



Wedgwood Principal's Newsletter

Message from Mr. Liu

Last night, we had our first Wedgwood Elementary Potluck and over 100 people attended! The potlucks this year are intended to be an informal gathering for families and students. The next potluck will take place on Thursday, February 28th, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Families are welcome to bring a dish to share and we will provide pizza so bringing a dish is optional.

As part of Wedgwood's race and equity work, we will be starting Affinity groups for Black students and for Latino students this school year. Affinity groups allow students, who share a historically marginalized identity, to gather and share experiences related to that identity with each other in a safe space. Affinity groups in schools are also typically led by an adult who also identifies with the group. The discussions are then used to create action plans that will build a more equitable school environment for all students.

If you are a parent/guardian of a Black student or a Latino student, please contact Principal Liu to have your child participate in an affinity group at Wedgwood that will meet during lunch times. We may expand Wedgwood's affinity groups to other groups of students later this school year.

Go Marmots!
Respectfully,
Steve Liu
Twitter: @WedgwoodElem

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wednesday, Nov 7 – during school day	Wedgwood Move-a-thon
Friday, Nov 9 – 1:45-2:15 pm	Veterans Day Assembly
Friday, Nov 9 – 6:00-8:00 pm	PTA Fall Dance & Food Drive
Monday, Nov 12	Veterans Day Holiday – No School

Halloween Candy Donations – November 1 - 9

Too much candy from your trick-or-treating festivities? We have a sweet way you can help! Feel free to donate any amount of your collected Halloween candy to the bin in the front office. Our donations will go to volunteers at Camp Murray in Tacoma who will add it to care packages that are sent to troops stationed overseas. Feel free to contact our PE teacher Mrs. Jansen Becker with any questions.

Veterans Day Assembly – Nov 9th

Wedgwood's Veterans Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 9th from 1:45-2:15 pm. If you, or a relative of a Wedgwood student, is currently serving or has served in the United States armed forces, then they are invited to our Veterans Day Assembly as a guest of honor! Please contact Principal Liu if you or a relative will be attending the assembly.

Winter Concert Info

Just a reminder that our Winter Concert: Wedgwood Around the World will occur on **December 7th** from **5:30-7:30 PM** at **Nathan Hale High School!** Join us for a night full of songs in other languages and dances from cultures all around the globe! We are again splitting it up into two concerts with Grades K-2 performing from **5:30-6:15pm** and **Grades 3-5 performing from 6:45-7:30pm.** Choir will be performing their songs at both concerts! More details to come!

I am looking for parent volunteers for the night of the concert! This would involve sitting in the rooms with the kids backstage and helping them line up and get onto and off the stage. You would still get to see your child perform, just from the side of the stage! The commitment would be from 5:00-7:45 (or you can opt to do just one of the concerts). Choir parents especially please consider this as you are going to be at both concerts anyway 😊 Please email Ms. Waltzer if available and willing.

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.

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