

CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

Wedgwood School Tour
Thursday, Jan 25
9:15 - 10:30am

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

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

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

FEBRUARY

Day Between Semesters
Friday, Feb 2
NO SCHOOL

Wedgwood School Tour
Tuesday, Feb 6
9:15 - 10:30am

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

Wedgwood School Tour
Thursday, Feb 8
9:15 - 10:30am

Construction to Begin on Phase II of the Playground Improvement Project

After a year of preparation, we are finally moving forward with construction of Phase II of the Playground Improvement Project, "The Greening of the Playground". Work is scheduled to begin this week, January 22-26, 2007, and should be completed within 50 days. This phase of construction will include landscaping along the north perimeter of the school grounds, the building of two small seating areas and one large outdoor classroom, excavation for future planting areas, and the installation of an irrigation system. Gary Harper Construction, Inc., has been hired for the construction of Phase II and will begin their work by installing a security fence around the work perimeter for safety and security reasons. The security fence will run from the fence on the west side of the school next to the basketball courts, to the area immediately east of the crab apple trees. (Please note the security fence will not block the pedestrian entrance in the west side fence.) The fence will be placed far enough away from the tetherballs to enable students to have access.

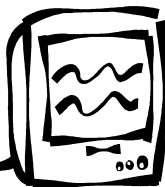
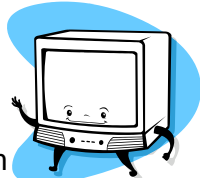
Construction plans have been placed on the bulletin board immediately across from the lunchroom. They may also be viewed on the school web site www.wedgwoodpta.org. Updates will be forthcoming through the web site and this newsletter. If you should have any questions, are interested in forthcoming volunteer projects, or would like further information, please contact Pam Ivezic at ivezic@tcnj.edu or 361-6381.

Come Take a Look! Let Us Know What You Think!

Creating Healthy Media Diets for Wedgwood Kids

Have you ever wondered how to deal with the huge number of media choices available for your kids? Or asked yourself whether you should let your child see a certain movie, play the latest video game, or spend time on the internet? For practical tips and to learn more about the effects of media on kids join us on January 30. Wedgwood mom and pediatrician Jill Sells will introduce these topics, show a powerful DVD (not appropriate for kids), and tell us about the free resources available to parents and kids through Common Sense Media

(www.common sense media.org.) Common Sense Media is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to improving kids' media lives and giving parents, educators, and kids a choice and a voice about the media they consume.





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VOLUNTEER!

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

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Got Some News to Share?

Send it to Weekly Editor
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FINAL Pledge Drive Report of 2006/2007

We did it!!! Thanks to the generosity of the Wedgwood community, we were able to reach our Pledge Drive goal of \$50,000 and then some. Our families and friends gave \$50,635. All of the money raised will go to support the programs and activities our students are so fortunate to have here at Wedgwood. Thank you again.

Chinese/Lunar New Year In Full Swing!

At 6:00PM on Thursday, February 15, Wedgwood School will come to life in celebration. We need the full support particularly from the Chinese (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mainland, Vietnam, Singapore...) population to make it a fun and successful event.

The school library will be turned into a gallery of art collection. Look around your house and bring a few items for exhibit. Simply come a bit earlier to set up. These can be paintings, calligraphy, arts and crafts, traditional clothing, educational toys, musical instruments and so forth. Please attach a label with a short explanation.

The school hallway outside the lunchroom will be turned into a colorful potluck food showcase. Bring your favorite family dish in as large quantity as you can. Please attach a label on the side with the name of dish and a list of ingredients.

The lunchroom will be turned into a center of activities. Come play with real dough to learn how the popular Chinese dumplings and potstickers are made. Take a crash course in basic Chinese. Go on an exciting virtual tour to China and other places. Play Chinese Poker and Checkers. We need volunteers. We also need tour posters and videos, DVD's, games, puzzles...

At 7:00PM, the Melody Institute will stage some traditional Chinese dances.

The entire event is free. Door prizes, too. The whole Wedgwood community is invited. Questions? Comments? Call Robert at 417-8905 or email: yfalink@yahoo.com or robert@northgatetravel.com

The Music Performance for 4th and 5th Grade Students has been rescheduled for Feb. 6th at 7:00pm. Please arrive by 6:40. This is a combined concert with Ms. Becker's Classes and Mr. Davidson. There will be no daytime performance. Thank you for your flexibility.

- Ms. Becker

