



# WEDGWOOD *The Weekly*

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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## CALENDAR



### 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 [rjmlbucher@comcast.net](mailto:rjmlbucher@comcast.net)  
Childcare is available

Scrip Orders Due  
**Thursday, April 16**

Read Around  
the World Ends  
**Friday, April 25**

### May

Multicultural Night  
**Friday, May 1**

## A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your break from the every day routine of school and got to enjoy something different. This spring break, my boys, Adonis and Apollo got to play with their grandma and great-grandma from Hawai'i. They loved the spring flowers, snow, sun, aquarium, the science center, and just being together. It is great to have a little bit of change to remind us of all the wonderful things we are surrounded by every day.

I spent time telling my grandmother about Wedgwood and how much I enjoy being your principal because of the great community we have at Wedgwood. Last week, the PTA sent out a survey to find out if the community would be willing to support staff positions. The staff and I are so appreciative of the overwhelming support in favor of funding positions. However, I also know that many of you, for a variety of reasons, do not believe that this is the direction the PTA should pursue. I believe that we are a stronger community because we challenge each other to be better when we question and provide constructive comments. We are teaching our children to be democratic citizens who are successful in a global community when we model how to respectfully work through issues when we do not see eye to eye.

We will be discussing our budget during our next Monday Mixer on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to share your questions, comments and concerns with me ahead of time via your PTA Board representatives. I will do my best to ensure that we clarify any questions and take note of any suggestions you have.

Denise Espania

## Beach Boogie Spring Dance

On Friday night join DJ extraordinaire, our own mix master, Clarence Spice, for a night of music and dancing. Come try your hand at the Limbo, Macarena, Electric Slide, the Bump, and the Twist! EVERYONE welcome!

Warm weather dress is appropriate but for safety purposes, no flip-flops, please! All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult; this is not a drop off event. \$4 per person or \$10 per family.

Wedgwood T-shirts, sweatshirts, as well as SCRIP and Sandwhich wrap order forms will be for sale. Bring your checkbooks!

## Monday Mixer, April 13

Principal Espania will be in the library Monday morning after drop-off to discuss the state of Wedgwood. She will try to answer all our burning questions about the budget process and where we are right now.

## Wedgwood Elementary

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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**

## Support P.E.

## Boardwalk 5K

Husky Stadium Sunday, April 26 9:30 a.m. Start

Support Physical Education programs at Seattle Schools by joining us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boardwalk 5K and Fitness Carnival. The event is open to all ages and abilities.

## Thanks from the Library

A huge thank you to Kevin, Cate, Lily and Nora Oyama for their very generous donation of headphones and splitters for all the computers in the library! Thanks also to Brian, Susan and Ben Ritchie for their donation of silver paper. Students and staff are very grateful! The library could still use some more paperback books.

## Team Marmot Update

On Tuesday, March 24, **Team Marmot**; fifth graders, Gabe Briggs, Erin Cunningham, Claire Demorest, Nick Jansen, Garrett Lawrence and Caroline Malone, traveled for the second time to Olympia to testify in front of the House State Government and Tribal Affairs Committee on behalf of Senate Bill 5071. The group did an outstanding job arguing the points on why it is important that the Olympic Marmot be Washington State's endemic mammal. An exceptional, hand drawn portrait of a marmot by fourth grader, **Eric Buzard** was on display as the team testified. It was a surprise to all that a vote was taken immediately after the testimony, and a unanimous yes vote by the committee meant that our bill was passed on to the House Rules Committee!

After this excitement, our group met privately with Speaker of the House, Frank Chopp, Representative Scott White and Representative Deb Wallace. We are confident that this face-to-face lobbying will pay off.

Wednesday through Friday the fourth and fifth graders spent lobbying the House Rules Committee via email to pull our bill to the House Floor for a vote. On Friday, March 27, we were again surprised to learn from Scott Sigmon, a professional lobbyist who had taken up our cause, that the Rules Committee had passed our bill! We now move on to the House Floor for a full vote of the Representatives. If we achieve a majority yes vote on the Floor of the House, our bill to designate the Olympic Marmot as the State's endemic mammal will be sent to Governor Gregoire for her signature, making our bill a law. Please stay tuned for our progress.

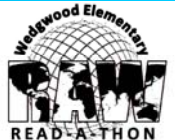
Submitted by Team Marmot

## Wrap-N-Mats Help Wedgwood Go Green!

Like the idea of a waste-free Wedgwood? Want to make a difference in the environment by eliminating the use of plastic baggies? Buy a WRAP-N-MAT, the reuseable sandwich wrap and placemat in one – the perfect product for a waste-free lunch! Check them out at Friday's Spring Dance and at the April 13 Monday Mixer as well as April 13-17 before and after school. Taking orders now – pick an up an Order Form at the mentioned dates or in the front office, or via email. Help Wedgwood go green and make green! A portion of proceeds also support Wedgwood PTA. Questions? Contact Amy Griffin [amygriff@u.washington.edu](mailto:amygriff@u.washington.edu).

## 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 you can go to the RAW home page at: <http://wedgwoodelementary.org/activities/readaroundtheworld.html>.



Classroom #	Week 4, April 6-10	Week 4, April 13-17
1, 9, 10, 19	Asia & Middle East	Africa
2, 11, 18, 21	Africa	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania
3, 5, 6	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania	North America
4, 8, 16	North America	South America
P1, 14, 20	South America	Europe
P3, 7, 22	Europe	Asia & Middle East



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### Wedgwood Students Recognized

These 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wedgwood students were recognized by the University of Washington's Center for Young Scholars for their achievement of scoring in the top 3% of the reading or math tests in comparison to students statewide on the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade WASL:

McKenzie Boyle, Maggie Bucher, Jonathan Chang, Michelle Chang, Karina Cooper, Christina Doty, Sofia Dudas, Elizabeth Han, Sarah Kaestle, Nolan McCafferty, Colin Murphy, Alder Strange, and Julie Tolmie. Way to go!

### Carnival Raffle and Silent Auction

Wedgwood's annual carnival is rapidly approaching! **Save the date for Sunday, June 7, 2009** (stay tuned for more carnival details). Last year's carnival was the first year the PTA attempted a silent auction and raffle. We raffled off a Wii and Guitar Hero package, and had some great auction items, such as summer camps, golf, bowling, dinner and even a day at the spa. It was a great success and raised funds to support various Wedgwood projects. This year we want to make the auction and raffle even bigger and better and that's where you come in! Help support Wedgwood by making a tax-deductible donation to our auction, no matter how small or big.

- Do you work for or own a company that can donate a tax-deductible product or service?
- Do you own a timeshare or vacation rental that you would be willing to donate for a weekend?
- Do you know someone who may be willing to donate a product or service?
- Do you want to donate a themed gift basket or combine efforts with other parents in your child's classroom? The gift basket could center around movie night, sports, parents night out...be creative!

For more information on the auction/raffle or to donate an item, please contact Shelley Macias at [shelleymacias@yahoo.com](mailto:shelleymacias@yahoo.com) or 206.528.5363.

### Yearbook Needs Your Photos

Most classrooms now have a volunteer who is in charge of collecting photos for each classroom's one-page yearbook collage. If your classroom does not yet have a yearbook representative (rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, and 21 are still missing them), please contact Dana Nelson to volunteer to fill this position right away. This job will take relatively little time and can be completed at home. No camera required!

If you have been contacted by your classroom's yearbook rep, please get your photos in to that person no later than Fri 4/10. Not sure who your yearbook rep is? Please email Dana Nelson ([dcnacsksms@hotmail.com](mailto:dcnacsksms@hotmail.com)). Thank you for your help!