



WEDGWOOD

The Weekly

By The Wedgwood Elementary PTA: *JOIN IN!*

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CALENDAR



JUNE

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

Last Scrip Order Due
Thursday, June 4

Cakes for Cake
Decorating Contest Due
Friday, June 5, Before
School, Cafeteria

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

2nd/3rd Grade
Music Concert
Wednesday, June 10
6:45 pm, Cafeteria

Talent Show
Friday, June 12
1:30 – 2:30 pm,
Cafeteria

WIM Instrument
Petting Zoo
Monday, June 15
6:30 pm, Library

5th Grade Promotion
Wednesday, June 17
5:30–8:00pm,
Cafeteria

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Wedgwood Families,

We have another exciting week for our community! Ms. Miller, our librarian, has planned an amazing literacy/young authors' week! She asked a Seattle Public Librarian to come in to talk with our students about books and summer reading. In addition to this special guest, with the support of PTA funds, Ms. Miller was able to bring Book-It Theaters to do a whole school assembly as well as individual workshops for each of our classes. This amazing production of bringing stories to life and integrating reading, writing, and drama into the classroom will be an amazing experiential literacy learning experience for all. Our students will be experiencing *The Jungle Books*, by Rudyard Kipling, but if you want to find out more about what your children will be doing with Book-It, funded by our generous PTA, please check it out on-line at <http://www.book-it.org/touring-shows.php>.

We also have music concerts coming up. I sat in on a music class and was taken away by the beautiful sounds, rhythms and energy that our students produced. I know you will be just as thrilled to hear the amazing musical accomplishments your children have gained with Ms. Becker.

I have also been reflecting with the teachers on the growth that your children have accomplished. This year, we specifically have been focused on writing. The hard work of our teachers and your children, with the support of our families, has paid off and is evidenced in our children's ability to express themselves through essays and poetry. As the year is quickly coming to a close I hope you take a moment to appreciate all the hard work that your children and their teachers have accomplished.

Denise Espania

Science Night Thanks !

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a shoe! ... Kids made some crazy contraptions to be dropped from the top of Ladder 9 as eggs fell from the sky at last week's Egg Drop. Inside school, Science Night was a blast (literally) as kids had a chance to show off their experiments and conclusions during Science Night. Even teachers and parents got into it, Mrs. Murphy and Lisa Newcomb displayed a real greenhouse to promote our special playground garden. Thanks to Bob Bucher, Marcie Kellegrew, Laura Lindhe, Mark and Eric Copper and Aaron Grigg for their help! A HUGE thank you to Sylvia Lago for organizing this event that is a love to all, students and parents alike.

PTA Membership Meeting Update

Thanks to responsible spending and the success of the Walkathon and upcoming Carnival FUNdraisers, the PTA General Membership approved an additional \$11,500 in items needed at school at their meeting before Science Night (thank you to those of you who attended). Items included new blinds and white boards for classrooms, textbooks for the new 4th grade classroom next year, and books for the Professional Development Library.

The 2009-10 PTA Board was also voted in—congrats all around! **2009-10 PTA Board:** Rachael Weissman, Co-President (2nd term) • Ellen Kuwana, Co-President (1st term) • Catherine Stine, Secretary • Wendy Champagne, Treasurer • Jennifer Bucher, VP Communications • John Loschky, Co-VP Fundraising • Emily Maher, Co-VP Fundraising • John Piccola, VP Legislation • Gemille Wise, VP Membership • Leslie Snyder, VP Programs • Julie Stevens, VP Volunteers. We also welcome Athena Sarantinos, Special Education Liaison.

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Have Some News to Share?

Send it to *The Weekly* Editor
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Deadline: Fridays at noon

Carnival This Sunday! Noon to 3 pm

Ladies and Gentlemen! Children of all ages! Step right up, and see the Amazing, the Stupendous, the Excitement about to happen right here at Wedgwood ...

Food! • Games! • FUN! • Inflatables! • Ponies! • Dunk Tank Splash for Cash! Amazon.com Kindle + Nintendo DSi \$5 Raffles! • Auction Arcade!

PERFORMANCES BY: A Magician! • Wedgwood Circus Acts! • Eckstein Band!
• Kirkland's **Hot Dog USA Jump Rope Team**, among the World's Top 10!

Don't miss the Greatest Show on Asphalt—Get your **WRISTBAND** now! After school sales this week: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS! In need ...

Thanks to the many parents who have signed up via their Room Parent for Sunday's Carnival shifts, but we do not have enough. This is Wedgwood's biggest event of the year and it requires everyone to take part. Unfortunately, some games and activities may be canceled due to not enough volunteers to help run them. If you have not had a chance to sign up yet, please contact your Room Parent ASAP. We have particular needs in Shifts 2 and 3. Thanks, and see you at the Big Top!

Dunk Tank Bidding Auction

DUNK THE PRINCIPAL + D.Y.O.T. (Dunk Your OWN TARGET!)

Make a splash and help send next year's 5th graders to camp—Happening NOW are two email bidding auctions to Dunk the Principal + Dunk Your Own Target! The highest 3 bidders will get to take 3 shots at dunking our esteemed principal (and earn bragging rights!). Plus, new this year: FIVE 10-minute spots on the plank are up for grabs! You pick the (agreeable) target, and you get the first 3 shots! But to win these rare opportunities, **you must bid now and bid high**—email Rachael Weissman at reweissman@hotmail.com and raise the bar! But hurry, bidding started Monday and ends Thursday at 9 pm! Winners will be announced Friday afternoon.

Cake Decorating Contest This FRIDAY!

Calling the daring and amazing — Bring your creatively decorated cake to center stage (ok, the cafeteria stage) **before school on Friday, June 5**, get a prize for entering, and have your culinary creation entered in the **Bust'n The Big Top Cake Decorating Contest**. The top two winners from K-2 and 3-5 will each receive a FREE WRISTBAND for Sunday's Carnival! (Winners will be announced Friday afternoon.) Cakes will then be put up as prizes at the Carnival's Cakewalk. So crack out those cake pans, and crank up the creativity!

WIM Instrument Petting Zoo

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3RD AND 4TH GRADERS: You and your student(s) are invited to the Wedgwood Instrumental Music (**WIM**) INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO on **Monday, June 15, 2009 from 6:30 – 8 pm** in the library. It's time for your next year's 4th or 5th grader to decide on an instrument for the 2009-10 Instrumental Music Program! Come try out different musical instruments and have any questions answered by your local music teachers. Join Us!

Walkathon: a huge success

The Walkathon Committee wants to thank everyone—staff, teachers, students and families—for making the 2009 Wedgwood Walkathon such a huge success. We are still counting pledges and will announce totals and prize winners on Monday, June 8.

Looking for Students in the Spotlight

Parents, did your child win an award or receive recognition for an extracurricular activity outside of school and would like to share with us? Our student teachers will be creating a Student Achievement Board to celebrate all that our children have accomplished this year, and would love to include your child. Email joyang@seattleschools.org or send via kidmail, a picture and a short 2-3 sentence summary of what the award was about. **PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, JUNE 5.**