

## A Message from POPS

Wellesley POPS (Parents of Performing Students) is honored to have played a part in bringing the musical Aladdin to the WMS stage! The dedication, hard work and behind the scenes efforts of POPS parent volunteers encompass every facet of the production process. They have worked on props and costume creation, rehearsal supervision, publicity, hair and make up, cast party planning, concessions, photography, faculty support and more.

A tremendous, heartfelt thank you to our WMS Drama Reps Lesley Prowda, Jolie Helmbrecht and Melody Lack for their hard work, organization and leadership during this production. We are also grateful for the extraordinary efforts of POPS Treasurer Myra Tucker, WPS Performing Arts Director Mike LaCava and WPS Assistant to the PA Director and Ticket and Front of House Coordinator Allison Madden.

It doesn't take the help of a magical genie to wrangle more than 100 cast and crew members over the course of 3 months to pull together the incredible production that you are about to see but rather an amazing amount of patience, compassion and talent. Luckily for us, WMS Director Leah Fine, and Producer Katie Speed have an abundance of all of the above. With musical direction from David Coleman and Trey Lundquist, Julia Deter as Choreographer, Ben Rush as Technical Director and Christine Carpenter on Costumes, it has been a joy to watch this team in action as they work to put on a great show while fostering a "love of the stage" with these young, developing performing arts students.

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, fundraisers 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! For donation, fundraiser and organization information, please stop by the POPS table in the lobby and visit our website at [www.wellesleypops.org](http://www.wellesleypops.org).

Congratulations from all of the proud POPS parents to the Cast, Crew and Staff!

Break a Leg!

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