

# WINES TIMES

## WELCOME FROM THE PTO

Kelly Collins, President



Welcome back, or welcome to Wines if this is your first year as part of our community. The Wines PTO supports the academic and extracurricular pursuits of all Wines students, teachers, and families. Through your generous time and financial contributions, the PTO provides funding for field trips and supplies to all grade-level and "specials" teachers (Art, Music, Library, Physical Education., and Project Lead The Way), as well as offers enrichment activities and fun events throughout the year. We are happy to have all of you as part of the PTO!

The PTO uses this monthly newsletter, the Wines Times, as one of our main forms of communication to you. We plan to have our website back up and running in the coming weeks. The website will offer links to past Wines Times, information about upcoming events including an event calendar, access to frequently-used forms, and a link to donate online.



Mark your calendars for the morning of Friday, October 18th. Every Wines student will be on the soccer fields to run for 10 or 15 minutes for our **ANNUAL WINES ELEMENTARY RUN-A-THON**. We will have music, prizes and **BEAR CLUB COFFEE** will be on hand this year!

## GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

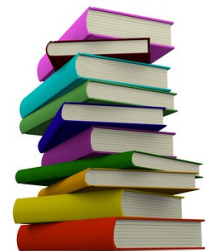
Sally Evaldson

Our library theme this year is '*Be a Biblionaut!*' What draws you into a book and how have you changed when you come out? We aspire to be 'book sailors' searching for books that will be immersive and transformational. At the beginning of the year, students tend

to pick popular favorites, *the lighter fare*. This is fine because it helps with fluency and enthusiasm and makes it easier for families to set up daily reading expectations. Reading together at bedtime is a wonderful way to show you value books and is so wonderfully bonding.

I am beginning to engage more thoughtful conversations during checkout time and encourage more depth when students make their selections. Many of our students fall so deeply into their books that they are oblivious to their surroundings. This is the goal for everyone. If we can find the books that will appeal the most and make reading time available, together we can develop lifelong readers.

Everyone checks out once a week. Help your child with develop habits to remember their books each week. Use a specific place to keep books at home and put them in the backpack the night before checkout. We are having a water catastrophe this year. Ten books have been returned to me that are sopping wet. Help your child be mindful of how those water bottles need to be tightened before they go into the backpack. Unfortunately, wet books cannot be saved. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer this year. We have more than sixty rotations to help support our library!



## MUSIC AT WINES

Richard Knapp and Jessica Glaser

It has been wonderful to see both new and familiar faces here at Wines this Fall, and music has been off to a great start! This year we have the benefit of two full-time vocal music teachers and two music rooms, with Mr. Richard Knapp and I teaching our growing population. Young Fives and Kindergarteners have been learning about *audiating* (thinking music), and have been exploring a variety of different kinds of sounds our voices can make. In first grade music, we have been building our listening and performing vocabularies of musical patterns, tonalities, meters, and



styles. Second graders have been using those listening and performing vocabularies to improvise, or create their own music. Third graders are deepening their understanding of different tonalities (major, minor, dorian, etc.) and meters (duple, triple, etc.) by identifying the tonality and/or meter of various songs from folk and popular genres. In fourth grade, we are preparing for recorder playing by bolstering our notation reading and writing vocabularies. Fifth graders have just been sorted into their rotations and are beginning to explore their band or orchestral instrument. It is sure to be another exciting year of music making here at Wines. ([winesmusic.weebly.com](http://winesmusic.weebly.com))

## ART ROOM NEWS

Joel Wyse

We're off to another great year here in the art room at Wines. There are so many wonderful projects like the Op Art that the 4th graders are making. They looked at art by Bridget Riley to get inspiration. In 2nd grade the students are doing some amazingly detailed drawings of castles using sharpies, crayons and colored pencils. The young fives class have been making art using letters from their names with crayons and watercolor paint. In Kindergarten we've been making caterpillars after looking at some work by Eric Carle. 1st graders have been using texture and watercolor paint to design some fantastic pieces of art. The 3rd graders studied the paintings of Wassily Kandinsky and created their own compositions using lines, shapes and oil pastels. Finally the 5th graders have started the year learning about graphic design.

**They've used this knowledge to design logos for the annual Wines Run-a-thon. One of their designs will be selected for the t-shirts worn by the whole school!**



## NEWS FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Diane Wahl

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

In physical education children do a great deal of moving. They spend time on the floor and upside down. It is important for the safety of all children that they come to class dressed appropriately. Students should wear athletic shoes or tennis shoes that tie or Velcro. Sandals, Crocs, flip-flops, boots and fancy shoes are not appropriate for physical education.

If your child cannot participate in class please send me a note or email and they will be accommodated. All students are expected to participate in class activities. Wahl's Walkers is up and walking. There are approximately 40 students walking on Monday and Wednesday.

Ask me about Walh's Walkers!

## *Upcoming Events*

### WINES RUN-A-THON Katie Fife

Come out to our annual **Wines Run-A-Thon** and support our runners on Friday, October 18th from 9a-12pm. It's a wonderful morning with lots of school spirit, music and a fun atmosphere as our kids raise money for Wines Elementary. Look out for opportunities to volunteer that morning through a *SignUp Genius* link that will be sent out in the coming weeks through Dr. DeYoung's Wednesday emails. We are looking for t-shirts sponsors to help make this year's Run-A-Thon a success. If you are a business owner or work for a company that would be willing to be a sponsor on our t-shirts, please contact Katie Fife at 734-546-0413 or [katiebfife@hotmail.com](mailto:katiebfife@hotmail.com). T-shirt sponsorships are \$500. Hope to see you there!

### GREAT IDEAS GRANT 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. The grant approval committee meets twice a year to vote on applications. **The first deadline is November 1st.** Don't let a great idea go to waste! Submit now! Submit several!

Past years' grants have been awarded for: recycling bins, a composting drum, buddy benches (in cooperation with Girl Scouts), roller racers for P.E., ukuleles, and a 3D printer.



# Wines A2 Allergy Parents Group

Does your Wines student  
have food allergies?

Join the Wines A2 Allergy  
Parents Group!



Find us on Facebook or  
email the group organizer at  
[winesa2allergyparents@gmail.com](mailto:winesa2allergyparents@gmail.com)

We look forward to connecting with you!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

WALKTOBER

OCTOBER 2, 4, 11, 18, and 25

SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 14

EARLY RELEASE

OCTOBER 23

PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 25

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Showcase every day!*

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