



# WEDGWOOD

## The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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### CALENDAR



#### NOVEMBER

Veterans Day  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Tuesday, Nov. 11

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

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

#### DECEMBER

Scrip Orders Due  
Thursday, Dec. 4

Fifth Grade Bake Sale  
Monday, Dec. 8  
8:40 – 9:00 am

Monday Mixer with  
Principal Espania  
Monday, Dec. 8  
9:15 am, Library

### A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

Last week Wedgwood was abuzz with meetings concerning how to best support our community. We started the week with our Monday Mixer brain storming ideas on how to enhance supervision during lunches and recesses. After school on Monday, there was a meeting to discuss a recycling and composting grant that was submitted to increase our endeavors in reducing Wedgwood's carbon footprint. If you are interested in participating in any volunteer opportunities please contact Julie Stevens.

For many of our classrooms, Election Day was a culmination of a unit of learning about the different candidates as well as our democratic process. Our students are learning about respecting and communicating with their peers when there are differences of opinion. We all know that this is an invaluable life skill that even as adults we continue to refine.

We ended the week with an election of our own and now have newly elected student council officers. All of the candidates and campaign teams worked so hard to create amazing posters and well thought out speeches. I am so proud of all the students who ran for office.

I have really enjoyed observing the outcomes of the work that the community is doing around supporting the growth of our children in becoming more aware of their roles as global citizens.

Denise Espania

### The Used Book Sale is Almost Here!

**BOOKS AND VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!!** To make our annual used book sale a success we need your books and we need you! Volunteers are needed to help with pre-sale set up, to work during the sale and to help clean up after the sale! Set up will begin Thursday November 13 after school and all day Friday November 14. Please contact Julie Stevens at bryceandjulie@comcast.net or 206-963-3725. **Special Need:** Please keep an eye peeled for books by and about people from other cultures. The PTA is putting together a Read Around the World program to enhance multicultural awareness and it would be a great help if you could find and donate any books that show how kids in other countries grow up. Thanks!

### Pledge Drive Updates

**PTA Funded Item #21 – Family Activities**  
*Allemande Left and Do-Si-Do at the Fall Square Dance*  
**Support Our School and Watch Our Giving Tree Grow!**  
Get your pledge in now.



### Printed Roster Order Forms are DUE !

If you wish to receive a printed copy of the All School or Classroom Roster, please fill out and return the Roster Order Form that you received last week in Kidmail. Extra forms are available in the Front Office. We will print as many as we receive requests for, free of charge. But you must **return your order by, Wednesday, Nov. 12.**

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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

## Fifth Grade Bake Sale Fundraisers

Many thanks to the numerous 5th grade families that helped put together our spur-of-the-moment bake sale prior to Ms. Espania's Monday Mixer last week. Fifth grade students are fundraising for their January trip to Islandwood-A School in the Woods. You will see them again in December and January selling tasty treats beginning at 8:40am before the Monday Mixers with Principal Espania. So be sure to bring your dollar bills to purchase home baked cookies, muffins and breakfast breads.

## University Book Store Book Fair

Shop at the University Book Store between **Friday November 14 and Monday November 17** and 25% of total purchases will be donated to the Wedgwood Library. The library uses that money to purchase new books. Come find books, calendars, art and office supplies, stationary, Husky gear and lots more. Coupons will go home with kids this week, look for them in Kidmail. Yes folks, just like last year, you can make purchases online or by phone, simply by using the Wedgwood specific code you will find on the coupon. Come support your school Library and listen to the choir too! The Wedgwood Choir will perform on Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 pm upstairs in the children's book section. Hope to see you there!

## Calling All Wedgwood Artists

### Wedgwood Art Show

*Artwork due by November 21<sup>st</sup> Judging on December 5<sup>th</sup>*

#### Categories are:

**Abstract / Design:** Designs using line and color, not realistic.

**Portrait:** Pictures of people

**Nature:** Pictures of the natural world ... for example, trees, landscapes, animals and insects.

**Fantasy:** Pictures from your imagination ... mythical creatures, aliens

**Cartoon / Comics:** I think you all know what this means

**Recycled Sculpture:** New this year ... a special category to promote recycling. How can you take everyday garbage and turn it into art? Be Creative! Can your art communicate the message that we should protect our Earth!

**Artwork should be made at home and should be no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. Thank you!**

## Rainy Day Drop Off Procedures

In order to ensure the safety and well being of our students during rainy day morning drop off we will be setting up the following system for teachers to pick up their students at the morning bell:

**Cafeteria: Grades K, 2 and 3:** Each classroom will be assigned a table. When the bell rings, teachers will pickup their class at the assigned table. On mornings when there are assemblies and the tables are up, classrooms will be assigned a specific area of the cafeteria for teacher pick up.

**Library: Grade 5:** Room 14 will line up against the windows and exit the south door. Room 22 will up on the opposite wall and exit the north door.

**Gym: Grades 1 and 4:** Cones with class numbers will post where students will line up at the bell.

## Food Drive

The Staff Social Committee is sponsoring a community project in support of local food banks. Food banks around the country and here in Seattle are struggling to meet demand. Some teachers will be storing boxes in their classroom for donations, but there will also be a large donation box outside the library for donations. The social committee will deliver donations to the food bank. Boxes will be ready for non-perishable food item donations beginning November 17. If you have questions, please contact Anne Miller at ajmiller@seattleschools.org.