December 5, 2014

Important Auction News
As you all may realize by now, it’s PTSA Auction year at Newcastle Elementary. Auction years are a great time for coming together as a community to support our kids. I urge you to support the Auction through your participation, donations and volunteerism. The fundraising dollars raised by the Auction will provide critical support for Newcastle by funding programs ranging from reading and math support to science, art docent and technology programs.

This week, we’re in the midst of the Inspire Greatness Holiday Online Auction. Your generous donations have resulted in a great line up of items including stays at the Great Wolf Lodge and the Westin Bellevue, as lots of activities for the entire family. Bidding will remain open until Monday, December 8 at 10:00 PM. You can access the Holiday Online Auction here:

https://newcastleptsa.schoolauction.net/inspiregreatness2015/online_auction/signup

Our PE teacher, Seth Miller has generously donated his hair for the cause. Excitement is growing for the anticipated raffle drawing next Tuesday, December 9. If you haven’t yet joined the fun, raffle tickets continue to be sold through next Monday. Can I buy a raffle ticket too?

For more information on the Inspire Greatness Auction events, click here:
http://newcastleptsa.schoolauction.net/inspiregreatness2015

News from Ms. Mez
Please click on the following link to view my December newsletter, Ms. Mez’s December Newsletter.

Winter Weather
Would you like to get closure and delay messages sent to your e-mail and/or mobile phone? If so, follow these easy steps:
* Go to [http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4234](http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4234)
* Enter your e-mail and set a password

If you already have an active account, you do not need to sign up again, however, it is a good idea to login before the weather turns to make sure everything is up to date.

Another good resource is the Issaquah School District’s [emergency transportation bulletin](http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4234).

**Testing Dates**
With the return from Winter Break we will begin our testing window for various assessments and testing. We will share actual dates once they are confirmed but for planning purposes below are the testing windows. We appreciate all your effort in not making appointments or planning vacations during these times.

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**Dates to Remember**

Dec 9    Video Club, 8:00 am
         Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Dec 10   Lego Club, 1:30 pm
Dec 11   Chorus, 8:00 am
Dec 12   Math Olympiad, 8:00 am