

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

We hope the school year has gotten off to a great start for all our students! There are lots of exciting events coming up soon at JW. 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

### **Passport Club**

The first Passport Club checkout week is Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, during Tech/Library special!

- You can find study and test maps here: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/passport-club-study-test-maps/>
- Passport Club is mandatory for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades (2<sup>nd</sup> grade starts in October), but optional for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Passport Club signups are now closed.
- We are always in need of parent volunteers to help with Passport checkout. If you're interested in helping please visit [www.jacobwismerpto.org/wp-content/uploads/PASSPORT-VOLUNTER-INFO-PDF.pdf](http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/wp-content/uploads/PASSPORT-VOLUNTER-INFO-PDF.pdf) and contact Ana Pacheco [srafted@hotmail.com](mailto:srafted@hotmail.com) or Archana Nim [archana.manish.jain@gmail.com](mailto:archana.manish.jain@gmail.com).

## Eagle Run



**Eagle Run 2019 is officially underway!** Thank you to all our students for submitting their decorated shoe. We are excited to put them on display for all to see!

This week every student will receive a collection envelope to take home. We encourage you all to **register your students online at [www.pledgestar.com/jacobwismer](http://www.pledgestar.com/jacobwismer)** and use this platform to send emails to family and friends asking for their support of our fundraising efforts. You can also use the envelope to submit any donations received in the form of cash or checks made out to **Jacob Wismer Elementary PTO**. Students are asked to return their envelopes to their classroom teachers during the week of October 14-18. The last day to qualify for incentive prizes is October 18th.

Corporate Matching Funds are another great way to double donations for our school. Some of the known companies with matching programs include Intel, Nike, Providence, Kaiser, Adidas and more.

If you are an Intel employee, please be aware that Intel has recently changed the way they match donations by placing a quarterly cap on the amount of funds they will direct to non-profit organizations like the Jacob Wismer PTO. From now on, it is **NOT** guaranteed that your donations will be matched. Therefore, in order to give yourself the greatest chance of securing your match, **please do not submit your request for match until October 1st which is the start of Intel's 4th quarter**. Any requests before that have a greater risk they will **NOT** be matched.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated so that we can ensure we are able to raise as much funds as possible for our school!

Please take note of the running times that have been assigned to each grade. Family & friends are welcome to come out and join in the fun by cheering their students on. All those who are not volunteers and have NOT been background check approved will be required to cheer from the lower track near the parking lot behind the flag lines.

1st Grade	8:45 - 9:25
3rd Grade	9:35 - 10:15
2nd Grade	10:25 - 11:05
Kindergarten	11:15 - 11:40
4th Grade	12:40 - 1:20
5th Grade	2:10 - 2:50

Another change to this years' event is that students will run/walk/jog the full figure eight of the track, just like they do in PE Class and in Running Club. We realize this may affect any "per lap" pledges students may receive, as they will likely run less laps than in previous years when they only ran either the upper or lower track and not both. Please be reminded of this so that you can notify any of your "per lap" donors.

Volunteers are needed on event day to help with set up, tear down, and logistics. Each classroom will need parents to help get kids organized and ready to run, help count laps, and cheer on students and staff as they make their way around the track. We typically require 5-6 volunteers per classroom. Parents are also needed to help monitor students during PE classes so that our amazing PE teachers can be available on the track. A list of volunteer roles and a link to sign up will be available soon!

Special thanks to some of our amazing sponsors including **Frank's Noodle House, Oregon Gymnastics Academy, The Hillsboro Hops, Pietro's Pizza, The Seattle Mariners, Amazon, Adidas, Columbia, The Portland Winterhawks, OMSI, Nothing Bundt Cakes, SuperPlay, KingPins** and more. If you own a business or know of one who might be interested in supporting our efforts, please reach out to one of our event chairs as soon as possible. Whether it be an in-kind donation or monetary contribution, sponsorship packages are available.

On behalf of our entire Eagle Run committee, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the track in a few short weeks. In the meantime, please register your student on PledgeStar ([www.pledgestar.com/jacobwismer](http://www.pledgestar.com/jacobwismer)) and good luck in your fundraising efforts!!

### Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)



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**Calling all Eagles, in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades!**

**Join the Oregon Battle of the Books for  
2019-2020.**

Do you like to read? Do you like team competitions?

Sign up for OBOB, an exciting statewide reading tournament, and challenge yourself and your friends! Between now and January, OBOB teams will read 16 books set by the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Come January, the teams will engage in trivia "battles" to show whose reading comprehension is the best! The team that wins the title of *Champion of the Books* from Jacob Wismer will advance to a regional competition against other Oregon schools.

Interested students should work on reading the books

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2019-2020-obob-book-titles/>], forming teams of four, and plan to submit a registration form (available in October) to OBOB Chair to participate.

**DETAILS:** OBOB is open to all 3rd-5th graders and parent volunteers are much required! Volunteers are vital to the program, as Battles are held before school (7:45-8:15 am) and volunteers can commit to one battle, or many. Please volunteer, and help the OBOB students promote their reading and have fun!

*We are currently in need volunteers for the categories below.*

*The responsibilities for each role are listed to help you understand the commitment.*

**Grade Level Co-Chairs:** The Grade Level Co-Chairs 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** Co-Chair: Aaron Loreth

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** Co-Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** Co-Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Volunteers:** Parent volunteers will moderate and score the JW battles. Battles begin January 2020.

Interested in volunteering? Have Questions about OBOB?

Contact OBOB chair Priya Mani at [jacobwismerobob@gmail.com](mailto:jacobwismerobob@gmail.com).

## **Art literacy**

First Art Literacy Training, Monday September 30th! Any interested parents please attend 8:30am OR 7:00pm session. You learn about the project and presentation for Beatrix Potter (you have a chance to try the project too). The kids will love it, so join the excitement!

Remember to sign in at the office for our morning training in the portable outside. The evening trainings will still meet in the Staff Lounge. Thank you to all who support the program for our students! Please contact the following with any questions.

Natalie Call (971-285-0534) [jefnatcall@gmail.com](mailto:jefnatcall@gmail.com)

Len Mathes [len.mathes@gmail.com](mailto:len.mathes@gmail.com)

### **Spiritwear orders**

Reminder: spiritwear orders are due to the JW office by Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Show your Jacob Wismer pride with school tee shirts and other gear! You can order spiritwear here:

<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/wp-content/uploads/JW-Spirit-Wear-order-form-2019-20.pdf>.

### **Fall event**

Mark your calendars for the Fall Event, Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm! We're planning an exciting icebreaker event with lots of games to help students and families get acquainted with new friends. Planned activities include movement games; dancing; face painting; origami; word games and more! Refreshments will be available for sale.

We need volunteers to help run these activities and to do set up/break down, so if you're interested, please contact Alex at [vpcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org](mailto:vpcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org).

### **Walk & Bike to School Day**

Walk & Bike to School Day is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>! No matter the weather, go green and get to school on your own power. More details to come in the next newsletter!

### **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](mailto:caracoates@hotmail.com) or Cristina Lau [cristinafrisco@gmail.com](mailto:cristinafrisco@gmail.com)

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

BEAVERTON CLOTHES CLOSET / LOST & FOUND - [Co-Chair needed] - sets up and takes down school Lost & Found 6 times per year and coordinates with Beaverton Clothes Closet for low income K-12 students. Contact Caryn Crosthwait [caryn.crosthwait@gmail.com](mailto:caryn.crosthwait@gmail.com)

OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - [Grade-level co-chairs needed for 4th and 5th grades] - coordinates volunteers to run each battle. Contact Priya Telang [jacobwismerobob@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jw.sci.fun@gmail.com).

### **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. If you're interested, please contact Jane Hoh at [jane.hoh@gmail.com](mailto:jane.hoh@gmail.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! Contact Cara Coates at [caracoates@hotmail.com](mailto:caracoates@hotmail.com) for more information.