



# Wedgwood School

playground improvement project

oceans of fun uniting school & neighborhood

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Parents and neighbors of Wedgwood School are spearheading a drive to renovate the playground at the school. It is our goal to create a beautiful and inviting play area and gathering space for both the elementary school and the neighborhood. Students at Wedgwood have voted for a "sea life" theme for the playground!

Plans for the first phase of this project, which we hope to carry out in the next year, include a discovery trail of native plants and trees, an outdoor classroom and garden areas, and an improved small playground for younger children in the area used largely by the special education classes and by Kids Time, our afterschool program. A memorial for a beloved student who passed away last year will be placed in this area. This smaller, contained playground will be particularly appealing to young children from the neighborhood.

The sprucing up of our playground has already begun, thanks to the many Windermere agents who turned out to paint, prune, and spread woodchips on their Community Service Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>!

We are pleased to report we have been recommended for a grant of \$85,000 from the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund program. We will be matching this grant with a great deal of volunteer labor, as well as \$38,000 in cash. To date, the school and neighbors have raised approximately \$23,000 toward this effort, leaving us with another \$15,000 to raise by this fall. We are looking to the Wedgwood Community to support our playground improvement project with donations of money, products, and volunteer time. Cash donations may be sent to:

### Wedgwood Playground Improvement Project/AFE

2720 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seattle, WA 98115

All donations are processed by the Alliance for Education and are tax-deductible. For more information, contact Rose Palmer, 517-4768, email [rmpalmer@seattleschools.org](mailto:rmpalmer@seattleschools.org) or Eleanor Boba, 527-2270, email [eleanorboba@comcast.net](mailto:eleanorboba@comcast.net).

### A big THANKS

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