

# WINES TIMES



## *Welcome from the Wines PTO!*

We have enjoyed meeting so many new Wines families this year and reuniting with students and families we did not see over the summer. Thank you to everyone who stopped in for coffee and conversation on the first day of school as well as to the parents and teachers who attended our first general PTO meeting of the year. We look forward to a fun-filled, productive 2018-2019 year at Wines.

For those of you who are new to Wines, the PTO sends out our newsletter, the Wines Times, approximately once a month. In it, you will find details about upcoming events, news about ways in which the PTO supports Wines, opportunities for involvement, and updates from specials teachers (art, library/media, music, and P.E.) at Wines, as well as updates from the **Ann Arbor PTO Council (PTOC)**. We encourage you to become familiar with the Wines Times and to send any items you would like to include in the next issue to [newsletter@winespto.org](mailto:newsletter@winespto.org)

Please also visit our Website, [winespto.org](http://winespto.org). Here, you will find links to past newsletters and other documents (financial reimbursement forms, great ideas grants applications, etc.), see an updated PTO calendar, and donate money to Wines through direct donations and Runathon.

## *Upcoming Events*

Fall is a busy time at Wines which you will quickly see as you find out more on the following pages. Walktober kicks off this week, Spirit Week begins Monday, Oct. 8, Runathon will be held on Friday, Oct. 12 (fingers crossed for nice weather!), our fall deadline for Great Ideas Grants applications is November 1, and the Science & Builders Fair is Thursday, November 8. We hope to see as many families as possible participate in these events as they are a great way to have fun and meet your kids' friends as well as other Wines parents.

We look forward to another wonderful year at Wines!

— *Wines PTO Executive Board*

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## WALKTOBER



Our annual October Walktober tradition continues! Come rain or shine (hopefully shine), all children are encouraged to walk or bike to school each Friday in October (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 & 10/26). School busses will once again drop students off at the South Forsythe parking lot. Dr. DeYoung, along with morning care students, will meet the buses so everyone can participate. Also, on Wednesday 10th October is International Walk to School Day, we will also be participating in this.

Checkpoints are at the following locations:

Creal Park  
Riverwood/Newport  
Sunset/Newport  
Kindergarten Bike Rack  
Baseball Field/Upper El Bike Rack



At unattended checkpoints you will find stamps and stickers. Please either take a sticker or stamp your hand! Here's hoping for some nice warm DRY weather!



## RUN-A-THON AND SPIRIT WEEK



Our annual Run-a-Thon takes place on **Friday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>!!!**

All students participate in this great community building day and we also encourage all families to participate in the fundraising part of the event. We also need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please click on the link below. This is a VERY easy event to volunteer at, as long as you are available the morning of Oct. 12th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4caaae2c7-2018>.



The days leading up to the Wines Run-A-Thon will be special spirit days. The days are:

<b>Monday Oct 8th:</b>	Pajama Day
<b>Tuesday Oct 9th:</b>	Crazy Hair Day
<b>Wednesday Oct 10th:</b>	Silly Sock/Shoe Day
<b>Thursday Oct 11th:</b>	Favorite Team Day
<b>Friday Oct 12th:</b>	Run-a-Thon (all students receive a t-shirt and classrooms will have unique themes).



## 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 first deadline is November 1st.

The links for the Adult and Child application can be found on the Wines PTO website: [www.winespto.org](http://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](mailto:sumi.sood1@gmail.com)



## SCIENCE AND BUILDERS FAIR



All students at Wines are welcome to showcase their creativity in the “Science and Builders Fair” on **Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 7pm to 8:30 pm at the school. This event is designed to foster a love of learning and provide an exciting environment for the kids to proudly display their work. The Science and Builders Fair is meant to inspire young minds to learn and innovate! Nothing is too simple or too complex! It is not a "judged" event. All participants receive a certificate.



Registration is simple and is required to ensure that display space is adequate. The website can be accessed from a mobile device and there is a navigation menu at the

top left allowing you to view all of the details about the fair, including pictures and links to project idea resources, volunteering sign up and of course, registration (which only requires- name, grade and if you are doing a science or builder project.) Please register by November 3rd. <http://winesscienceandbuilders.weebly.com/>.

Thanks so much!!!



## REPORT FROM THE PTO COUNCIL



Hello! I am Jill Anthony Stephenson and I am so happy to represent Wines Elementary as the Chair of the Ann Arbor PTO Council. PTOC is an independent, nonprofit entity that provides a forum for AAPS community members to communicate with each other, ask for advice or help, and deal with issues of common concern. PTOC Representatives from all 32 Ann Arbor Public Schools are ambassadors for their school PTO to the other schools and the district. All AAPS parents, teachers, and students are members of the PTOC.

As a council, our work focuses on outcomes that strengthen and stabilize our entire Ann Arbor area community. We call attention to issues important to our school PTOs to the district and we represent these interests in regular discussions with the Superintendent and Board of Education Trustees to inform policy. Among our advocacy activities, we sponsor a monthly speaker series, offer networking opportunities, and provide a training program for PTO officers. We are advocates for our community on policy issues, legislation, and ballot proposals that impact our schools. Our PTOC theme for this year is 'Unifying Our Community Through Engagement'. Some of the hot topics we are exploring in our speaker series during our monthly meetings include student mental health and social media, how to interpret and use NWEA for instruction, the next evolution of PBIS behavioral strategies, how athletics in the district work, an overview of Special Education, and new district updates. Ultimately, the Ann Arbor PTO Council works with the school district to create a strong and stable community to educate our children for the future of Ann Arbor.

Please feel free to email me at [ptocexec@gmail.com](mailto:ptocexec@gmail.com) or join us for our Q&A sessions at the end of each member meeting. PTOC meets once a month on a Monday at 7 pm in the Balas Administration Building Main Conference Room. Our first member meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>, when Dr. Swift will provide a district update derived from questions submitted by our PTOC members over this past year. Please visit our website at [a2schools.org/ptoc](http://a2schools.org/ptoc) for more dates and information.



## NEWS FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION



### *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 around 25 students walking on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions feel free to call me or email me at school. 994-1973, [wahl@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:wahl@aaps.k12.mi.us)

TTFN from Miss Wahl



## A WORD FROM THE ART ROOM



Greetings from the art room,

It's great to be back in the art room, after a unique start to the year getting to explore the rest of the school. Thanks so much to everyone who donated items like sponges and tissue to the art room. They will be used well. We started off the year by making monochromatic self-portraits with a different color for each grade. They look wonderful together.

The 5th graders started the year, as they have the last few, by designing logos for the Wines Run-A-Thon shirts. One student will have their design picked to be on the shirt for this year. I can't wait to see which one they choose. In kindergarten and young 5 students have been working very hard on projects involving lines and shapes and learning where everything is in the art room. The 2nd graders have been drawing some amazing castles, and they've just started to add in color, with colored pencils and crayons. In 4th grade the students have been studying Op Art, Optical illusions using high contrast and repetition. The 1st graders have been doing leaf rubbings, with a background using wax resist, watercolor over crayon. In 3rd grade the students have been looking at the art of Henri Matisse. They've used his work to inspire their own pieces made out of cut paper. It's so great to see so many amazing ideas from the students.

Joel Wyse  
Art Teacher

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



Hi Wines families!

I can't believe it's already October! We've been having a great start to the year in music at Wines. I'm really proud of each students' flexibility and open-mindedness as we transitioned from having music on a cart to having music back in the music room.

Our musicians have jumped right to work. We've already been busy audiating, singing, playing instruments, reading music, writing music, and much more. I am so looking forward to seeing and hearing what our young musicians will do this year.

Check out our music website at [www.winesmusic.weebly.com](http://www.winesmusic.weebly.com), where you can find music games and websites, music videos, and even some recordings of things we do in music class! I will also update it periodically to add information about field trips, performances, and other music happenings. 4th graders in particular will find the website helpful, as it houses much of the recorder music that we will use this year.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. Have a great October!

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[www.winesmusic.weebly.com](http://www.winesmusic.weebly.com)



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**NOTES FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

Greetings from the Library!

Our theme this year is "Let's go Undercover!" During the year, we will be considering how you can't judge a book by its cover and how to find those hidden jewels.

Every class is now checking out. Please remember that I send a reminder to each parent and to the students grades three through five the day before checkout. If your child has difficulty remembering their books, please give them a reminder, especially at the beginning of the year when we are establishing habits.

We have many new families this year who might be wondering about our procedures. First, we do not charge for overdue books. The price on the notice is the replacement price in case the book is truly lost or damaged. We would much rather have the book returned, since even beloved titles go out of print quickly. If you pay for a book and then find it, I will refund the charge.

If you mistakenly return a book to the AADL, rest assured that they will send it my way in a week or two. If an AADL book is returned here, I will return it. If you receive a notice for a book that you believe was returned, just send me an email and I will look for it here. Books can be returned to the library at any time. Just leave them by the circulation computer and we'll take it from there!

Our wonderful volunteers and I do try to steer the children to appropriate choices. We will be able to focus on this more in the next few weeks, but please let me know if you have any concerns. I tell students that it is not how hard the book is to read, but who it is written for that matters. If they are reading books about kids who are four or five years older than they are, they might want to reset. There are so many wonderful age-appropriate books, it is a sad thing to think that one might skip over them.

Finally, I am encouraging all third through fifth graders to practice Typing Club keyboarding at home. Third grade logins are going home this week and many older students know their own. Let me know if you have any questions!

Best wishes,

Sally Evaldson

**WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTO**

Thank you to everyone who has already made a direct donation to the Wines PTO, either by sending a contribution in the envelope that came home during the first week of school or by [donating online](http://winespto.org) at [winespto.org](http://winespto.org). We work hard to make sure we enhance students' experiences throughout the year by using these contributions responsibly and by helping to fund, among other things, technology needs, school field trips, and supply needs for music, art, P.E., and library. We are only able to fulfill our mission through your generous support of the PTO. Donations to the PTO can be made in many ways:

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**Direct Donations**

If you would still like to make a direct tax-deductible donation, you may do so online at:

<https://winespto.org>.

**Amazon Smile**

If you shop online, please consider supporting Wines through the Amazon Smile program. It's easy to do, and doesn't cost you anything!

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
2. Select "Wines Parent Teacher Organization" as your charitable organization.
3. Start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), then shop normally.

Shopping on the Amazon app or on Amazon.com does NOT get us the sales percentage. You must shop

on smile.amazon.com. If you shop with the app, once everything is in the cart just go to smile.amazon.com to complete the transaction.

**Grocery Programs**

Support Wines while you do your grocery shopping. These stores donate a percentage of your purchase to our school. We recommend checking your enrollment annually, for some grocery program annual re-enrollment is necessary. We raised over \$1200 from grocery programs last year.

**Kroger:** Get a reward card at any store and enroll at [www.kroger.com/account/EnrollCommunityRewardsNow](http://www.kroger.com/account/EnrollCommunityRewardsNow)

**Arbor Farms Market:** Simply tell them at check-out to link your purchase with Wines Elementary.

**Busch's:** Starting Sunday, Oct. 1, you can sign into your MyWay account and select "Cash for Education" from the dropdown menu underneath your name to (re)select your schools and/or organizations. You must include a valid email and opt-in to receive emails to participate in this program.

**Box Tops For Education**

Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school. We raised over \$1500 from Box Tops last year.

1. Clip the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products.
2. Enlist your friends and family,
3. or your coworkers to collect even more.
4. Drop the Box Tops off in the school office.

**Donate Your Time!**

Volunteers are always needed for the many events that the PTO organizes throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Jill Coultas at

[winesptovicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:winesptovicepresident@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT**

Mon Oct 1 - Friday Oct 12th	Show Your Support!! <a href="#">Shop PTO Thrift Shop</a>	Check Store for hours
Fri Oct 5th	Walktober	morning
Mon Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pajama Day (*Spirit Week)	All day
Tue Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Hair Day (*Spirit Week)	All day
Wed Oct 10th	International Walk to School Day	morning
Wed Oct 10th	Silly Sock/Shoe Day (*Spirit Week)	All day
Th Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Favorite Team Day (*Spirit Week)	All day
Fri Oct 12th	Walktober	morning
Fri Oct 12th	Run-A-Thon	morning
Fri Oct 19th	Walktober	morning
Fri Oct 26th	Walktober	morning
Fri Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Executive Board meeting	9:00 – 10:30am

**NOV**

Th Nov 1st	Great Ideas Grants Due ( <a href="#">Apply online</a> )	All day
Th Nov 8th	Builders and Science Fair	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

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](mailto:newsletter@winespto.org). We look forward to hearing from you.



# Ann Arbor PTO THRIFT SHOP

## SHOP DONATE FUNDRAISE

**Celebrating 25 Years of supporting Ann Arbor Public Schools' students through the resale of unique and gently-used community donations.**

### *See what's coming up next at the shop!*

-  Time to decorate that dorm room or get ready for school?   
Shop our Labor Day Sale for 50% off everything!
-  Do pumpkins and ghosts get you ready to Trick or Treat?   
Check out our Halloween items for costume and decorating ideas!
-  Interested in raising unlimited funds for your group or school?   
Participate in our Veteran's Day Raffle! You get 100% of ticket sales!

***Find unique and collectible  
treasures at our  
Showcase every day!***

***(Located next to our Donations Door)***

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

## SH WCASE

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Donation Hours: Mon, Thu, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4

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