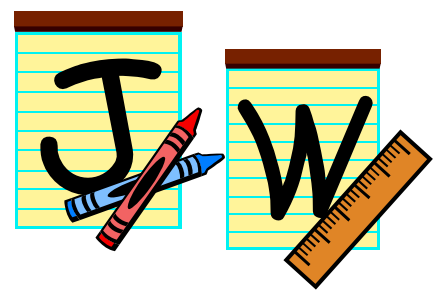


# Jacob Wismer PTO Newsletter

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## Celebrate the Arts

Come "celebrate" the artistic and musical talents of our students.  
On March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm, Jacob Wismer will turn into a museum of art.  
A piece of art from every student will be displayed on the walls of our school. Students will also be performing musical selections in the library.  
Come and share this wonderful free family event with us.

Interested in volunteering to process and post art?  
Contact Melissa Gilley at [melgilley@verizon.net](mailto:melgilley@verizon.net)

## Register on line for Celebrate the Arts Music Program

Instrumental music performers will again be featured this year at Celebrate the Arts. Students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to play their instrument at the festival.

Information and registration for Music Performers for Celebrate the Arts can be found online at: <http://mysite.verizon.net/rest9dvm/id5.html>, or can be found via the Jacob Wismer and the JW PTO home page. Please note: there is limited first-come, first-served registration space so check it out soon!

Questions about performing at Celebrate the Arts can be directed to Liz Caswell at [PaulLizIanAbbie@yahoo.com](mailto:PaulLizIanAbbie@yahoo.com).

## JW's Family Fun Night

The annual **Jacob Wismer Family Fun Night** will be held on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Gym from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This is a FREE event for all Jacob Wismer families!

Bring the whole family!

D.J. Tom Farley will be here once again with music, games and prizes.

We will be having dance contests, hula hoop contests, trivia games and a whole lot more.

Get out of the house and come have fun with your family

Join us for this FREE event sponsored by the Jacob Wismer PTO.



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## New Family Coffee

Are you a new family to Jacob Wismer this school year?  
Please join us for a "New Family Coffee" on  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 in the cafeteria

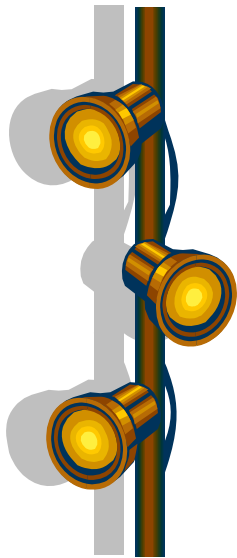
This is a great opportunity to meet other new families, ask questions, and take a break!

Members of the PTO will be present as well as our principal, Joan McFadden.  
If you have any questions, please contact Geralyn Kerprich at [geralyn\\_k@yahoo.com](mailto:geralyn_k@yahoo.com).

## JW Clothes Closet Day Successful

A big thank you to Lori Brisbee, Teresa Laasko and all the volunteers who helped at the Beaverton Clothes Closet in January.

The Clothes Closet brings school clothes and coats to students in the Beaverton School District who are in need.



### Spotlight on: Volunteer Coordinators

The PTO is looking for TWO volunteers to hold the important board position(s) of

**Volunteer Coordinator(s)** for the 2010-2011 school year. These positions are shared positions on the PTO Board.

As Volunteer Coordinator(s), you will work together to organize all volunteer needs at Jacob Wismer. You will work closely with the PTO Board members, Principal and Administrative Staff, and Teaching Staff to organize volunteers for both curriculum/classroom-based needs as well as all of our PTO events. You will also be responsible for the communication that is sent out to all Jacob Wismer families.

#### Why should you consider this opportunity to serve our school:

- **Contribution:** Make a significant impact to your child's school community – this is a key position for our PTO board to keep the program functioning and moving forward.
- **Convenient:** Due to our latest technology enhancement (on-line Help Counter), much of the time spent can be done right at home!
- **Get to know others:** You will get to interact with the many parent volunteers and work directly with our entire staff.

Ideally, you would start this school year by "shadowing" the current Volunteer Coordinators to learn the ropes before diving right in next year.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact our current Volunteer Coordinators:  
Wendy Guthrie or Rashmi Bhalla at: [jw\\_vc@yahoo.com](mailto:jw_vc@yahoo.com)

## Attention all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

A committee is being formed to plan the annual year-end celebration for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

We need your help in organizing the many aspects of this day.

Please join us for a planning meeting on Wednesday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 in the JW Conference Room. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would still like to help or lead one of the pieces of this day, please contact GERALYN KERPRICH at [geralyn\\_k@yahoo.com](mailto:geralyn_k@yahoo.com) or 503/533-0789.

### School Communication Update:

Jacob Wismer has upgraded the Help Counter system on the Volunteer Sign-In Computer, to meet our needs of going paperless.

**Our Goal:** To use the web based Help Counter Program for all PTO, District and School communication.

*Help Counter is a standard and secure web-based program that many schools use in the Beaverton School District. Your information will be strictly used for Jacob Wismer school communication purposes only.*

What does this mean for you: If you are using the volunteer sign-in computer in the front office to log your volunteer hours, we already have your information. If not, you will need to provide your name and E-mail address by going to [www.helpcounter.net/volunteer](http://www.helpcounter.net/volunteer) or you can enter your name and email address into the volunteer computer located in the front office. This will allow you to receive all the communication sent out by the school, PTO and the District information.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Guthrie or Rashmi Bhalla, at [jw\\_vc@yahoo.com](mailto:jw_vc@yahoo.com).

### Junior Achievement Update

The Junior Achievement training has been postponed until the end of February. We are still missing volunteers for a few classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wendy Guthrie or Rashmi Bhalla, at [jw\\_vc@yahoo.com](mailto:jw_vc@yahoo.com).

If there are not enough volunteers, some classes may miss out on this fantastic program. You may volunteer in your class or another class.

We still in need volunteers for the following classes:

Carol Steward, Carol H. Gatewood, Cheryl Sippel, Patty Blechman, Kelly Liesinger, Barb Yarnell, Shawn Vuksich (AM), and Melissa Gilchrest (AM)