September 12, 2014

From the Principal...Curriculum Night
Next week is curriculum night. This is a great opportunity to learn the workings of your child's class and information on the instructional plan for the year. Though it isn't a time to discuss your child's individual circumstances, we hope you get most of your questions answered and that you connect with your children's teachers so that as questions come up, you feel comfortable working together. After your teacher session ends at 6:15 we will hold a brief information session in the commons to learn more from myself, the PTA and others. I hope to see you all there!

Chorus
I'm delighted to hear that so many families are interested in our Lions Chorus! If you haven't heard, I run a free extracurricular choir at Newcastle for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We rehearse once a week in the music room, and perform throughout the year at various events.

Unfortunately, we can't hold rehearsals on Wednesdays like we did last year. This year's rehearsals will be Thursday mornings at 8:00. If your student is interested, I will have flyers with more information available next week in music class. You still have a couple of weeks to think it over and arrange carpools - our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 25th. If you have more questions about chorus, I will be at curriculum night on the 18th or you can email me directly: webba@issaquah.wednet.edu. I'm looking forward to another year of beautiful singing!

A Word From Ms. Mez
The Positive Discipline Association (www.positivediscipline.org) is proud to present the parenting workshop 'Teaching Parenting the Positive Discipline Way.' Workshop will focus on issues such as ways to help children feel they belong and are significant: mutual respect and encouragement plus lots more. Dates are on October 16th at Renton Park Elementary School from 6:30-8:30 pm and October 17th & 18th at 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Cost is $425 or $375 if you register 30 days in advance. To register, call 1-866-POS-DISC or sign up online at the above website.

Issaquah School Foundation
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Voice Mentor Program
This is an in-school volunteer mentoring program that helps students in all ISD schools. Please click on the following link to learn more about this important program, Voice Mentor Program.

Dates to Remember
Sept 15th    PTSA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 16th    Curriculum Night, 1st-2nd Grade, 5:30 pm
Sept 17th    Bus Passes Allowed
Sept 18th    Picture Day
            Curriculum Night, 3rd-5th Grade, 5:30 pm