



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



MARCH

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

Monday Mixer with
Principal Espania
Monday, April 13
9:15 am, Library

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 14
7:00 pm, Library
Please RSVP to Jennifer Bucher
at rjmibucher@comcast.net
Childcare is available

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, April 16

Read Around
the World Ends
Friday, April 25

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

For the past couple of weeks we have been working on our budget and staffing for next year. We are in a time when the economy is not able to support what we have become accustomed to. As a country, state, district and school level we are being asked to modify and in some cases eliminate the luxuries that can no longer be afforded.

I asked the teachers to prioritize what they would like to see from our budget. Our top priority was to keep our reading specialist position. This teaching position allows for our primary students, especially in kindergarten and first grades, to have additional opportunities for small group instruction. It also allows for additional small group instruction to our students who need the most academic support K-5. The second priority was to fund an instructional assistant who also was able to provide additional support K-5 in math and reading. The only luxury that we were able to fully fund was the reading specialist.

The staff has asked the PTA for help. Traditionally, the PTA budget has not financially supported staff salaries or subsidies. The PTA is conducting a survey to find out if this is a direction the community wishes to take.

Our children's continued success is at the center of our rationale for finding additional means of continuing to provide enhanced services to our Wedgwood students. These are difficult times ahead, but I am confident that whatever we encounter as a community, we will come together to ensure that our children continue to have opportunities to access the resources they need to prepare them to become global citizens. At the next Monday Mixer, April 13th, we will have an opportunity to discuss the tentative outcomes of the plan for the 2009-2010 school year budget.

Denise Espania

PTA Funding Poll Deadline Wednesday 3/25

Opinion Poll – Log your input by midnight, Wednesday, March 25

The PTA Board would like to ask out Wedgwood Community specifically where it stands on the PTA financially supporting/subsidizing district staff salaries. Parents, teachers and staff on the email distribution list should have received a link to an opinion survey. If you are not on the PTA distribution list or did not receive this informative email and wish to voice your opinion, contact Jennifer Bucher at rjmibucher@comcast.net and the information will be forwarded to you. If you do not have Internet access, please pick up a hard copy in the front office, mark your choice and place it in the PTA inbox by office closing on Wednesday, 3/25. Every school parent and staff member is asked to participate. Your input is valued.

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 rewissman@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!*

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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

KidsPlay & Spring Break

Now that the Teacher's Professional Development Day is over, KidsPlay is offering a Fitness Camp for Spring Break. It's here in the gym and hopefully outside and even at our place of business, KidsPlay – Fitness & Activity Studio. It runs Monday, March 30th thru Friday, April 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The camp will be a bit more structured than past camps with an emphasis on calisthenics for muscular strength, endurance, flexibility and balance to name a few of the components of physical fitness. We'll also be taking time for art and hopefully yoga with Marni Yamada who's taught yoga during past camps. The cost is \$60 for a single day, \$110/2days, \$150/3days, \$180/4days and \$200 for all 5 days. For more information and to register, please contact Kevin Oyama at kdoyama@comcast.net or 206-529-1132. Thanks and I hope to your child there!

Room 20 Wins !

The second grade students in Room 20 won the SPS Nutrition Service Departments poster contest held earlier this month. The contest was part of the National School Breakfast week promoting this year's theme of "Power Up with School Breakfast" Campaign. Students were challenged to work together to create artwork blending the "Power Up" theme and the importance of eating breakfast. Their artwork is displayed in the lunchroom, stop by and check it out!

Student Council Denim Drive

Did you know it takes about 500 pairs of jeans to recycle enough denim to insulate one average size home? Donate your old jeans or any other type of denim clothing to a good cause! All the denim collected will be donated to Cotton, From Blue to Green. This denim drive recycles jeans into insulation that is used to help build houses. Your denim will help set a Guinness World Record for most recycled jeans. The denim drive is going on all this week and the jeans will be delivered on Saturday, the 28th. Look for the collection bin in the front lobby.

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 number is 206-528-1040. Help support Wedgwood and our local community at the same time!

Read Around the World Schedule

Below is the classroom schedule with the current and upcoming continent. If you want to learn about and even reserve recommended books for your child's continent from the Seattle Public Library go to the RAW home page at: <http://wedgwoodelementary.org/activities/readaroundtheworld.html>. Thanks for your support.

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

