



# WEDGWOOD

## The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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### CALENDAR



#### JANUARY

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

Day Between Semesters  
**Monday, Jan. 26**  
**NO SCHOOL**

#### FEBRUARY

2 Hour Early Dismissal  
**Wednesday, Feb. 4**  
**1:05 pm**

Scrip Orders Due  
**Thursday, Feb. 5**

PTA Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
**7:00 pm, Library**  
Please RSVP to Jennifer Bucher  
at [rjmlbucher@comcast.net](mailto:rjmlbucher@comcast.net)  
Childcare is available

President's Day  
**Monday, Feb. 16**  
**NO SCHOOL**

Mid-Winter Break  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
**Thru**  
**Friday, Feb. 20**  
**NO SCHOOL**

### A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

Thank you to all who came to our celebration and tribute to Dr. King last Friday. It was a beautiful assembly that made evident the amazing learning we are doing at Wedgwood around the importance of freedom, peace, compassion, service, and equity. We also enjoyed celebrating the end of the semester for K/1 last Thursday. This was another special event to showcase transitioning K from art/enrichment to music/PE and 1st from music/PE to art/enrichment. Special thanks to our teachers and students who worked diligently to learn and prepare for these special events.

Tuesday was another important day at Wedgwood. First, we sent our 5th graders off to Islandwood for camp. Then later in the morning we watched Barack Obama take the oath of office and give his inaugural address. Students have been learning about the new president we wanted to be able to share this historical event as a community.

At the end of this week we will be celebrating Lunar New Year. I hope you have the opportunity to take a look at the student art work being displayed through out the halls and join us on Friday evening. Adonis, Apollo, and I can't wait to eat some food and "feed the lion" on Friday!

Events such as Lunar New Year and the transportation for 5th grade camp would not be possible if not for the generous support from the PTA. The pledge drive, mirroring our economy, is not quite as strong as in years past. We are at 35% participation. Your \$20 donation will help to continue to provide educationally enriching learning opportunities for all of our students for the rest of the year.

Kung Hei Fat Choy!  
Denise Espania

### 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

**Lion Dancing ... Taiko Drumming...  
Dumpling Making... Student Art Walk ...  
Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Come help Wedgwood welcome the Year of the Ox!**



Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 pm and at 6:30 the Lion Dance will kick off the professional performances. There will be delicious catered Chinese food, professional cultural performances, traditional dumpling making, an art walk and a donation jar for the charity Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS). Bring your spare change and guess how many grains of rice are in the jar – a prize awaits the winner.

Please bring a favorite family recipe to share labeled with main ingredients, including nuts! Non-Asian foods are welcome. Or bring \$3/person or \$10/ family. For more information or to help, contact Robert Yuan at 362-1961(work), 417-8905 (home) or [yfalink@yahoo.com](mailto:yfalink@yahoo.com).

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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**

## Wedgwood T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for Sale

School sweatshirts (\$22) and T-shirts (\$13) will be available for sale for a limited time at the Lunar New Year Celebration on Friday, January 23rd. Please remember to bring your cash or check. Both youth and adult sizes will be available.

## Wedgwood School Tours Need YOU!

School tours are starting next week 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 (critical need),**  
**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](mailto:megangell@lessclutter.com) and let her know which dates you are available to assist.

## Student Council Thanks

Thank you to all the families who donated to the Holiday Giving House. We had enough food and gifts to give holiday cheer to 7 families! And thanks to the wonderful Wedgwood families who helped make deliveries through the awful snow! Thank you to everyone who helped with this!

From, Caroline Malone and all at the Student Council

## KidsPlay

KidsPlay is here again! Come in for a day of fun and play on Monday, January 26, the day off between semesters. It's here at Wedgwood in the gym from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Registration forms should have already arrived, but you can also sign up in the office. Pack a hefty lunch and snack, we'll bring the water. Dress for play! It's \$60.00 with a 10% discount for siblings. For further information, contact Kevin Oyama at 529-1132. Be on the look out to more camps to come. We will be offering them for all early dismissal days, non-holiday days off and the two major breaks.

## Community Events

### Northwest Boychoir

The Northwest Boychoir will be holding auditions for new members on Saturday, February 7 at the University Heights Community Center. No previous music training is necessary. Financial aid is available. Auditions are casual and fun. Classes begin in February. To make an audition appointment, call 524-3234 or visit [www.nwchoirs.org](http://www.nwchoirs.org) to learn more.

### Roosevelt News Father Daughter Dance

The Roosevelt News, a student run newspaper, will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, February 28 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Roosevelt High School. The Father Daughter dance is for girls up through Grade 5 and their dads. Tickets are \$10 per person. For info, contact [therooseveltnews@gmail.com](mailto:therooseveltnews@gmail.com).