

**WELLESLEY PARENTS OF PERFORMING STUDENTS - POPS**

Wellesley POPS provides volunteers and funding for Wellesley Performing Arts programs - band, chorus, dance, drama, and orchestra - at all school levels from K-12. We also provide support to performing arts students with financial needs. Please take a moment to check out our website: [www.wellesleypops.org](http://www.wellesleypops.org)

**POPS VOLUNTEERS**

POPS recruits Parent Reps to support each K-12 performing arts teacher. Reps attend 4 board meetings and help teachers as needed with behind the scenes work related to concerts, shows and field trips.

In addition to supporting our amazing Performing Arts staff, there is a fun, social aspect for POPS parents; after all, why should the kids be the only ones having fun?! POPS Board Members, volunteers and WPS faculty enjoy spending time together at a Kick-off Social (Tuesday, September 26 this year), Holiday Party, End of the Year POPS Celebration, theater outings and fundraisers. And it's always good to connect with other parents, while selling snacks, making costumes, hosting a post-concert party, handing out programs, etc. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, become a POPS Rep or help out in any capacity, **please email us at [wellesleypops@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleypops@gmail.com)**

**POPS KICK-OFF MEETING: Wellesley High School (1938 Room): TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 7:00-8:30pm**

Join us to learn more about POPS and welcome Mike LaCava, our new Performing Arts Director, as well as some members of the WPS Performing Arts faculty at our first meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but want to join in the fun, ask a question or be on our mailing list, please email us at [wellesleypops@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleypops@gmail.com)

**POPS GRANTS**

In addition to fundraisers and sponsors, POPS relies primarily on parent donations to fund grant requests from Performing Arts teachers. In 2017, POPS gave \$20,000 and we hope to increase that with your help in 2018. The 2017 POPS Grants:

- One French Horn--Band
- Six Rolling Stands--Fiske Elementary School
- Guest Choreographer Artist Fee—WHS Footnotes Dance and Drama Students
- Guest Performance Group Fee-- WMS & WHS Footnotes Concert
- Four Martin Rush Moving Head Light Fixtures--Wellesley High School
- Audio and Video bundle for Black Box --Wellesley High School
- Audio and Video Recording Set for Babson Auditorium --Wellesley High School
- Partial Funding for Backstage Headsets --Wellesley High School
- Annual stipend for Classroom Materials--every WPS K-12 Performing Arts teacher

**For daily updates about the performing arts program and exclusive insider information, make sure to visit and “like” our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WellesleyPOPS>**

We hope you can be a part of the upcoming year of amazing performing arts programs!!

Darlene Howland, President of Wellesley POPS

Patti Ayer: Vice-President, Linda Messore: Secretary, Myra Tucker: Treasurer, Sue Kinney: Publicity  
Denise Grossi, WHS Drama Rep, Heather Schaefer, WHS Drama Rep, Michael Scholl, Member at Large

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Please donate online at <http://www.wellesleypops.org> or by check below:

\_\_\_ I'd like to support the Performing Arts with a donation to Wellesley POPS of \$\_\_\_\_\_

POPS is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. If your company matches donations, please provide information below.

Please provide an email address so POPS can send a receipt for tax purposes.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name for Matching Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

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