

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! Thank you for your patience and understanding in this rapidly changing situation. This issue of the PTO E-blast contains:

- Note from the Board
- Science Fun Competition cancelled
- EPI school supplies orders (until June 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Earth Day
- Community events
  - JW book club
  - At-home ways to help

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Sincerely,

Your Jacob Wismer PTO Board

## Note from the Board

Dear JW families,

Do you have ideas to share about how to maintain community and how to help others while maintaining social distancing? Do you have news to share about a JW community member? Please let us know! You can email news and ideas to [secretary@jacobwismerpto.org](mailto:secretary@jacobwismerpto.org). We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Your JW PTO Board

## Science Fun Competition Cancelled

We are sad to announce that this year's Science Fun Competition (scheduled for May) is cancelled. We hope that this fun new tradition will be back up and running soon!

## EPI School Supply Ordering Open

Every year the PTO organizes online school supply ordering for parents who don't want to drive around to stores looking for just the right type of flair pen or expo marker. This year, we received the school supply lists for next year shortly before the schools closed, and the ordering program has been set up as usual. This sale is not a fundraiser for the PTO; it is organized for parent convenience only and packages prices are set as low as possible. Online ordering is open April 6-June 13. Questions? Contact Shauna Rakshe at [secretary@jacobwismerpto.org](mailto:secretary@jacobwismerpto.org).

- **What?** School supply packages, as requested by JW teachers. There is also an (optional) request for each student to supply a ream of copy paper; this is available through the online ordering as well, as a separate item.
- **When?** April 6<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>
- **How?**
  1. Go to [www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)
  2. Enter the school ID, WIS016
  3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
  4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

<b>Grade Level 2020-2021</b>	<b>Cost Each</b>
<b>K (Last Name A-L)</b>	<b>\$69</b>
<b>K (Last Name M-Z)</b>	<b>\$69</b>
<b>1st (Last Names A-L)</b>	<b>\$77</b>
<b>1st (Last Names M-Z)</b>	<b>\$77</b>
<b>2nd Girls</b>	<b>\$74.50</b>
<b>2nd Boys</b>	<b>\$74.50</b>
<b>3rd Boys</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>3rd Girls</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>4th (Last Names A-L)</b>	<b>\$92.50</b>
<b>4th (Last Names M-Z)</b>	<b>\$92.50</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>\$88</b>
<b>Xero Copy Paper (OPTIONAL)</b>	<b>\$7.05</b>

## **Earth Day is April 22nd**

Mark your calendar: April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day! This is Earth Day's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the theme for this year is climate action. Look for more information from the JW Green Team soon, about how you can celebrate Earth Day at home!

## **Community Events**

**These events and opportunities are not PTO sponsored and are reported for informational**

**purposes only.**

### **JW book club**

Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Le, has started an optional book club! The next book will be *The One and Only Ivan*. Look for the Jacob Wismer Book Club on Facebook.

### **Helping seniors: do errands or provide social support**

There are many groups organizing help for seniors who are self-isolating. Many people have organized through social media (such as Nextdoor) to help their neighbors. There are also organizations (for example, Meals on Wheels) requesting cards and artwork for seniors: see <https://www.mowp.org/volunteer/> for where to send cards to our local Meals on Wheels.

### **Sew cloth facemasks**

Are you good with a sewing machine? There are many opportunities to help by sewing cloth facemasks for local organizations. Some local healthcare professionals have been collecting masks via Nextdoor; there is also this local group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/659895354776166/> (crafters against covid-19 \*pdx\*) as well as organizations such as Meals on Wheels requesting donations.

### **Community spirit activities**

Many people have started community spirit activities, such as putting teddy bears in windows for kids to spot, and chalking rainbows or art on sidewalks. If you'd like to share an activity with the JW community, please let us know so we can help spread the word!