



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

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**

One Hour Early Dismissal
Friday, Dec. 19

Winter Break
**Monday, Dec. 22 –
Friday Jan. 2**

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

As we head into conference season I want to share with you the top 5 reasons why I am thankful for the wonderful teachers that we have at Wedgwood.

1. Our teachers have created goals and plans for enhancing your children's learning as well as their own professional growth. They spend hours outside of the school day to continually analyze assessment data and critically reflect on their practice.
2. Our teachers strive to make learning fun. This is easier said than done when there are a variety of needs, interests, and cultures in one classroom. However, our students are engaged and proud of their learning and accomplishments.
3. Our teachers continue to learn and are willing to try new things. They use their professional judgment to make modifications to enhance the learning community.
4. Our teachers collaborate with their peers to refine their practice and get information to best support students and their families.
5. Our teachers care about their students' academic, social and emotional needs. All of our teachers take time out of their rigorous academic schedule to individually conference with students to support them making and keeping friendships.

As you meet with your children's teachers, bring your questions as well as possible constructive suggestions on how you can support your child; but please remember to share the wonderful things that your child is able to do because of all the hard work that our teachers are doing.

Denise Espania

Pledge Drive Updates

***** Congratulations Wedgwood!!!!!! *****

Our Giving Tree has reached **\$30,000**. We are half way to our goal of \$60,000!! In order to reach our goal, we are going to need everyone's participation. If you haven't had a chance to send in your pledge, please take the time to do so! **Get your pledge in now.**



PTA Funded Item #14 – Drawing Artist

Did you know that each student at Wedgwood receives 8 drawing lessons from a professional artist?

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

Wedgwood Elementary

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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
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Deadline: **Fridays at noon**

The Used Book Sale is Here !!!

THE WEDGWOOD ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE IS HERE!!!!!! Come early, come often, bring your friends, family and neighbors! The book sale will be in the school library all this week from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm and on Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. **There are lots of books for all ages from many different categories ranging in price from \$1.00 - \$3.00.** Thank you for your donations of books – we look forward to seeing you at the sale!

Parent Teacher Conference Reminders

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week on November 24th, 25th and 26th. If you need to reschedule, call the office at 252-5670. As a courtesy to those before and after you, remember to be on time and to stay within your allotted time period.

A Game of Chess ?

Wedgwood Chess Camp November 24, 25 & 26

The Wedgwood Chess Club will be hosting a fun-filled chess camp next week on November 24th, 25th and 26th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come learn from some of the best players in the state! The cost is \$60 per day (1, 2 or 3 day options), but space is limited. We will include lots of "recess" time (in the gymnasium) to keep the kids active. If you are interested, please email wedgwood.chess@gmail.com.

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 where you can place your non-perishable food item donations. The social committee will deliver donations to the food bank. If you have questions, please contact Anne Miller at ajmiller@seattleschools.org.

Electronic Weekly

Does your copy of The Weekly get lost somewhere between the school and your home? Do you find it in the bottom of a backpack covered with crumbs a week later? Are you interested in receiving an electronic version of this newsletter every week? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please send an email to WedgwoodWeekly@yahoo.com requesting that your email address be added to the distribution list for an electronic version. This is a new option for Wedgwood this year and if you think you've already marked a box for this somewhere before, double check your junk mail folder, you might already be receiving it.

Winter Worldfest

The Ethnic Heritage Council and Seattle Center present the Ninth Annual Winter Worldfest, November 28-30, in the Seattle Center House. Winter Worldfest is part of *Seattle Center Winterfest 2008*. The festival features some of the area's best ethnic entertainment in music and dance performances all three days, a Holiday World Market, kids' activities and more! *Admission is free*. Make Winter Worldfest a tradition for your family and friends! For information on hours and a schedule of events, go to www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org/worldfest or www.seattlecenter.com.

Roosevelt Jazz Band

The Roosevelt Jazz Band is proud to present its ninth annual performance of Duke Ellington's "Jazz Nutcracker," at the Roosevelt High School Performing Arts Theatre on December 5th at 7:30 pm, December 6th at 7:30 pm and Dec. 7th at 2:00 pm. General Admission \$20.00; Seniors \$15.00; Students/Youth \$10.00. Seating is limited. You can purchase tickets on line at www.RooseveltJazz.org or call 420-3931.