



WEDGWOOD *The Weekly*

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



MARCH



Professional
Development Day
NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 20

Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
March 30 – April 3

APRIL

All-School Beach
Boogie Spring Dance
Friday, April 10
6:45 – 8:45 pm
Cafeteria

WASL Testing Begins
Monday, April 13

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 14
7:00pm
Library

Please RSVP to Jennifer Bucher
at rjmlbucher@comcast.net
Childcare is available

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, April 16

A Message From Your Principal

Hello Wedgwood Families,

A couple of weeks ago, with the help of our counselor, we sent home information about how to support our children so they can more independently work through conflicts that may occur in school. Due to a suspicious incident that occurred last week, we are providing information, and for some reminders, on conversations and systems families should have in place to keep our children safe when they are not under our direct supervision. As parents and educators we do our very best to keep our children safe. However we cannot always ensure that things will go as smoothly as planned or assume that we have planned for everything. We are not able to be with our children at every moment, and being responsible parents we know we should be providing the support and instruction to our children on how to become increasingly more independent. In response to the after school event, we contacted security, who followed up and provided the following documents. We hope that you will take some time to discuss these important safety measures as a family. We will be having similar conversations with students during school.

Denise Espania

Math Night = Success !

Math Night last Thursday was great fun with students of all ages playing challenging games with their parents and friends! Thank you to all the "Certified Game Volunteers" who took time to go through the 1.5 hour training session. A special thanks goes out to Tatiana Toro who has been responsible for bringing Math Night to Wedgwood for the past 5 years. Her expertise and passion for making math fun have been a gift to Wedgwood students and families. Also, a shout out of "thanks" to Leanne Robertson for learning the ropes from Tatiana and helping out at every step along the way!

PTA Board Positions – Help Wanted

Thinking about 2009-2010 already? The nominating committee is being formed to fill open PTA Board positions. If you are interested in a position or just want to find out more, please contact Rachael Weissman at reweissman@hotmail.com who can then pass your name onto the committee.

Open positions for the next year are: Corresponding Secretary, VP Legislation, VP Membership, Co-President, *The Weekly* Editor, Wedgwood Instrumental Music Coordinator. *JOIN IN!*

Wedgwood All-School Beach Boogie

Dig out those shorts and Hawaiian shirts for Wedgwood's All-School Beach Boogie on **Friday, April 10th**. Join DJ extraordinaire, our own mix master, Clarence Spice, for a fun night of great music and dancing. Come try your hand at the Limbo, Macarena, Electric Slide, The Bump and the Twist! All ages welcome!

To usher in warmer weather, come dressed in your favorite summer attire: shorts, t-shirts, board shirts and Hawaiian prints. For safety purposes, no flip-flops please! A supervising adult must accompany all children; this is not a drop off event.

Don't miss this "Boss" Bash and be prepared to get "Amped" dudes!!!

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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

Doodle for Google

Wedgwood Elementary has registered for the Doodle for Google contest. This is a competition where students redesign the Google logo around a specific theme. This year the theme is "What's Your Wish for the World". The champion doodler will win a college scholarship and computers for his or her school and have his or her design viewed by millions on the Google homepage for one day. The winning design will also be exhibited in the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt national Design Museum in New York City.

Wedgwood will be selecting 6 entries to enter in the national competition. Entries must be submitted to the school by **Monday, March 23rd**, no exceptions!! Go to: <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/info.html> for more info if your child would like to enter.

Earn \$25 for Wedgwood

If you still need to do your taxes, our local H&R Block office has offered to donate \$25 for each new H&R Block client. Simply grab a Referral Form from our front bulletin board by the office and bring it in with your taxes. The new Wedgwood H&R Block office is located at 7506 35th Avenue NE. Their phone # is 206-528-1040. Help support Wedgwood and our local community at the same time!

Marmot Bill Progresses !

On Wednesday, March 11, the bill to make the Olympic Marmot the state endemic mammal passed the Senate and will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration. As you may remember, six of our 5th grade students testified in front of the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee on February 9 that started the process.

Thanks to the lobbying assistance from the current 4th grade class, all of who emailed the members of the Senate Rules Committee asking them to pull the bill onto the senate Floor for a vote, our bill was debated and passed. The Seattle Times wrote a great article on the subject on March 13. To read more, go to: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2008851726_marmot13m.html.

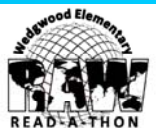
KidsPlay Again

KidsPlay is here again, this time for the Teacher's Professional Development Day on Friday, March 20th and then again for Spring Break, March 30th-April 3rd. The hours are 9 am to 4:30 pm. Sign up now for any combination of days or for all 6. The cost is: single day/\$60, 2days/\$110, 3days/\$150, 4days/\$180, 5days/\$200 or all 6 days for \$204. The weather is slowly improving so we may be able to get outside now and really get moving.

Check your inbox for the email flyer and your child's kidmail for the hard copy flyer for the registration form. For more information or to sign up, call Kevin Oyama at 529-1132 or email kdoyama@comcast.net.

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 2, March 16-20	Week 3, March 23-27
1, 9, 10, 19	South America	Europe
2, 11, 18, 21	Europe	Asia & Middle East
3, 5, 6	Asia & Middle East	Africa
4, 8, 16	Africa	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania
P1, 14, 20	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania	North America
P3, 7, 22	North America	South America