



March 2019 PTO Update

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER FUN B-I-N-G-O NIGHT!

Once again bingo night was great fun for many Wilkes families! The pizza was delicious, and the exciting rounds of bingo were a hit. We are immensely grateful for Ian Eisenhood's help serving as our caller and emcee for the evening and for all the contributions of our amazing volunteers and generous Bainbridge Island businesses!



- Business Sponsoring Prizes: The Good Egg, Mora, Island Cool, Hammy's, Blackbird Bakery, Bon Bon, Hitchcock Deli, and Coquette Bake Shop & Creamery.
- Also, thanks Westside Pizza for their record delivery of pizzas!
- Special thanks to Nicole Bavo for organizing the event! Other Volunteers to Thank: Tami Cole, Tiffny Weighall, Amanda Grossman, Holly McIver, Kate Killigrew, Ingunn Kuester, Teresa Yette, Christy Remedios, Honora Gerbeck, Kyle Meidell, Marissa Wachter (thanks for the Starbucks gift cards!), Megan Livingston, Jennifer Cannon, and more.

GLOBAL MARKET RECESS ACTIVITY

On March 14th, the PTO sponsored a Global Craft Making activity for students during recess. Students learned how to make (and the meaning behind) Guatemalan Worry Dolls, Hamsa and bracelets from East Africa. Each table included a map showing the country of origin relative to Bainbridge Island. Special thanks to the 4th Grade Leadership Team for their volunteer time and help with these activities and to Wendy Corelis for planning and leading this recess activity!



TOY GUY!

WOW! The commons was packed with students and families for the build-a-toy workshop with Rick Hartman. The students used simple carpentry tools to construct an amazing wooden toy while experiencing the thrill of hands-on math, science and creativity. He captivated our young students and encouraged innovation. THANK YOU to our Wilkes community for helping to make this event free by supporting our annual Jogathon last fall. And thank you to Andrew Block for helping to capture the evening.



CONTRIBUTE YOUR CHANGE TO HELP MAKE CHANGE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Fourth Grade Leadership Council is participating in a global service project to help people gain access to clean water. The *We Walk for Water* is a program helping people in countries such as Rural China, Haiti, Kenya, Ecuador, India, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia. Bring your change to contribute to the coin drive from March 25th - April 19th. For \$25



one person can get clean water for the rest of their life! There will be coin jars in classrooms and in the front office. Did you know that 40% of the world's population is impacted by the lack of water? For more information, please [click](#).

SAKAI PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING IS COMING TO A CLOSE

To date, the Sakai students have collected 2811 pounds of plastic film and have less than a month left of their Trex challenge. BRING YOUR FILM PLASTIC TO SAKAI THRU APRIL 15th.

WILKES AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB WITH COACH HENRY GUTERSON

Island Youth Coach Henry Guterson is offering an after-school sports club beginning Thursday, 4/18 for Wilkes 2nd-4th graders from 2:20-3:30. Students will play a different sport every week outdoors or in the gym: Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, & Dodgeball. If you are

interested, please Register at www.IslandHOOPS.org or for more info:
email bainbridgeislandhoops@gmail.com



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- Outdoors (field / play shed) or in the gym**
- All equipment is provided & made of soft materials**
- Club is run by Henry Guterson, an Island youth coach since 2004**
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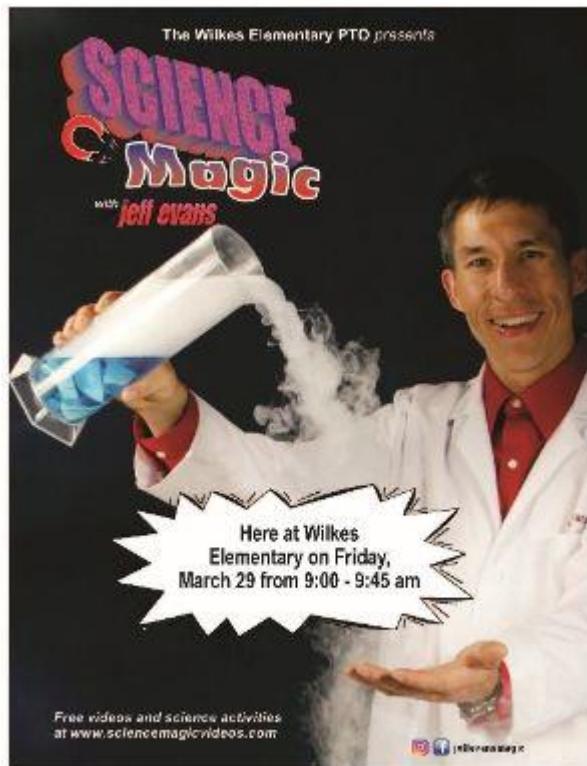
CALL TO SEND CLASSROOM PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

A team of exceptional volunteers are in the process of putting together a fantastic yearbook. You likely have seen them clicking away to capture wonderful photos at various events throughout the year. Since it is challenging to capture all these memories, we need your help. If you have volunteered in the classroom and have some great pictures, please share them with us. Please contact Casey Schmidt at cschmidt99005@gmail.com.
Thanks for your help!

CALLING ALL BUDDING SCIENTISTS: SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR ON APRIL 25TH!

At Wilkes, we love science! An annual tradition, the Wilkes Science & Engineering Fair is right around the corner. The range of possible projects are: labeled drawings; observation reports of an ecological area, animals or plants; models/dioramas; inventions; demonstrations; experiment (using the scientific method); and technology (more details [here](#)). A new assembly (supported by your PTO) featuring Science Magic being held this Friday should spark interest. If you need to help your student brainstorm ideas consider checking out [these resources](#). This fair is a fun way to promote your child's curiosity in science. More information [here](#).

- Project drop-off:
Wednesday evening, April 24th, 5:30-6:30 pm or
Thursday morning April 25th, 7:30 -7:50 am.
- Please consider being a part of the special event!
You can sign-up [HERE](#) using Sign-Up Genius.
- Families/care-givers are welcome to join us at the open house, showcasing all the student's imaginative work on display from 6-7:30 pm on Thursday, April 25th.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 25-April 19**, Wilkes Fourth Grade Leadership Council & Wilkes PTO, Global Service Coin Drive.
- **March 29**, Science Magic Assembly (Funded by Wilkes PTO)
- **April 1-5**: Spring Break, no school
- **April 15**: Last day to bring plastic film to Sakai for the Trex Recycling Challenge. [Click for more info.](#)
- **April 18**, 5th Avenue Theatre Assembly (Funded by Wilkes PTO)
- **April 18 at 6:30 pm**: [A Discussion on Multicultural and Human Diversity Education](#), Wilkes Commons
- **April 19**: PTO Meeting (Wilkes Staff will share professional development experience at ACSD conference)
- **April 25**, Science Fair and Open House.
- **May 17**, PTO Meeting (year-end celebration, budget)
- **May 27**, Memorial Day, no school
- **May 28-30**, Outdoor Education for Fourth Graders
- **June 11 (tentative date)**, Special art project in partnership with the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA). More details to follow.
- **June 17**, Fourth grade clap-out
- **June 21**, Last day of school

*Jogathon tax receipt information at: <http://wilkespto.org/jog-a-thon-2018/>.

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