

WINES TIMES

A Note From Dr DeYoung:

Dear Wines Families,

As I look out at the snow melting and temperatures reaching into the 60's, it does seem like spring is right around the corner. As with every year, the next few months will be busy as we finish out the school year and begin planning for 2016-2017. This is an exciting time for our school!

Report Cards/Personalized Learning Plans

Next Tuesday, March 15th, you will receive your child's report card along with updates to his/her Personalized Learning Plan (PLP). We hope you will see lots of growth from November! This year, nearly all teachers at Wines have replaced the traditional comments section of the report card with the Personalized Learning Plans. We have been working on a number of templates over the past four or five years and we are the only school in Ann Arbor where each student receives a PLP. We hope that the PLP's actually provide a superior picture of your child's growth than the traditional narrative comments. The PLP contains a current quantitative

snapshot and also what amounts to an extensive and purposeful narrative that includes student strengths, goals for the year (both teacher and student created) and specifics as to how these goals will be met in the classroom. These are all the things we wanted included in comments in the past in a more meaningful format. Some teachers still prefer to include the traditional narrative in addition to the PLP, and that is certainly fine as well.

Next Year

Soon you will receive our annual survey asking if your child is returning to Wines next year. If you already know that your family is not returning to Wines, please contact Robin in the office. This information is very helpful as we make plans for staffing.

M-STEP Assessment

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will begin taking the Michigan state assessment (M-STEP) when we return from Spring Break. The window for 5th grade is from April 11th-29th, 3rd grade from April 25th-May 13th, and 4th grade from May 9th-27th. We will send out more information as we get closer to the assessment



window regarding the specific days and times for each class.

protect shoes from the mud and keep our hallways clean!

Boots PLEASE!!

As we head into spring, the official “mud season” begins here at Wines. Our playground will be muddy from now until into May (or beyond). Please continue to have your child bring boots to school to

Please take some time to read through the rest of this month’s Wines Times.

David



WINES WAHOO



Wines Wahoo

**Friday, March 18th, 2015 from 6:30 - 8:30 @
Forsythe Middle School**

The Wines Wahoo is right around the corner and we need volunteers (see link below)! Come get out of the cold and have the family join us for this Hawaiian-themed event with a DJ, dancing, open gym, tattoos, face painting, board games, pizza, snacks and more! As a reminder, this event is for elementary school age kids and younger. Older siblings are welcome to volunteer at the face painting and tattoo table. Don't miss out on this favorite Wines tradition! \$5.00 suggested donation per family.

Concessions will be available for purchase. Questions, please contact Jill Greene (jill.greene@gmail.com) or Melissa McVicker (mcvicker.meg@gmail.com).

Please volunteer using the link below.

<https://www.volunteerspot.com/client/invitation/90a053ba6d4b3825071b751987d4a51435292835/1419077/false?popup=true&preview=true&return=/Activities%23!/1419077/jobs/edit>



NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER



We are having fun in the library with March is Reading Month, entering the weekly Teachers' Favorite Book contest and building enthusiasm. Our goal is 200,000 minutes, but a quarter of a million is such a happy sounding round number, that we are hoping to up our game. Can we do it? It is up to us! This week, we will begin to populate the hall bulletin board with colorful slips naming our favorite books in various genres.

Kindergarten students have begun their Quiet Noisy pictures based on this classic, and sadly out of print, book by Margaret Wise Brown. They have selected a moment of poignant quiet and are illustrating it using Kid Pix.

First graders are so proud of their White House façade drawings, as am I! We are beginning to do a series of 'technical' drawings, working carefully, with focus. These will go home as soon as finished. We are also discovering the tall tales of Paul Bunyan the lumberjack. In this study, we continue to look at what might be fact and what might be fiction in the books we read. First graders loved learning about Abraham Lincoln and this is something that you might enjoy following up on at home.

Second graders are focusing on library skills. They are learning to search on the computer and we are observing how different genres are organized in the library. Everyone loved this year's Caldecott winner, Finding Winnie, The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear.

It is also an example of a book that combines the genres of literature, history, and biography. We have enjoyed seeing primary source material about the life of the original Winnie and his guardian, Harry Colebourn. What a pleasure!

Third graders are finishing up filming book talks on Caldecott winning books. They have worked in pairs to select the book, write a script, and record. Now, they are converting it to a presentation page with identifying text and an image for the book. I will post these when we are finished. This has been lots of fun!



Fourth graders are working on their water newsletters. These are 'call to action' newsletters: describe the problem that you have researched, how did it happen, what are the solutions, how can individuals help, and as enrichment, how their topic ties into the larger issue of climate change. I am so happy with the interest that they are taking in this essential subject.

Our time is short each week in fifth grade, but we are currently doing a library skills review and will soon discuss cyberbullying. Library checkout is lively and engaging. I am so very grateful to the volunteers who are there so that I can help the fifth graders find books that they will love!

+ NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM +

Greetings from the art room,

March is Youth Art Month. In honor of this, many businesses downtown have students' artwork on display. Congratulations to the students from Wines who have their work on display at Downtown Home And Garden at 210 S. Ashley.

In all grades, students are working hard on projects, some of which are getting ready to hang up at Wines' art night (coming up on May 5th), and some of which will be coming home soon as student portfolios. A few clay projects have already started to make their way home like the kindergarteners' pinch pots. Third graders are glazing their clay lizards this week. First graders were inspired by Japanese fish prints before making their own. Fifth graders created some wonderful frotages, known commonly as texture rubbings. The students in second grade have created some wonderful flowers using oil pastels, after looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. In fourth grade, students have just started some cross section drawings of their dream homes, any number of which have unusually large slides in them.

Joel Wyse! Art Teacher



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



Here again is the list of the Wines music performances scheduled for the remainder of the school year. You won't want to miss your children giving their *all* for these fantastic shows! Please note that most concerts also have daytime assemblies – watch the calendar for more information, plus notices from me.

2016 Grade Level Show Schedule

2nd grade – Wed. 3/23, 7:00 pm “Are You Quite Polite?” (assembly on Tues. 3/22)

4th grade – Thursday 4/21, 7:00 pm “Recorders & Earth Day Celebration”

Kindergarten – Wednesday 5/4, 7:00 pm (no school assembly)

1st grade – Tuesday 5/10, 7:00 pm “Lights Out!”

3rd grade – Monday 5/23, 7:00 pm “Camp Wines”

5th grade Instrumental Music concert – Wednesday 5/25, 7:00 pm

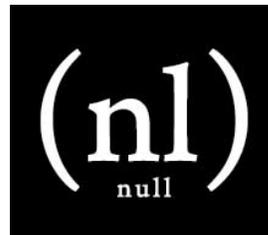
In addition to grade level performances, The 33 members of 5th Grade Chorus are working hard to prepare for several events:

- They sing at a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 30. It takes place in the Forsythe Middle School auditorium (correction), beginning at 7:00. The meeting, including the Chorus performance, can be watched live on *CTN's Educational Channel*, or you can [click here for their live stream](#) while the meeting is in progress.
- We wrap up our year as we sing for Art Night on May 5.

Watch for more information on all these 5th Grade Chorus performances.

Beth McNally
Vocal Music Teacher



**WINES SILENT AUCTION****WINES SILENT 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 and see the amazing classroom art pieces your children have made and other fabulous items to be auctioned off.

- **fun casual affair**
- **tailgate fare**
- **cash bar**
- **fun games**
- **wine pull**

Date: Saturday, April 30th
Location: Null Taphouse in Dexter
Time: 6PM until closing
Ticket sales begin end of March

Proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing of new iPads/
Curriculum Enhancements/Playground Enhancements

*If you would like to donate to the auction some ideas are: Restaurant and other Gift Cards, Wine priced at \$25+ for the wine pull, Sport Tickets and Memorabilia. Please feel free to contact Tracie Clarke (traciemcginty@hotmail.com)
Please contact Amy Holland at 313-790-9667 if you have any food or desserts to donate for the event.*



+ LUNCHTIME EXTRA SPECIAL – THANKS! +

The 2016 Lunchtime Extra Specials program has been a great success! The kids had a fantastic time and we want to thank the volunteers who made it happen. Our leaders have graciously donated their ideas, supplies, time and efforts each week for two months. We could not make this program happen without you!

Sheila Besirili	Stacy Guldal	Stacey Noel	Colleen van Lent
Tracie Clarke	Jennifer Haft	Wendy Rothenberg	Kathy Werns
Jill Coultas	Payal Joshi	Jeff Sander	Julia Madison-Williams
Sara Eggleston	Maye Landa	Kerianne Tupac	Sylvia Woo

Thank you also to Mr. Toohey, Ms. Hickman, Ms. Eckel, Mrs. Carlin, Mrs. Seely, Mrs. Gibbs, Ms. Wahl, Ms. Evaldson and Mr. Wyse for the use of your rooms for most of January and February! If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the Lunchtime Extra Specials program, please email Annemarie Dolan (akilburndolan@comcast.net).

+ PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS +

Our PTO Executive Board needs you!!

Most of our current officers will be moving on at the end of this year and the following positions will be open. We will hold elections for new officers at the PTO General Meeting on **May 12th**. Prior to the election we will hold an informational meeting to discuss responsibilities and answer questions for all positions. If you are interested in volunteering for a PTO executive board position, please contact Annemarie Dolan (akilburndolan@comcast.net) or Nicole Brittis (nicolebrittis@hotmail.com). We would love for you to join us!



Each executive members' duties are as follows:

PRESIDENT / CO-PRESIDENT

- Oversees the direction of the Wines Parent Teacher Organization
- Sets agendas and runs all PTO meetings (General and Executive Board)
- Recruits and appoints chairs for Wines committees and events
- Coordinates the work of officers and event committees
- Acts as an ex-officio member of all committees
- Provides input into PTO yearly calendar
- Regularly checks PTO mailbox and distributes mail
- Helps count money at fundraising events
- Assists with ongoing school programs such as Scholarship and Box Tops
- Acts as the bridge between faculty and families

VICE PRESIDENT / CO-VICE

PRESIDENT

- Acts as a point of contact between PTO committee and event chairs
- Recruits volunteers to chair committees and events
- Coordinates childcare for PTO meetings
- Maintains documents, flyers, and information from every PTO activity
- Acts as backup for PTO president

TREASURER / CO-TREASURER

- Works with PTO president to determine budget for upcoming year
- Presents budget and profit/loss statements to executive board and general PTO meetings
- Records deposits and withdrawals into Quick Books
- Reconciles monthly bank statements
- Submits tax forms to CPA
- Submits yearly filing fees to the State
- Monitors spending to ensure we remain within budget
- Contributes Treasurer information for the Wines Times
- Counts money at school events
- Deposits incoming checks at bank
- Writes checks as requested
- Maintains spreadsheets for deposits, checks, teachers' discretionary funds, etc.
- Provides start up cash for school events

COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY

- Attends PTO executive meetings to keep apprised of current PTO events
 - Solicits additional information to publish in Wines Times and on PTO website
 - Shares PTO happenings with the community via Wines Times, PTO website, and Wednesday emails
 - Encourages committee members
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and volunteers to take advantage of the technical capabilities



CALENDAR



March

- 16th Disability Awareness Workshop for 4th Graders
- 18th Wines Wahoo 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (at Forsythe)
- 23rd 2nd Grade Music Performance, 7:00 pm
- 25th No School

April

- 1st Spring Break Begins, 3:59 pm
- 11th School Resumes, 8:53 am
- 21st 4th Grade Music Performance, 7:00 pm
- 30th Silent Auction, Null Taphouse, 6:00 pm

May

- 3rd Teacher Appreciation Day
- 4th Kindergarten Music Performance, 7:00 pm
- 5th Art Night
- 10th 1st Grade Music Performance, 7:00 pm
- 12th PTO General Meeting & Executive Committee Election, 7:00 pm
- 23rd 3rd Grade Music Performance, 7:00 pm
- 25th 5th Grade Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm

Check out the PTO website for event details: <http://www.winespto.org>



PTO NOTES



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.

Anyone needing a PTO donation receipt for tax purposes can email winesptotreasurer@gmail.com to make that request.



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