



## Wayland Public Schools Foundation

*Granting Success for Every Child*

# NEWSLETTER

### Who We Are

Staffed by parent volunteers, the WPSF is the one organization in Wayland dedicated to funding innovative educational resources at all five Wayland schools. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

### What We Do

Through fundraising, the WPSF funds grant proposals submitted by Wayland teachers and staff for cutting-edge programs that would otherwise go unfunded. Often the Foundation provides the seed money for new teaching approaches that take root and spread to other classrooms. In the past 12 years alone, the WPSF has funded more than \$2 million in grants.

### Upcoming Events

**Sept 15** - Back to School Fundraiser at Whole Foods Wayland

**Oct** - Annual Family Appeal



### Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you relaxed, refreshed, and ready to tackle the beginning of another school year in Wayland. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work over the summer devising new ways to bring innovation to their classrooms and curricula. The Wayland Public Schools Foundation (WPSF) is happy to help these teachers make their dreams a reality.

Our annual grants cycle will begin in just a few short weeks. Teacher grant proposals are due by early October, and the Foundation will then meet to evaluate the proposals and decide which grants to fund. Last year, the WPSF awarded 45 grants totaling more than \$260,000.

We are a volunteer board of parents who are dedicated to supporting and fostering excellence in all five Wayland schools. We invite you to learn more about us by visiting our [website](#), or contacting us to see how you can get involved. With your support, we hope to make this school year Wayland's best one yet!

Cheers,

Liza Knapp  
WPSF President

## Grants in Action



### **Middle School Band Room and Cafetorium Technology Enhancement**

This grant provides a new projector and double-sided screen for the band room and the cafeteria. This equipment will greatly enhance the band curriculum by allowing visual presentations of music concepts and rehearsal techniques. The school community at large will also benefit as the equipment will be used for presentations and performances throughout the year.

“I can't tell you how excited I am to use this technology in my space. I am now able to do some very valuable curriculum

enhancements and I can see a difference in student motivation already as well! Thank you so much for all you do to support the educational process in Wayland schools!” - Rebecca Wellons, WMS Band Director/Music Teacher

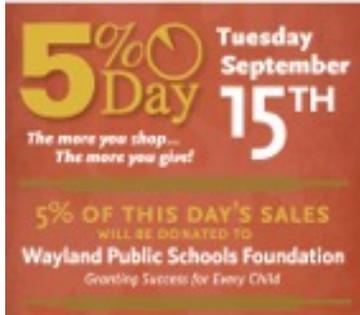
### **Wayland High School Mural**

This June marked the completion of the Collective Art Identity project at Wayland High School. Developed by two WHS teachers and co-funded by the WPSF and the MA Cultural Council, the project invited members of the student body to discuss the concept of identity and think about how we perceive each other. Those ideas were incorporated into a mural that spans the hallway of the south building at WHS. Josh Winer, WHS artist in residence, helped with the project and had this to say about it:

“Working with the Wayland High School community on this public art project has been a fascinating aesthetic journey as well as a meaningful personal journey. I graduated from Wayland High School in 1974, and have worked with most of these students when they were in their elementary schools on mosaic and mural projects for those schools. I've really enjoyed this opportunity to come full circle and create art with the newest generation of high school students.”



## Upcoming Events



### Back to School Fundraiser at Whole Foods Wayland

Whole Foods Wayland is partnering with WPSF on Tuesday, September 15th for their 5% Community Give Back Day. The store will generously donate 5% of the day's TOTAL sales to the Foundation. Please purchase your groceries at Whole Foods Wayland and encourage your friends and family to shop on September 15th. What a great way to kick off the school year!

### Annual Family Appeal

Our Annual Family Appeal, which accounts for more than 50% of our annual fundraising, will launch next month. Every year, the Foundation receives many more worthy grant proposals than can be funded. And with ever-tightening school budgets, many valuable programs cannot be supported without your help. 100% of all appeal funds raised go directly to our schools. Your donation, regardless of size, will keep our tradition of innovation alive and will transform learning for every Wayland student. Please watch your mail for our letter! If you prefer to [donate online](#) or would like to know more about donation options such as employer matching gifts, tribute gifts, or stock donations, please visit our [website](#).

## Thank You!

**Thanks to the generosity and support of Wayland families and local businesses, WPSF had many successful fundraising events during the 2014-2015 school year. This includes our Business Appeal, Annual Family Appeal, Spelling Bee, Hat's Off Campaign, and Annual Party.**



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