



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



MAY

PTA Meeting
Open Forum Discussion
Tuesday, May 12
7:00 pm, Library

Scrip Orders Due
Thursday, May 14

Two Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday, May 20
1:05 pm

Wedgwood Walkathon
Friday, May 22

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25

Science Night
Thursday, May 28
6:30 pm

JUNE

Monday Mixer with
Principal Espania
Monday, June 1
9:15 am, Library

4th/5th Grade
Music Concert
Tuesday, June 2
6:45 pm, Cafeteria

Last Scrip Order Due
Thursday, June 4

A Message From Your Principal

May Monday Mixer Minutes

- Nurse Anita came to talk about the flu and tips for keeping our community healthy. For updated information check it out on line. <http://kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness/pandemicflu/swineflu.aspx>
- Mrs. Miller, our librarian, did a presentation on resources for summer literacy and the importance of keeping children engaged with reading, writing and math. A summer reading list will be forthcoming, but she shared a couple of helpful resources. She suggested checking out the public library. She offered to help parents find books their children may like and wanted everyone to know that she loves parent volunteers in the library. She also shared two websites. The first was from Seattle Public Schools. <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/library/stuindex.xml> She also talked about checking out sites with your child that can track and rate the books you and your child are reading.
- Deborah (Mateo's mom) shared a typing site for children to practice key boarding. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>
- A question about the changes to special education and services being provided to Wedgwood to address the movement toward services in neighborhood schools was asked. Until we know who will be attending Wedgwood in the fall I would not be able to address the exact services provided at the school. As we get a clearer picture as to our enrollment we will be able to address questions about services as well as class size and grade configurations.
- We will be examining resources for math during the June Monday Mixer.

I also wanted to thank all of you for the wonderful treats in the staff room, the amazing PTA sponsored lunch on Friday, and most importantly the beautiful books and gifts that you showered the teachers with this past week. So many of our teachers came up to share how special and appreciated they felt. Thank you for making this past week such a special one for our teachers and staff.

Denise Espania

Reminder: PTA Open Forum Tonight

Want to hear the latest on the Wedgwood School budget and how district cuts are affecting it? Want to know where we stand on the PTA budget? Have some ideas for PTA projects next year? **Come to the Open Forum tonight at 7 pm in the library.** Note: There will not be any votes this evening.

SAVE THE DATE: May 28, 6 pm (before Science Night): PTA General Membership Meeting. Vote in your 2009-10 Board Officers and on any other needed end-of-year PTA business. Details to come.

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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

Yearbook Orders Due May 21

Yearbook order forms went home last week. If you didn't receive one, there are plenty of extras available in the office. Yearbooks are \$18 for color and \$9 for black-and-white. Please get your order in soon...**no later than Thursday, May 21.** - Dana Nelson (wwyb0809@gmail.com, 729-7484)

Walkathon is Almost Here

FIRE UP AND READY TO GO!

Mark your calendars! **Friday, May 22.** The 1st Wedgwood Walkathon is just around the corner. Remember to get pledges before May 22. Every \$ goes to support Wedgwood students. There are lots of great prizes for the students who raise the most money. Walkathon t-shirts and goodie bags for ALL participants. Volunteers still needed!! Contact deborahsigler@gmail.com

Music Room Updates

4th/5th Grade Music Concert Changes

Date: Tuesday, June 2nd

Time: 6:45 pm, Performers, please arrive no later than 6:30 pm

A student assembly will be held at 1:50 pm on June 2nd.

The date and time have remained the same, but this will now be a combined concert with the Advanced Choir led by Mr. Demorest. Please have all students attend. If your student cannot attend, please call me so I can make sure all soloist and dance positions are covered.

2nd/3rd Grade Music Concert

Date: Wednesday, June 10

Time: 6:45 pm, Performers, please arrive no later than 6:30 pm

Parent Volunteers are still needed. Please email or call if available.

---- Ms. Becker

cmbecker@seattleschools.org or 252-5677

Wedgwood Chess Club News

The chess team traveled to Spokane for the state tournament this year. Improving on last year's 7th place finish, we were the highest scoring K-3 team in the state this year (out of over 140 schools)!! Roland Feng repeated as state champion for the 3rd time while Andrew Osborn won for the first time as a 3rd grader. Oliver Windes and Grayson Spangenberg each had breakout performances, with Grayson scoring three big upsets! It was an impressive performance all the way around, with all 14 kids winning at least 40% of their games and as a team winning 70%! Also participating: Matthew Bennani, Miles Cake, Mason McVey, Issy Kurdi, Zhemin Shao, Mason McCafferty, Vedrana Ivezic, Ravi Smith, Nolan McCafferty, and Nate Osborn.

As a special honor, Roland and Zhemin represented Washington state in the annual BC vs. WA International K-12 Match this past weekend and helped our state score an impressive 32-20 victory over our neighbors to the north. Combine the above results with winning the team championship in March and it has definitely been a successful tournament season for the Wedgwood chess team.

Wedgwood Staff Thanks You !!

Thank you to the wonderful parents and PTA for the great week of delicious treats, gifts and salad luncheon for Staff Appreciation Week. We certainly felt appreciated!! We have the best parents in the Seattle School District!!!