

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:

- Staff Appreciation (notes due May 5th)
- One School One Book (began May 1st)
- Reimbursement forms (due May 15th)
- Joyce Richards Spirit of Volunteering nominations (until May 18th)
- Scholarships for high school seniors who are JW alumni (application due May 20th)
- EPI school supplies orders (until June 13th)
- Volunteers needed to weed JW grounds (no experience necessary!)
- PTO board position open next year! (VP Fundraising)
- Community events
 - JW book club
 - At-home ways to help

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Sincerely,

Your Jacob Wismer PTO Board

Staff Appreciation

This week is Staff Appreciation week! We celebrate our school staff--teachers, office staff, custodians, everyone!--every May. This year we can't have students bring flowers, but you can still send your notes of thanks via our Google form. **Notes via the Google form are due TOMORROW, MAY 5th, by 7 pm.** Please help us thank the folks who do so much for our kids! We will be collecting notes and compiling them for distribution. Please submit as many notes as you like, and brighten the day of our wonderful JW staff members! You can submit

your notes here: <https://forms.gle/MNR37PVWcqaKrRDX9>

Thank you for your help!

One School One Book

The 8th annual One School One Book event at Jacob Wismer is available today **online!** The book we've selected is Magic in the City by Heather Dyer! This year we are doing things a little differently by reading a book on Epic since we can't hand out books to every family. Find out all the details @ the JW OSOB Website: <https://osob-jacobwismer.weebly.com/> and for current book: <https://osob-jw-2020.weebly.com> (note: BSD chromebooks may not allow you to access these sites).

You can find Magic in the City online via Epic (<https://www.getepic.com/>). You can access it for free in 3 different ways:

1. Your child's teacher may have provided you with a class code. Click on the "students" tab and then enter the code to log in.
2. You can use the Jacob Wismer library class code: GMZ5230
3. You can sign up for a free 30-day trial for your family (remember to cancel at the end of the month if you don't want to continue!)

We hope you and your family have a great time reading together!

Jennifer Politsch & Shauna Rakshe - OSOB Co-chairs (marisky23@gmail.com,
shauna.puhl@gmail.com)

Reimbursement forms due!

Our PTO account books will be closed for the year in May, which means that all reimbursement

forms are due by May 15th! If you're an activity chair, you should have received an email from our Volunteer Coordinator with a form and instructions for completion. Didn't get it? Please contact Margaret Maes at parentcoord@jacobwismerpto.org or Shauna Rakshe at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org.

Joyce Richards Spirit of Volunteering Award

Nominations

Do you know a JW volunteer who deserves recognition for their exceptional service? We are now accepting nominations for the 2020 Joyce Richards Spirit of Volunteering Award! Nominations are due by May 18th. You can find more info and a fillable entry form (scroll down) on this page: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/progr.../volunteer-appreciation/>

Please feel free to nominate more than one person! Thank you to ALL our wonderful volunteers!!

PTO Alumni/Cherie Pun Memorial Scholarships

Spread the word! Seniors who are JW alums can apply for the PTO Alumni/Cherie Pun Memorial Scholarships! We have three \$300 scholarships to award. You can find more info and application forms here: <http://www.jacobwismerpto.org/programs/scholarship-program/>

Applications are due May 20th!

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.

- **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 6th – June 13th
- **How?**
 1. Go to 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.

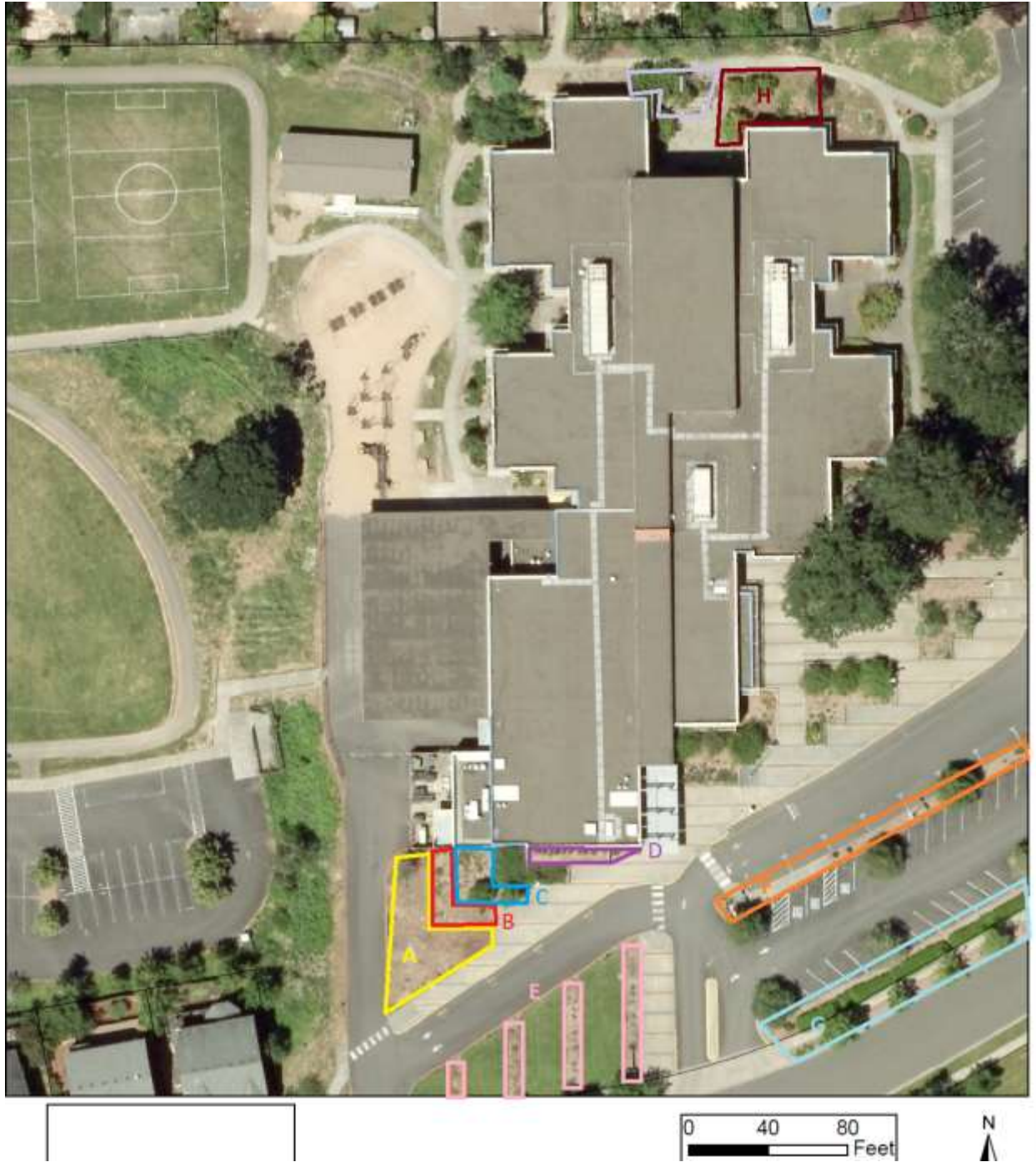
Grade Level 2020-2021	Cost Each
K (Last Name A-L)	\$69
K (Last Name M-Z)	\$69
1st (Last Names A-L)	\$77
1st (Last Names M-Z)	\$77
2nd Girls	\$74.50
2nd Boys	\$74.50
3rd Boys	\$72
3rd Girls	\$72
4th (Last Names A-L)	\$92.50
4th (Last Names M-Z)	\$92.50
5th	\$88
Xero Copy Paper (OPTIONAL)	\$7.05

Volunteers needed for JW grounds

BSD has had to slash its grounds maintenance due to the pandemic (due to both budgeting and the need for increased social distancing). We'd like to keep our JW grounds looking presentable, and also avoid the need for heavy application of herbicide by maintenance crews! Previously, the BSD maintenance folks had been trying to avoid herbicide application, but this increases the hours of labor required to keep the grounds looking nice.

So far some very dedicated volunteers have been weeding every weekend, but they need some help. **We're looking for a volunteer or family to adopt each plot (A – I) on the map below.** These are mostly bare barkdust areas. Your responsibility would be to weed out all small (not

bush or tree) plants in your plot, at least once a month, between now and September. You are NOT required to have any knowledge of plants or gardening; these plots were carefully selected to contain no confusing plantings! If it's in your plot and it's not a tree or large shrub, it needs to get weeded – it's that simple. If you are willing to put in a small amount of time each month to maintain our school, please contact Shauna at secretary@jacobwismerpto.org (be sure to state your preferred plot, if you have one) !



PTO Board Position (VP Fundraising) Open

We're looking for a dedicated volunteer to take over as VP Fundraising on our PTO board starting next year! This is a two-year position but no prior experience is required. The VP

Fundraising will assist and support the Eagle Run team with fundraising, as well as communicate information about fundraising to the rest of the PTO board. In addition, the VP Fundraising will attend PTO meetings and vote on decisions about budget and other issues. Suitable for both intro- and extroverts (no door-to-door fundraising required!). Please contact Shalini at vpfundraising@jacobwismerpto.org for more information!

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 current book is *The One and Only Ivan*. Look for the Jacob Wismer Book Club on Facebook!