



WEDGWOOD *The Weekly*

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, Nov. 6

Student Council Assembly
Friday, Nov. 7, 9:30 am

Students running for office will give their speeches and students will vote in their classrooms.

Veterans Day Assembly
Monday, Nov. 10

Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Nov. 11

PTA Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 12

7:00 pm, Library
Please RSVP to Jennifer Bucher
at rjmlbucher@comcast.net
Childcare is available

Used Book Sale
Monday, Nov. 17 –
Friday, Nov. 21

Picture Retake Day and
Class Photos
Wednesday, Nov. 19

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

Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
Nov. 27 & 28

A Message From Your Principal

Hello Wedgwood Families!

There are a couple of events that come to mind as I reflect upon this past week. I realized that these events were so memorable because of connections made between people. So often we go through life rushing from one event to another and I know that I am guilty of multitasking to get as much done in short period of time. This week I got a letter from a first grade class and a message from my son to "have a great day." As I walked through the lunchroom, I noticed that a couple of students also had notes in their lunches from home. During a 2nd grade class' community activity, one of the students had a station where he was sharing stories. All of these little moments during my week reminded me of the importance of making the time to connect with others. Although it was a little note that took my son 10 seconds to share and another 30 seconds for someone to write out, it was a moment that carried me through my day. My note from the first graders reminded me why I have the best job in the whole world. Watching a 2nd grader read to his friends reminded me of how, at any age and at any time, connecting with another person is invaluable and priceless.

As we head into a season of school conferences, holiday shopping, celebrations and social gatherings it is even more important that we take time to individually connect with our family, friends, teachers and co-workers. Your little positive note that takes 5 seconds to write may be the highlight of someone's day that keeps them smiling for another 5 hours. Have a great week!

Denise Espania

The Rosters Go Eco-Friendly !

The PTA is proud to announce that for the first time the All School and Classroom Rosters are being distributed electronically. Not only is this move *environmentally* friendly, but it is *economically and budget* friendly, keeping our funds targeted for our students and programs. Thanks to parent volunteer Eric Maher for pulling this project together. Look for your rosters to be coming from your room parents.

If you did not receive an electronic roster, that means you did not opt in to receive PTA communications which are sent via your PTA Room Parent. If you wish to receive communications in the future, please contact your PTA Room Parent directly and ask to be added to their email distribution list. Please note that the Rosters themselves are complete and we are unable to make changes or additions.

If you did not receive the Rosters or prefer a hardcopy, look for the Roster Order Form in Kidmail. We will print as many as we receive requests for, free of charge to you. But you must **return your order by Wednesday, November 12.**

Pledge Drive Updates

Congrats, Wedgwood! We have hit the \$25,000 mark in donations! We are well on our way to our goal of \$60,000 but still need your help. Please consider donating to keep these great programs going. Thank you.



PTA Funded Item #37 – Student Activity Groups
Circling the globe in Passport Club

Support Our School and Watch Our Giving Tree Grow!
Get your pledge in now.

Wedgwood Elementary

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JOIN IN!

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
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Deadline: Fridays at noon

SCRIP News

Have any grocery shopping to do in November? Get your scrip in time for Thanksgiving shopping! The next order is due on **NOVEMBER 6th** and will come home to you on **NOVEMBER 21st**...plenty of time to shop with scrip. Safeway donates 4% of your total bill to Wedgwood PTA, QFC/Fred Meyers and PCC both donate 5%...nothing is excluded. Those, plus Albertsons and Sam's club and your groceries are covered! If you're looking for that perfect gift, there's nothing better than a gift (scrip) card. Order now for the holidays, or plan on the next order due December 4th, going home December 12th - leaving enough time for shipping or early gift giving.

Are you interested in the scrip program? Are you looking for a way to volunteer at Wedgwood? Next year Wedgwood will need a new chair and co-chair for the Scrip program. The current chairperson would like to train someone (or possibly 2 people to co-chair) so that they are up and ready to do it next year. Email Julie Stevens at bryceandjulie@comcast.net or call 963-3725 if you would like more information or are interested.

Lunar New Year

The Economy may be Bearish, but that won't stop us from welcoming the Year of the Bull! (or Ox...) Wedgwood's annual Lunar New Year Celebration will be held on January 23, 2009. Please consider being a part of the planning committee for this popular event! The first planning meeting will be on **Thursday, November 13**, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the school library. If you have questions about this event, you can contact Robert Yuan at yfalink@yahoo.com or Charlotte Kuo-Benitez at kuobenitez@gmail.com. Hope to see you on November 13!

A Shout-Out for Volunteers

The PTA has a lot going on, and as the school year develops, so do our needs for parent volunteers. The following are some jobs on our immediate "Wish List." If you are interested in more information or would like to pitch in, please contact PTA Co-President Emily Maher at ptaemily@gmail.com. *JOIN IN!* We need help with:

- *Grant writing – various requests and deadlines in the year*
- *Painting new emergency room numbers in safe designated areas outside*
- *Coordinating the order and installation of new doors for portable classrooms*
- *Math Night Chair – Moving the event to December, the timing does not work for our current chair; let's not lose this great family event!*

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 need parents willing to work all or part (at least ½ day) of the time. *Training will be on Friday Nov. 7th* from 9-10 am in the Nurses office for all who can help. If you can help, please call Nurse Anita at 252.5712 or e-mail at ahuntley@seattleschools.org.

Books, Books, and More Books !!!

Mark your calendars for the annual used book sale Monday **November 17 – Friday November 21**. We need your donations of used books to make this annual event a success! Volunteers are still needed to help set up for the sale Thursday afternoon Nov. 13 and all day Friday Nov. 14. If you are interested, please contact Julie Stevens at 206-963-3725 or bryceandjulie@comcast.net.

The Kindergarten Garden Needs

A **wheelbarrow!** If you happen to have an old but still sturdy wheelbarrow sitting at home that you do not want any more, please know that we may have a home for it! Our dedicated gardener, Mr. Murphy, is looking to "adopt" one as soon as possible. If you can help Mr. Murphy out, please contact Mrs. Murphy at clmurphy@seattleschools.org.