

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

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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

President's Note

Dear Jacob Wismer families,

I would like to say thank you to each and every family that participated in Eagle Run this year! Thank you to the students who ran in the fundraiser, and the many volunteers without whom our fundraiser would not take place. **And a very special thank you to our donors!** **Thank you so much to the parents, for your generous donations and for your sincere efforts to meet and exceed our fundraising goal.** Because of your hard work and generosity, we are able to fund not only our normal programs this year, but also some wish list items for the school

community. We are working now on finalizing our budget, so please stay tuned to find out what your donations were able to achieve!

On behalf of all the students and staff, as well as the PTO board, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Sonia Lall

PTO President

Oregon Battle of the Books

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Registration for OBOB closes Nov 1st. If you are keen to register your team, forms are available online on JW PTO webpage [<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/oregon-battle-of-the-books-obob/>]. These can either be completed online and payment (cash/check in a sealed envelope) can be submitted to the OBOB drawer the school office. Please include Team name and Grade/Teacher Information.

Forms are due by Nov. 1st at 3 pm. No late submissions will be accepted.

We are still in need of a 4th grade Co-Chair.

Without a Co-Chair for 4th grade, it may not be possible to for 4th graders to participate in OBOB battles.

Grade Level Co-Chairs: The Grade Level Co-Chairs will work closely with the OBOB Chair and will be responsible for making sure that there are two parents signed up to run every battle and will step in to moderate if the need arises. A list of parent volunteers and dates will be provided to each lead.

3rd grade Co-Chair: Aaron Loreth

4th grade Co-Chair: _____

5th grade Co-Chair: Padma Chamarthi

Questions? Contact OBOB Chair **Priya Mani** at jacobwismerobob@gmail.com.

Walking School Bus

Don't forget to join the WALKING SCHOOL BUS next Monday!

When: Monday, November 4th.

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

Where: 2 locations

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

-Mr. V and our volunteer Ana will meet you at Arbor Heights Playground

See you on the 4th!

STEAM Night

STEAM Night will be held Thursday, Nov. 14th, 6-8 pm. More information coming soon about this beloved JW tradition!

Passport Club

November 18th -22nd is Checkout Week! Passport club is an at-home study program; please go over maps with your child once or twice before checkout! You can find maps at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>.

The following passport club newsletter is an image. Clickable links are provided below the image.

Passport Club Newsletter



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE HIGH FIVE STUDENTS
FROM OCTOBER PASSPORT CHECKOUT!!!!

STUDY AHEAD IN TIME !!!!

AND GET READY FOR OUR NOVEMBER CHECKOUT WEEK:

DATES: NOVEMBER 18TH - 22TH

- **STUDY MAPS** : Please study with your kids at home, you can find study maps at:
<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>
*If your kid needs a printed copy please contact your teacher or Passport Chairs,
it will be out pleasure to give copies tp kids that need it.
- **VOLUNTEERS**: A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped out on our October Checkout.
- We need your help to make this program a successful one for our kids.
- **QUESTIONS?** To learn more about this exciting program, please visit the passport club webpage at:

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

You can also contact

Ana Pacheco scrafted@hotmail.com

Archana Nim archana.manish.jain@gmail.com

Volunteering: www.jacobwismerpto.org/wp-content/uploads/PASSPORT-VOLUNTER-INFO-PDF.pdf

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

Green Club

November is almost here, and that means it's time for a new sustainability challenge! **Our theme for November is Local & Seasonal Food.**

- Food produced locally doesn't have to be shipped far, reducing greenhouse gas emissions due to transport
- Transport can cause spoilage and waste of food, and often requires refrigeration and extra packaging
- Food that is bought out of season must either be shipped from far away, or preserved somehow. Both of these options increase its environmental impact!

Local and seasonal food choices can taste wonderful: produce items are often fresher and better-tasting because they are allowed to ripen in the fields rather than being picked unripe to allow transport. And buying local supports your neighborhood businesses and economy!

Worried because the local Farmer's Market is closed for the winter? Don't be. You won't even have to visit a specialty or high-end grocery to find local food choices, although there are a number of farms and stores nearby that sell local produce and meat. Even mainstream grocers such as Safeway, Fred Meyer and QFC carry items such as local produce and dairy products. Check the labels on the produce bins or the shelves for the "local" sign! Want to plan a menu, but don't know what's in season locally? Check out <https://www.thespruceeats.com/oregon-fruits-and-vegetables-2217194>

So consider making this year's Thanksgiving a celebration of local and seasonal food, and eat local for November!

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. Contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org for more information!

Box Tops for Education

Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school! Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all new Box Top labels will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now. The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP: Click the



links below ☐

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, **you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.** Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4&feature=youtu.be>

The link above is to a YouTube video that has a demonstration of how the app works. It's pretty slick. If you have any questions please reach out to me, Martine Ayers -Jacob Wismer's Box Top Coordinator, at 541-231-5971 or email me at martine.ayers@gmail.com.

Open activity chair positions

Do you enjoy all the programs and special events run by the PTO, and want to get involved? All of our PTO programs are run by hardworking parent volunteers. The parent in charge of each program is called the activity chair, and has wide authority for decisions involving their program. (Don't be intimidated—there are guidelines to follow, and you'll get lots of help from the PTO board and former chairs of the program.) We have an urgent need to fill a few open activity chair positions for 2019-20! This list has been updated since the previous newsletter. Current needs are:

SPRING DANCE - chooses theme, plans, and carries out a fun community event. Contact Cara Coates caracoates@hotmail.com or Cristina Lau cristinafrisco@gmail.com

BOOK FAIR - [Co-Chair needed] - plans and manages the annual Jacob Wismer Book Fair. Contact Valerie Ditchfield vditchfield@frontier.com

OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - [Grade-level co-chairs needed for 4th grade] - coordinates volunteers to run each battle. Contact Priya Telang jacobwismerobob@gmail.com

SCIENCE FUN NIGHT - [Co-Chair/Shadow needed] - plans and carries out an opportunity for Jacob Wismer 3rd, 4th & 5th graders to demonstrate and test their knowledge of and passion for science in a fun competition jw.sci.fun@gmail.com.

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! **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.

Sunset Lacrosse is offering a free 1 hr skills clinic for players with 0-2 years' experience (grades 1-8)! The clinics provide an intro to lacrosse and require no skills or equipment. Students just need to register and show up on the date and time of the clinic. This clinic will be held Sunday, Nov. 3rd at Indoor Goals. Register and see clinic start times at www.sunsetlacrosse.com!