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 24, 2015

Upcoming Events
Sept 29 Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Sept 30 Chorus, 8:00 am
Oct 1 Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill, am
Oct 2 Site Council Meeting, 8:00 am

Vision and Hearing Screening
Vision and hearing screening is on Thursday, October 8th. 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 screening process usually takes at least several weeks to complete.

Thank you, Karen Herring, RN, School Nurse

Calling all Parent Volunteers!
Newcastle Elementary is looking for volunteers who can come in once a week from 11:30 to 12:45 to manage a game room (board games, cards, Legos, etc.) during lunch recesses. These activities are for students that prefer a quieter place or somewhere that they can be creative. Volunteer duties would include helping kids with game rules, managing noise levels and helping with organizing the games. The game room will take place on Tuesdays. Please contact Trent Neugebauer (neugebauer@issaquah.wednet.edu) for more information and to volunteer. Thanks!

Issaquah School District Celebrates Taste Washington Day - Wednesday October 7th
Taste Washington Day celebrates Washington agriculture and promotes good nutrition in our schools. On October 7th, school lunches in the Issaquah School District will highlight local produce, grains, and dairy from the fantastic bounty Washington State has to offer. Each featured produce item will be accompanied by signage in the lunch room for the students to see with information about the local farm that grew and harvested the food.

We are happy to announce that our homemade pizza entrée at each school will feature hand-made crust with whole grain flour sourced from a Co-Op comprised of 33 local Washington State wheat farms. The wheat is milled into flour at Shepherd’s Grain Mill in Spokane, Washington. In addition, the milk we serve this day, and every day during the school year, is supplied by Smith Brothers Dairy in Auburn,
Washington. Smith Brothers belongs to a Washington State Dairy Pool and the locally processed milk is all produced by Washington State dairy cows. Please note that because the District will not procure the produce until just days before October 7th, we are unable to provide specific information about the fresh produce that will be featured at this time.

We look forward to participating in our first Taste Washington Day and future opportunities to feature locally grown and produced foods in our schools. Taste Washington Day is organized in partnership by the Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) and the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA).