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E-news is an important tool to keep our parent community informed. Please call the main office at 425/837-5800 if you have any questions about our e-news.

February 6, 2015

Kindergarten Registration for 2015-2016
We will be holding our parent information night on Thursday, February 12th, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Newcastle commons (parents only please). Registration packets will be available after the meeting and we will start accepting completed packets beginning February 12th. Packets will be accepted from 10:00 am-3:00 pm (except March 4th, packets can be brought in from 10:00 am-6:00 pm). Registration requirements for kindergarten are below:

* Incoming kindergarten students must turn 5 years old by August 31st, 2015.
* Families must live in the Newcastle attendance area to pick up an enrollment packet.
* Parent identification, the child’s immunization records, and the child’s proof of birth date (birth certificate or passport) are required for registration in March, along with family address verification in the form of a utility bill (gas, water, or electric) and ONE of the following: home purchase papers/property tax statement or lease/rental agreement (original).
* Students will not be registered until all this information has been received.

Full Day Kindergarten Lotteries
Parents who want to register students for the full day kindergarten lottery may do so until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10th provided that all required documents are received. The full day kindergarten lottery will be held at Newcastle on Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00am. Lottery results will be available on Wednesday, March 11th. Parent observation of the lottery process is welcome.

Call or e-mail Laurie Holmes if you have any questions, (425) 837-5802, holmesl@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Read Across America
Please click on the following link to read about all the fun activities that are coming up during our Read Across America celebration beginning February 24th, Newcastle Celebrates Read Across America 2015.

PTSA Auction Updates
We have been asked to share an important reminder and a request for help as the March 14th Inspire Greatness auction draws near. We appreciate the support and contributions that each family is providing to ensure that our school’s biggest fundraiser is a success. Funding from the auction and other PTSA efforts make a huge impact on our students’ education.
The Winter Online Auction is open and will run until 10:00 pm on Monday, February 9th. This is the only opportunity to purchase reserved front row seats for 5th Grade Promotion (2015 & 2016) and for Grade Level Music Performances (2015/16 & 2016/17). Many other great items are also still available! Click here to learn more: http://newcastleptsa.schoolauction.net/inspiregreatness2015.

There is an urgent need for continued donations of retail gift cards (any value). Donating is easy:

February 6th: Gift cards of any value can be dropped off at tonight’s family night (look for the auction table), or next Thursday, February 12th (see below). Gift cards for Starbucks, Target, Amazon, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

February 12th: Donuts for Donations! Come grab a donut and drop off gift cards from 9:00-9:30 am and 3:00-4:00 pm. Drop off is right across from the school in the cul-de-sac of 136th Ave SE, in Mile End.

Can’t make either date? Please contact Angela at angelaoster@gmail.com before Friday, February 13th.

Thank you for your continued support of our Newcastle Elementary students!

Science & Technology Magnet Program
Families of current third graders: Are you interested in enrolling your student in our Science and Technology Magnet Program? The Issaquah School District offers three programs serving 4th and 5th grade students in unique multi-age classrooms. Each magnet serves 50+ students in a two-year program. Each program covers all standard 4/5 district adopted curriculum, with an added emphasis on science and technology. Grade specific math instruction is provided.

Families interested in enrolling their student in this program must attend a mandatory informational meeting—unless they have previously had a student enrolled in this program. Informational meetings will be held at Cascade Ridge on Wednesday, February 25th, at Briarwood on Tuesday, March 10th, and at Clark on Tuesday, March 24th. All meetings are scheduled for 6:00-7:00 pm.

Dates to Remember
Feb 9th  5th Grade Fieldtrip (Rickey & Binks)
Feb 10th  Video Club, 8:00 am
         Chorus, 3:40 pm
Feb 11th  Great Kids @ Lunches
Feb 12th  5th Grade Fieldtrip (Laing & Lundberg)
         Chorus, 8:00 am
         Scratch Code Club, 3:45 pm
         Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 6:00 pm
Feb 13th  Math Olympiad, 8:00 am
         4th Grade Fieldtrip
Feb 16th-20th No School-Winter Break