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.

March 6, 2015

February Staff Luncheon
Thank you to all the families that graciously provided lunch to the Newcastle staff last month. As always the food was delicious and there was so much we were able to treat ourselves for several days!

Coffee Talk with Mr. Mellish on March 13th
The PTSA and Principal Mellish invite you to Coffee Talk with Mr. Mellish next Friday morning at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. Though you may also bring topics to discuss, Mr. Mellish will be sharing about the results of the community survey and ideas for using the results to set school goals for the year to come. This is a dialogue so come be part of the discussion about how to keep building Newcastle Elementary as a great place to learn!

A Word From Mz. Mez
Attention Parents! Sound Mental Health is offering Spring support groups for parents AND students, focusing on students who would benefit from social skills support and support for ASD challenges. For more information, please see the link for Aspiring Youth (http://aspiringyouth.net/social_skills_groups.php) or the link on my website (http://connect.isaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/newcastle/staff/ms_meseroles_site/m/parent_resources/217754.aspx)

Report Cards
We've gone paperless! Access to Elementary student report cards will be available through Family Access as of 5:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 2015. We are discontinuing the use of paper copies. Directions for accessing the report card via Family Access can be found on the Family Access section of the Issaquah School District Web site. Please notice that when you click on the report card file, you will be prompted to electronically acknowledge that you have viewed the report card. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this step. This helps us to ensure that all student report cards are viewed by parents. Parent/Guardian Reference Guides will help parents navigate the grade level report cards. These documents are also posted on the Elementary Report Cards section of the Issaquah School District Web site. The report card and Parent/Guardian Reference guide have been translated into Spanish and Chinese (Traditional) and can also be found in the Elementary Report Cards section of the Issaquah School District Web site.
Science Tech Information

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.

Summer school registration is now open for elementary school students.

Elementary Summer School is offered to current kindergarten through 5th graders only. The summer school program provides for both reinforcement of learned skills and remedial assistance for students who need a little extra academic support. Classes are held on weekdays from July 6th through July 31st, 9 am to 12 pm, at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. Tuition is $385 and applications are available in your school office or on the District website.

Summer Video Editing Class is offered to current 4th and 5th graders only. This course teaches the fundamentals of video production and editing. Students learn how to use still pictures as well as video to make a movie, how to record to a camera correctly, and transfer the video onto a computer. As a final project, students produce a DVD. Summer Video Editing Class runs weekdays from July 13th to July 24th, 9:30 am -11:30 am, at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. Tuition for this two-week program is $250 and applications are available in your school office or on the District website. A minimum of 12 students is required for this class to proceed.

Summer Robotics Class – Returning this summer is a two week Robotics Class for current 4th and 5th graders only. This course teaches the fundamentals of robotics using LEGO Mindstorm Kits. Due to popular demand for this class, two sessions will now be offered. Summer Robotics Class, Session 1 runs weekdays from July 6th to July 17th, Summer Robotics Class, Session 2 runs weekdays from July 20th to July 31st. Both sessions meet between 9:30 am - 11:30 am, at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. Tuition for this two-week program is $250 and applications are available in your school office or on the District website. A minimum of 12 students is required for this class to proceed. You must select ONE session at time of registration.

Dates to Remember
Mar 10th  Video Club, 8:00 am
        Registration Packets for Full Day Kindergarten due by 4 pm
        Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Mar 11th  Full Day Kindergarten Lottery, 10:00 am
        Lego Club, 1:35 pm
Mar 12th  Chorus, 8:00 am
Scratch Code Club, 3:40 pm
4th Grade Concert, 6:30 pm

Mar 13th
Math Olympiad, 8:00 am
Coffee Talk with Mr. Mellish, 9:30