



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



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

4th & 5th Grade Music
Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 16
6:30 pm
Cafeteria

2nd & 3rd Grade Music
Concert
Thursday, Dec. 18
6:30 pm
Cafeteria

One Hour Early Dismissal
Friday, Dec. 19

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



JANUARY

School Resumes
Monday Jan. 5

Wedgwood Wins Silver!

Wedgwood PTA is proud to announce that it is a recipient of the Silver Award by the Washington State PTA for increasing its membership at least 5% over the previous year's membership (as of Oct. 25) – Wedgwood is the only school in the Northeast Cluster to receive the Silver designation, illustrating the commitment of our families to our wonderful school community. We are also honored to share the Bronze level designation for having enrolled at least 50% of our membership by September 30 with Bryant, Laurelhurst, Sacajawea and View Ridge. Special thanks go to PTA VP of Membership John Cahill for his coordination and hard work. Remember, it's not too late to *JOIN IN!*

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

I hope that your family enjoyed some quality time together this past week and everyone is ready to get back into the school routine. Consistency is important in helping all of us feel safe, happy and ready to work and learn.

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a great deal of information coming to our families about supporting learning and safety, as well as consistency and stability in our Seattle school. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson sent a letter to our families regarding an incident that impacted a high school in our district. Although Wedgwood was not directly involved, it is essential that we are well informed about what is happening to members of our community. I also want to reassure you that our safety committee works throughout the year to ensure that our school is prepared in the event of any foreseeable situation. Another piece of information that impacts our district is the announcement of the proposed building and program restructuring. Again, although you will not see Wedgwood named, the objective of this plan is to positively impact all students' learning during an economically challenging time.

I believe that a well-informed community is a stronger community. I hope that those of you who can make it to next weeks Monday Mixer will be able to join us, but I will also continue to communicate what is going on with our school as well as our district via The Weekly and KidMail.

Denise Espania

Shop with SCRIP

Holiday shopping time is here! Turn in your scrip order by Thurs., Dec. 4th. Earn money for Wedgwood while you shop and give gifts ... what could be better?! Order online at www.shopwithscrip.com. If you are new to the system, the Wedgwood enrollment code is LEAF17929381. You can also send in paper order forms via kidmail or turn it in at the main office. Call Julie at 206-522-6342 with any questions. Thanks and Happy Shopping!

Bake Sale

Parents, Staff and Students! On Monday, December 8, the 5th grade class will sponsor a bake sale prior to Ms. Espania's Monday mixer. Treats will be sold from 8:40 am – 9:05 am on the playground (weather permitting, look for us inside if it's raining), and everything is just \$1.00. Remember to bring your money on Monday!

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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**

Notes from the Library

I would like to thank all the wonderful members of our Wedgwood community that supported our library and our school at the Used Booksale and also at the University Bookstore Fundraiser. Our library benefited from both of these events. Not only were we able to add some wonderful, gently used books from the Booksale, we also earned \$1,105.24 in new books from the University Bookstore! We are clearly a community that loves books and understands the importance of reading in all our lives! Thank you everyone! Sincerely, Anne Miller, Wedgwood Librarian

Wedgwood Winter Music Concerts

All 4th and 5th Grade Students:
Both Instrumental Music & Ms.
Becker's general Music Classes:
Tuesday, December 16th
6:30 pm
Wedgwood Cafeteria

All 2nd and 3rd Grade Students:
Thursday, December 18th
6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wedgwood Cafeteria
Nice or holiday attire: snowmen, Santa hats, red, white, green, reindeer ears, snowflakes, etc.

Come One, Come All!!! Please call if your child cannot make it. Come listen to all the hard work and fun!! Note: Please be prepared to have your 3rd grader sit with you during the concert until their time to perform arrives. I am still in need of Piano Accompanists for the Winter Concerts!! If you have any sort of skill and are free on either the 16th or the 18, please call! Thank you, Carla Becker. 252-5677

Seattle Schools Announcement

Last Tuesday, the Seattle Public Schools proposed closing a number of schools and relocating several programs. You can read about the proposal and find the dates of future hearings at: www.seattleschools.org/area/news/0809/public_hearings.pdf

Thanks!

The Kindergarten gardeners and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy would like to thank the Kaestle Family for their donation of a wheelbarrow. The kindergartners (and Mr. Murphy!) have been busy tending their garden and the wheelbarrow is of great use. Thanks!

Orchestra for 3 – 5 Graders

In hopes of having the Eckstein Middle School Orchestra flourish in the years to come, the conductor, Brad Smith, is giving **free** beginning orchestra lessons to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and highly motivated 2nd graders. The lessons are Tuesdays from 3:40pm – 4:30 pm in the Eckstein Orchestra room. Children are welcome to play any string instrument (viola, violin, cello or bass). Instruments are not provided and must be rented or bought for practice at home. If you would like more information, contact Brad Smith at bwsmith@seattleschools.org.

Tree Sale at Green Lake

Green Lake Elementary is holding its 23rd Annual Holiday Tree Sale with a variety of cut trees. The sale ends Sunday, December 21st. Profits supplement the Green Lake PTA budget which funds a variety of programs including vocal and instrumental music, swimming, art and drama. The program sells quality trees and is staffed by PTA volunteers. If you plan to buy a cut tree this year, consider buying from Green Lake at their tree lot at the school on NE 65th Street, four blocks west of I-5. The lot is open from 4am–8pm weekdays, 9am–8pm Saturdays and 10am–7pm Sundays.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a coat, sweatshirt, lunchbox, hat, gloves or who knows what else? With winter break coming up, it's a good time to look through the lost and found in the cafeteria. You never know what you might find!