

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! 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

### **First PTO meeting/New Parent Welcome**

The first PTO meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 pm. We encourage everyone to come! The first hour of the meeting will be a New Parent Welcome meant to introduce your PTO board and how it operates. While this is meant primarily for families new to Jacob Wismer, everyone is welcome! We're looking forward to meeting you!

### **Passport Club**

**WELCOME TO JACOB WISMER PASSPORT CLUB!!!**

Let's take a trip around the world!!!!

A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS AMAZING GEOGRAPHY PROGRAM.

- Jacob Wismer students (grades 2-5) study geography through an amazing program called Passport club.
- 5th grade is an optional program, please join the program by submitting this form: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/passport-club/5th-grade-passport-club-signup-form/>
- Each month students learn about a new area, and then are tested on their new knowledge by volunteers during "Passport checkout week". Passport checkout dates can be found at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/passport-club/>. **The first checkout week (grades 3-5) is Sept. 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Grade 2 begins Passport club in October.**
- For study and test maps, and to learn more about this exciting program, please visit the passport club webpage at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/passport-club/>.
- Please note that Passport club has gone paperless, but if it's a hardship for you to print your own maps or view them online, we can provide paper copies. Contact Ana Pacheco [scrafted@hotmail.com](mailto:scrafted@hotmail.com)
- **VOLUNTEERS!!!** We need lots of parent volunteers to make this program work! 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 [scrafted@hotmail.com](mailto:scrafted@hotmail.com) or Archana Nim [archana.manish.jain@gmail.com](mailto:archana.manish.jain@gmail.com).

**Eagle Run (Jogathon)**



Our Eagle Run team has been working hard planning and organizing our school's largest and only fundraising event of the year. We are excited to share our new event name and logo as we aim to make this year fun and memorable for staff, students and our entire Jacob Wismer Community.

The 2019 Eagle Run will take place on **Friday, October 4th with a rain date of Monday, October 7th**. In order to reach our goal of raising over \$85,000, we are asking each student to set a goal of raising \$135... which can be as easy as asking 9 friends for \$15.

Eagle Run is a school-wide event that promotes fun and fitness while raising important funds for PTO programs such as Author visits, Art Literacy, Passport Club, Engineering & Science, One School One Book, Music Programs, PE & Recess Equipment, Technology Tools, general classroom tools and much more. Funding for these programs would not be possible without your support of this event.

We will once again be using PledgeStar, an easy to use web-based fundraising system making it simple to register student participants and request pledges from friends and family at home and around the world. Secure online donations can be made using a credit card. We will also accept donations in the form of cash and checks made out to **PTO – Jacob Wismer Elementary**. 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.

Special thanks to some of our early committed sponsors including **Oregon Gymnastics Academy, The Hillsboro Hops, Pietro's Pizza, The Seattle Mariners, Amazon, Adidas, Columbia, The Portland Winterhawks** 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 October. Stay tuned for more information coming your way in the first weeks of school!

### **Box Tops for Education**

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school! Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now. The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP: Click the**



links below

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, **you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.** Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4&feature=youtu.be>

The link above is to a YouTube video that has a demonstration of how the app works. It's pretty slick. If you have any questions please reach out to me, Martine Ayers -Jacob Wismer's Box Top Coordinator, at 541-231-5971 or email me at [martine.ayers@gmail.com](mailto:martine.ayers@gmail.com). There are collection sheets you can print off at the end of the Journal/ Newsletter so you can start collecting now! Thank you for all your support.

## Directory

Many children use the school directory to contact classmates for study help or to arrange playdates. Our directory information is drawn from the district; **if you wish your child's information to be excluded, you must arrange for this in writing through the school office**

**within the first two weeks of the school year.** Directories must be ordered by Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019; there will be a very limited number of extras available after the print date, so please order yours by the deadline! You can find the order form here: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/wp-content/uploads/Student-Directory-Order-Form-and-FAQ-2019-2020.pdf>. Please keep an eye out for proofs within the next month or two; checking your own information in the proofs is the best way to make sure it's correct!

### **Spiritwear orders**

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>. Orders are due to the JW office by Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fall event**

Mark your calendars for the Fall Event, Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm! More info is coming soon, but you can count on Fall Event to include lots of fun activities! We'll need volunteers to help run those activities and to do set up/break down, so if you're interested, please contact Pooja at [volcoord@jacobwismerpto.org](mailto:volcoord@jacobwismerpto.org).

### **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!

AUTHOR VISIT - brings authors to the school for group readings, assemblies, and book signings. Contact Amy Roskowski [amy@roskowski.com](mailto:amy@roskowski.com)

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)

PTO WEBMASTER - assists PTO Secretary in managing the PTO website. Contact Shauna Rakshe [secretary@jacobwismeropto.org](mailto:secretary@jacobwismeropto.org)

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 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades] - coordinates volunteers to run each battle. Contact Priya Telang [jacobwismerobob@gmail.com](mailto:jacobwismerobob@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.