



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



MAY

Multicultural Night
Friday, May 1
6:30 – 8:30 pm

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

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25

Science Night
Thursday, May 28

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

There have been a variety of exciting lessons occurring through out the school. Many of our classes are engaged in science units about organisms studying and making observations about plants or animals. Early in the week I had the privilege of working with a first grade class during reading. While the majority of the class worked independently on spelling, math or independent reading I was able to work with a small group reading the Magic Tree House. We talked about vocabulary and discussed and wrote the main idea of the chapter in their journals. I participated with a second grade class voting on our favorite Mexican dish. I voted for fajitas, but the majority of the class voted for churros- I think churros would have been my sons' pick as well. Following the vote, the teacher guided the class into a review about what they learned in math about mean, median and mode. Finally, at the end of the week Ms. Sokolow, Mr. Murphy, and I worked with the 5th grade teams in designing and creating tile mosaic stepping stones. These mosaics will be at the Wedgwood carnival auction for those who would like to bid at the opportunity to have a dedication placed on one of these works of art.

The growth and learning that have transformed students and classrooms is amazing! As we head towards the last two months of school I have been thinking about how to support this growth through out the summer. Over the next two mixers we will be sharing different ideas on what families can do over the summer to encourage our children to sustain this momentum of learning. I look forward to seeing you at our next Monday mixer on May 4th.

Denise Espania

Multi-Cultural Night, Friday May 1st

Please join us for what promises to be a fantastic Multicultural Night this Friday, May 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30. The entertainment begins at 6:45 with room 14 performing a drum ensemble from Senegal, Mali, and Guinea. Next up will be Irish step dancers from local dance studio All That Dance, followed by Wedgwood's very own students, Trishala Jain and Josephine Athappilly performing a bollywood style dance. You won't want to miss Kibibi Monie, a fabulous African storyteller, who will then be followed by room 10 with a children's game from Ghana.

Be sure to check out the Wedgwood International Short Film Festival in the library, the photos of Wedgwood families from around the globe, and the quilt made by students featuring books they read and countries they learned about during Read Around the World.

Plan to enjoy appetizers and desserts at the multicultural bake sale. Samples will be sold for \$1.00 per item. Please bring items pre-cut and include any necessary serving utensils. Drop your donations off at the bake sale table near the entrance to the lunchroom. All proceeds will benefit the PTA.

The evening will conclude with our Read Around the World raffle. Students have received one entry per book read during RAW, and we'll hand out more than 20 prizes.

SCRIP, Wrap-N-Mats and Wedgwood t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for sale during the night. Bring your checkbooks and support Wedgwood. Please contact Brenda Waldrop at waldrop_watrous@msn.com or 365-8881 with questions about any aspect of Multicultural Night.

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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

Reminder: Yearbook Art Due May 4

Yearbook art submissions are due by Monday May 4th. Submissions may be turned in to the box in the front office. Win a FREE yearbook if your art is chosen for the cover! All students who enter artwork will be entered in a raffle to win a free yearbook. For more information, contact Dana Nelson at: dcnacsks@hotmail.com

Special Education Program Fair

Co-sponsored by: Seattle Special Ed PTSA and Seattle School District

Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Meany Middle School, 301 – 21st Ave East, 98112

Attention parents, teachers, and others who care for and about children with disabilities. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend workshops, pick up brochures, and ask questions to representatives from many organizations that provide education, support, enrichment, and services for children with disabilities and their families. Flyers with more information will be available in the front office.

Run Away with the Carnies!

Carnival is the largest event we put on at Wedgwood and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Our dedicated Committee has made great progress in planning the biggest blowout yet, but we need more help before we can raise the big top. We have the notes and directions; we just need enthusiastic helpers! Specific areas of urgent need include: Cakewalk Coordinator, Graphic Designer for our posters, Food Coordinator (we've done the procuring already), and Wristband Presales Coordinator. Contact Emily Maher at ptaemily@gmail.com today!

Last Chance for Wrap-n-Mats

Order your WRAP-N-MAT thru May 1 and help your kids save the environment by having a waste-free lunch. No more plastic baggies! This unique sandwich wrap and placemat in one is easily wiped at the sink or thrown in the washer. This will be your last chance to order this year, go green and help Wedgwood make green with a portion of the proceeds! Forms are in the office or email amygriff@u.washington.edu.

Science Night – Thursday, May 28

Science Night is an event sponsored by the PTA to encourage a love of science in Wedgwood's students. Science Night has two parts:

- Poster Presentations
- Egg Drop

Poster Presentation – The PTA purchases tri-fold posters that students can use to display their research. Posters will be available for pickup at the office after May 1.

If we run out, they can also be purchased at Office Depot. They cost about \$14/each, so please do not take a poster unless you are sure you are going to present a poster at Science Night. Research posters can be on any subject. These projects are done at home with the assistance of parents. Teacher will not be working on these during class time.

The posters are typically divided into three sections that correspond to the three sections of the board: the prediction, the test, and the results/conclusion. It is nice if a child's test can be recreated at school so that other students can watch and learn, too. Work on the poster with your child. You don't have to be a "real" scientist to create an easy, fun experiment. Encourage you child to try to make a prediction on something they are interested in. For example: What will decompose faster in my compost bin: a whole apple or apple slices? Do organic foods decompose faster than non-organic foods?

Students will set up posters in the lunchroom and stand by their posters to answer questions. They can also go check out what others have done. If we have any "real" scientists at school it would be great if you could somehow share your passion with our students!!!

Egg Drop – Protect an egg so it can sustain at 30ft drop from the top of Wedgwood Fire Department's fire Truck Ladder. No hard-boiled eggs!! Good Luck!!!