



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



OCTOBER

Individual School Photos
Wednesday, Oct. 22

Spooktacular Pumpkin
Carving Party
Friday, Oct. 24
6:45 pm, Cafeteria

Two Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday, Oct. 29

NOVEMBER

Monday Mixer with
Principal Espania
Monday, Nov. 3
9:15 am, Library

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, Nov. 6

Veterans' Day
NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Nov. 11

PTA Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 12
7:00 pm, Library

Picture Retake Day and
Class Photos
Wednesday, Nov. 19

Parent Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL
Nov. 24, 25 & 26

A Message From Your Principal

Hello Wedgwood Families,

We ended last week with a focus on friendship. Our Friday assembly was a beautiful portrayal of different classes' expressions of friendship. Student performances ranged from singing Puff the Magic Dragon to intermediate students sharing what friendship means to them. Thank you to our teachers and students who worked hard across classrooms to make this assembly a success!

Our community will continue to work at encouraging our students to not only understand what it means to be friends, but enact what it means to be friends both in and out of the classroom. In order to challenge our students to be global citizens and effectively engage our learners in rigorous higher level thinking, we know that they must be able to interact and learn with and from their peers. You can only learn so much in isolation, so learning to get along is essential in our mission and vision to creating a Wedgwood community of global citizens.

In Friendship,
Denise Espania

Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Party

The Pumpkin Carving Extravaganza is here!

The Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Party is this Friday, October 24th at 6:45 pm. This is your chance to show off your Halloween costume and your carving skills. There will be treats galore, contests for best pumpkin carving, and games for the whole family. Please remember, *clean out your pumpkins prior to the party*, the school trash cannot handle the innards of all your scary and silly jack-o-lanterns. As always, knives are not allowed at school, but small carving tools are ok. If your costume includes any type of weapon, please leave the weapon at home. So, grab your costume and your pumpkin and come join the party! It's only \$3 per family for a great time!



Win a \$25 Gift Card for Café Javasti

All families that submit their pledge by noon Friday, 10/24, will be entered into a drawing at the Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Party for a \$25 Café Javasti Scrip Card, need not be present to win.

Our Giving Tree is already bearing fruit! Take a stroll by the board outside the Library and watch it bloom with your donations.

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Do you have great ideas or skills to share?
Contact VP Volunteers

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Have Some News to Share?
Send it to *The Weekly* Editor
Jill Biondolillo
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Deadline: Fridays at noon

Deal or No Deal!

Students who sold at least 25 items during the fall fundraiser (not including Chinook Books) will get to play Deal or No Deal on Tuesday, October 28th, at 2:30 pm. Each student will choose one of three briefcases and will get to keep everything inside. One briefcase will be filled with money only; the others will be filled with prizes and money. Students will receive a confirmation by email or kidmail this week if they are eligible to play. If you do not receive a confirmation and you believe your child is eligible, please contact Brenda Waldrop at waldrop_watrous@msn.com or 365-8881.

Calling all Volunteers

If you are volunteering at Wedgwood or plan to volunteer in the future, we need you to fill out a Seattle Public Schools Screening Form. If you plan to chaperone an event (field trips, 5th grade camp, etc.), come to school to help a teacher, participate as a Sound Partner Tutor, or are thinking about coming in once in a while to help out, please come to the front office to fill out this quick screening sheet. Thank you!

Wedgwood Used Book Sale

The date has been set! The annual Wedgwood Used Book Sale will be held Monday **November 17 - Friday November 21**. Wedgwood's PTA counts on profits from the used book sale to help fund many of our terrific programs. **Donations of books are needed to make this annual event a success.** Please drop off your used books, DVD's and CD's in the boxes in the hallway across from the office (**no textbooks please**). If you are interested in volunteering by sorting books prior to the sale, set up for the sale, working at the sale or tear down please contact Julie Stevens at 206-963-3725 or bryceandjulie@comcast.net.

Vision and Hearing Screening Volunteers

Vision and Hearing screening for all students has been scheduled for Friday Nov. 14th and Friday Dec. 5th, from 9am-3pm. I will need parents willing to work all or part (at least ½ day) of the time. There will be training on Friday Nov. 7th from 9-10 am in the Nurses office for everyone who can help.

If you can help, please call Nurse Anita at 206.252.5712 or e-mail at ahuntley@seattleschools.org

Middle School Tour Dates

Fifth grade families, please note that middle tour dates are as follows:

Hamilton International Middle School Tour Dates:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 am
Wednesday, January 28, 2008, 8:30 – 10:00 am
Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 am
Thursday, February 5, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 am
Thursday, February 5, 2009, 12:30 – 2:00pm Spanish & Japanese Immersion Program Tour

Eckstein Middle School Tour Dates:

Thursday, January 29, 2009, 9:00 – 10:45 am
Thursday, February 5, 2009, 9:00 – 10:45 am
Thursday, February 5, 2009, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, February 12, 2009, 9:00 – 10:45 am
No reservations needed; just report to the cafeteria.