

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

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

Walking School Bus

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our next "1st Monday of the month Walking School Bus" will be on December 9th because all the Beaverton schools are closed on Monday, December 2nd. See you then!

When: Monday, December 9th.

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

Questions? Please contact Margarita at vpcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org

Winter Book Fair

The Winter Book Fair will be held Dec. 10-12th in the JW library. The Book Fair will be open 7:30 am - 4:30 pm for students, and 7:30 - 8:00 am/ 3:05 - 4:30 pm for parents. More info will be coming home soon!

We will need volunteers to work the book fair hours, as well as help setting up on the 9th! Please sign up if you're able!

December Cookie Treat

Jacob Wismer PTO will be holding their first ever Staff Appreciation Cookies Treat on December 10th and we need your help! **There are still a large number of slots to be filled!**

Sign up today to show our staff and teachers how much we appreciate their work by donating a dozen of your family's favorite cookies. They can be store bought or homemade. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AAFAC2DA2F58-winter>

All cookies must be peanuts free, other nuts are ok.

Cookies can be dropped off at the school office on December 9th and no later than December 10th (before 9:00 AM).

Disposable containers are preferred, but if you need your container returned, please label it with your name and child's teacher.

For questions, please contact treasurer@jacobwismerpto.org

Thank you for your donation.

PTO Staff Appreciation Team

Passport Club

Congratulations to all of our November High Five students! High Five student names will be posted in the hall across from the office this week. Keep up the good work! We also owe a tremendous THANK YOU to all the volunteers who come during Checkout Week to make Passport Club possible. Thank you so much!!

December 16th -20th 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.jacobwimerpto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>.

Green Club

Our challenge for December is to **Reduce Packaging!** During the holiday season, it can be really hard not to generate piles of waste. All those bags, boxes, wrapping papers... not to mention the cardboard and plastic packaging around food items and gifts. Packaging uses up resources in several ways: it takes raw materials and energy to produce packaging; transporting the packaging takes extra energy and causes extra emissions; and disposing of packaging after use also takes resources. Even recycling requires energy (both for processing and for transportation) and water. Plastic packaging is particularly bad—normal plastic doesn't biodegrade easily, so it remains in the environment for a long time.

This December, go green and do your part to **reduce, reuse and recycle packaging** whenever possible!

- **Reduce!** Choose items with little or no packaging: bulk produce instead of produce in

clamshells, toys that are not packaged instead of those in multiple layers of boxes and plastic bags.

- Paper is better than plastic: paper products biodegrade quickly, while most plastic breaks down slowly. Choose paper when possible if you must use single-use items.
- **Reuse!** Wrap your presents with reusable packaging: you can use even normal gift bags and tissue paper over and over again! Just stick a new to/from sticker on the bag and it's as good as new. You can reuse stick-on bows on many presents as well—just add tape.
- **Recycle!** While recycling isn't as good as not using packaging in the first place, it sure beats sending trash to the landfill. Recycle what waste you can, and remember that many organizations (Boy Scouts, etc.) offer programs to recycle hard-to-deal-with items such as Christmas trees and holiday lights.

Have a wonderful and **green** holiday season!

Fifth Grade Activities

We have started planning for the 5th Grade Activities and we are so excited to make this 5th grade year the best ever. The committee would like your help to plan the year-end celebration, t-shirts, memory books, class picture, and class gift. Right now we are looking for a few key leaders to help with the main 5th grade projects. If you are interested in chairing any of the following activities, please contact us!

- Memory Book and Slide Show - We need 2-3 people to gather pictures from the whole year, design, compile and print a color memory book for all the 5th graders. We have samples and programs from years past to help (or you are welcome to design a new book).
- Class Photographers - We need 1-2 people from EACH CLASS to volunteer to take pictures during the year (class parties, field trips, etc) to help out the Memory Book Coordinators.
- Class Party - We need 4-5 people to help coordinate the party and the 5th grade celebration activities. Besides the planning of the party, we will need A LOT of

volunteers to help this event run smoothly that day. There will be other dates where we might need help, but please mark **June 10th** on your calendar as that will be party day.

- Class T-shirts - We need 1-2 people to design and order a class T-shirt that the kids will wear at the end of the school year.

If interested in helping, please contact

Amy Roskowski: amy@roskowski.com

Susan Visintainer: vispdx@msn.com

Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders: sarahsperbeck@yahoo.com

Look for more information in the PTO Newsletters about 5th Grade activities.

Thanks! Amy, Susan and Sarah

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@jacobwismerto.org for more information!

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.

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, Dec. 8th at Indoor Goals. Register and see clinic start times at www.sunsetlacrosse.com!