



## 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/guardian volunteers to make all of our meetings and events a success.

**Meetings:** We hold regularly scheduled meetings, both general (2 times per year) and division-specific (3 times 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/guardians. You can attend in person, or remotely. Meeting dates, times and locations can be found on the Wheeler Master Calendar as well as on the WSPA Portal Page.

**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 - let us know. You can always fill out our [Volunteer Interest Survey](#) to sign up!

### 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 and enrichment purposes
- Raising funds as necessary
- 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/guardians
- Weekly updates on WSPA events can be found in the Wheeler Weekly Word
- All WSPA meeting minutes are posted on the Wheeler School Parents Association, [Wheeler Parent 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](mailto:WSPA@wheelergmail.org) for any questions, comments or input!

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

- Check out the WSPA Portal Page, under Groups - The Wheeler School Parents Association for a wide variety of information
- Master Calendar for Dates, Times, and Locations
- 2023/24 WSPA Slate of Volunteers with Contact information
- Details on how to add Master calendar dates to your personal calendar

## **WSPA Sponsored Events**

(Check the Master Calendar on the [Wheeler Parent Portal](#) or the WSPA Portal Page for dates/times)

### **Wheeler's Famous Clothing & More Sale\*\***

A 70+year 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, and accessories for men, women, and children as well as sporting goods. If you would like to join our email contact list for volunteer opportunities, please reach out to: [clothingsale@wheelergmail.org](mailto:clothingsale@wheelergmail.org). Opportunities include: promotion of the event, social media engagement, volunteer recruitment and organization or just lending a hand in general. This is a great way to meet other parents/guardians! You can dedicate as little or as much time as you would like. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

### **WSPA Coffee Hour(s)**

This drop-in event is an opportunity to have a coffee with other Wheeler School parents/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 & Staff Appreciation**

WSPA hosts a breakfast and a luncheon for all Wheeler 200+ Faculty & Staff. Families are invited to contribute or volunteer to support these much appreciated events.

### **WSPA Social Events for Parents & Guardians:**

A variety of evolving events throughout the year, such as Rock Climbing, an Improv Night, a Cooking Class, or a Brewery gathering. Suggestions always welcomed!

### **Family Fall Fest**

A casual family fun day on the Farm Campus each October.

### **Amos House Holiday 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 recipients, followed by a cocktail party for parents/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.