



Wedgwood Principal's Newsletter

Message from Mr. Liu

Our school year is off to a great start and it has been wonderful seeing the students learning at school! This is the first of my bi-monthly newsletters which will give you updates about Wedgwood Elementary. This school year, our teachers and students will continue exploring literacy concepts through the Center for the Collaborative Classroom (CCC) literacy curriculum, which is in the second year of implementation.

This week, our staff has been working to create a safe and calm learning environment by reviewing rules and expectations in different areas of the school. In math, we are working on assessing students' skills and meeting their needs through support and enrichment opportunities.

I hope to see you on September 27th for Curriculum Night. There will be multiple sessions of teacher and grade level presentations and I will be giving a "State of the School" presentation after the classroom sessions, which will be followed by a PTA general meeting. *I am also working on arranging childcare for families during curriculum night.* More information to come!

This is going to be a great school year!

Go Marmots!
Respectfully,
Steve Liu
Twitter: @WedgwoodElem

Friday, September 14, 2018

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wednesday, Sept 26 - 1:15-3:30 pm	Harvest Garden Party - Wedgwood playground
Thursday, Sept 27 6:00-8:00 pm	Curriculum Night & PTA General Meeting
Monday, Oct 8 6:30-8:00 pm	PTA Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct 11 - During school day	School Picture Day
Thursday, Oct 11 6:00-8:00 pm	Kindergarten Social in Wedgwood cafeteria

Advanced Learning Referrals

In order for your child to be tested and considered for eligibility for Seattle Public School's Advanced Learning Programs and Services you must first submit a referral form by **Monday, September 24th by 5:00 pm.**

Referral and Test Scheduling are completed online via the Source. To begin, simply login to your Parent or Guardian account on [the Source](#), and click on the "Advanced Learning" button to start the referral process. [Please visit the Advanced Learning website for more details.](#)

Message from the Specialists

My name is Eia Waltzer and I am the Performing Arts Specialist at Wedgwood. The performing arts program strives to provide opportunities for students to create, explore, perform, and respond in a safe and fun

environment. Students work on many different units and projects throughout the year, such as short films, tech theater, recorder, Shakespeare, ukulele, and playwriting. In class we will focus on learning how to create and rehearse a piece, whether that be a song, a dance, or a scene, and then perform it, using constructive peer feedback to reflect and improve upon our performances. We also have a number of performance opportunities outside of the school day such as choir, our 3-5th grade musical, concerts, and the talent show. Feel free to reach me at ewaltzer@seattleschools.org. I am looking forward to having an amazing year full of art!

My name is Jessica Jansen Becker and I am the Physical Education Specialist at Wedgwood. Our PE program aims to create an environment where students feel safe to participate in a wide variety of activities, games, and sports. It is inclusive for all students and focuses on character traits including cooperation, integrity, and perseverance so that every student has the opportunity to be active, successful, and have fun. Students work on many comprehensive units throughout the year. We will focus on skills and knowledge of team sports including volleyball, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, field hockey, and lacrosse as well as individual sports such as golf, tennis, badminton, and track and field. Students will also work on individual fitness, yoga, biking, jump rope, nutrition and much more. Please look for monthly newsletters for more information on what is happening in PE and feel free to reach me at jejansen@seattleschools.org. I am looking forward to an active and fun year of learning, growing, and playing here at Wedgwood.

My name is Joe Granahan and I am the Visual Arts teacher here at Wedgwood. The visual arts program encourages students to use their imagination and investigate different ways of approaching a project. I give students open

ended projects, which gives them the opportunity to consider and plan the steps required to construct their project. It also gives them a conduit to express their ideas and feelings, and it gives them a venue to share their experiences and beliefs. In art class students will have a chance to explore different mediums with a variety of techniques. We will also be having an art show/art walk later in the year. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing the students' creative process with their projects.
jgranahan@seattleschools.org

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