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.

October 29, 2015

Upcoming Dates
Oct 30th  Math Olympiad, 8:05 am
4th Grade Pumpkin Caper
Nov 3rd  Chess Club, 3:40 pm
Nov 4th  Chorus, 8:00 am
       Great Kids @ Lunches
       Lego Club, 1:30 pm

Soups and Salads, Oh My
Thank you Newcastle 4th and 5th grade families for providing such a fabulous luncheon last Tuesday. A warm bowl of soup/chili was just perfect on a dreary, rainy day. The rolls, salads and desserts were also a huge hit. A special thank you to Yvette Blauvelt for her work in organizing this and for the beautiful display of food in the staff lounge.

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 (neugebauert@issaquah.wednet.edu) for more information and to volunteer. Thanks!

Issaquah School District’s Instructional Materials Committee
The Issaquah School District is currently seeking a community member to serve on the above committee. In order to have a balanced representation from our community, we are specifically looking for a community member from the Liberty High School feeder pattern to volunteer to serve on the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC). Members of the community are typically asked to make a 2-year commitment to serve on the committee. Community members are appointed by the Superintendent.

The purpose of the IMC is to review and act on instructional materials recommended for adoption. The IMC reviews and recommends materials based on the District’s goals for adoption, the District’s philosophy of selection of instructional materials, and current practices for evaluation of materials for gender and ethnic bias and community standards. The committee also stands as the body that re-evaluates challenged materials and provides recommendation to the Superintendent when requested.
The subject areas vary each year, depending on which subject areas are scheduled for the curriculum adoption or review process.

The committee meets monthly, typically on the second Thursday of the month, from 4:15-6:15 at the administration building. In addition to meetings, members of the committee are also asked to read materials and complete analysis paperwork in advance of each meeting. This reading and analysis takes about 2-5 hours of time each month.

If you are interested in serving as the community representative, please complete the [IMC Application](mailto:jarrardl@issaquah.wednet.edu) and send it electronically to Lisa Jarrard, Administrative Assistant, Teaching and Learning Services, at jarrardl@issaquah.wednet.edu. If you have questions regarding the IMC, please contact Dawn Wallace, Director of Instructional Support at 425-837-7043 or wallaced@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Applications may also be mailed or dropped off to:

Lisa Jarrard, Administrative Assistant  
Teaching and Learning Department  
Issaquah School District  
565 NW Holly Street  
Issaquah, WA 98027