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A Note from the Principal

August / September 2017

Dear Wade King Families,

We had an AMAZING first week of school at Wade King! Students connected with old friends, met new friends, tried out our new salad bar that is now part of hot lunch, kept the beat to the Star Wars theme song with Mrs. Norman in music, and chased bubbles on the playground. It was a great week with lots and lots of smiling faces!

We have welcomed several new staff members:

- Tina Russell is a new kindergarten teacher.
- Molly Lynch is our new resource room teacher.
- Jennifer Samuelsen is teaching 3rd grade while Alison Merz is on maternity leave.
- Ruby Linscheid (a former Wade King 2nd grade teacher) is back as our I.B. Primary Years Program Coordinator.
- Aja Ruswick will be student teaching in 2nd grade with Mrs. Fleenor this fall.
- Jim Carlson is supporting students on the playground and in the resource room.
- Kelly Powers joined our primary life skills team in room 3.
- Chris Smith joined our intermediate life skills team in room 1.

We have a staff who loves working together to support our kids and our new staff members have fit right in!

I wanted to remind you that last year I engaged in an Entry Plan process to learn from students, families, Wade King staff, and district office staff about our school's strengths, challenges, and potential next steps.

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Upcoming Dates:

August 31st – First Early Dismissal – Students go home at 12:45pm

August 31st – Curriculum Night for parents from 6-8pm

September 3rd – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday

September 4th to 14th – PTA Snack Drive

September 14th – PTA Meeting in the Wade King Library from 6-8pm
Everyone is welcome!

September 15th – NO SCHOOL – Staff Learning Day

September 26th – PTA Globe Trot Fundraiser

October 2nd to 4th – 5th Graders go to Mountain School at North Cascades Institute

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This was a powerful process that enabled me to learn more about our learning community and identify the focus of our work for this year and beyond. I will share more about our next steps during this Thursday night's Curriculum Night, but wanted to share these areas of focus with you now.

- We will engage in a self-study as part of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. This self-study will help us refine our implementation of the IB standards and practices.
- We will deepen our whole staff understanding of social-emotional development and self-management skill development within our students. We will have opportunities for families to learn alongside us.
- We will continue to develop our Multi-Tiered System of Support to maximize our students' growth as readers, writers, and mathematicians as well as their social-emotional and self-management skills.
- We will develop our services for Highly Capable Learners (HCL) to be sure our instruction is differentiated to support their growth.

I also want you to know that if you have ideas, questions, or thinking you want to share, please connect with me. The more our staff is able to partner with families, the more our children will grow.

It's going to be fantastic year at Wade King!

Stephanie Johnson

Principal

New Thursday Early Dismissal Time

With our new Elementary School start time of 8am, students will be dismissed at 12:45pm for Thursday early release.

Parking Lot Tips

- During pick up and drop off times, always walk on the sidewalks to model safety for our kids.
- THANKS for yielding to our buses so they can drive into the school driveway and bus loop without waiting.
- If you want to get out of your car, park in the parking lot and walk on the sidewalks up to the school.
- If you chose to use the pick-up/drop-off loop, stay in your car, in line, and continue moving up as the line moves forward. Our staff will help your child get into your car when you get to the front of the school. Our goal is to keep this loop moving and keep our kids safe!

School District Calendars

You can click on the link below to see the school calendar for this school year!

[2017-18 Calendar](#)

Wade King Curriculum Night – Thursday, August 31st

Curriculum Night is an evening for parents to learn about classroom routines and grade level standards. In addition, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Gutzler, Ms. Regina, and our PTA will be sharing school-wide information in the cafeteria. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 6:00-6:20pm School-wide information session in the cafeteria (repeated at 7:35pm)
- 6:25-6:55pm Primary Classroom presentations-Intermediate teachers in their rooms with a less formal presentation
- 7:00-7:30pm Intermediate Classroom Presentations-Primary teachers in their rooms for a less formal presentation
- 7:35-8:00pm School-wide information session in the cafeteria (repeat of 6:00pm session)

We hope to see you all this Thursday night!

You're Invited!

Wade King is fortunate to have a large PTA that actively supports our school community in many, many ways. PTA meetings are held in the Wade King library on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8pm. Attending our PTA meetings gives you a chance to learn about things that are happening in our school community. There are always ways for you to volunteer, but you do not need to volunteer to attend meetings. Although the PTA does not provide childcare at our meetings, your children are more than welcome to join us. Please bring quiet activities, water and a snack for your children to enjoy while we meet together.

**Our first PTA meeting is
Thursday, September 14th
from 6-8pm.**

You can stay connected with the [Wade King PTA](#) by checking out the website and liking them on [Facebook](#).

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First through fifth graders will also be bringing their Wade King Agendas back and forth between home and school each day. (Fourth and fifth grade Agendas will arrive soon). Be sure to take time each day to have your child share what he/she recorded in their Agenda. This will give insight into your child's day and hopefully give you a springboard for discussions about his/her day at school.



Photos From Our First Week!



