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.

February 4, 2016

Upcoming Dates

Feb 5th
- 5th Grade Camp Chaperone Meeting, 8:00 am
- Math Olympiad, 8:05 am
- Tech Adventures Coding, 3:40 pm

Feb 8th
- Spanish Class, 3:40 pm
- PTSA Spelling Bee, 6:30 pm

Feb 9th
- Chess Club, 3:40 pm
- Scratch Programming with Ms. Gaul, 3:40 pm

Feb 10th
- Chorus, 8:00 am
- Lego Club, 1:30 pm
- French Class, 1:30 pm

Feb 11th
- PTSA Provided Staff Luncheon
- Spanish Class, 3:40 pm
- Kindergarten Enrollment Information Night, 6:00 pm

Feb 15-19th
- No School, 2nd Winter Break

Hurray for Full Day K!
The Issaquah School District is pleased to offer Full Day Kindergarten at no cost for all students beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Half day, morning Kindergarten will still be an option for families and half day kindergarten students may still ride the bus in the morning. However, parents or guardians will be responsible for picking their child up at the end of the three-hour, half day morning session. Registration begins in February and ends in March at your neighborhood school. For more information about Full Day and Half Day Kindergarten, visit our Kindergarten FAQ. Visit our Kindergarten Registration Page for details on when to register at each school, transportation, and what you need to bring to registration.

Kindergarten Registration Help for Multi-lingual Families
The Family Partnership Team is hosting an event for parents who need interpreters or individual help with kindergarten registration forms for the 2016-2017 school year. The event is Friday, March 4, 2016 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Issaquah School District administration building. See below for flyers available in several different languages.

Kindergarten Registration Flier- Chinese
Kindergarten Registration Flier- English
Author Visits
Newcastle Elementary is excited to welcome TWO wonderful authors to our school! **Suzanne Selfors**, of *Imaginary Veterinary* fame, will be here on Thursday, March 10\textsuperscript{th} for author assemblies and writing workshops with students in 2\textsuperscript{nd}-5\textsuperscript{th} grade. **Samantha Vamos**, bilingual author of the award-winning *The Cazuela That The Farm Maiden Stirred* and more, will be here on Wednesday, March 16\textsuperscript{th} to meet and present to our Kindergarten and 1\textsuperscript{st} graders.

All Newcastle Lions will have the chance to hear about the writing process from a real-life author. If your child is interested, books are available for pre-purchase. Students who purchase books will meet the author during the day and have their book signed. Information about the books will go home via Kid Mail by Thursday, February 11\textsuperscript{th}.

Suzanne Selfors book orders are due back by Wednesday, March 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Samantha Vamos book orders are due back by Wednesday, March 9\textsuperscript{th}. If students own their own copies of books by either author, they are more than welcome to bring them in on the day of the visit to have them signed.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Berry, 425-837-5825, berryl@issaquah.wednet.edu.

**Science Tech-Current 3\textsuperscript{rd} Graders**
Families of current third graders: Are you interested in enrolling your student in our Science Technology Magnet Program? The Issaquah School District offers three programs serving 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} 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 Briarwood on Tuesday, March 1\textsuperscript{st}, at Clark on Thursday, March 10\textsuperscript{th} and at Cascade Ridge on Monday, March 28\textsuperscript{th}. All meetings are scheduled for 6:00-7:00 pm.*