

A Message from POPS

Wellesley POPS (Parents of Performing Students) is honored to have played a part in bringing the musical Spamalot to the WHS stage. The dedication, hard work and behind the scenes efforts of the POPS parent volunteers encompass every facet of the production process. They have worked on publicity, fundraising, costume creation, make-up, party planning, front of house management, program creation, photography, faculty support and so much more.

A tremendous, heartfelt thank you to WHS Drama Rep Heather Schaefer and WHS Tech Rep David Homa for their hard work, amazing organization and enthusiastic leadership during this production. We are also grateful for the extraordinary efforts of treasurer Myra Tucker, publicity chairs Sue Kinney and Lisa Moore, hair/makeup artists Juliana Tusler and Linda Messore, ticket and front of house coordinator Allison Madden and WPS Performing Arts Director Mike LaCava.

Second only to experiencing the joy of witnessing our incredibly talented students in action is the opportunity we as POPS parents have to work with the fantastic Performing Arts staff. Even before auditions began on the first day of school, we recognized the dedication of these truly inspiring teachers. Under the compassionate yet steadfast direction of Kara Sullivan, Brian McManimon, Kevin McDonald, Steve Scott, Christine Carpenter and Janet Sozio nearly 150 student performers, tech crew, a student costumer and musicians have brought this uproariously funny and irreverent show to life. While putting on a fabulous musical is important to this team, it is clear that the experience of each student during the course of the production is paramount.

POPS would like to thank the Wellesley community of parents, businesses and organizations who have supported us with donations and sponsorships. Please take the time to read the advertisements and let the businesses know you appreciate their visible endorsement of our talented youth, our schools and the performing arts.

POPS Grants program, which gives funds to the Performing Arts staff is one of our most important missions. The \$37,000 POPS gave in 2018 was spent on lighting and audio equipment for WHS and WMS, instruments, guest artists and equipment for K-12 teachers. Please help us to continue our monetary support of WPS Performing Arts by making a financial donation to POPS.

In addition to supporting Performing Arts staff across the entire district, POPS parents enjoy opportunities to socialize at events and meetings. We believe that parent volunteers should have fun! If you have not become a member of POPS, we encourage you to join us — our next meeting is at 7pm on November 13th at WHS! For donation and organization information, please stop by the POPS table in the lobby and visit our website at www.wellesleypops.org.

Congratulations from all of the proud POPS parents to the Student Directors, Stage Managers, Cast, Crew, Pit, Artists and Staff!

Break a Leg!

Patti Ayer and Molly Cote - Co-Presidents of Wellesley POPS