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.

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Upcoming Dates
Jan 29th  Math Olympiad, 8:05 am
Tech Adventures Coding Club, 3:40 pm
Feb 1st  Spanish Class, 3:40 pm
PTSA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Feb 2nd  Chess Club, 3:45 pm
Scratch Programming with Ms. Gaul, 3:40 pm
Feb 3rd  Chorus, 8:00 am
Great Kids @ Lunches
French Class, 1:30 pm
Feb 4th  Spirit Day, Culture & Heritage
Spanish Class, 3:40 pm
PTSA Culture & Heritage Festival, 6:00 pm

Issaquah School District to Offer Full Day Kindergarten Next School Year
The Issaquah School District is pleased to announce that it will implement free Full Day Kindergarten for all incoming kindergarten students beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. This is one year ahead of the mandatory state requirement that school districts offer Full Day Kindergarten for all students by 2017-2018. (more information will be forthcoming)

Kindergarten Enrollment Information Night-Feb 11th
Please spread the word among those families with children who might enter kindergarten next year. This event is being reformatted to give current updates and information and to give an orientation to our school vision, programs and community; INCLUDING updates on the impact of state funded full day Kindergarten on our program and enrollment. If you know families who are choosing private K vs. Newcastle K this will be an important informational meeting! Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Daddy-Daughter Dance
Calling all elementary age ladies---put on your best outfit, grab your dad and head to Liberty High School on February 6, 2016 from 6:00-8:30 pm for an evening of dancing and fun. Cost is $20/couple (cash or check only). Pictures are available at the dance. Contact Kim Loucks at 425/837-4814 or loucksk@issaquah.wednet.edu if you have any questions.
The Newcastle 2016 National Geographic Bee Champion is...

After outstanding effort by all ten finalists in the Newcastle National Geographic Bee, the exciting championship round came down to Thomas D. and Vincent D. In the end, it was Vincent who earned the title of school champion. Vincent will now take an online test provided by the National Geographic Society in an attempt to qualify for the state competition. The top 100 students in the state (selected based on qualifying test scores) will represent their schools and compete at the state level.

Thank you to Mr. Laing for being the teacher coordinator this year, Mr. Mellish for being the emcee, Wendy Kirchner and Rob Wyman from the city of Newcastle for joining us as judges, and the PTSA for sponsoring this exciting event! Compliments again to our school finalists who competed on stage this year: Zach B, Maury C, Thomas D, Vincent D, Ethan J, Hana K, Matisse M, Mirabelle W, Mia W and Jensen W. We all wish Vincent the best of luck!

King County Voter Reminders
Click on the following link for important reminders about registering to vote and upcoming elections, King County Voting Reminders.

Issaquah Schools Foundation Information
Dining for Kids on the First Wednesday of Every Month!
On the first Wednesday of every month, restaurants around the Issaquah Community will partner with the Foundation to donate a portion of their proceeds to benefit our students. Join us during lunch or dinner for Dining for Kids on February 3rd at Black Duck and Flat Iron Grill.

Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon and Breakfast
Save the date for two of the most inspiring events of the season—the Issaquah Schools Foundation’s Nourish Every Mind Luncheon on Thursday, April 28 and Breakfast on May 4. Both events showcase students and staff who have benefitted from Foundation investments, inspirational videos, entertainment and information on the impact private donations have on our public schools. Generous donations from Golden Apple sponsors Swedish Hospital, Microsoft, Overlake and other corporate leaders enable all guest donations to be directed to programs that elevate and enrich education for every student at every school. Included in the list of programs supported by Nourish Every Mind donations are the VOICE Mentor Program, Healthy Youth Initiative, Financial Literacy Classes, Academic Enrichment Grants, Free After-School Homework Labs, and Computer Science and Web Design Classes. Seating at the Luncheon and Breakfast are limited. Visit www.isfdn.org or call 425-391-8557 today to learn more.

State of Mind Mini-Conferences offered by the Issaquah Schools Foundation’s Healthy Youth Initiative
Parents and students are invited to attend one, two or all three State of Mind mini-conferences focused on topics related to youth mental health. Each school mini-conference will have a different focus, including how to cope with stress, how to help friends who are struggling with depression, or how to detach from technology. Each mini-conference will also offer a core of basic classes in topics such as the impacts of drugs on the developing brain, healthy relationships, body image, and living with mental
illness. Registrations for these conferences, as well as programs with a list of speakers and topics, will be available by February 15th. Visit www.healthyyouthinitiative.org for more information.

Saturday, March 19, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Issaquah High School
Saturday, April 2, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Liberty High School
Saturday, April 23, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Skyline High School