



# WEDGWOOD *The Weekly*

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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## CALENDAR



### MARCH



PTA Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 10**  
7:00pm  
Library

Scrip Orders Due  
**Thursday, March 12**

Math Night  
**Thursday, March 12**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Cafeteria

Professional  
Development Day  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Friday, March 20**

Spring Break  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**March 30 – April 3**

### APRIL

All-School  
Spring Dance  
**Friday, April 10**  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Cafeteria

## A Message From Your Principal

Hello Wedgwood Families,

We had our March Monday Mixer on the 2nd. As always, it was a great morning of sharing new and reviewing prior ideas. The following is an outline of what we discussed. If you are interested in any of these topics please contact Julie Stevens our volunteer coordinator.

**Budget and Staffing:** I explained that the building leadership team, made up of teacher and classified representatives, the principal, and a parent representative (Rachael Weissman), will be meeting to **create a variety of budget options for the staff to vote on**. I explained that due to the present economic situation, limited resources allow for an opportunity to be creative in how to continue providing a strong learning community.

**“Going Green”:** We reviewed our current efforts. An idea of doing **“waste free” lunches** once a month was suggested. The idea was that for those who bring lunch from home to use reusable containers as to reduce waste.

**Fundraising:** It was requested that a **list of fundraisers for the year** and the percentage of the proceeds that go directly to the school be provided to parents. A **walk-a-thon**, possibly during carnival, was also suggested as a fundraiser to help support the school during these financially challenging times.

**Read Around the World (RAW):** We discussed the challenge of having a limited number of books available in our library. It was suggested that parents could **go to the public library** and families were also encouraged to choose books from the list to **donate as birthday books**. We also need additional **parent volunteers to help in the library** during R.A.W.

Denise Espania

## Wedgwood All-School Family Game Night

**Math Night Thursday March 12 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

On Thursday, March 12, the Wedgwood cafeteria will be transformed into a game emporium!! Gamers of all ages are welcome!! Try your hand at fun games and you'll be surprised to learn that they teach, demonstrate or reinforce math skills. If you don't know how to play a game, just ask one of our own "Certified" Wedgwood Game Volunteers. All Game Volunteers will be wearing bright turquoise t-shirts. You can't miss them!

**Turn off that TV and come to Wedgwood's All-School Family Game Night!!  
Play some games and have some fun with your kids!!!**

## Catch Some School Spirit

### Wedgwood School Spirit T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Wedgwood School Dolphin pride sweatshirts (\$22) and t-shirts (\$13) will be on sale for a limited time during Math Night on Thursday, March 12. Look for the table near the entrance. All sizes are available. Perfect for spring weather! Cash and checks only, no credit cards accepted.

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### JOIN IN!

Do you have great ideas or skills to share?  
Contact VP Volunteers

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Send it to *The Weekly* Editor  
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**Deadline: Fridays at noon**

## Requests from the Library

The Library is looking for help with the following items:

**Earphones** – 32 earphones with 16 splitters for our library computers. The earphone plugs are the same size that fit in an ipod or an airplane music jack. It would be best to get earphones that fit over the head with a headband rather than the earbud type that require cleaning. That being said, we will happily accept either.

**Replacement Books** – The library is always looking for gently used replacement copies of our popular paperback series books – Pokemon, Digimon, Star Wars, Captain Underpants, Rainbow Fairies, Bionicles.

**Good Quality Wrapping Paper** – The library wants to “brighten up” some of our older classics (Little Princess, Secret Garden, etc.) and needs some good quality, thicker wrapping paper. A plain gold or silver paper is ideal, but a festive (non holiday, birthday, etc.) print would work as well.

If you can help with any of these requests or have questions, please contact Wedgwood Librarian Ann Miller at [ajmiller@seattleschools.org](mailto:ajmiller@seattleschools.org).

## Recess Games

It's that time of year – fewer rainy day recesses, beautiful spring sunshine (ok, not every day, but some days!). Learning is enhanced when children get exercise and fresh air during their recesses. Sometimes it can be hard for kids to figure out a safe game to play on their own particularly on our asphalt playground. We're looking for parent volunteers to learn (re-learn) some older outdoor games and learn some new ones and commit to coming to lunch recess for 2 Fridays to help teach them to the kids. This effort is in conjunction with what our PE teacher, Miss Jansen, is teaching as well. Games will **not** be mandatory, but provided as an option for kids who want to find a fun activity to do during recess. They will include competitive and non-competitive options. Come help our kids learn some new and old games that are safe, fun, help them learn teamwork and provide them a way to find friends and get some exercise during recess.

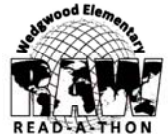
If you're interested, there will be a brainstorming meeting on **Monday, March 16 at 3:15pm in room 5**. Questions or Suggestions? Please contact Laura Hitchcock at [laurahitchcock@seanet.com](mailto:laurahitchcock@seanet.com).

## Wedgwood Chess Club Wins !

Wedgwood sent three (4-player) teams to the WA Team Championships this past weekend. Michael Duan, Riley Sampson, Grayson Spangenberg and Issy Kurdi scored a very close second place in the K3 Beginner section. Not to be outdone, our big guns – Roland Feng, Andrew Osborn, Zhemin Shao and Gargya Sekar – took home the whole kit and caboodle and were heralded the WA K3 Team Champions for 2009. What a great reward for all of their hard work! Way to go!!

## Read Around the World Schedule

Below is the classroom schedule and with the current and upcoming continent. The Seattle Public Library is a great place to find a book that pertains to your child's continent. Thanks for your support.



Classroom #	Week 1, March 9-13	Week 2, March 16-20
1, 9, 10, 19	North America	South America
2, 11, 18, 21	South America	Europe
3, 5, 6	Europe	Asia & Middle East
4, 8, 16	Asia & Middle East	Africa
P1, 14, 20	Africa	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania
P3, 7, 22	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania	North America