

CALENDAR

MARCH

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

Math Fair
Thursday, Mar 8
Pizza @ 5:30pm
Games from 6 - 7:30pm

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



APRIL

Geography Bee
Thursday, Apr 5
6 - 8:00pm

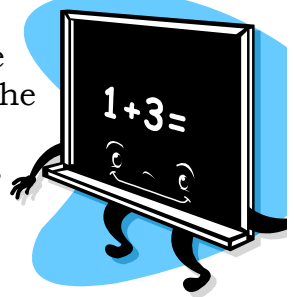
Spring Break
Apr 9 - 13
NO SCHOOL

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, Apr 17
7 - 8:30pm, Library

PTA Parent Night
Tuesday, Apr 24
7 - 8:00pm

Heard About the Math Fair?

The Math Fair for Seattle Elementary Schools is a project co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Mathematics at the UW and the local store "Math & Stuff". Further local support for the Wedgwood Math Fair comes from Ms. Gallardo, our teachers and the PTA. The goal of this project is to bring mathematics closer to home for the families & students in Seattle Public Schools. Our main motivation is to promote mathematics as a fun activity in which all kids are encouraged to participate.



How does this work at Wedgwood? For four weeks our students play math games with a group that includes faculty members and graduate students from the UW Mathematics department and several UW undergraduates majoring in the Mathematical Sciences.

February 8 & 15 we spent about 45 minutes playing math games with grades 1-5. Students begin with 5-10 minutes of instruction on about 6 different games, and then choose which games they want to play. On average each student plays 2 games per session. We encourage them to think about what are good and bad moves, and why. This is a fun way to learn problem solving skills as well as sample strategy, memory, sequencing and geometry (construction) games. Last session a group of third graders built an intricate nested building using Zome tools. These tools (consisting of rods and nodes which fit together) are not just a children's toy but are also a tool used by mathematicians to help them visualize abstract geometric objects.

In the remaining two sessions 1-5 grade students will get a chance to play new games (purchased by the PTA) and some old favorites. Be sure to ask your children what games they have played and whether they have enjoyed them.

Also, please join us for **Math Fair on March 8th from 6:00 - 7:30pm** in the cafeteria. Pizza will be available starting at 5:30 and "Math & Stuff" will be there after 6pm offering many of the games for sale.

We would like to thank all the teachers for their support, and the kids for their genuine enthusiasm. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Ms. Gallardo or Tatiana Toro, toro@math.washington.edu



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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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WHAT?? "Thank you" in Cantonese and Mandarin that's what. Just what we want to say to Robert Yuan and all the volunteers who put together a beautiful Lunar New Year celebration.

What a treat!

The library was transformed into an art gallery filled with amazing pieces from paper cuttings, quilting, and paintings to a travel video. The main hallway was filled to the brim with tables full of yummy ethnic dishes. Hopefully everyone got to eat, as the food seemed to disappear as fast as it was brought in!

The cafeteria was a bustle with many activities. Favorite among the students was the table full of traditional games. Many kids taught and many kids learned new games from around the globe. There was a group showing us how to make dumplings - the best part was getting to eat them as soon as they were done!

The Melody Institute capped off the evening with an exquisite dance performance. One of the dancers actually graduated from Wedgwood!

Here's to a great year!



Seattle School Districts Nutrition Service Department is adding a new convenient way to pay for school meals. They have teamed up with a website called PayPams which allows parents, through the internet or phone, to make a payment on a child's lunch account, set up automatic payments, receive emails when balance is low and view a report of daily spending. Please note if you want to continue sending in checks or cash you can. More information will be coming home soon - be sure to check KidMail!

Pledges Keep On Coming

We are so fortunate to have such a strong Wedgwood community. The Pledge Drive at Wedgwood has now raised **\$52,983.25!**

We are grateful to Wedgwood parents, staff, friends, and family. Thank you to this week's donors: Allie Weissman, Irving Weissman, Karin Dudas, JoAnn & Wendell Mohr, Regina Etzlcora, Peggy & Bob Ratcheson, and Josefina Moran.