



# WINES TIMES

## HELLO FROM THE PTO

Kelly Collins, President

Welcome to our November issue of the Wines Times. We have now completed two of our fall events, had our first round of Great Idea Grants, and are already planning more events throughout the year. Please be sure to check out our new website for news and information: [winespto.github.io](http://winespto.github.io)

A heartfelt thank you is due to the organizers of both the Wines Run-A-Thon and the Science and Builders Fair. Run-A-Thon was again made possible by a committed group of parent volunteers including event chairs, **Katie Fife, Stacy Colias and Melissa Rilko**. **DJ Bryan Kowalk** added *spirit* by organizing the music for the event. These parents solicited corporate donations, ordered prizes, t-shirts and food, and handled numerous other logistics. Thank you! We also owe our warmest gratitude to **Bryan and Ruthie Kowalk**, who ensured another successful Science and Builders Fair. This is the Kowalks' last year at Wines and they have passed the torch to other parents who will continue to make this annual event one that stokes curiosity and builds a sense of accomplishment in our budding scientists and engineers. Thank you, Bryan and Ruthie, for so many years of contribution to Wines. We appreciate you!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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**Mark your calendars! The Wines Scholastic Book Fair is coming  
December 3rd - December 6th, just in time for holiday shopping!**

The book fair is one of the year's biggest fundraisers and provides a fabulous resource for the students, teachers, and our classroom and school libraries! We will be collecting donations again this year for our *All For Books* program that helps fill our school and class



libraries with great new books every year. Brand new to the Wines Book Fair this year is **eWallet**! This will allow parents to use their credit cards at home to designate a dollar amount, add a few quick notes (i.e. "Only 1 bookmark allowed", "Must purchase two books", "No posters", etc.) and print out a personalized barcode. When the student presents the barcode with their name and notes at the fair we will scan it and your card will be charged accordingly.

More information on the book fair, volunteering opportunities, shopping times, *All For Books*, and **eWallet** will be coming home in the coming weeks in your child's Wednesday folder and in the Wednesday emails.

## ***NEW!***

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE PTO**

The Wines PTO, a 501c3, has budgeted **\$75,000.00 for the 2019-2020** school year to cover our normal yearly expenses. Our yearly expenses do not include large purchases such as technology and playground equipment, but rather cover the day-to-day expenses necessary to keep our school running at the level that we have become accustomed. The large technology and playground purchases of the past were made possible by exceeding our projected income creating a surplus.

A few examples of our expenditures during the **2018-2019** school year included:

- \$6,000** on classroom supplies
- \$14,000** on curriculum support including the River Residency Project
- \$8,300** in supplies for the Music, Art, Physical Education, and Library classrooms
- \$7,500** in funding for field trips, including transportation
- \$9,000** to offset the fees for the 5th grade camp
- \$3,000** on enrichment programs such as Lunch Time Extra Specials, International Night and Great Idea Grants.

Additional income allowed us to fund the murals inside the school, along with purchasing new soccer goals. Our main sources of income are **direct donations** to the

school, **Run-A-Thon** pledges, and income resulting from our **Silent Auction and Raffle**. Other sources of income include the Scholastic Book Fair, Box Tops, Amazon Smile, Grocery Cards, and the PTO Thrift Shop. To date, we have raised \$35,000, **but this is \$4,000 below our expected revenue** from direct donations and the Run-A-Thon. Given our lower than expected Fall income, please keep the Wines PTO in mind when making decisions about your end of the year giving.

## GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

Sally Evaldson

*Otsaliheliga!* That means 'we are grateful' in Cherokee and is the theme of a school-wide Thanksgiving project in the library. Each class is enjoying the eponymous book by Traci Sorell and making a class banner celebrating what makes them grateful.

Depending on the grade level, we are looking into the history of the Cherokee, specifically the *Trail of Tears*, relating how this culture has overcome great hardship to remain resilient, proud, and forward thinking. Some classes are learning about Sequoyah and the syllabary alphabet he devised during the challenging years of the Great Removal. The upper grades are enjoying an origin story, *First Woman and the Strawberries*. Our conversations show that our students appreciate how fortunate they are in terms of well-being and how important family and friends are to them. These values are among those that steer recreational readers to more challenging and thoughtful books.



As the nights are cold and dark, one might consider sharing family *readalouds* of picture or chapter book to reinforce these thoughts in the coming weeks.

### RUN-A-THON T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to fifth grader  
**LIAM FOWLER**  
for winning the Run-A-Thon t-shirt design  
contest. His design was featured on this  
year's Run-A-Thon t-shirt!

### GREAT IDEAS GRANT

With the help from a direct donation and a Great Ideas Grant, Wines has received a new 3D Printer!



## MUSIC AT WINES

Richard Knapp and Jessica Glaser

In addition to our usual audiating, singing, moving, creating, and more, Wines musicians have been learning about a word called “*musicking*” (yep, with a “k”). *Musicking* was first used by music educator and researcher, Christopher Small. “*To musick*” means to do any sort of musical action: *audiate, listen, sing, dance, make beats, move, play an instrument, improvise, compose, arrange* – the list can go on. Students have been reflecting on the various ways that they *musick* every day, both in school and out of school. Young Fives are continuing to explore their voices, and are building a movement vocabulary.

Kindergarteners just learned what a “resting tone” is, and they are working on being able to find a song’s resting tone using audiation. First graders are singing and chanting tonal and rhythm patterns to build our performing vocabularies.



Second graders are beginning to label familiar tonalities, meters, and types of patterns, like major tonality, minor tonality, duple meter, triple meter, tonic, dominant, and more. Third graders have been challenging themselves to sing in many different harmony parts at once by singing chord roots and rounds. Fourth graders are just starting

their time with recorders and the fifth graders have been working on accompanying themselves on the ukulele. **Grade-level performance dates for this school year will be announced soon!**

## ART ROOM NEWS

Joel Wyse

We have been working on so many wonderful projects in class. It is always exciting to see what each individual creates. In 5th grade, the students have been working on parodies of *American Gothic* by Grant Wood. The peculiar things that these two farmers have become is fascinating. The Young Fives class has been working on some landscapes with fall colored trees, even as we have entered this surprisingly snowy time. In 3rd grade, the

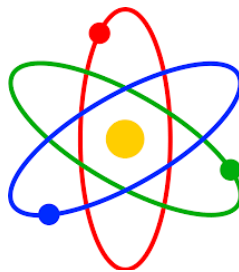


students have been working on making their own stamps and printing with them. The fourth graders have been looking at the artwork of *Keith Haring*, and doing some pieces focusing on the difference between negative and positive space. The first graders just finished some pumpkin and gourd drawings with oil pastel and added them to a woven background. In second grade, the students have been working on a black and white flower still life, using

texture rubbings and cut paper. The kindergarteners have begun making pinch pots out of clay. After they are fired in the kiln, they will glaze them before a second firing to finish them off.

## SCIENCE AND BUILDERS FAIR

Another great Science and Builders Fair is in the books. Thank you to the 58 students and families who participated and those who attended to experience the excitement. Click on the link below to see photos from the event!



<https://winesscienceandbuilders.weebly.com/gallery.html>

Special thanks to AAPS teachers Ms. Schemanske, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Centivany for adding the thrill of **PLTW** displays and an army of young volunteers. We are truly fortunate to have your support! The youth volunteers and parent volunteers were instrumental in visiting all projects and providing feedback.

The Hinesman and Campbell families have come forward to ensure that the Wines Science and Builders Fair will continue long into the future!

## NEWS FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Diane Wahl

*'Guiding children in the process of becoming physically active and healthy for a lifetime.'*

Congratulations to the **Wahl's Walkers** listed below for walking 10 miles and earning a *toe token*. Many are on the way to earning 20 miles. Walkers will be able to earn an extra 20 miles over Thanksgiving Break.

Maven Berger, Alejandro Lee, Jack Bustos, Oskar MacArthur, Leena Chiang, Yara Martins, Ani Chien, Lukas Mazza, Kate Collins, Eve McKinnon, Brendan Delaney, Griffin Osterland, Sofia Delis, Luke Phibbs, William Duffy, Grace Ridenour, Caleb Ellies, Marissa Riley, Addie Fife, Keegan Roberts, Elliot Gray, Nora Salembier, Hazel Hadley, Mattie Scott, Alex Hastie, Ruthie Scott, Quinn Hinesman, Corinne Sczomak, Emma Jacobs, Alani Tharp, Henry Jaworski, Bella Winchell, Maeve Kilbride, Eve Yocum, and Celia Luring.

If you would like to read about something specific in the WINES TIMES, let a PTO member know!





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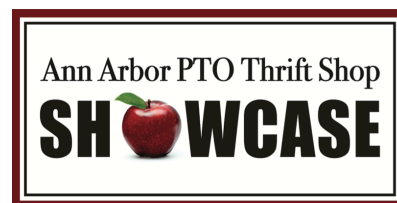
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