Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! Whether you’re new to the Jacob Wismer community or have a returning student, we hope that this will be a great year for you. As parents of a Jacob Wismer student, you’re automatically a member of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We encourage you to attend PTO meetings and to get involved in PTO activities! And if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact any PTO board member. **Many of the programs that make Jacob Wismer great are organized and funded by the PTO—in other words, by YOU, the parents. Please read on to see what you can do to help!**

**What does the PTO do?** The PTO exists to help Jacob Wismer parents and staff work together to support our students. We raise funds and use them to provide community events, student enrichment activities and classroom support. In addition, we coordinate parent volunteers to help both in and out of the classroom.

**How can I get involved?** We always need volunteers, both in and out of the classroom! From clerical work to reading help, from organizing school dances to website support, there is a job for everyone. Check out the many opportunities and get started on the PTO webpage at <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/>. Don’t forget to sign up for the required background check at <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application/?OrganizationGuid=c7a5ffe3-c03d-4d0b-9f26-d51863f60edb&ApplicationFormNumber=2>. If you haven’t got time to volunteer but want to support PTO activities, consider a donation. The PTO is a nonprofit organization and many local corporations will provide matching gifts! Our main fundraiser, the Jogathon, is coming up in October—updates coming soon!

**How can I stay updated on school events and PTO activities?** For the latest information, check <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/pto-news/> for the current PTO newsletter. Or, complete the volunteer background check at <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application/?OrganizationGuid=c7a5ffe3-c03d-4d0b-9f26-d51863f60edb&ApplicationFormNumber=2> and you’ll be added to the PTO newsletter email mailing list.

**What else do I need to do to prepare for the school year?** Please see the Back to School Checklist (below) for all the forms and information you might need! In past years this packet has been handed out to all families, but this year the PTO is going paperless. You’ll find all the links you need below!

We hope you’ll get involved and help us make this a great year for all our students!

Sincerely,

Your PTO board

**BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST**

* **Volunteer Background Check Signup**

If you want to volunteer at Jacob Wismer, you MUST complete a background check. (In fact, we ask all parents to complete this check and sign up for the PTO newsletter, even if you don’t expect to need a volunteer badge.) This can take a couple of weeks, so it’s best to take care of it before school starts! You can find the background check form here: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application/?OrganizationGuid=c7a5ffe3-c03d-4d0b-9f26-d51863f60edb&ApplicationFormNumber=2>

* **Volunteer opportunities**

If you’ve already completed your background check and want to get started volunteering, check out <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/get-involved/volunteer-guidelines/> for directions. You can also read through an overview of PTO-sponsored activities (<http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/>) and contact the chairperson of any program you’re interested in! More information will also be available directly from teachers and at Back to School Night.

* **Jogathon**

Jogathon is our primary fundraiser! Each year students collect pledges and run to fund Jacob Wismer PTO activities for the year. This year’s Jogathon is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4th!

* **Spiritwear order form**

If you would like to order a Jacob Wismer T-shirt or other spiritwear, you can find the form here: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/pto-news/>

* **Directory info submission & order form**

Please submit your family’s contact info for inclusion in the school directory! You can also preorder your copy (please preorder--only a few copies will be available after they’re printed). They will be delivered around Thanksgiving. Find the form here: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/pto-news/>

* **ParentVue Signup and Login**

View classes, report cards and more through ParentVue: <https://parentvue.beaverton.k12.or.us/PXP2_Login_Parent.aspx?regenerateSessionId=True>

* **SchoolCafe Signup and Login**

Deposit money for your student’s lunch account through SchoolCafe: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition-services/meals/schoolcafe>