



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



APRIL

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

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, April 16

Read Around
the World Ends
Friday, April 24

May

Multicultural Night
Friday, May 1

Monday Mixer with
Principal Espania
Monday, May 4
9:15 am, Library

PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 12
7:00 pm, Library

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

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, May 14

Two Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday, May 20

A Message From Your Principal

Wedgwood's WASL for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, starts today, the 14th and will conclude on April 23rd. The following are helpful tips for students and families.

The Day Before the Test

- Get a good night sleep the night before the exam.
- Discuss the test with your child to show interest and remind them to try their best, but do not dwell on it. The important thing is to make sure your child feels comfortable and confident about the test.
- Make sure your child is eating healthy during the testing window. Fresh fruits and vegetables are often recommended to reduce stress.
- Pack a small healthy snack, avoiding snacks with high sugar content.
- Keep your routine as normal as possible and plan ahead to avoid conflicts or added stress during the testing window.

Morning of the Test

- Eat a good healthy breakfast.
- **Have your child at school ON TIME.** Make sure you are not rushed on the morning of the test.
- Have your child dress comfortably.
- Acknowledge that tests can be hard and designed so that no one will know all the answers. Remind them to have a good day and to just try their best.

After the Test

- Talk to your child about how the test went and how they are feeling.
- Discuss what went well, what was challenging, and strategies they may like to try the next time they have to take a similar test.
- Remind them that assessments are continuous through out life and are a part of our learning process, but not a definition of who they are or condition of your love for them.

For our students and families not yet taking the WASL, these tips can be helpful for any activity or just helpful to keep in mind as reminders in preparing our children for any day at school.

Denise Espania

Beach Boogie Spring Dance

A huge thanks to everyone who helped make the Beach Boogie such a success! We couldn't have done it without our great volunteers. Thanks to everyone who came and boogied down, and of course, a shout out to Mr. Spice, DJ Extraordinaire, for pumping out the tunes.

2009/2010 School Year Start Times

Seattle Public Schools, in an attempt to create a more efficient transportation system, will be changing start and end times starting **next** school year. Wedgwood will be starting at 9:30 am and ending the day at 3:35pm. The first day of school will be September 9th. You can find the school board approved school calendar at http://www.seattleschools.org/area/m_news/dates0910.htm

After School Hallway Congestion

When picking up your students in rooms 1-4 after school, please remember to leave strollers parked outside the building.

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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

Carnival Committee Meeting Wednesday

Ready to join this fun group of enthusiastic parents by rolling up your sleeves and taking part in all of the legwork needed to pull off Wedgwood's biggest and best community event of the year? Join the Carnival Committee this Wednesday, the 15th at 7pm at the Pied Piper Ale House (on 65th). Warning: Carnival Fever is contagious!

Boardwalk 5K Fitness Carnival

The [4th annual Boardwalk 5K Run/Walk Fitness Carnival](#) has been scheduled for Sunday, April 26th at Husky Stadium. The event will help raise funds for the support of physical education programs at Seattle Public Schools. The event has something for everyone and includes a 5K run/walk, Walk of Champions inside Husky Stadium, and a fitness carnival with games and activities. For more information, contact Dick Lee at rilee@seattleschools.org or (206) 252-0476.

Kickball Tournament

Wedgwood Moms, Teachers, and Staff: The semi-annual kickball tournament between the NE cluster elementary schools is Saturday, April 18th at 5:30 pm at Viewridge. Interested? Contact Brenda Waldrop at waldrop_watrous@msn.com or 365-8881 for more information.

Urgent Need: Scrip & WIM Chairs for 09/10

The PTA is in immediate need for new Chairs for the 09/10 school year for the Scrip and Wedgwood Instrumental (WIM) programs. As the parents currently coordinating these important positions have 5th graders and will not be here next year, they have offered to train new Chairs for a smooth transition, but this must happen ASAP.

Both these programs are important to Wedgwood in terms of enrichment and fundraising and we need parent volunteers to step up in order to keep the programs going. Contact VP Volunteers, Julie Stevens, at bryceandjulie@comcast.net.

Step Up, Wedgwood!

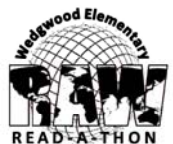
Wedgwood is looking for parent and teacher volunteers to help launch the 1st Wedgwood Elementary Walkathon fundraiser. We have a lot of the structure in place and now need a solid team to do the legwork. Contact Deborah Sigler at deborahsigler@gmail.com and help us make this great fundraiser happen!

Wedgwood Students Recognized

Last week, The Weekly listed 5th Grade Wedgwood students who were recognized by the UW Center for Young Scholars for their achievement of scoring in the top 3% of students statewide on reading or math testing. Nathaniel Osborn was not listed at that time and we'd like to recognize him and his great work as well. Way to go!

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 5, April 13-17	Week 6, April 20-24
1, 9, 10, 19	Africa	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania
2, 11, 18, 21	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania	North America
3, 5, 6	North America	South America
4, 8, 16	South America	Europe
P1, 14, 20	Europe	Asia & Middle East
P3, 7, 22	Asia & Middle East	Africa