

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! This issue of the PTO E-blast contains:

- Winter Book Fair (Dec. 10-12th)
- December Cookie Treat (Dec. 10)
- Passport Club (checkout Dec. 16th – Dec. 20th; Winter Break Activity: The Places You'll Go postcard collage!)
- Film Plastic Recycling Competition (start collecting now!)
- Walking School Bus (Jan. 6)
- Clothes Closet Volunteering Day (Jan. 8)
- Spring Dance Activity Chair needed
- Science Fun Night Co-chair needed
- Other volunteer opportunities
- PTO treasurer needed starting 2020-21; jobshadow this year
- Community Events

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

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. The proceeds from the Book Fair go directly to our school library so Ms. Le can purchase new books. Please consider supporting our library by shopping at the Book Fair!

We are in dire need of volunteers to help with Book Fair. Our library depends on the Book Fair funds, and the Book Fair depends on volunteers. Please sign up if you're able!

December Cookie Treat

The first ever Staff Appreciation Cookies Treat is tomorrow, December 10th. If you signed up to donate but haven't delivered your treats yet, you can still bring them tomorrow morning before school!

Thank you so much to all the parents who donated cookies and other treats! Our wonderful JW staff will be blown away by the amazing assortment!

Passport Club

Checkout Week: December 16th - 20th !

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.jacobwiserpto.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.jacobwiserpto.org/programs/passport-club/>

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

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PASSPORT CHECK OUT WEEK 4				
Dec. 16th – Dec. 20th				
2ND-5TH GRADE				
A	B	C	D	E
MONDAY 16TH	TUESDAY 17TH	WEDNESDAY 18TH	THURSDAY 19TH	FRIDAY 20TH
8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MRS. HUELSKAMP	8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MR. SILVER	8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MRS. RICHARDSON	8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MRS. HANSON	8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MRS. GUEVARA
9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. SCOGGINS	9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. GETTY	9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. ELMS	9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. BRUNDIDGE	9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. BOSSERT
1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MRS. TOEVS	1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MR. SUNDAHL	1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MRS. ENGLAND	1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MRS. EGGERS	1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MRS. AMATO
1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. LITTLE	1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. KERRIGAN	1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. JOHNSTON	1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. GUILFOYLE	1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. DARGEN

LET'S SHARE AND LEARN WITH PASSPORT CLUB. THE PLACES YOU WILL GO !!!

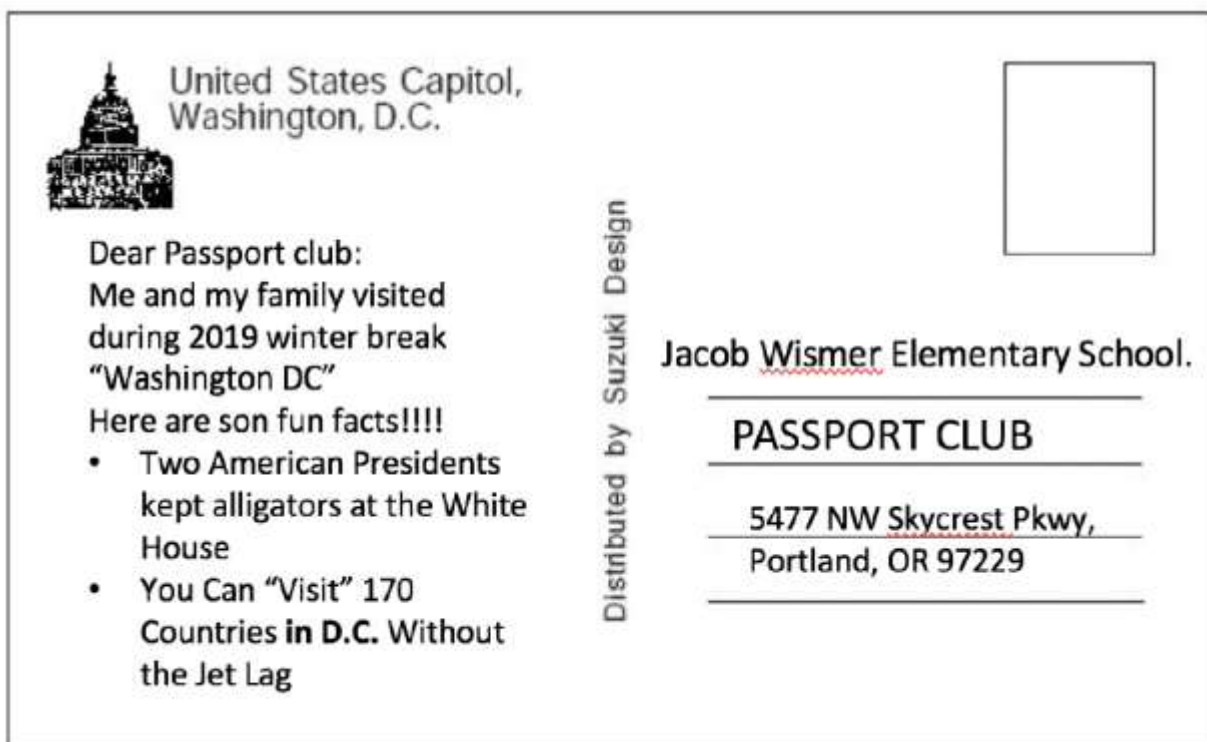
Passport Club wants to encourage kids and families to learn more about places you visit locally or internationally, that is why we invite you all to share with us “ THE PLACES YOU WILL GO" during WINTER BREAK by sending a postcard to Jacob Wismer and sharing a couple of fun facts about the place you 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.

There are two ways to deliver your postcard!

- 1) Mail to: Jacob Wismer Elementary School
 PASSPORT CLUB
 5477 NW Skycrest Pkwy
 Portland, OR 97229

- 2) Drop off in the school office after Winter Break: place in the “Passport Club” drawer

Here is an example:



Film Plastic Recycling Competition

The Green Team is coordinating a film plastic recycling drive at JW! The film plastic will be recycled by Trex for use in their building materials. Schools are invited to compete against each other to recycle the most plastic and JW is entering the competition! More details will follow soon about how the plastic will be collected, but if you want to start stockpiling now, 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

We will also need volunteers to help collect, sort, weigh and deliver to the dropoff location! If you're interested, please contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org.

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 January 6th. This is the first day of school after Winter Break! See you then!

When: Monday, January 6th.

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

Clothes Closet Volunteering Day

Reminder: Lost & Found will be set up in the lobby outside the front office so that students and parents can check for missing jackets, sweatshirts, and other items during the last week of school (Dec 16 - Dec 20th). After that date, all unclaimed clothes will be donated to the Clothes Closet.

Also, 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!

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!

Green Team volunteers needed for film plastic drive!

Do your part to keep our neighborhood and our planet clean and green! We need volunteers to help empty the film plastic collection bins, sort the contents to make sure everything is recyclable, and deliver them to the collection locations. We may also need volunteers to man bins outside the school for a few afterschool plastic dropoff times. Please contact Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org to sign up!

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.