September 19, 2014

From the Principal...
Thank you to parents and staff for successful curriculum nights Tuesday and Thursday!

In reflecting on our desire to develop the whole child I reviewed some new and old articles on building resiliency in our children. On my Connect web page (click here) I posted a couple of my favorite articles for parents. The shorter one is a great piece for reflecting as a parent on how we help our children in the elementary years prepare to face challenges in life and school.

MSP (Measure of Student Progress) Scores
Scores are now available in Family Access for the test taken last Spring by 3rd and 4th grade students.

P.A.L.S. (Parents As Literacy Supports)
Newcastle Elementary is looking for individuals who have a little time each week to support a classroom by listening to and talking about books students read to/with you. Click on the following link to learn more about this rewarding opportunity, Reading Volunteers.

Vision and Hearing Screening
Vision and hearing screening is on Thursday, October 23rd. If your child wears glasses, please be sure that they bring their glasses to school on screening day. If you would like your child to be excluded from the screening, please send a note to your child’s teacher specifying if your child is to be excluded from all or part of the screening. Students failing the initial screening will be re-screened by the school nurse before referral notices are mailed home. The re-screening process usually takes several weeks to complete.

Thank you, Karen Herring, RN, School Nurse
Health Advisory Information - Enterovirus D68

Although EV-D68 has not yet been reported in King County, the virus has been spreading around the country causing respiratory illness, mainly in children. The illness can be mild, similar to a common cold with runny nose, coughing, and sometimes fever. However, EV-D68 can also cause more serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing and wheezing. It can be particularly serious for children with asthma or other conditions that make breathing difficult. For these children, EV-D68 infections can result in hospitalization. Please take a moment to read these Questions and answers on EV-D68 from Public Health - Seattle & King County.

Dates to Remember
Sept 23rd Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Sept 25th Chorus, 8:00 am