



CALENDAR

JANUARY

Wedgwood School Tour
Thursday, Jan 11
9:15 - 10:30am

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Monday, Jan 15
NO SCHOOL

Wedgwood School Tour
Tuesday, Jan 16
9:15 - 10:30am

Date Change

PTA Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 17
6:30 - 8:30pm, Library

Wedgwood School Tour
Tuesday, Jan 23
9:15 - 10:30am

Wedgwood School Tour
Wednesday, Jan 24
1:00 - 2:30pm

PTA Family Night
Tuesday, Jan 30
7 - 8:00pm, Library

Wedgwood School Tour
Wednesday, Jan 31
1:00 - 2:30pm

FEBRUARY

Day Between Semesters
Friday, Feb 2
NO SCHOOL

Two-Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday, Feb 7
1:05pm

Volunteer to Help with the Levy Campaign!

We need your help! Passage of the Seattle Public Schools levy won't happen without the efforts of the community. Over this month, there are volunteer opportunities with Schools First that require a variety of skills and interests and time commitments.

The most important commitment is to schedule a phone bank shift and recruit volunteers to staff the phones. Calls are made to education supporters who vote regularly. We are reminding them to vote, not trying to convince them to vote yes. Phone bank volunteers will be given short scripts, lights meals and beverages, and a playroom is available for children. Teenagers are welcome to staff the phone banks as well - they can get community service credits for participating.

Other opportunities include fundraising, making and distributing yard signs, recruiting volunteers to wave signs at key intersections on 2/5 and 2/6 and others to bring cocoa to the stalwart sign wavers.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please contact Jennifer Bucher at rjmlbucher@comcast.net or 985-9974 as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of Wedgwood and other Seattle Public Schools!

A New Year Party You Don't Want To Miss!!

Think the big New Year is already behind you? Not really. Wedgwood PTA is sponsoring a party on Thursday, February 15 from 6:00 - 8:00PM to celebrate the lunar calendar New Year, which will be February 18, observed by many Asian ethnic groups including the Chinese. It will be a wonderful opportunity for Chinese and other ethnic origins to get together to celebrate and also for the whole Wedgwood community to share the culture and festivity. We anticipate it will be a great party with delicious foods (potluck), performance, games, art exhibits, tour videos, door prizes and other activities. Stay tuned for more details.

We urgently need volunteers to help plan, organize and set up the party. We also need families to bring their favorite ethnic dish. Please call me at (206) 417-8905 or email yfalink@yahoo.com if you can help. The more, the merrier! Does anyone own or work in a Chinese restaurant? Any other ethnic groups (Vietnamese, or...) that also observe the lunar calendar New Year? Let's get together to bring in a great Year of the Pig for all.

Robert Yuan - VP/Membership





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VOLUNTEER!

Do you have great ideas or skills to share? We want you!

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Got Some News to Share?
Send it to Weekly Editor
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Volunteers Needed For Superintendent Search

The School Board has announced a series of community meetings to hear from the public what we want from our next Superintendent. Please attend one of the meetings to provide your input and participate in the process of hiring a new Superintendent. Also, the Seattle Council PTSA is looking for volunteers to staff these events and to assist with driving consultants from the John Stanford Center to the sites and back to the Center or to their hotels. Volunteers at the events will serve in a "greeter" role, which means to be available for sign-ins, to handout materials, to answer questions about the site (location of child care, bathrooms and the like), etc. It should be a fairly simple role, and there will be a Seattle Council Board member at each event to take the lead. The School Board Office staff will work all the event logistics (room reservations, food/water, equipment) in advance of the events. The event(s) are as follows:

January 16	6pm	McClure Middle School Lunchroom
January 16	6pm	Eckstein Middle School Lunchroom (Amharic, Chinese, Spanish, Tigrigna translators available)
January 17	9am	John Stanford Center
January 17	7pm	Madison Middle School Lunchroom (Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese translators available)
January 17	7pm	Aki Kurose Middle School Lunchroom (Chinese, Lao, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese translators available)
January 18	6pm	Hamilton Middle School Lunchroom (Spanish translator available)
January 18	8pm	Whitman Middle School Library
January 18	8pm	Washington Middle School Lunchroom (Chinese, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese translators available)

Please contact Jennifer Bucher ASAP at rjmbucher@comcast.net or 985-9974 if you can help with greeting or driving. This is an important next step in hiring our next District leader, and a great opportunity to support this effort. Thank you for your assistance on this!

Supporting Our School; Supporting Our Children

Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised \$46,200 in the 2006-2007 Wedgwood Pledge Drive. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 and to end the Pledge Drive in the next week. Approximately 45 percent of families have given. If yours has not, please donate. Also, if you have friends and family who might contribute, please fill out your Friends and Family form and return it in KidMail. With the addresses of your loved ones, we will send a letter explaining the Pledge Drive and how our school depends of the generosity of those who value quality education. Your donation is tax-deductible and all money raised goes back to our children. It is the most important donation you can make.



4th and 5th Grade Music Concert

WHEN: Tuesday: January 16th

WHERE: Cafeteria

CONCERT STARTS: 7:00pm ARRIVAL TIME: 6:45pm



This is a combined concert with Mr. Davidson and the Instrumental Music Ensembles. All four 4th and 5th grade classes will perform from Ms. Becker's class and the Instrumental Music Ensembles will also perform. There will also be an assembly at the end of the school day (1:40pm) Tues, Jan 16th. I thank you for your support and look forward to displaying the hard work of the kids at this concert. - Ms. Becker