



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



JANUARY

PTA Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 14
7:00 pm
Library

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, Jan. 15

Kindergarten and Grade 1
Performing Arts Assembly
Kindergartners will be showing
their artistic creations. 1st
grade will be singing and
dancing. Parents Welcome.
Thursday, Jan. 15
2:00 pm
Cafeteria

All School Martin Luther
King Jr Assembly
Friday, Jan. 16
9:30 am
Cafeteria

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Monday, Jan. 19
NO SCHOOL

Lunar New Year
Celebration
Friday, Jan. 23
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Day Between Semesters
Monday, Jan. 26
NO SCHOOL

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

On the first day back in the New Year a small group of us met in the library to discuss a variety of topics at our Monday Mixer.

- We discussed conditions around the school on snow/ice days. Mr. Ngo salted the sidewalks and cross walks. If he has time after completing his responsibilities in preparing for student arrival, he will try to shovel the walk. We also recommend that parents park and walk their children to school to avoid the ice.
- There were questions about making up the snow days. The school year will be extended three days, so the last day of school will be June 19th.
- We will be enhancing our school wide efforts to support recess and lunch supervision through increased teacher presence as well as parent volunteers. We will be sending home communication about our discipline policy as well as explaining our anti-bullying curriculum and school policy at the next Monday Mixer. Lily Amar-Strugo, our counselor, will be joining us so I hope that those who are able to make it will join us on February 2nd.
- There are a couple of projects that we would like parent input. Please be on the look out for emails on Homework Club and parent volunteers for recess support.
- We discussed what next years class configurations will look like. I explained that a great deal depends upon district enrollment and programming. The superintendent announced her final recommendation for the board this week. For more information, you can go to: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/capacity/index.dxml>

We have an exciting line up of events over the next couple of weeks. Friday will be our Dr. King assembly, next Tuesday, the 20th will be the presidential inauguration and next Friday, the 23rd we will be celebrating Lunar New Year here at Wedgwood. I look forward to spending these events with our community.

Denise Espania

SPS Community Meetings

Family, staff and community members are invited to attend a series of meetings to discuss updates on the Seattle Public School Districts Strategic Plan, the implementation of *Excellence for All*, budget planning for the 2009-10 school year and further discussion of the new Student Assignment Plan. Interpreters will be available. Dates, times and locations are:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Nathan Hale High School Library, 10750 30th Avenue N.E.

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 10:00 am – noon

John Stanford Center Auditorium, 2445 3rd Avenue S.

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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

Fifth Grade Thanks

The Fifth Grade class would like to thank Claudia Clemente, Barbara Goff, Patty Hagen-Kerr, Michelle Matin, Laura McCorkle, Margie Rose and Julie Wilcox for baking delicious treats for our January Bake Sale. We would also like to thank Sarah Kaestle, Margaret Roe, Caroline Malone and Julie Goff for taking time out of the morning to sell the goodies. The class raised \$91 towards this month's trip to Islandwood camp on Bainbridge Island. Thank you for your support.

Wedgwood School Tours Need YOU!

School tours are starting later this month and volunteers are needed to help act as tour guides. The time commitment is a minimum of 2 to 3 hours (one tour and a brief informational session). Of course, if you can lead multiple tours, that would be great! The tour dates are:

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 1:15 pm,

Monday Feb. 23 at 9:15 am,

Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 1:15 pm

Tuesday, March 3 at 1:15 pm

Monday, March 16 at 9:15 am

Friday, March 27 at 9:15 am

Please contact Meg Angell at megangell@lessclutter.com and let her know which dates you are available to assist.

Middle School Tour Schedule

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 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; report to the cafeteria.

Calling all Volunteers

Ready to supervise Wedgwood's first lunch/recess? Have you ever wondered whether your kids are able to open their sandwich containers? Or why they seem to come home with as much food in the lunch boxes as what you packed? Wondering if they actually eat their hot lunch? How about whether they are having a hard time on the playground or are able to find friends to play with? Having more adults around to assist the kindergartners and 1st graders makes a big difference in a core part our kids' days – whether they're getting enough food to be able to learn in the afternoon and whether they thrive in the biggest social opportunity (and challenge) of the day – lunch and recess! If you have interest in helping out on a regular basis (the same day each week or every other week) from 11:25 am to 12:10 pm, let us know. Our goal is to have two helpers for the first lunch/recess period. We ask that you sign up to be part of a regular schedule. It's a great chance to get to know a lot of the children who will be your child's peers throughout their Wedgwood years and to make a big difference to a lot of little bodies and their learning. If you would like to help, please contact Kristin (hillgriswold@comcast.net) or Laura (laurahitchcock@seanet.com).