



WINES TIMES

HELLO FROM THE PTO

International Night TONIGHT!

Please join the Wines community tonight at 6:30 pm our annual **International Night** celebration. Due to this winter's challenging weather, we have had to reschedule twice and are hoping the third time is the charm! International Night is a fun way to celebrate all of the different cultures and backgrounds represented by Wines families. International Night offers opportunities to try foods representing various countries, learn a little about life in different parts of the world, and enjoy a fashion show at the end of the night. A sincere thank you to **Celeste Kanpurwala** for spearheading this year's International Night and to **Autumn Howe** for closely supporting Celeste in this effort. This is Celeste's first year as a Wines parent and we are so pleased she took on the leadership role for this annual event. Thank you also to all of the parents who volunteer their time for International Night and to everyone who participates, especially given that the weather required us to reschedule. We hope everyone has a wonderful time!

Lunchtime Extra Specials Under Way

This year's Lunchtime Extra Specials also has a new leader this year. **Michael Newberry** has volunteered his time to coordinate all of the activities and ensure participating students are assigned to activities of their choosing for each session. Michael is supported in this effort by all of the parents who are coming in over the lunch hour to oversee the various activities including arts & crafts, paper airplanes, quiet reading, STEAM, Lego, and recycled art. Thank you to everyone who is donating their time to help enrich Wines' students lunch period.

Playground Updates

Some of you (or your children) may have noticed new soccer goals and/or replaced nets on the soccer goals on the upper and lower el. The PTO has purchased new goals and new nets which have been assembled by **Laurie McClatchey** (PTO treasurer) and **Julia Williams** (PTO member-at-large). Additionally, the PTO has purchased over 80 playground balls so far this school year so that kids will have plenty of opportunities to play soccer, gaga, basketball, and kickball during recess. Thanks to Laurie & Julia for their playground support.



WINES WAHOO MARCH 8!

The Wines Wahoo is just around the corner on March 8, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM! Leave your parka at the door, turn up the heat and get your hula on as we celebrate with a tropical getaway to Forsythe Middle School! We are so excited to have some fun with a DJ, dancing, face painting, tattoos, open gym, board games and crafts. Stay energized with pizza and drinks for sale at the refreshment stand! Shoot some hoops, paint your face and dance the night away. Keep your eyes open for more information and opportunities to volunteer at this fun event!



SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THE WINES AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE! The Wines auction is nearly here so please join us April 27th at the Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales & Kitchen (formerly known as Null Tap House). This exciting, adult only event is a definite must for your calendar. You get the opportunity to get to know your fellow Wines parents in a relaxed environment in addition to helping raise funds for your child's school. We would really appreciate donations from families to help us enrich your children's academic lives. Here is a list of some ideas: Restaurant and other gift cards, wine priced at \$25+ for the wine pull, sports tickets and memorabilia, vacation homes and any other items you think will create bidding excitement. Or maybe you own or work for a company that would be willing to donate? Hope to see you there! - **Tracie Clarke, Amy Holland, Michelle Chien and Stephanie Zillich** (Wine Pull)

GREAT IDEAS GRANTS

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. Submissions are now accepted online only. **The next deadline is March 1, 2019.** The links for the Adult and Child application can be found on the Wines PTO website: www.winespto.org. Don't let a great idea go to waste! Submit now! Submit several! We look forward to hearing from you. Contact: Sumi Sood – sumi.sood1@gmail.com

A WORD FROM THE ART ROOM

Greetings from the Art Room,

Even with the snow, ice, and chilly air we've managed to get some great art done this month. In Kindergarten, students have been having a great time making clay pinch pots and glazing them. The 5th graders have started designing their own mythical creatures that they will

soon be painting. In 4th grade the students have been looking at the art of Kieth Haring and starting a project studying negative space. The Young 5 class has been using rectangles to draw some wonderful trains. In Kindergarten the students have been experimenting with different painting tools including cardboard and bottle caps. The 2nd graders have been combining watercolor and weaving techniques to make some wonderful pieces. In 3rd grade the students have just finished up their amazing seascapes.

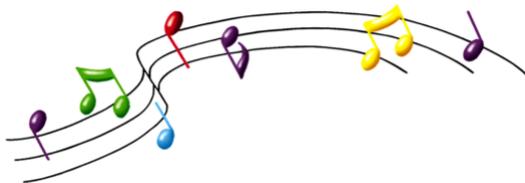


- Joel Wyse, Art Teacher

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Hello Wines Families,

Wines students have been hard at work in the music room - when we've had school, that is! Kindergarteners have begun having rhythm conversations, where they improvise their own rhythm patterns. 1st graders are beginning to use rhythm syllables to label rhythm patterns and understand how different levels of beat, like macrobeats, microbeats, and divisions, work together to create rhythm. In 2nd grade, we're diving deep into partner songs, or songs that share harmonic progressions and can be performed at the same time! 3rd graders are going a step further and exploring rounds, which are songs that have the same harmonic progression under every phrase of the melody. 4th graders are busily preparing for their performance, and despite all the various inclement weather days, they have prepared to share some recorder playing, singing, and even an original composition with the Wines community. In 5th grade, we've begun music arrangement projects in preparation for a 5th grade performance that will be almost entirely created by the 5th graders themselves. Sending you all warm wishes from the music room. - Jessica Glaser, glaserj@aaps.k12.mi.us, winesmusic.weebly.com



NOTES FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Greetings from the Library! Our theme for March is Reading Month is: One World, Many Stories. We all have so many stories to tell. What can I learn about you, and what can you learn about me? Where are you from? Where am I from? What is your family like? This is what my family is like. This year, Wines teachers having been reaching out in a more inclusive way with our read-a-louds and this is a great opportunity for families to also embrace more diversity with storytime and projects. What does this look like? Conversations about your own family history can spark a child's interest in other cultures. How do they do it there? When children share stories about people who face challenges, perhaps through immigration, gender identity, race, culture or a health condition, they develop empathy and admiration for

others. They broaden their own understanding of the world and appreciate their own place in it. They learn to value uniqueness. When I have shared diverse themed books this year, I have been touched by the intensity of the listening and the generosity of spirit of our students. Reading logs go home for three weeks, beginning February 27. Our goal is for every child in the school to read every night. You do not need to keep track of minutes. Kindly initial your child's log for each day that they read, either alone or with someone else. These should be returned in the Wednesday folder and our Student Council will tally each class's participation every Thursday. Send it in even if you are late. We keep a big display in the hall celebrating each class's rate of participation, so it is quite important that every family participate. This is a great opportunity for families to explore any diversity topic, to bond through shared stories, and to develop life-long learning habits. Sounds like fun to me! Best wishes, Sally Evaldson

One World, Many Stories

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Friday March 1	Great Ideas Grant Due	
Friday March 8	Wines Wahoo @ Forsythe	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Monday March 18	PTO Executive Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Friday March 22	Spring Break Begins	3:59 p.m.

APRIL

Monday April 1	School Resumes	8:56 a.m.
Saturday April 27	Wines Auction @ Null Taphouse	6:00-10:00 p.m.

The WINES TIMES is Accepting Student Art!

We need to spruce up the masthead of the WINES TIMES and are asking students to consider submitting original art incorporating the words WINES TIMES into their piece to use as the front page header of the PTO newsletter.

It would be best to keep the design 4-5 inches wide and 3 inches in height. The chosen piece will be randomly selected from all submissions. One submission per student, please with student's name on the piece. Art can be placed in the PTO mailbox in the office or emailed to newsletter@winespto.org.

**GET
INVOLVED**

**GIVE
AWARENESS**

Call for Volunteers

**Wines' annual Disability Awareness Workshop:
a hands-on, activity-based workshop for 4th graders**

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:30AM to 12:00PM

We need about 25 volunteers from
approximately 8:30AM to 12:00PM

For more information contact Jessi Averill:
jessi.averill@gmail.com or 267-495-6208

This activity-based workshop helps students understand how challenging and complex daily life can be for individuals living with a variety of disabilities. The goal is for students to experience—through this hands-on event—that each of us should be respected and included in daily community life no matter how we may look, act, walk or talk.

Volunteers need not have students who are in the 4th grade.

Easy instructions are provided for running the workshop stations.



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THE WINES AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Parents, Teachers and Staff,

Join us for a fun night out with friends and help raise money for OUR school! Leave the kids at home and come see the amazing classroom art pieces your children have made and other fabulous items to be auctioned off.

Date: Saturday, April 27th
Location: Jolly Pumpkin in Dexter (same location new name)
Time: 6PM until closing

Proceeds from the event will go toward two exciting things at Wines:

Every Wines student will contribute artistically to a number of murals that will be placed in the upper and lower-el hallways as well as in the modular building. We also will be assisting with the purchase of new lower-el playground equipment.

We would really appreciate donations from families to help us enrich your children's academic lives. Here is a list of some ideas:

Restaurant and other gift cards, wine priced at \$25+ for the wine pull, sports tickets and memorabilia, Vacation homes and any other items you would like to donate. Or maybe you own or work for a company that would be willing to donate.

For any questions, contact:

***Tracie Clarke or Michelle Chein at winesraffleauction@gmail.com
or Amy Holland - (313)-790-9667***



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