

WINES TIMES



It's hard to believe this is the final Wines Times issue for this school year. While the mid-winter months of snow, cold, and backpacks bulging with boots & snowpants seem to drag, the last six weeks of school have certainly flown past!

It was wonderful to see so many Wines families come out for our annual Country Fair and Raffle on June 1. The organizers of the event were watching the sky and the forecast all day and desperately hoping the heavy rain would avoid Wines. Once the sun came out in the evening, our attendance quickly grew! The kids clearly enjoyed the new additions to the Country Fair — the Ferris wheel, Dragon Swing, and performances by A2 Aviary — as well as the perennial favorites like the cake walk, carnival games, photo booth, flush tank, basketball, and soccer shoot-out. Please join the PTO in **thanking and congratulating Denise Cope** on a tremendously successful event this year. Denise shadowed our former Country Fair chair last year and spent countless hours this year planning. Policy changes made by AAPS required Denise to get creative and propose options for new activities at the fair and we are grateful for her perseverance and positive attitude throughout.

We also want to acknowledge **Kerianne Tupac** as she chaired the Raffle for the *6th straight year!!* The Country Fair and Raffle wouldn't be the successful event it is without the volunteer participation of so many Wines families. To everyone who spent some time helping either in the lead-up to the event or the night of, a sincere thank you. We would especially like to thank the following people who led important aspects of both the Fair and the Raffle: **Amy Cannon, Michelle Chien, Tracie Clarke, Stacy Guldal, Lisa Hutton, Sara Meyer, Mary Nickson, Melissa Rilko, and Cristina Rojas**. Many of these parents will be moving on to Forsythe after next year, so we look forward to new volunteers joining us!





The PTO is able to fund many great activities for the kids during the year and it is in no small part thanks to the money raised from the raffle. Thank you as well to everyone who made a donation to the raffle, the classroom baskets, and/or the cakewalk.

We would also like to thank the Wines PTO Co-Treasurer of the past two years, **Shannon Stewart**, as well as members-at-large **Nicole Brittis** and **Jen Haft** as they finish their time with the Wines PTO and their children head to Forsythe. We are grateful for their years of service and commitment to the Wines community.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the PTO welcomes **Liz Martin** as our new co-Treasurer and new members at large **Anu Agrawal-Huntley**, **Sara Meyer**, and **Julia Williams** who were all elected during our May meeting.

Although it seems ages ago, just last month we celebrated Wines' educators during Teacher Appreciation Week. Demonstrating our gratitude to our teachers took many forms: signs and cards made by students, flowers to brighten classrooms, travel coffee mugs and coffee delivered to classrooms, breakfast, and a catered lunch. The PTO wishes to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped make this week special for our teachers: **Tracie Clarke**, **Jill Coultas**, **Lauren Cunnane**, **Sina Drynda**, **Katie Stoffel-Duffy**, **Anu Agrawal-Huntley**, **Lisa Hutton**, **Monica Mazza** and **Sara Meyer**.

As we close out this school year, the PTO wishes to sincerely thank every family who makes Wines a special place for our entire community: students, teachers, parents, and administrators. Through your generous contributions across this year, we have been able to make a technology investment that will provide next year's students with 40 new iPads (and an iPad cart for storage/charging) as well as 30 new Chromebooks (and a storage/charging cart). Thank you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we will see everyone for the PTO-sponsored Welcome Back Coffee on the morning of Tuesday, September 4.

— *Wines PTO Executive Board*



A WORD FROM THE ART ROOM



It's been another wonderful year here at Wines. It was great to see so many families come out to Art Night. The hard work that the students do in the art room every week filled the hallways beautifully. The students have now brought all of their work home to share with you. I know I loved seeing the work my son brought home this week, I'm sure you will too.

I hope you're able to find some time for creative endeavors this summer. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

— *Joel Wjysse, Art Teacher*

NOTES FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council has planted 12 varieties of new plants and vegetables into our new Project Grow garden plot. With plenty of hard work, the 30 x 12 garden plot is now home to beans, carrots, sunflowers, peppers, zucchini and more! Vegetable seeds and seedlings were purchased with the help of a wonderful donation from the Wines PTO. In just two short weeks our garden is beginning to transform. Excitement is building as we wait for the fall harvest!



Garden Sign-up!!

The success of the garden will depend upon Wines family volunteers this summer. Please consider spending some time caring for the plants. You can find the sign-up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0445ADAD2BA31-wines. (The list will be updated with work details soon.) The hope is to have two to three families volunteer each week.



GREETINGS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER



Greetings from the library!

Thank you to all for a great year in the library. This year, 44 adult volunteers helped Wines students explore our collection of 16,553 books. It is because of our volunteers that I am able to let the children checkout three, four, or more books at a time. Students can sample their interests, take a chance on unfamiliar fiction, or find quality activity books when they are not limited to one or two choices a week. It is also because of all our parents who support their child by encouraging them to return their books on time.

Our volunteers are warm, interested, and friendly. This helps make the library a safe place. I will

miss our friends who are graduating along with their fifth grader this year. You have been such a pleasure over the past six years and our community has been enriched by your generosity!

Summer is such a special time, and everyone enjoys getting outdoors and relaxing. Please help your child read every day, visit the AADL, allow them to choose their own books, and try to read together as a family. There is a library saying: you can borrow a book, but you get to keep the ideas. One never knows where those ideas will lead!

Consider becoming part of the Wines Wildcats team (team code: Wildcats!) - let's see how many points we can earn together. In addition to getting points for reading everyday, kids (and parents) can earn points for scavenger hunts and lots of other fun activities. Check out the Ann Arbor District Library summer game, which starts on Friday, June 15, at <http://www.play.aadl.org>.

I also recommend that students fit in keyboarding practice, whether through Typing Club or our game websites on Building Bridges. When typing is not a burden, learners can focus on their ideas and be more engaged in their writing.

As I write, there are still 191 books at home. Please make your best effort to return these this week. If a book appears over the summer, you can bring it in September or drop it off at the AADL. It will find its way to us in good time.

Best wishes for a restorative summer,
— *Sally Ewaldson*



NOTES FROM THE PTO COUNCIL



Every Student Succeeds Act

The Michigan Department of Education is implementing many changes to the ESSA in 2018-2019. Check out the new Parent Dashboard and details on Michigan's [Game Plan](#).

You are not alone.

AAPS has resources available for students dealing with depression, grief, loss and other mental health issues. You can find [parent and student resources here](#).

— *Jill Anthony Stephenson*

Congrats to **Jill** on being elected the President of the PTOC!
We are thrilled to have Wines represented on the council next year by both **Jill** and **Molly Bazzani**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****JUNE**

Mon-Wed, June 11-13	5 th Graders @ Camp Tanuga	All day
Fri, June 15	All-School assembly	10:15 AM
Fri, June 15	5th Grade Clap-Out	11:30 AM
Fri, June 15	Final Dismissal	11:39 AM

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tues, Sept 4	First Day of School!	
Tues. Sept 4	Welcome Back Coffee	9:00 AM

The 2018-19 AAPS School Calendar is available online at: <https://www.a2schools.org/Page/12004>

Details on Wines Back-to-School events will be sent out by Dr. DeYoung in August

If you would like to submit news for the Wines Times or the PTO website, please send the details (pictures are always great too!) to newsletter@winespto.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



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