



Wedgwood Principal's Newsletter

Message from Mr. Liu

Hello Wedgwood Families!

Earlier today at an all-school assembly, our 4th grade students presented about Integrity, which is our character trait of the month for March. The students did a great job presenting and singing a song about examples of integrity!

After school, I offered time for parents/guardians to ask questions or discuss any issue with me as part of my Principal Forums. I arrived late to the playground so I apologize if any of you waited to speak with me and we did not connect. Next Friday, March 9th, I will be on the playground from 3:30-4:30 pm for any parent/guardian to discuss school safety or any other question or concern with me.

As questions about school security have come up, I want to inform you about the current procedures that we have at Wedgwood. Each school day after the arrival bell rings, Mr. Tom, our daytime custodian, locks all the gates around the school, and all the exterior doors to the school building are locked except for one front door on NE 85th St. The school doors remain locked until just before dismissal when Mr. Tom unlocks the gates for families to enter campus to pick up their students.

As part of our procedures, we will start locking the Copy Room door next to the front door of the school to ensure that all visitors to the building need to sign-in at the office first. If you are a parent volunteer, please use the office

workroom for any copying or other workroom tasks you may be asked to do.

Wedgwood is currently next for installation of a door buzzer system at the entrance to the school on NE 85th St. This buzzer system will allow the office staff to verify visitors before allowing them to enter the building. More details on the door buzzer system to come.

Many staff, including myself and Assistant Principal Smith, at Wedgwood carry walkie talkies so that staff can respond to urgent needs in a timely manner. We are continually considering further ways to improve school security. If you have any ideas of suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone.

Thank you for your support of Wedgwood and have a wonderful weekend! Go Marmots!

Respectfully,
Steve Liu
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Friday, March 2, 2018

Wedgwood Annual PTA Auction

Grab your ruby red slippers, your courage and your heart– it's time to head to that other Emerald City! Join us for an evening of food, drinks and fundraising in support of Wedgwood Elementary students, staff and families.

The annual school auction is Friday, March 23rd, 2018 from 6 to 11pm at the Mountaineers on Sand Point Way NE. Register & donate online at wedgwoodpta.maestroweb.com.

Questions? Contact Chris Korol or Lisa West, Auction Co-Chairs at auctionwedgwood@gmail.com.

Not getting the PTA newsletter?

Signing up for the PTA Weekly is easier than ever! Just click [here](#) and in a few seconds you'll be on the list to receive the weekly newsletter loaded with updates about programs, events, and everything else happening in our school community. Thanks for helping us reach as many people as possible! – The PTA

New playground equipment!

Thank you to the PTA for providing new playground equipment that was installed over mid-winter break. Picnic tables and benches were installed in various areas of the playground and two Buddy Benches were also installed. Our PE Teacher, Ms. Becker, will be teaching our students the expectations for the Buddy Benches. If a student is unsure of what to play at recess, they can sit on the Buddy Bench, then other students that see a student sitting on the Buddy Bench will ask if that student wants to join in a game. It's a great way for students to connect with new friends and to find new activities to play at recess!

This equipment was purchased by the PTA from the generous donations of our community at last year's auction! On behalf of our students and staff, thank you!