



Wellesley POPS supports the performing arts in all Wellesley Public Schools through grants that serve to enrich experiences for students over and above those provided for by the annual school budget. POPS also provides support for students with financial needs, annual senior recognition awards, staff appreciation gifts, and expenses related to concerts & community-building events. POPS support will not be "on pause" this year! We will be flexible and responsive to meet the needs of the programs and students. This will likely include such things as support for teaching virtual ensembles, individual student practicing, online drama performances, and creation of "music kits" for students at the elementary level. Please take a moment to check out our website: www.wellesleypops.org.

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

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. This year we will strive to be flexible and supportive of the creative PA opportunities that the department and faculty will be providing to our children. We invite you to be "part of the ride" with us-volunteering with POPS always provides for fun and connection-all SO important during these unique times! If you would like to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities, become a POPS Rep or help out in any capacity, please email us at wellesleypops@gmail.com. We are in urgent need of POPS Reps for Wellesley Middle School performing arts programs-please reach out if you can help support these teachers in this way-thank you!

NEXT POPS MEETING (all are welcome to join)

Watch Facebook for Zoom Link TUESDAY, September 29, 7:00 pm

Join us at our 1st meeting to learn more about POPS! We will be conducting this meeting via Zoom and the link will be made available on our POPS FB page and sent to you via email closer to the date. 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

POPS GRANTS

In addition to fundraisers and sponsors, POPS relies primarily on parent donations to fund grant requests from Performing Arts teachers. In 2020, POPS awarded \$28,038 for the following grants (see <https://www.wellesleypops.org/grants.html> for further details on our long-term and discretionary funds):

- 2 French Horns for WMS Band Program
- Replacement Piano for WHS Orchestra
- New Lighting and Related equipment for WMS Auditorium
- Instruments purchases for the music programs at each K-5 School
- Keyboard and Amplifier for WMS Jazz Band
- Guest instructor to work with 6th and 8th grader drama students
- Enrichment for the faculty with professional development at every level of the K-12 schools

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

Marisa Gandler and Melissa Mack, Co-Vice Presidents

Shari Prussin, Secretary

Jenn Caiazzo, Treasurer

Jen Bonniwell, Social Media - Publicity

Robin Wechsler, Print Publicity

TBD, WMS Drama Rep

Heather Schaefer and Susan Calcio, WHS Drama Reps

Lesley Prowda, Fundraising Rep

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 \$ _____

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

Parent Name _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Company Name for Matching Donation: _____

Please make checks payable to: Wellesley POPS. Return this form to: Wellesley POPS, P.O. Box 812136, Wellesley, MA 02482