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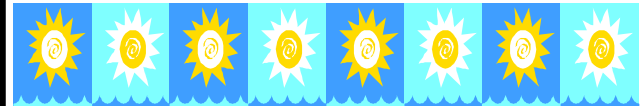
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June 4, 2009

#### Important Dates to Remember

Thurs.	June 4	<i>PTO Meeting</i> 9:40am/Library
Fri.	June 5	<i>Spring Splash</i> 6:30-8:30pm/Gym
Fri.	June 12	<i>Donation drop-off for</i> <i>Save Our Teachers Sale</i> (after 4:30pm at Wilkes)
Sat.	June 13	<i>Save Our Teachers</i> <i>Community Garage Sale</i> 9:00am-4:00pm/Wilkes
Wed.	June 17	<i>Last Day of School</i> Early Dismissal@12:30pm

### *A Letter From the President*



Dear Wilkes' Families:

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over. It seems like just yesterday that I was attending the *Meet and Greet*. This school year has passed by at warp speed!

*Spring Splash is this Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30.* I hope you join us. This is an annual event sponsored by the PTO that our kids look forward to year after year. Come enjoy ice cream sundaes, popcorn, drinks and music by a DJ. It's a great way to celebrate the school year. Spring Splash is open to all current Wilkes families. *Please note that this is not a drop-off event. Parents or guardians need to stay with their child(ren).*

I would like to give a huge "Thank You" to this year's **PTO Board....Kat Gilmore, Courtney Olson, Julie Yunt, Trish Franznick, Marisa Lanning, Kristin French, Kim Reilly, Meg Bromfield, Amy James, Kerry Lavigne, Anne Griesser and Janet Usellis.** Thank you all for your dedication, support, hard work and fresh ideas. The PTO had a very successful year thanks to you!

Here's wishing you all a fantastic summer! Take time to watch the clouds, search for sea glass and enjoy a glass of lemonade. Before you blink, September will be here bringing with it the beginning of school. **Please note that the 2009-2010 school year begins before Labor Day. School will start on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Happy Summer!

Fondly,

Erin Jennings - President

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## Save Our Teachers Community-Wide Garage Sale

**\$ What:** Fundraiser to help Save Our Teachers throughout the district

**\$ When:** Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 4:00pm)

**\$ Where:** Wilkes Gymnasium

**\$ How:** Bring your gently used items of furniture, clothes, bikes, household items, books, etc. to Wilkes on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> after 4:30pm (please no computers, televisions or big appliances)

We still need volunteers with trucks to help haul merchandise on Friday for set up AND to help haul away any unsold items on Saturday.

**\$ Why:** The Bainbridge Island School District is faced with a \$2.2 million budget shortfall for the 2009-2010 school year. As a result, pink slips have been issued to 17 of our teachers.

Every penny raised will be donated to the Bainbridge Schools Foundation *Save our Teachers* campaign. Let's do what we can to save them!

For questions or to volunteer, please contact:  
Karen West (206) 780-5774; [west.spence@speakeasy.net](mailto:west.spence@speakeasy.net)

For more information about how to make a financial donation to the *Save Our Teachers* campaign, please visit [www.bainbridgeschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.bainbridgeschoolsfoundation.org)



## Outdoor Education is a True Life Experience

The Outdoor Education Program for the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders at Wilkes took place at IslandWood during the last week of May. It was a fun and educational time for all!

As a chaperone, I can say that it is much MORE than a "right of passage" ~ the kids get an opportunity to learn from the overnight experience, in addition to the classroom portion.

Thank You to all the teachers, chaperones and parents for helping make this program possible for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Plans are already underway for next year's Outdoor Education Program. Details will be provided in the Fall.

-Kat Gilmore



### Wilkes PTO Board Members for the 2009/10 School Year are:

<i>President</i>	<b>Kat Gilmore</b>
<i>President Elect</i>	<b>Julie Yunt</b>
<i>Secretary</i>	(to be filled)
<i>Co-Treasurers</i>	<b>Trish Franznick</b> <b>Theresa Hinton</b>
<i>Enrichment</i>	<b>Kim Reilly</b>
<i>Volunteer Coords.</i>	<b>Meg Bromfield</b> <b>Amy James</b>
<i>Site Based Council</i>	<b>Anne Griesser</b>
<i>Communciations</i>	(to be filled)
<i>Member at Large</i>	<b>Erin Jennings</b>

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Wilkes PTO is looking for those interested in the following volunteer positions:

- ❖ **PTO Board - Secretary**
- ❖ **PTO Board - Communications**
- ❖ **Dinner Auction Chair**
- ❖ **Political/Campaign Chair**
- ❖ **Staff Appreciation Chair**
- ❖ **Spring Splash Chair**

For more information, please contact:

**Kat Gilmore - [kat@jubbling.com](mailto:kat@jubbling.com)**

*Thank you to the Volunteers of the Month:*

Wendy Welch for spearheading  
Staff Appreciation Week

Dawn Morgan & Jaime Chiado for organizing  
Spring Splash