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.

September 10, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Sept 11  Popcorn Friday’s Begin
Sept 15  Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Sept 16  Bus Passes Begin
          SAGE Curriculum Night, 5:00 pm
          Grades 1st-2nd Curriculum Night, 5:30 pm

Newcastle Chorus

Have you heard about Lions Chorus? Newcastle has its very own choir, made up of 3rd-5th grade students who want an extra music experience. If your student is interested in signing up and singing out, visit Mrs. Webb’s Connect site for the details:

http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/newcastle/staff/ms_webbs_site/default.aspx

New Volunteer Procedures

New this year, all volunteers must complete an online application. If you have students at different schools in Issaquah, you only need to fill this out once and will be asked to mark which schools you want to volunteer at. Click the link, https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmplus.net to apply to volunteer.

Our goal is to have every parent register as a volunteer in order to be ready if an opportunity comes up!

IMPORTANT: Make sure you complete all the steps, your application won’t be processed until all steps are complete. You will receive an e-mail once you have been completed the FIRST STEP (setting up the profile) and then AGAIN once your application is APPROVED (it may take a couple days). Some of our parents have started the process but did not complete the checklist. You can log-on to the link above to verify your application is complete. Below are some instructions that may help

After the first steps of entering a profile be sure to click the “My Checklist” button.
This takes you to the following screen:

**Smarter Balance Assessment Results**
Results of the Smarter Balance Assessment are now live on Family Access. The district will also be mailing individual student score reports to parents on September 9th. The district’s assessment website has been updated with current information on score interpretation.


The following link is a sample of an individual student score report that parents will be receiving for their student(s), [http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/ScoreReport.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/ScoreReport.aspx)

**The Highly Capable Program Nomination Window is Now Open**
Nominations of students to determine possible eligibility for the Highly Capable Program will be accepted between September 1 and the end of the business day on September 15. *Please note, all
Kindergarten students will be screened this fall to determine eligibility for further testing for possible selection into the Highly Capable program.

The District’s nomination procedure may include screening procedures as allowed by state statute. Please refer to the nomination form for further information. Students may be nominated by individuals including teachers, other staff, parents, and members of the community. Individuals making a nomination must use the District provided nomination form. The following exceptions will apply:

1. Nominations will not be accepted for students who were tested for the Highly Capable Program in the previous school year.
2. Nominations for second grade students will not be accepted as testing for these students will occur mid-year.
3. Nominations for students new to the district who enroll after September 15 will be accepted for ten (10) school days from the enrollment date.
4. Students new to the district enrolling after the HCP fall testing window who meet the screening criteria will be assessed prior to the beginning of the next school year.