



Wheeler School Parent Association (WSPA)

Welcome to the Wheeler School Parents Association! Our mission is to help families become involved in their children's education, share ideas, and improve our school community. We are confident you can find a way to support our mission in a way that works best for you and your family.

Membership: All parents/guardians are automatically members of WSPA—there are no pre-qualifications required to participate. The term 'parent' in our name refers to the student's parent or guardian, or any person in the parent or custodial relationship to the student. WSPA is entirely a volunteer organization and relies on the participation and support of our parent and guardian volunteers to make all of our meetings and events a success.

Meetings: We hold regularly scheduled meetings, both general (3X per year) and division-specific (4X per year), throughout the school year. Attending these meetings is a wonderful way to stay informed, learn more about WSPA events, and meet other parents and guardians. You can attend in person or remotely. Meeting dates, times, and locations can be found on the Wheeler Calendar in the Parent and Guardian Portal, as well as the WSPA page in the portal.

Involvement: We are always looking for involvement and fresh ideas from our community. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to suit your unique interests and talents, from design, organization, and communication, to marketing and fundraising. We value your time and contribution! When you are ready to get involved, meet other parents and guardians, and support our school community, please let us know. You can always fill out our [Volunteer Interest Survey](#) to sign up!

Below you will find details on our goals, communication tools, and resources, as well as a description of WSPA-sponsored events throughout the year!

WSPA Goals

- Encouraging parent participation
- Acting as a liaison between families and the school
- Serving as goodwill ambassadors and public supporters for the school
- Hosting events for social, enrichment, and fundraising purposes
- Supporting the administration and faculty of the school

WSPA Communication

- A monthly all-school newsletter is sent via email (from the WSPA President) on the first Monday of the month to all parents and guardians
- Weekly updates on WSPA events can be found in the *This Week at Wheeler* e-newsletter
- All WSPA meeting minutes are posted on the [Wheeler School Parents Association's page](#) in the Parent and Guardian portal.
- [WSPA Facebook Page](#) posts for updates and event reminders
- Grade-specific WSPA communication will come from your grades' Parent Representative
- Division-specific information will come from your Division Co-Chairs
- Email WSPA@wheelergmail.org with any questions, comments or input!

WSPA Resources (all available on the [Wheeler Parent Portal](#))

- Check out the [WSPA page](#) in the Parent and Guardian Portal (located under Groups - The Wheeler School Parents Association) for a wide variety of information
- Main calendar for dates, times, and locations
- 22/23 WSPA Slate of Volunteers with contact information
- Details on how to add main calendar dates to your personal calendar

WSPA-Sponsored Events (Check the main Calendar on the [Wheeler Parent Portal](#) or the [WSPA page in the portal](#) for dates/times)

Wheeler's Famous Clothing and More Sale**

This longstanding tradition provides an opportunity to hunt for special bargains with proceeds supporting The Wheeler School and our community. This year we will be collecting clothing, shoes, accessories, and sporting goods for men, women, and children.

Donation dates for the 22/23 school year are:

Tues., Sept 13; Tue., Oct 4; Wed., October 19; and Thurs., Nov 2

Location: Meeting Street Gazebo, 7:30- 9am

If you would like to join our email contact list for volunteer opportunities, please reach out to:

clothingsale@wheelergmail.org. The 2023 Clothing Sale will be held on **Fri., April 21** and **Sat., April 22**.

WSPA Coffee Hour(s)

This drop-in event is an opportunity to have a coffee with other Wheeler School parents and guardians in a casual atmosphere. Coffee hours are hosted on the Providence Campus and the Farm Campus. Join us to meet and mingle with parents across all divisions.

WSPA Faculty and Staff Appreciation

WSPA hosts a breakfast and a luncheon for all Wheeler faculty and staff. Families are invited to contribute or volunteer to support these much appreciated events.

WSPA Social Events for Parents and Guardians:

These are a variety of evolving events throughout the year, such as rock climbing, an Improv Night, a cooking class, and a brewery gathering. Suggestions are always welcomed!

Family Fall Fest

A casual family fun day on the Farm Campus each October. This year it will be held on **Sat., Oct. 15**.

Amos House Toy Drive

Annual donation drive to support Amos House families during the Winter holiday season.

Mind your P's & Q's Celebration

A celebration at the conclusion of Learning Differences Awareness Weeks, honoring a Hamilton Life Achievement Award recipient, followed by a cocktail party for parents and guardians.

New Families Mentor Program

Current families volunteer to welcome new families to the community, gather together at our annual New Families and Mentors Cookout in the spring, and answer any of your questions throughout your first year at Wheeler.