



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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

Chinese New Year Celebration
Thursday, Feb 15
6 - 8pm



Mid Winter Break
Feb 19 - 23
NO SCHOOL

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 27
7 - 8:30pm, Library
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

MARCH

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

Math Night
Thursday, Mar 8
6 - 8pm

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, Mar 13
7 - 8:30pm, Library



Snow Make-Up Day
Friday, Mar 16
SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

PTA Parent Night on WASL
Tuesday, Mar 20
7 - 8:00pm

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Dear Wedgwood Families,

The crazy weather is behind us and the students and staff are all back to their daily routines. We were all very anxious to return to our community and finally schedule the MLK Assembly that the students and staff had prepared so well for. It was an amazing event with wonderful performances that really demonstrated great respect and honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Thank you to the Assembly Committee and to all our amazing students both in the audience and on stage.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the PTA, the School Safety Committee and the district Safety and Security team for the amazing rally around traffic safety. The traffic conditions before and after school had deteriorated to an all time low, putting many of our students at risk. As a result, the different committees united as a team to implement a more efficient and safe student pick up and drop off. I sincerely apologize if you were caught off guard, but with issues around student safety we felt a sense of urgency and needed to respond immediately.

Please support us in keeping all our students safe by following and maintaining our pickup and drop-off guidelines. Thank you again to all who supported this very serious safety concern.

Best Wishes,
Veronica Gallardo

Wow, The Pledges Keep Coming!

We are so grateful to the friends and family of Wedgwood. The Pledge Drive Committee has exceeded our goal of \$50,000. Your generosity has raised \$52,183.25.

Thank you to this week's donors!

Karin & Steven Sather

Anna & Robert Hall

Lori & Michael Miller*

Eileen & Charles Stallings

Judith & Joseph Whalen

Eileen Ikejiri

JoAnn Davis & Forrest McGriff

Harvey Malone

*Donation over \$500

SCRIP ORDERS DUE THURSDAY FEB. 8th!!

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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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Music Update Through The Grades



Kindergarten: We have been learning a few new songs - ask your child to sing *Octopus and Pizza* for you. We are studying how books, movies and music all combine. We're studying a few fables, watching 2 videos of the fables, "Brier Rabbit" and "Cinderella Story" (Chinese and US versions; not the whole video, just an excerpt of the 2 songs). We are also reading the books; acting them out and will eventually add instruments to the fables. We've also studied keeping rhythms, sounds from the world, movement and rhythm animals can make. Exploring loud, soft, fast and slow sounds.

1st-2nd Grades: We have been singing new songs, playing instruments, learning how to read simple rhythms and playing them on the instruments. We are also illustrating a book from a song many of us parents MAY know from our childhood, "ONE EYED, ONE HORNED FLYING PURPLE PEOPLE EATER". They're getting creative in learning how to draw a story that is sung. Look for them to come home in the next week. Some students are doing an excellent job in their effort.

3rd Grade: We have been doing a lot of singing lately with a little square dancing. We are now going to switch it up a little by studying Ghanaian (African) Families and Schools. We will begin West African Drumming within the next week. We are also starting to prepare for a full concert in April.

4th-5th Grade: We're all looking forward to learning new music after just finishing our concert on Feb. 6th.

The PTA would like to thank Jill Sells for her very informative lecture on the media's influence on our children. Jill's mission through the non-profit group, Common Cents Media, is to improve the media lives of kids and families. Visit their great website, www.commonsensemedia.org to get excellent help choosing movies, TV, video games, music, websites, books and magazines that are age appropriate for your children. This will, for sure, become a favorite website!

We would also like to thank our own Nurse Anita Huntley for a most informative talk on the flu pandemic. While this is not a cheerful subject, it is important material, and is becoming a "hot topic" in major news media.



Xin Nian Hao & Gong Xi Fa Cai (Gong Hay Fat Choi)

What do these greetings mean? Join us next Thurs, Feb 15 at 6:00PM for the Chinese/Lunar New Year Celebration to find out!

A fun, filling, & entertaining evening awaits you. Make some dumplings, play fun games, enjoy traditional dancing, learn some basic Chinese, view art and learn all about travel to Asia.

Bring a dish, the whole family and have fun! Questions? Available to help?

Email: Robert, yfalink@yahoo.com

Thank you to all the parents who are putting safety first at drop-off and pick-up! We have seen a marked difference in just the few days the PTA and District Security Officers have been enforcing traffic safety rules. Remember to cross at crosswalks, no U-turns on any streets surrounding the school, and if you must park and come into the school to drop-off or claim your child, please do so in a designated **parking** zone.



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The 5th grade is selling Heart-O-Grams to raise money for camp! Purchase 1 for .50 or 3 for \$1. They are being sold before/after school, and at lunchtime! Send one to your favorite student or teacher!

