



WEDGWOOD *The Weekly*

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



APRIL

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

Volunteer Reception
Tuesday, May 12,
Cafeteria

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

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

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, May 14

Two Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday, May 20

Wedgwood Walkathon
Friday, May 22

Science Night
Thursday, May 28

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

At our last Monday Mixer we discussed the budget, staffing, and classes for next fall. I explained that the projections were preliminary and subject to change pending more confirmed student numbers and a finalized district budget.

- Parents brought up concerns about class size and the possibility of a third kindergarten. These are concerns that will be better addressed once final numbers are provided. However, the district is working to ensure that class sizes remain at or below contracted levels. Additionally, if we are asked to have three kindergartens we will not be able to entertain the idea of having recess prior to lunch, an idea that was brought up at one of the first Monday Mixers.
- We were able to finance, a reading specialist and an instructional assistant. In order to staff these positions we are asking the PTA for support in providing stipends for safety patrol, conflict managers, and student council, helping with additional supplies, as well as support for lunch and playground supervision. We discussed the PTA carnival and possible walk-a-thon as up coming fundraisers. The PTA will be holding a general membership meeting at the end of the year to discuss next steps.
- A question about the music curriculum and WASL was brought to the discussion. Specific questions about individual teachers should be addressed in a private setting. However, to address questions about the music curriculum, Ms. Becker will be sharing grade level objectives via *The Weekly*.

We have two more mixers this year and if you can make it I hope you will join us.

Denise Espania

Multi-Cultural Night, Friday May 1st

Everyone is invited to take a trip around the world at Wedgwood's Multicultural Night on **Friday, May 1st from 6:30 to 8:30pm**. We have a jam-packed evening of entertainment for you. Come see what the students have been doing the past several weeks in the Read Around the World program.

There will be performances you won't want to miss, including an African storyteller named Kibibi, Irish Dancers from All That Dance, as well as music and dance from other cultures. We'll also have our first Wedgwood International Short Film Festival in the library, slides of Wedgwood families vacationing around the globe, and a sampling of snacks from around the world available for purchase.

Kids, we'll have a raffle drawing for prizes. The more books you read during RAW, the more times you get to enter! The entertainment begins promptly at 7:00 pm, so get there early!

Wedgwood Recognized for Going Green

In recognition of all the great work we have been doing at Wedgwood around environmental awareness, Wedgwood has been recognized with the Terry Husseman Sustainable School Award. Special thanks goes to Vishaka Smith (Ravi's mom) and Darby DuComb (Luke and Finn's mom) for their help in writing the application for this award. Happy Earth Day!

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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

School Banking to End

Due to Washington Mutual becoming Chase, the bank has decided to discontinue the School Banking Program effective Friday, May 1st. There will be no more bank days at Wedgwood after that date. So gather up your savings and bring them into school for the last two days of school banking, April 23rd and 30th. Thanks to all the bankers who have faithfully brought in their deposits over the years.

Walkathon, Friday May 22nd

Mark your calendars!! it's official!! The first annual Wedgwood Walkathon is **Friday, May 22nd**. We have a lot of the structure in place and now need a solid team to do the legwork. For more info, contact Deborah Sigler at deborahsigler@gmail.com and help us make this great—and healthy—fundraiser a HUGE success! We need you!!!

Marmot Bill Passes

On a live broadcast of TVW (the state government channel) on April 14 we saw State Representative Scott White present our Wedgwood student's bill for the Olympic Marmot to become the state's endemic mammal for the final vote on the House Floor. Rep. White did an excellent job stating our case, and mentioned our students and the hard work that they had put into the research of the bill and their lobbying efforts. It was a pleasure to see five other State Representatives stand up in favor of our bill, and no one oppose it. Representative Jim Moeller, the Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, called a vote and the outcome was 84 in favor and 13 opposed. The marmot passed! Now it is on to the governor's office for final consideration and her signature to become a law!

Submitted by Team Marmot

Message from the Music Room

Hello Parents!! The end of the school year is almost here. Here are a few dates for your calendar:

May 1st: Multicultural Night: Rooms 10 and 14 will each be performing at some point during the night. Come and listen!

May 4-8: 5th Grade WASL Music Testing: Please do not stress over this!

June 2nd, 6:45-7:45pm: 4th and 5th Grade Music Concert (Not including instrumental music this year.) There will be a shortened assembly for students at 1:50pm. There will be percussion, drums and more!

June 10th, 6:45-8:00 pm: 2nd and 3rd Grade Concert – American Folk Music Theme. **Guitar, Banjo, Piano and Bass players are needed for the 2nd/3rd grade concert!** We need you as parents!!!

The students have been busy this year working on the following:

Kindergarten has been singing songs and games;

1st grade spent the first semester in the music room and has moved on art;

2nd Grade has been learning songs for the concert;

3rd Grade has been working on singing, dancing, games and instruments. Their concert will include singing and instruments.

4th & 5th Grades have been working on instruments and music notation;

All grade levels also had a week or so in Ghana, watching/learning/playing Ghanaian children's games. Thank you all. I look forward to hearing from Folk Musician Parents out there!!

Carla Becker

Read Around the World Finishing Up

Below is the schedule for the last week of Read Around the World.

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

