

# WINES TIMES

## WELCOME FROM THE PTO

Kelly Collins, President

Wines Families,

Believe it or not, we just marked our the 100th day of school this year. Although the school year is over halfway over, the PTO still has loads of exciting events and activities coming up so please read ahead! The PTO was happy to see so many families enjoying breakfast treats on the morning of Monday, February 10, during Parent Involvement Day.

A sincere thank you to the following Wines parents who have helped plan and execute important activities over the couple of months of school:

**Stacy Guldal** for her smooth transition into leadership of the Scholastic Book Fair. This was Stacy's first year running the event and she did a terrific job!

**Sumi Sood** for overseeing our first batch of Great Idea Grants this year; read ahead to see which grants are being funded.

**Dr. Anthony DeBenedet** for serving as the PTO's featured speaker at our January PTO meeting and talking about the importance of kids engaging in physical play.

**Celeste Kanpurwala and Autumn Howe** for running another well-attended and culturally-diverse International Night. Look for some highlights below!

**Michael Newberry** for soliciting participation in and recruiting parents to run two sessions of Extra Specials.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WINES AUCTION

Michelle Chien, Amy Holland and Stephanie Zillich

The 2020 Wines Auction is almost here!

Please join us **March 21, 2020 at Stonebridge Golf Course** for an amazing night of mingling and fundraising for our Wines community. This exciting, adult only event is a definite must for your calendar. You can meet and mingle with other Wines parents, teachers and staff in a relaxed and fun environment while helping to raise funds to enrich our children's educational experience. There will be a silent auction of exciting items, in addition to a live auction of all the wonderful classroom art projects made by your very own kids! We will also have fun activities such as the **Heads or Tails Game** and the **Wine Pull**.

Like any big successful event, we need help from the Wines community. We are looking for donations of wine worth \$30+, sports tickets & memorabilia, vacation homes, restaurant & services gift cards, or anything you think would be a great bidding item. Contact **Michelle Chien** at [mknezek@hotmail.com](mailto:mknezek@hotmail.com) with your items or questions about the auction. If you have wine to donate, please contact **Stephanie Zillich** at [stephzillich@hotmail.com](mailto:stephzillich@hotmail.com).

### GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

Sally Evaldson

The days are beginning to brighten, but I think it is safe to say that we have many more indoor weekends ahead of us. This is a great time to steer your child to two activities dear to my heart: **Reading and Keyboarding**.

If you allow screen time, keyboarding practice can be invaluable. Developing proficiency now will help your child focus on their ideas and voice when writing and can save many frustrating hours in middle school. **Typing Club** logins work at home for third through fifth graders and most students enjoy the activities. First and second graders can access appropriate typing games through my **Building Bridges** website (<http://evaldson.weebly.com/>). Best practices for building muscle memory are to sit up straight, focus on using two hands in the home position, and getting into the zone by practicing quietly.

Finding quality time for reading on weekends tends to become more difficult when spring comes, so this is a perfect opportunity to structure time into your child's weekend. Whether your child is reading independently or with a parent, they will be more engaged if they are allowed to choose their own books. We have a generous amount of time for library checkout each week, so if your child is not coming home with free reading, please encourage them to take me up on my offers to help.

Thank you to all parents who help their children return their books on checkout day and to our wonderful PTO for their support of our library!

### MUSIC AT WINES

Richard Knapp and Jessica Glaser

We are excited to share the grade-level concert dates for this year.  
In calendar order, they are:

**4th Grade: Wednesday, Feb 19** School day performance: 10 AM / Evening performance: 7 PM

**3rd Grade: Thursday, March 12** School day performance: 2 PM / Evening performance: 7 PM

**2nd Grade: Tuesday, March 24** School day performance: 10 AM / Evening performance: 7 PM

**1st Grade: Tuesday, April 21** School day performance: 10 AM / Evening performance: 7 PM

**Kindergarten: Monday, May 4** Evening performance: 7 PM

**5th Grade: Wednesday, May 6** School day performance: 2 PM / Evening performance: 7 PM

**Y5: To be determined...stay tuned!**  
**We are excited to see you there!**

## NEWS FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Diane Wahl

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

Happy February! Second through fifth grade classes are finishing up floor hockey. Kindergarten classes are learning how to read the white board when they come to class and do the warm up (laps, planks, wall pushes, and claps). Young 5's and kindergarten classes are working on the concept of opposite - touching the opposite leg and stepping with the opposite foot when throwing a ball or bean bag. All classes are learning about the different types of physical activity, the amount of time they need to be physically active per day, what types of physical activity our bodies need, the benefits of physical activity.

WAHL'S WALKERS: Emma Jacobs 80 miles, Ruthie Scott 75 miles, Sofia Delis 65 miles, Grace Ridenour and Keegan Roberts 45 miles, Leena Chiang and Oskar MacArthur 35 miles, Brendan Delaney and Alexandra Strauss 30 miles, Celia Lauring and Corinne Sczomak 25 miles. Keep on walking!

### GREAT IDEAS GRANTS

Sumi Sood

Do you have a great idea? The Great Ideas Grant program is an opportunity for Wines students, parents, and staff to turn a great idea into a funded program to benefit the Wines community!

We had six fantastic submissions in the fall 2019 cycle, with ideas ranging from yoga calm supplies, to social events, and classroom texts and aides. We also helped to fund a 3D printer for PLTW this summer. The grant approval committee meets twice a year to vote on applications. Submissions are accepted online only. The next deadline is March 1, 2020 so please get your Great Ideas ready! For more information, contact Sumi Sood at [sumi.sood1@gmail.com](mailto:sumi.sood1@gmail.com).

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Thank you to everyone who collected/donated money to help children all over the world who are less fortunate. Our goal here Wines Elementary School was to raise \$750 for UNICEF. We are very pleased to announce that we passed our goal. We raised \$844! Great job Wines Wildcats! Just think this generous donation can go a long way for buying many items that kids all over the world need:

50 cents = 1 packet of ready-to-use food to help save a malnourished child

\$2 = 10 bars of soap to keep kids clean and healthy E

\$5 = 1 UNICEF backpack for a kid to go to school

\$7 = 1 volleyball for kids to play and learn teamwork

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### Wines Wahoo is coming soon!

Escape the cold and join us for a tropical evening of lots of fun. Watch for a Sign Up Genius. The event takes place Friday, February 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Forsythe.





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