



Wedgwood Principal's Newsletter

Message from Mr. Liu

Hello Wedgwood Families,

Last Friday, we had an all-school assembly where I presented how to be caring at school. At Wedgwood, some examples of being caring are checking in on others by asking "How are you doing?" and giving compliments to each other. A Marmot card drawing is also taking place at our assemblies this year and if your child gets their Marmot card drawn, then they are invited to have lunch with me and they can invite a friend. I will contact you if your child's Marmot card is drawn at an assembly!

Halloween is coming up at the end of the month and I want to take this opportunity to discuss Wedgwood's rules about student costumes and cultural appropriation. *The basic rules for student costumes for Halloween, October 31st are that costumes should not have weapons, blood/gore, and masks.* [This article has more information about cultural appropriation and some guidelines to follow when finding a costume for your child.](#) Regarding cultural appropriation and Halloween, here are also some rules from the article to consider:

- **Source:** Think first about the source culture. Is this a culture that has been historically discriminated against or oppressed (African Americans, American Indians, etc.)? If so, proceed with caution.
- **Significance (or sacredness):** What's the significance of what you're taking? Is it something that is of major

cultural significance, or maybe even something sacred, or is it just a run-of-the-mill ordinary item, an everyday commodity? (American Indian headdresses are the equivalent of military medals. They're not just decoration or hats or jewelry or something ornamental. They mean something.)

- **Similarity:** And finally, think about the similarity of what you're doing. Are you interpreting or being inspired by someone else's culture, or are you just making an exact copy?

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you have. Thank you for supporting Wedgwood!

Go Marmots!
Respectfully,
Steve Liu
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Thursday, Oct 11 - During school day	School Picture Day
Thursday, Oct 11 6:00-8:00 pm	Kindergarten Social in Wedgwood cafeteria
Thursday, Oct 25 5:00-7:00 pm	Wedgwood Elementary Potluck
Wednesday, Nov 7 - during school day	Wedgwood Move-a- thon

Updates from Nurse Sarah

Lice has arrived at Wedgwood already! We've had confirmed cases in almost every grade. Please help us by checking your student at home once a week. You want to look for small, tear-dropped shaped silvery or white eggs stuck to the hair shaft.

If your child does get lice:

- don't feel bad. There is no blaming/shaming/guilt about lice – anyone can get it and it does not mean you or your child is dirty.
- Treat with a lice-killing shampoo and comb the hair with a lice comb once a day for two weeks to remove eggs.

Please let Nurse Sarah know if you have any further questions. Here is more information about lice:

<https://www.nasn.org/programs/educational-initiatives/lice-lessons>

Flu shot clinic –

There will be a flu shot clinic at Wedgwood offering FREE flu shots to all students. Our tentative date is November 14th. Consent forms went home in the last few days. You may fill out the paperwork (or contact me if you need a new form) or sign up online at:

register.seattleflu.com. Thanks for helping keep everyone at school healthy and ready to learn!

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Wedgwood Family Handbook

[Follow this link to access the Wedgwood Family Handbook](#). In it, you will find details about Wedgwood policies and procedures.

Walk to School Month - Walktober

Did you know that October is also known as Walktober and is International Walk to School Month? Just as Wedgwood does with Bike to

School month, we will be sending a mileage log home for each student in Kid Mail so you can track your walking in October. **It will be in your child's folder on Monday.** Turn it in at the end of the month and we'll see which classroom has walked the most! Any walking counts -- not just walking to school. So if you bus or drive you can participate, too. This is a great warm-up for the Move-a-Thon.

Emergency Preparedness Speaker

As you probably already know, part of what the Wedgwood PTA offers is local community speakers. We are honored to have an Emergency Preparedness Class next Thursday October 18th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. We all know how important is to be ready at the time of natural disaster, especially in the Pacific Northwest.

This is a free community event and everyone is welcome to attend. Please feel free to spread the words to your friends and neighbors if they are interested. Hope to see you all there!

Regards,
Sepideh Zolfaghari
Membership chair

Volunteer Info at Wedgwood

Seattle Public Schools has new online volunteer forms. [Please visit this link](#) to learn more information about this and to complete your volunteer paperwork online! If you need a paper volunteer application, please stop in at the Wedgwood office to pick it up. Wedgwood loves our volunteers!

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