



# WEDGWOOD

## The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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### CALENDAR



#### MAY

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

Wedgwood Walkathon  
**Friday, May 22**

Memorial Day  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Monday, May 25**

PTA General Membership  
Meeting and Vote  
**Thursday, May 28,**  
6:00pm

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**

Wedgwood Carnival  
**Sunday, June 7**  
Noon – 3:00pm

### A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

Our Wedgwood community had an eventful week. We started the week with our annual spelling bee. All of the participants did an amazing job and our students were so impressive. They were poised and handled themselves with such maturity while the rest of our student community was so respectful and supportive, it was such a proud moment. Congratulations to all those who participated, great work! On Tuesday we had our Volunteer tea to thank all who take time to enhance and enrich our community and our children's school experience. That same afternoon "Team Marmot" witnessed the signing of the Marmot bill into law. This would not have been possible if not for the hard work of the 4th and 5th grade classes, Ms. Clark and Ms. Jacobsen, Senator Jacobsen and Representative White. It was a community effort and accomplishment! Later that evening was a PTA meeting to discuss the school and PTA budgets. It was appropriately timed, in light of the district's RIF and current budget challenges. During the meeting we discussed how PTA can support Wedgwood's continued success during these tough economic times.

Our weeks at school will continue to be event filled. For example, this Friday we will be having our first Wedgwood walk-a-thon. All students will receive a shirt and will have the opportunity to walk to raise money for our school. I look forward to sharing with our community all of the exciting upcoming events.

Denise Espania

### Reminder: Yearbook Orders Due May 21

Please remember to submit yearbook orders no later than this **Thursday May 21!** More order forms are available in the office. Thank you to all students who submitted artwork for the yearbook; we had a record number of submissions this year! The winner of the participant raffle was Rory Cannon (Rm. 4). And the winner of the cover contest—chosen by anonymous committee vote—was Alder Strange (Rm. 14). Congratulations to both of you! —Dana Nelson, [wwwyb0809@gmail.com](mailto:wwwyb0809@gmail.com)

### WALKATHON this Friday, May 22

The Wedgwood Walkathon is **FRIDAY!** Remember to get pledges before **May 22.** Every \$ raised 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](mailto:deborahsigler@gmail.com)

### Science Night is Almost Here

Mark your calendars for Science Night on **Thursday May 28 at 6:30!** Got any great, creative ideas on how to protect your egg to withstand a thirty-foot fall from a fire trucks tallest ladder? Come show off your creativity and ingenuity. 3rd grade classes: remember to bring your instruments made as part of your science unit on sound. Please label your instrument with your name so we can get in back to you. Science night is a hands-on event! The Audubon Society will have a booth you won't want to miss! Presentation boards are still available in the office. Work with your child on any simple home grown experiment. Share your results with us. Work together...science is about collaboration! **PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 6 pm,** prior to Science Night. Come vote for next year's board and any other year-end business.

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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**

## Carnival Can't Happen Without YOU !!

It's that time of year again – the Wedgwood All-School Carnival is Sunday, June 7! "Bust'n the Big Top!" will turn our grounds into a circus from Noon – 3 pm. We have a lot of new activities planned for the carnival including pony rides, Survivor Game Challenges, live entertainment and much more. Come for lunch, bid at the Silent Auction, dunk a friend in the dunk tank and get lucky in the raffles to win a new Amazon.com Kindle or Nintendo DS.

This is the biggest event of the year and we can't do it with your support – This year each class is being asked to supply the carnival committee with 13 volunteers, each working 1 shift. The shifts are:

Setup: 10:30 – 12:00  
Shift 1: 11:50-12:55  
Shift 2: 12:50 – 1:55  
Shift 3: 1:50-3:00  
Cleanup: 3:00-4:30

If a volunteer wants to work more than one shift, each shift counts as a volunteer. So, if you want to help out for the entire day from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm, that would count toward 5 volunteers from your class.

The carnival is going "green" this year – No paper forms will be coming home and volunteer sign up will be done electronically. Respond to the entire class so we know where we are with our volunteer count. Room Parents will forward the Carnival Volunteer Coordinator the names, emails and shift request of each volunteer. Setup and Cleanup shifts only require about 10 volunteers total per shift and fill up fast. If these are the shifts you're interested in, volunteer quickly!

Look for the Room Parent carnival volunteer email and respond. Don't wait for others to volunteer first; every parent in the school will need to help out in a shift for this event to come together! Middle and High School students can earn volunteer credit hours by helping out at the carnival, so talk to your friends and neighbors! Thanks for being involved and for Bust'n the Big Top!

## Wedgwood Instrumental Music

**Attention Parents of 3rd and 4th Graders:** Now is the time for you to think about instrumental music for your child next year. Wedgwood Elementary offers an excellent introductory instrumental music program to all interested 4th and 5th graders. Information with a registration form went home a few days ago by Kid mail. Lost the form? No problem. Just deliver a note with your child's name, next year's grade level, parent's name and address, and the \$225 registration fee (Checks payable to the Wedgwood PTA) to the WIM box in the school's front office. Full and partial scholarships are provided for families who cannot afford the registration fee.

## Golden Acorn Nominations

Flyers to nominate Wedgwood's Outstanding Volunteers of the year went out last week. Take a few moments to nominate someone that you think has gone the extra mile this year to help Wedgwood! Lost the flyer? Send an email with a few short sentences on who you'd like to nominate and why to [sylvialago@comcast.net](mailto:sylvialago@comcast.net) or [rjmlbucher@comcast.net](mailto:rjmlbucher@comcast.net).

All nominations will be kept anonymous. All volunteers nominated will be published in *The Weekly* in June. Don't be shy, show your thanks; nominate a special volunteer!

## KidsPlay Has a Home

KidsPlay, which has held fitness camps at school during breaks, has their own space! It's located at 3238 NE 45th St near the "5 corners". Come by after school to visit and see what we look like, what types of classes we'll be offering and what's in store for summer, or just to run around for a few minutes. We'll have an end of school special coming up soon too. Call us at 524-PLAY or check out our new website at [www.kidsplayfitness.com](http://www.kidsplayfitness.com).