

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.

Sincerely,

Your Jacob Wismer PTO Board

President's Note

Dear JW families,

Have you seen the thank-you note from JW students and staff to all the parents who so generously donated during the Eagle Run fundraiser? (Image reproduced from JW Journal)

***Jacob Wismer PTO ***

Thanks to you, we now have 65" TV monitors, Apple TVs and tablet stands in every classroom! Thank you for your support!



The money used by the PTO board to fund staff requests (like these Apple TVs and monitors) all comes from parent donations. We last updated you on Eagle Run funds a couple of months ago. It's time for another quick update, this time covering how the funds have been used!

A lot of the money from Eagle Run goes toward running PTO programs and events, such as Art Literacy, Field Day, One School One Book, the Fall and Spring Dances, and so much more! This year, thanks to the generosity of our JW community, we have been able to cover several other staff requests. In addition to the TVs above, we were able to supply phonics materials for several grades; books to supplement the 4th grade Oregon Trail curriculum; and

materials for an additional staff appreciation event. More requests are under consideration—stay tuned for future updates!

Thank you all so much for your support!

Sincerely,

Your PTO board

Science Fun Competition Registration Opens

Jacob Wismer PTO Science Fun Competition is back! Mark your calendars: The 2020 competition will be held on Thursday, 7th May 2020! After a successful pilot in 2019, the JW PTO Science Fun competition is set to be back, with all new events for JW 3rd-4th-5th Graders to choose from. The competition will have teams of three (3) students each. Space is limited and only pre-registered teams will be invited to participate on a first-come-first-selected basis. Registration form and competition/event details will be included in the registration packet which is expected to be available later in the week ending 22nd February. Please watch for details on the JW PTO website (<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/science-fun-day/>) later this week.

For questions, please contact the competition chair/committee at jw.sci.fun@gmail.com.

Passport Club

We just have 4 more Passport Checkouts to go and kids are doing great !!!!

Passport Checkout Week: February 24th-28th ! POSTCARD CHALLENGE !!

Remember Passport club is an at-home study program, please go over maps with your child

once or twice before checkout! You can find maps here:

<http://www.jacobwismerto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>

*If you don't have access to a computer or printer, please contact us or your teacher to provide you with a printed map.

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS : If you haven't sign up to volunteer please do, If you can spare 20 minutes once a month, please volunteer to help with passport

checkouts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A9AC2EA4FE3-jacob>

PASSPORT CHECK OUT WEEK 6				
February 24-28th				
2ND-5TH GRADE				
B	C	D	E	A
MONDAY 24TH	TUESDAY 25TH	WEDNESDAY 26TH	THURSDAY 27TH	FRIDAY 28TH
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	8:50 - 9:20 4TH GRADE MRS. HUELSKAMP
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	9:45 -10:15 5TH GRADE MRS. SCOGGINS
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	1:20 -1:50 2ND GRADE MRS. TOEVS
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	1:55 -2:25 3TH GRADE MRS. LITTLE

POSTCARD CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

Spring break is coming and will be a great opportunity for you to join our PostCard Challenge, send a postcard to Jacob Wismer and share a couple of fun facts about the place you visit. We will create a collage at school to share the postcards.

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

Thank you so much,

Let us know if you have any questions.

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Middle School Boundary Adjustment

The BSD Middle School Boundary Adjustment committee is nearing the end of its public meetings! If you haven't yet commented on the current maps – or even if you have – NOW is the time to make your voice heard. The boundary adjustment will affect EVERY student:

- JW is likely to remain at Stoller (not guaranteed), but who else will be at Stoller with us?
- Will Stoller be overcrowded in the future?
- How will high school feeder patterns be impacted?

At this point, Stoller composition might go many different ways, and the leading possibilities are:

1. SATO, Jacob Wismer, and All/Partial Springville
2. SATO, Jacob Wismer, and All/Partial Findley

Your comments on the BSD website are crucial! Right now, revised versions of Maps A and C are being considered; see below for the stance of the parent group leading JW community

efforts*. You can comment here: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/long-range-planning/boundary-adjustments/middle-boundary-adjustments/ms-boundary-comment-form>

The next MS Boundary Adjustment committee meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, at Whitford Middle School (7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road). Doors open at 6 pm.

*Due to the high level of interest in the JW community, the PTO will be reporting the stance of the parent group leading the JW community efforts with regard to the MS boundary adjustment. Updates provided by the parent group will be clearly marked as coming from the MS Boundary parent team.

The following is provided to spread information on behalf of the JW parent community. This information was provided to us by the MS Boundary parent team. Please make up your own mind and act accordingly!

The upcoming BSD meeting on 2/25 is likely going to decide whether we get to keep JW intact at Stoller OR with summa leaving, break our school, take down our strength, take away our overlaps for HS feeders and our friends. Not to mention that Stoller may end up overcrowded again within just a few years!

To prevent this, please COMMENT! Short comments are fine! They do not need to be fine oratory or masterly presentations of data. Comment to show BSD your thinking on this issue. You can submit multiple comments, even multiple comments every day! (But don't cut and paste—duplicate comments will be deleted.) Other schools are submitting literally hundreds of comments. We need to show BSD that we care about this issue too!

If we don't all comment now, after next Tuesday we will not be able to do much to affect the course the boundary adjustment will take. We expect to see a mashup of maps A and C; how favorable the mashup is to JW will depend on the strength and number of our comments to BSD!

We have developed a flyer (below) with talking points. Please circulate this flyer! We will have volunteers talking to parents after school this week, but we need all the help we can get. Please talk to your friends and neighbors!

Jacob Wismer - Make Your Voices Heard **NOW!**

JW Kids Are Impacted By Middle School Boundary Adjustment

Facts:

- 1) Jacob Wismer splits **2** ways into HS: Westview & Sunset
- 2) JW is **100%** within the walking boundary of Stoller
- 3) JW population includes **~30% SUMMA**-eligible kids
- 4) Springville & Sato project exponential 10 year development growth
- 5) No new middle school on the horizon for the next 15 years

Why YOU should be concerned?

- **SUMMA being moved to Timberland ->**
 - **3 way split for JW** - Sunset, WV, TL
 - **Fewer friends for kids** in JW community/vicinity (SUMMA is ~1/3rd of population)
 - **Bus currently walking SUMMA kids** (100% of JW)
- **Terrible Feeder pattern** to Sunset HS
 - Kids go to HS with only 15/500 familiar faces
- **Increased traffic** around Stoller MS
- **Wasting your tax dollars** to bus kids vs. funding teachers and additional programs for kids
- Sato + Springville growth **WILL** overcrowd Stoller, **may eventually eliminate JW** (only Sunset feeder) **from Stoller, our backyard middle school!**

Only **2** meetings remain- **PLEASE ATTEND**

Next Meeting 2/25/20

Whitford Middle School, 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, OR 97008

What you can do:
Post comments everyday
- Link / QR Code below
Please make each comment unique
- Do not copy / paste

Themes to use for COMMENTS:

- #FriendsAndFeeders4AllJW
- #KeepJWTogether
- #DontSplitJWSUMMA
- #SUMMA@Stoller4HSFeeder
- #SUMMA-ProgramNotOption
- #PreserveWalkability
- #Yes2MapC
- SPV+SATO=STOLLER OVERCROWDED

Resources:

BSD: <https://tinyurl.com/sjcvqus>

Comment at:

<https://tinyurl.com/JW2STOLR>

Email: steven_sparks@beaverton.k12.or.us



Walking School Bus

Our next "1st Monday of the month Walking School Bus" is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd. See you then!

When: Monday, March 2nd - 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 ypcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org

Spring Dance

Mark your calendars: JW Spring Dance is on Friday, March 13th at 6 pm! Join us for a fun-filled evening with a DJ, ice cream and pizza, and much more! This year's theme is Disco.

More info coming soon!

Film Plastic Recycling Competition

Our JW community has collected 87 lbs of plastic so far! Go Eagles!!! Keep up the great work!

RUNNING TOTAL: 87.0 lbs plastic!

When we proposed participating in this competition, BSD was concerned that the bins would collect dirty, yucky trash. The JW community has done an AMAZING job of putting only clean, dry plastic in the yellow bin! Thank you so much!! However, there has been a lot of non-recyclable plastic in the bin. We know it's confusing, so there is an expanded guide to what you can and can't recycle in this week's newsletter. See below for the simple rule of thumb and some examples!

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 are up now; 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

Please note: You can recycle plastic Amazon mailer bags too! (Consider removing the sticker with your address if you're concerned about privacy.)

These items are NOT recyclable: plastic clamshells; chip bags and plastic-and-metal laminate bags; any plastic bags that don't pass the rule of thumb stretch test, such as cut salad bags and bags of dal or spices.

RULE OF THUMB: If you try to tear the plastic (you can also try to poke a hole with your finger)....plastic that STRETCHES can be recycled; plastic that BREAKS OR TEARS CLEANLY can't be recycled.

(From Trex: Trex uses a polyethylene plastic type. These items are generally a softer, somewhat “stretchy” plastic, usually with a less shiny finish. If torn, it would stretch and pull as it tears, giving a ragged edge; for example, a grocery bag or dry cleaning bag. If labeled, it would have a 2 or 4 recycling symbol. This is the type of plastic we are looking for. Plastics that are harder and “crinkly” that would give you a straight finish when torn, are plastics that we cannot use.)

Volunteer opportunities

Library volunteers needed

Our wonderful librarian does a great job of making sure every student has access to exciting

books. But that means...there are a LOT of books to reshelve! There is a huge need for regular weekly volunteers to come and help shelve books in the library. Current shifts are Mon, Thurs, and Fri 11-12 and Mon 2-3 pm. If you're interested, please contact Jane Hoh at jane.hoh@gmail.com.

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 section of our newsletter highlights organizations and events in our community. These events are not PTO sponsored or run; we only help to spread the word. If you would like your event featured in this section, please contact secretary@jacobwismerpto.org.

Join the JW Chess Team!

Dear Chess parents at JW,

We are looking for K-5 chess players from Jacob Wismer interested in participating as teams at the upcoming OSCF (Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation) tournament in April.

Jacob Wismer Chess Eagles (our school's chess team) has a proud track record of winning many state level tournaments over the last decade. They won 1st or 2nd place eight times over the last 9 years!

The opportunity at the OSCF statement tournament is that players at ANY LEVEL can participate + learn in a fun team environment. There are a lot of cool prizes both at individual and team level. The primary goal of this tournament is widespread awareness of chess in a team setting.

Interested parents can reach out to Balki Kodarapu (balki.kodarapu@gmail.com / 503-419-7097) or Maanasa Kasturi (mkasturi@yahoo.com / 503-888-5973)

Thank you!