* Focus on effort
* Try-Fail-Learn
* Persistence
* Resiliency

#1 Don’t Pre-Teach

* Allow discovery
* Don’t do structured math!
* Counting, Number ID, mental math OK
* Reading, writing - endless possibilities
* Science, Social Studies - great
Registration Packets

For those families that live in the Newcastle Elementary attendance area.

One packet per child.

Your child must be 5 by August 31, 2015.

Enrollment Review

* Complete Packet - ALL FORMS
* Full Day K Lottery by March 10th
* AM/PM Neighborhoods are to be determined to balance class size
Timeline of Events - Highlights

Registration February 13th - March 10th
FDK Lottery March 11th
Non-Neighborhood Lottery March 12th
FDK Scholarship Lottery March 18th
Screening Assessments March 24th-25th