

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

This issue of the PTO E-blast contains:

- Congrats to our OBOB participants & champions!
- PTO meeting (March 3)
- Science Fun Competition Registration (open now; competition May 7)
- Middle School Boundary Adjustment (March 12; please comment NOW)
- Passport Club (checkout March 16-20)
- Walking School Bus (April 6)
- Film Plastic Recycling Competition (ongoing; 110 lbs collected to date!)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community Events
 - Join the JW chess team! Tournament in April
 - Ms. Little's book launch party (March 14) & writing competition
 - JW team participating in Walk & Roll for Spina Bifida

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

Congratulations OBOB Participants & Champs!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in OBOB this year! You all worked very hard and did a great job!

Our OBOB tournament wrapped up this morning with the Final between the Reading Pandas (5th grade) and the Relay Readers (3rd grade). It was a nail-biting finish that went into three tie-breakers!! JW's OBOB champions for 2020—and returning champions from last year—are the

Reading Pandas: Tripthi Mathew, Raaga Mandala, Annika Telang, and Swathi Ram. And special congrats for a spirited finish to the Relay Readers: Riddhi Puthenkovilakam, Eesha Juneja, Eva Surlari, and Aditi Adiraju!

And our thanks to the many parents and teachers who made OBOB possible by volunteering! An especially huge thanks to our OBOB chair, Priya Mani, and co-chairs Aaron Loreth, Padma Chamarthi and Jane Hoh!



Front Row: 3rd grade Relay Readers

Back Row: 5th grade Reading Pandas

PTO meeting

Our March PTO meeting will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 3/3 at 6 pm in the JW staff room. This meeting is open to all JW parents—please join us with your input, questions or concerns!

Science Fun Competition Registration Open Now!

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 are included in the registration packet which is available now on the JW PTO website

(<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/science-fun-day/>)

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

Middle School Boundary Adjustment

The BSD Middle School Boundary Adjustment committee is nearing the end of its public meetings, with only one meeting remaining! Your comments on the BSD website are crucial input to the committee. Right now, the committee's final recommendation is being formulated. 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 most recent BSD committee meeting saw consideration of several options for reducing crowding at Stoller Middle School. Splitting several elementary schools (JW, Sato, and

Springville) to feed into more than one middle school apiece was proposed as a solution, but the only option that won a majority vote was splitting Springville.

The last MS Boundary Adjustment committee meeting is scheduled for March 12th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, at Mountain View Middle School (17500 SW Farmington 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!

We are supporting the following positions:

1. **Walkability.** JW families are 100% within walking distance of Stoller Middle School according to BSD criteria. Since transportation money and teacher salaries come out of the same pot, it is a waste to bus our kids elsewhere.
2. **Healthy feeder patterns.** Feeder patterns should bolster, not reduce, cohorts traveling together from elementary to middle to high school. Currently JW Stoller kids make up 17% of students going to Sunset. If SUMMA is moved elsewhere, this percentage drops to the single digits, which is unacceptable.
3. **Maintain SUMMA at Stoller.** If SUMMA moves to another school, the remaining portion of JW kids at Stoller bound for Sunset drops into the single digits, which is unacceptable.

The flyer below is from before last week's meeting, but its talking points are still very valid. Please feel free to use them when formulating your comments! (Note: please don't use special characters such as the # in BSD comments, as they may cause your comment to be rejected.)

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 15years

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
- #KeepJWTtogether
- #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



Passport Club

Next Passport Checkout Week: March 16-20!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and congratulations to our February high five students! Remember that Passport Club is an at-home study program – please go over maps with your child a few times before checkout. Our next checkout is March 16-20th!

You can find **Study Maps** at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.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.

Thank you so much, and let us know if you have any questions.

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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!

Walking School Bus

Our next "1st Monday of the month Walking School Bus" is scheduled for Monday, April 6th. See you then!

When: Monday, April 6th

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

Film Plastic Recycling Competition

Our JW community has collected 110 lbs of plastic so far! Go Eagles!!! Keep up the great work!

RUNNING TOTAL: 110 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; candy wrappers; cellophane wrappers; 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

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!

Ms. Little's Book Launch & Writing Competition

Our Ms. Little (3rd grade), whose first novel *Mostly the Honest Truth* has been named a finalist for the Oregon Book Award in children's literature, is celebrating the publication of her second

book! The new book is called *Worse than Weird* and it will be released March 14th!

Worse than Weird has a launch party at the Cedar Hills Crossing Powell's Books on March 14th at 2 pm! There will be a reading by Ms. Little and Q & A session. We encourage JW attendees to wear JW spiritwear (if you don't have any, just wear blue!). There will be a small gift for kids attending (while supplies last).

You can find more information about the book here: <https://www.powells.com/book/-9780062852588>

Writing contest

If your child is in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, they will have attended Ms. Little's author assembly today! She announced a writing contest open to all kids in these three grades. Writing contest details:

- Use the storyline Mrs. Little introduced at her author assembly (see below) to create your own original idea.
- Submit via the Google Form which your teacher shared with you by **Monday, March 9**.
- With the help of Mrs. Little's writing partners, she will select one winner from each grade level.
- Winners will received a signed copy of one of her books (winner's choice), AND the winning storylines will be read at Mrs. Little Powell's Book Launch on Saturday, March 14th at 2:00 PM.
- Send questions via email through Mrs. Little's website: www.jodyjlittle.com, or visit her before or after school

Storyline

This is the story of _____,
(character)
who wants more than anything to _____,
(goal)
but he/she/they can't because _____,
(problem)
and so he/she/they _____.
(solution)

Walk & Roll for Spina Bifida—Team Camila Crazyes!

We have a JW family taking part in the Walk & Roll for Spina Bifida! The Maes Family (Luis, Margaret, Santi, Cami and Lucho) is pleased to be participating in the first [Walk N Roll for Spina Bifida](#) in the Pacific Northwest! This is a fun, non-competitive walk to raise funds for advocacy and research, and to support our local community of people impacted by Spina Bifida. We would love to have you join team "[Camila Crazyes](#)" for the walk or to come out and volunteer! For more information, and to register to join the Walk N Roll or volunteer, please follow this link: <https://www.sbevents.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=748> or reach out to Margaret at margaretmaes@gmail.com.