



# Wedgwood Principal's Newsletter

## Message from Mr. Liu

Happy New Year! Today, we had our Martin Luther King Jr. and Character Trait of the Month (Gratitude) assembly. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and Ms. Clark's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class presented at the assembly. The students worked hard to rehearse their roles in talking about Gratitude and helping our students learn about MLK's impact on our world. Thank you to the students who presented and to the teachers for their contributions!

In early November of 2017, I asked you to complete a survey of my leadership in order to provide specific ways that I can improve as a principal. I value the feedback that I received from the 149 individuals that completed the survey. Below is a summary of the feedback received and I intend to send out another survey at the end of the school year to hear more ways that I can improve.

Category	% Satisfied respondents	% Neutral or dissatisfied
Overall leadership	92%	8%
Effective communication	91%	9%
Respects students and parents	94%	6%
Finds solutions, responds to concerns	82%	18%
High expectations for students	84%	16%

Category	% Satisfied respondents	% Neutral or dissatisfied
High expectations for staff	86%	14%
Approachable w/concerns	91%	9%
Positive school culture	92%	8%

## Here are the **themes from your comments:**

### Strengths of Mr. Liu's leadership:

- Communication w/parents
- Creating positive school culture
- Being present at school
- Listening to concerns
- Engaged with work with students
- Positive communication w/students
- Commitment to equity and inclusion
- Being welcoming and friendly

### Improvement for Mr. Liu's leadership:

- Connecting families w/classrooms and teachers
- Communicating school-wide initiatives
- Work on equity issues
- Providing opportunities for high achieving students
- More Principal meetings w/parents
- Letting parents know how to help
- Having timely email responses
- Building trust between teachers and parents
- Gathering feedback from all parents

Based on your feedback, here are some actions steps that I will take.

I will:

- Schedule more Principal meetings after school and in evenings to answer your questions and concerns
- Work to get feedback from all families (phone calls, home visits, climate survey)
- Providing more support in classrooms for high achieving students

Thank you again for all who participated in the survey! I want to thank you all for the positive support and I will continue to show you how I am committed to improving my own leadership and improving Wedgwood Elementary!

Respectfully,  
Steve Liu

## Wedgwood Cultural Festival

**Wedgwood Cultural Festival on February**

**9th (6-8PM)** is coming up soon. We hope you'll consider sharing food, an activity or game, or a brief performance. Your contribution can reflect your cultural heritage or an important part of your family's identity. If it represents you, we hope you'll come and share it!

Take a look at these participation opportunities via Sign Up Genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4caaa62ba1fc1-wedgwood>

**If you have questions or need more information, please contact the event co-chairs.**

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## PTA Guest Speaker – Jasen Frelot

On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm, Wedgwood will be hosting Jasen Frelot. His presentation, "Power and Privilege" will discuss the misuse of power and privilege in children, the tendency towards exclusion and how to move children towards inclusion, authentically giving voice to children of color and other marginalized groups. Q&A to follow. The Wedgwood PTA will be hosting this even in partnership with the Bryant Elementary PTA.

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