

Wellesley Public Schools
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

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POPS: Performing Arts Director Report

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- THANK YOU for a successful start to the school year! We have already had a few events and we appreciate your continued support!
- Our **K-5 Faculty** (Julie Verret-Fiske; Katie Dexter-Hunnewell; Matthew Polletto-Schofield; Thomas Corcoran-Hardy; Brian Hagar-McKee-Sprague; Allison Iannuzzi-Upham; Beth Perry-Bates) have been working on several important projects this year. Some things we are working on this year include:
 - Continuing our work on a K-5 Standards Based Report Card
 - Updating and revising our Elementary Band Program
 - Continued feedback on the Elementary Schedule
- **IVEP** (Russell Wilson)
 - Registration Night is Monday, September 17th
 - We will have 6 vendors instead of 3 at the event this year
 - Working with new Business Office staff on the registration process
 - Instituting changes so that we have consistency in the lesson program and band programs
- **Middle School (Dave Adams, Joanne Wheeler, Leah Fine, Katie Speed, Lauren Connors, Valerie Stark, Sergey Khanukaev)**
 - Welcome to Katie Speed who joins us at a new Drama teacher at WMS
 - Enrollment in our ensembles has increased at this level
 - New equipment for General Music classes was purchased and arrived
 - Reworked Grade 8 Music Elective this year.
 - Chorus will be attending a Providence Bruins Game this fall
 - Auditions for Aladdin, Jr. taking place this week.
 - Jazz Bands are up and running
- **High School (Steve Scott, Kevin McDonald, Chad Weirick, Brian McManimon, Sergey Khanukaev, Kara Sullivan)**
 - The Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Tech Department all combined efforts for our opening K-12 Kick Off event for the Wellesley Public Schools. The groups performed two selections and it was an amazing performance! Thanks to the staff and students for coming back to prepare for this event.
 - We welcome Kara Sullivan as our new Drama teacher at the high school
 - Auditions for Spamalot took place and the show has been cast-rehearsals will now begin with performances in November
 - A Capella auditions take place this week
 - The WHS Pep Band performed at the first Football Game this past Saturday.

- We installed a new Dance Floor in the Dance studio
- Attire information is coming out today or tomorrow for those who need to order items for the first concerts
- Our Acatober event takes place next month
- Our WHS Singers were invited to perform with the Boston Pops again for the “Home Alone” presentation. Tickets are available through the Box Office.

- **District**

- At the elementary level at Hunnewell we will be getting new Percussion Equipment through a POPS grant.
- At the Middle School we are replacing and getting new lights and microphones through a variety of grants and operating budget.
- We are purchasing new instruments and equipment though POPS and WEF grants this year.