

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

We hope you had a wonderful winter break! Welcome back to school and to the new decade. This issue of the PTO E-blast contains:

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Please scroll down to find more information on each of these topics. If you have questions or comments, please check the [PTO website](#) and contact the appropriate board member. We're looking forward to working with you to make this year great for our students!

Sincerely,

Your Jacob Wismer PTO Board

Follow us on Facebook

Do you ever wish you had reminders about upcoming PTO events? Or wish you could get updates about JW issues in between newsletters? Follow the PTO Facebook page for the latest news, updates and reminders! <https://www.facebook.com/JWESPTO/>

PTO meeting cancelled

Tomorrow's PTO meeting was cancelled due to insufficient attendance (we had a couple of family emergencies and work commitments interfere). Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4th. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us! We are still working hard behind the scenes and are more than happy to talk with you one-on-one.

If you are concerned about the Middle School Boundary Adjustment, please see that section below.

Walking School Bus

DID YOU MISS THE BUS THIS MORNING? CATCH IT NEXT TIME!

Our next "1st Monday of the month Walking School Bus" will be on February 3rd. See you then!

When: Monday, February 3rd - weather permitting

Time: meet between 7:50 & 8:00 AM

Where: 2 locations

- our volunteer Margarita will meet you at NW Kyle Pl/ NW Vance Dr.

-Our volunteer Ana will meet you at Arbor Heights Playground

Questions? Please contact Margarita at vpcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org

Clothes Closet Volunteering Day

Jacob Wismer's scheduled day to help staff the Beaverton's School District's Clothes Closet is **Wednesday, January 8th**. The Clothes Closet is operated by volunteers to provide clothes for kids in need who attend schools in the District. **January 8th is our only scheduled day for the school year, and we are responsible for staffing from 9:30am to 4:15pm.** Roughly speaking, we are looking for volunteers for two shifts: 9:30am to 12:45pm, or second shift of 12:45pm to 4:15pm. But if you can volunteer for even a couple of hours, that would be very helpful. Volunteers in the afternoon are especially needed. Three to four people are needed for each shift. Tasks include sorting clothing that's been donated, keeping the room neat, helping families find what they're looking for, etc. An orientation will be provided, and staff are there to assist. Please consider helping out!

Middle School Boundary Adjustment

Those of you who follow the PTO Facebook page will be aware that the BSD Middle School Boundary Adjustment committee has raised the possibility of sending JW students to a new middle school (Timberline) rather than to Stoller, or of splitting JW to feed into both middle schools.

A number of parents have organized to make sure JW is represented at the next Middle School Boundary Adjustment Committee meeting (Jan. 9th, 6:30-8:30 pm at Mountain View Middle School; doors open at 6 pm). Priya Mani has been chosen to speak for JW if given the chance. We encourage JW parents to attend this meeting if interested. If you do attend, please enter Priya's name into the speaker lottery to increase the chance that she will be allowed to speak. The message being promoted, using BSD is that all JW kids including those in SUMMA should attend Stoller while Stoller overcrowding must be reduced.

There is also a meeting tentatively scheduled for this Sunday at Cedar Mill Library (NOT the Bethany branch). More details will be announced shortly.

If you would like to be added to the list of parents coordinating efforts to keep JW in Stoller, please contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org.

Reminder: Emotions are running very high about this. We ask everyone to make an extra effort to be civil and courteous so that your behavior reflects well on JW.

Film Plastic Recycling Competition

Our Green Team challenge for January is to **recycle film plastic!** JW is competing against other elementary schools to see who can keep the most film plastic out of landfills. This type of plastic is not eligible for curbside recycling in our area, and it's a major pollutant in oceans. Even if properly disposed of in a landfill, it takes an incredibly long time to biodegrade. Keep your ziplocs and bread bags out of the trash – send them to our film plastic collection bins to start a new life in Trex building materials!

- **Where?** Yellow bins outside of JW office
- **When?** Bins will be up by Jan. 13th; collection continues through April 15th
- **What?** You can recycle these materials (please make sure they are clean, dry, and free of food residue):

grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags

Keep an eye out for our Fantastic Plasticometer, which will track how much plastic we've kept out of the landfill! Start collecting your film plastics now—you will be amazed by how much you've been throwing away!

Art Literacy Training

We had wonderful success with the most challenging art literacy of the year. Huge thanks to Len Mathes for keeping us supplied with the paints!

Please join us Monday, January 13th for the training on the African Textiles unit. Sessions are 8:30-10am in the PE portable outside and 7-8pm in the Staff lounge just past the copy room. This will be quite different and also fun for the students. Your participation, coming to the training and willingness to lead projects in the classroom make the art program possible for our students.

Many thanks from the Art Literacy team!

OBOB battles

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to All!

Our school OBOB pool plays kick off the second week of school and the plan is to give **each team** an opportunity to participate in **3 pool play battles**.

Below are the **pool play battle dates**, for each grade. The battles will be held before school.

More information will be sent out later this week regarding rules of the game, parent volunteer needs etc.

5th GRADE		4th GRADE		3rdGRADE	
Jan 13th	Firing Phoenixes vs. The Flying Fish The Reading Pandas vs. ThigamOBOB Yay! Super Glitter Cats vs. Taco Cats Book Scavengers vs. Joy of reading	Jan 17th	Creative Pandas vs. Reading Rockstars Tarantulas vs. Crystal Star Readers Book Nerds vs. Reading Puppies Book Bots vs. _____	Jan 14th	Lightning Readers vs. Reading Pirates Brilliant Book Battlers vs. Victory Readers Bookworms vs. Reading stars Book Bandits vs. Eagle Strikers Relay Readers vs. LASS
Jan 24th	Firing Phoenixes vs. Joy of reading Book Scavengers vs. Yay! Super Glitter Cats The Reading Pandas vs. Taco Cats ThingamOBOB vs. The Flying Fish	Jan 31st	Creative Pandas vs. Book Nerds Book Bots vs. Reading Puppies Tarantulas vs. Reading Rockstars Crystal Star Readers vs. _____	Jan 28th	Lightning Readers vs. Brilliant Book Battlers Bookworms vs. Book Bandits Eagle Strikers vs. LASS Relay readers vs. Reading Stars Victory Readers vs. Reading Pirates
Feb 10th	Taco Cats vs. The Flying Fish ThingamOBOB vs. Book Scavengers The Reading Pandas vs. Firing Phoenixes Yay! Super Glitter Cats vs. Joy of reading	Feb 14th	Reading Puppies vs. Reading Rockstars Crystal Star Readers vs. Book Bots Tarantulas vs. Creative Pandas Book Nerds vs. _____	Feb 11th	Lightning Readers vs. LASS Brilliant Book Battlers vs. Eagle Strikers Book Bandits vs. Reading stars Book Worms vs. Victory Readers Relay Readers vs. Reading Pirates

Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night is Friday, 1/17 at 6 pm

We'll be screening Abominable, rated PG.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the movie starts at 6:00 pm sharp.

Come support your 5th graders as part of their fundraiser for their end of the year activities. Pizza, candy, glow necklaces and water will be available for purchase! Cash Only.

Please bring your sleeping bag and your appetite, and get ready to join Yi and friends as they embark on an epic quest to reunite a young Yeti with his family at the highest place on Earth.

Check out our PTO Movie Night RSVP form and let us know if you will be joining us at the movies! <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/family-movie-night-rsvp/>

Passport Club

Checkout Week: January 27th – 31st !

Passport club is an at-home study program, and kids are doing great !!!! Let's keep up the good work-- please go over maps with your child once or twice before checkout!

You can find **Study Maps** at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>.

*if your child needs a printed copy please ask your teacher or passport chairs to provide with one.

Volunteers please signup!!! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A9AC2EA4FE3-jacob>

General passport information: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/passport-club/>

Thank you much! Please let us know if you have any questions.

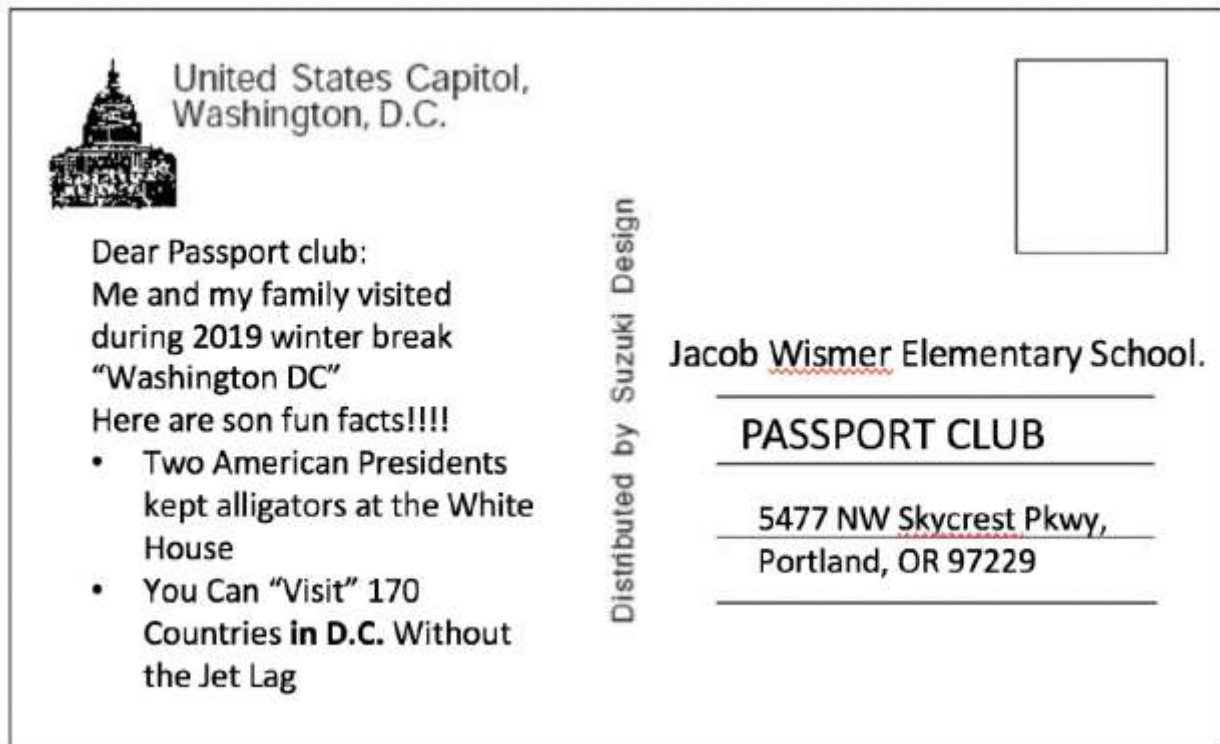
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WINTER BREAK ACTIVITY: POSTCARDS!

Don't forget to participate in the Passport Club winter break activity by sending a postcard to Jacob Wismer and sharing a couple of fun facts about the place you visited. We will create a collage at school to share the postcards, and don't worry !!! if you are not traveling you can also share a lot of fun and interesting facts about Portland/Oregon/United States.

Drop off in the school office: place in the "Passport Club" drawer!

Here is an example:



Spring Dance Activity Chair Needed

Did you enjoy the Fall Event this year? Have you been to one of the many fun past events such as Bollywood Dance Night, Barn Dance, or Sock Hop? If you have a good idea for the Spring Dance, then **we need you!**

The Spring Dance chair chooses the theme of the spring event, then organizes and plans the event. We are in desperate need of a Spring Dance chair to get started on planning for this beloved event! Don't be intimidated—there are guidelines to help you, chairs of past events to help with advice, and the PTO board to answer questions and help with anything you might need. All you need is enthusiasm and the willingness to organize!

Contact Cara Coates caracoates@hotmail.com or Cristina Lau cristinafrisco@gmail.com

Science Fun Night co-chair needed

The 2018-19 JW PTO Science Fun competition was a highly successful pilot event! Our JW budding scientists had tons of fun participating in it and the JW community indicated preference to continue the competition. And now, the current JW PTO has decided to continue the competition for 2019-20 school year and possibly beyond! However, the Science Fun Competition Planning committee -currently consisting of 3 chair/co-chairs (all parents of 5th graders) - is looking for 1 or 2 additional co-chairs for planning and conduct of this year's competition. The additional co-chairs are required to be JW PTO members/parents of current 3rd or 4th Graders so that they can shadow the process this year and help continue the competition subsequently. The planning has already begun, so additional co-chairs are needed NOW! Interested volunteers may contact the Science Fun competition chair at jw.sci.fun@gmail.com.

Other volunteer opportunities

Garden Club volunteers needed!

Do you love to garden? Want to help maintain the JW garden & grounds? Green Team is looking for volunteers to help improve & maintain the JW landscape, and also to work with the 4th grade Garden Club kids. Volunteer opportunities are available both inside and outside of school hours. Contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org for more information!

Lamination help needed!

We need a volunteer to help with lamination duties. This would ideally be someone could come in once or maybe twice a week, for about an hour each time. Contact Valerie Ditchfield vditchfield@frontier.com

PTO treasurer needed next year; jobshadow this year

Want to help facilitate our exciting PTO programs? The PTO board is looking for a prospective Treasurer (job-shadow this year to learn the ropes, then join the board in June for a 2-year term)! The Treasurer handles PTO funds, keeps track of PTO revenue and spending and reconciles it with the budget, and works with an accountant to prepare the PTO tax return. No experience necessary, only enthusiasm and dedication --the year of job-shadowing will teach you all the skills you need! However, experience with QuickBooks would be a plus! **Note: This is a 2-year position so you must have a child who'll be enrolled at JW for this year, plus 2 more.** Contact Cara Coates at caracoates@hotmail.com for more information.

Community Events

This is a new section of our newsletter that will showcase free local events! These events are not PTO sponsored and are included for informational purposes only. Want to submit information? Contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org.

