



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 27
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

Your Vote Has Been Counted

The PTA membership has spoken! Before the mid-winter break the PTA Board sent home a survey and ballot. This was the first time an absentee vote was taken.

301 ballots were sent out and 132 were returned. This response is much greater than what we typically get at a General Membership Meeting, so watch for future votes to perhaps be handled this way. A sum of \$21,000 was to be allocated. Thanks to all who took the time to read over the issues and give us your feedback.

In response to the survey, we received an overwhelming positive response (92%) to continuing to use PTA fund-raising dollars as back-up funding in addition to the fee per student needed for the 4th & 5th Grade Wedgwood Instrumental Music (WIM) Program for the 2007-2008 school year. The same is true for allowing PTA fundraising dollars to be spent to fund scholarships to non-free & reduced lunch WIM students requesting aid.

As for the election results, the votes were cast in this order:

- First - replacing the school's laminator
- Second - provide sixteen new classroom screens to compliment the laptop/ELMO's
- Third - hire a part-time Library Assistant (\$14,000) [to be hired as soon as possible, provided a suitable candidate is available. If a candidate is unavailable this money will come up for a re-vote.]
- Fourth - provide \$1,300, in addition to the \$4,800 being provided by the Principal, for the Library
- And fifth - provide funds for new lobby furniture to update our entrance and make it more welcoming.

Thanks again for all of your votes and thoughtful responses. We've made great progress with this ballot!

Your PTA Board

Hello All... The music room is in need of a few volunteers!
*I need a Chinese Language Volunteer to write down a short song for me in Chinese. I DON'T know if it is Cantonese or Mandarin. Sorry!!
*I need a piano and Guitar Volunteer for a show coming up in May (K-3rd Grade)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.. Ms. Becker 252-5677



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VOLUNTEER!

Do you have great ideas or skills to share? We want you!
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**Wedgwood PTA Officers
2006-2007**

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Got Some News to Share?

Send it to Weekly Editor
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Playground Improvement Update

The construction portion of Phase II is complete! The construction fence will be coming down this week signifying partial-completion of the second phase of the Playground Improvement Project. We invite everyone to take a look at the three new seating areas and to picture how the area will look once several trees and numerous native plants are placed in the ground, the planters flanking the center seating area are built, and a fresh coat of paint applied to the numerous games and maps on the playground. Can't wait for these changes to happen? Want to be part of this exciting project? Then volunteer to help finish Phase III! There are several volunteer projects planned, beginning with the building of the planters in early May, followed by the painting of the playground in mid-August, and concluding with a community-wide planting day in early October. Watch this newsletter and the school website for more information. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project a reality! For more information about volunteer opportunities and/or the Playground Improvement Project, please contact Pam Ivezic at ivezic@tcnj.edu.



Geography Bee is Coming

Wedgwood's 2nd Annual Geography Bee will be April 5th from 6:45 to 8:15. Like last year, teams of 3-5 students will compete. Be sure to know everything from Passport Club through March of your grade level. Teams will be asked 8 questions each, and the team with the most points will advance to the next round. This year's competition will be double-elimination, and there will be a winning team from grades 1-3 and from grades 4-5. Put your team together, choose a team name, and sign up by March 30th. To sign up or for questions, contact Sylvia Lago at sylvia@redmondpediatrics.com or via kidmail through Sofia Dudas, room 7.

Conversations with Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer and Chief Operating Officers Discussion to Focus on Academic Plan and Family/Community Engagement

Families, staff and community members are invited to attend the second in a series of community conversations that will focus on the future of Seattle Public Schools.

When: Tues, Apr 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Roosevelt H.S., 1410 NE 66th St

Interpreters, childcare, and light refreshments will be available.

For info, visit: www.seattlecouncilptsa.org/article_69.shtml

Come "Have a Ball" and join the University of Washington Women's Soccer Staff and players for a Spring Break Soccer Clinic. April 10-12, 2007. For more information please contact Amy Griffin amygriff@u.washington.edu or 206.685.7631

