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September 5, 2014

From the Principal...
Dear Newcastle Families,
What a great first week of school! I thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know our students and seeing the real life of Newcastle Elementary in action. The kids have been fun and lively, the community welcoming and positive and the staff energetic and professional!

Though some minor tweaks may be needed, our new procedures seem to be working well. Please read the reminders (clarifications) below about procedures and up-coming dates to remember.

Appreciations!
This week has been a tremendous team effort. I could go through and thank everyone, especially all our teachers who put in so much extra effort over the last few weeks, but for today I will highlight the following:

- Thanks to our volunteers who came out and helped with all our transitions: drop-off, lunch and pick-up as well as all our other logistics.
- Thank you to all the drivers who are helping us establish the new drop-off and pick-up routines.
- Thank you to the 5th grade team for teaching our 5th graders how to be great kindergarten buddies at lunch and recess. And thanks to our 5th graders as well!
- Thank you to the office team, support team and EA’s for the HUGE logistical effort involved in opening school.

IMPORTANT Reminders
Please do not leave your child on campus before 9:00 am. We don’t have supervision before 9:00.

- A student is not tardy until 9:15 am. At 9:05 students go to their lines and will be brought into the class by their teacher, so if the first bell has rung and the line is gone, then students should go to class through the same door they enter in the mornings. BUT they are not tardy until 9:15.
A Note From the Library
Thanks to generous support from the Issaquah Schools Foundation, all Newcastle students have access to an amazing digital resource called MackinVIA. Here is the link to learn more about MackinVia.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Laura Berry, berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Dates to Remember
Sept. 11th  Coffee Talk with Mr. Mellish in the Commons, 9:15-10:30
Sept 12th  Coffee Talk with Rich, 9:30
Sept 15th  SAGE Nominations Forms Due
Sept. 16th  1st-2nd Grade Curriculum Night-5:30, all school presentation 6:15-7:00
Sept. 18th  Picture Day
            3rd-5th Grade Curriculum Night-5:30, all school presentation 6:15-7:00