

# WAMS PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG)

PARENTS & TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Co-Presidents: Becky Dumphy and Misty Verdini Vice-President: Ann Cascanett  
Treasurer: Meghan Lynch Secretary: Alechia Torchia-Orciuch Teacher Liaisons: Lisa Regele and Marissa Skeates  
Principal: Mary Ellen Scanlon Assistant Principal: Christine McSherry.

## **When are PTG meetings and who attends? What is discussed at meetings?**

- Meetings are typically the second Monday of the month (if there is a Monday holiday, it will be the following week).
- 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Childcare is provided.
- All parents and teachers are welcome to attend every meeting or an occasional meeting – you are always welcome.
- Meetings are typically about anything that is currently going on in the school (i.e., current things that are going on in the classrooms/school, artists in residence, grants, PTG budget, programs being implemented in classrooms, technology, current concerns, upcoming events, etc. )

## **Where can I get the most up to date information about school events?**

- School website calendar created by Mrs. Scanlon: <http://wams.worcesterschools.org/calendar/month/2018-09>
- The calendar in your child's red home communication folder from the school.
- Facebook: WAMS PTG

## **If I miss a meeting, but I want to know what was discussed, where can I find the information?**

- Meeting notes are posted on the WAMS PTG Facebook page following each meeting.
- They can also be requested via the PTG e-mail account: [worcesterarts@gmail.com](mailto:worcesterarts@gmail.com)

## **What types of family engagement activities are there/ how can I be involved?**

- Please refer to the attached chart.

## **How can I let someone know that I am available to volunteer?**

- If you would like to be notified of volunteer opportunities, please email [wamsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wamsvolunteers@gmail.com) with the subject line: volunteer or contact the event chairperson

**Evening/Weekend Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>When</b> <i>*Refer to school calendar or WAMS PTG Facebook page for specific dates</i>	<b>Coordinators</b>	<b>How can I help?</b>	<b>Time Commitment for Volunteers</b>
<p><b>Ice Cream Social</b> Families join together in the cafeteria to have ice cream to celebrate the start of the school year.</p>	<p>A Friday evening in September</p>	<p>Ann Cascanett Meghan Lynch</p>	<p>Donate ice cream, topping, bowls, etc.</p> <p>Set-up Scooping  Clean-up</p>	<p>You can send these items in with your child or drop them off on the cart outside the office</p> <p>Approx. half hour before it starts Approx. half hour shifts during the social Approx. half hour after the social</p>
<p><b>Harvest Festival</b> Come celebrate autumn with games, dancing and prizes in the gym.</p>	<p>A Friday evening in October</p>	<p>Ann Cascanett</p>	<p>Donate items</p> <p>Set-up During the Festival Clean-up</p>	<p>You can send these items in with your child or drop them off on the cart outside the office</p> <p>Approx. half hour before it starts Approx. half hours shifts Approx. half hour after the social</p>
<p><b>Bingo-for-Books</b> Families attend bingo together and choose a book if they get bingo.</p>	<p>An evening in November</p>	<p>Principal Scanlon</p>		
<p><b>Winter Carnival</b> Games are set-up and operated by each class. There are also prizes, food, face painting, etc.</p>	<p>A Saturday in February</p>	<p>Marissa Skeates</p>	<p>Donate items</p> <p>Set-up During the Festival Clean-up</p>	<p>You can send these items in with your child or drop them off on the cart outside the office Half hour before it starts</p> <p>Approx. half hours shifts Approx. half hour shifts Approx. half hour after the social</p>

<p><b>Skylite Roller Skating</b> Families meet at Skylite for roller skating.</p>	<p>Twice during the school year in the evening.</p>	<p>Kerry Hacket Rachel Kodra</p>		
<p><b>School Yard Clean-up</b> Clean-up the grounds outside the school (raking, planting, mulch, etc. )</p>	<p>A Saturday in the spring</p>	<p>Principal Scanlon</p>	<p>Donate items  Clean-up around the building (raking, planting etc.)</p>	<p>Typically runs from early morning to mid-afternoon; any amount of time is helpful.</p>
<p><b>End of the Year Dance</b> Families come to the school for dancing and treats.</p>	<p>A Friday evening in June</p>	<p>Lindsay Morse</p>	<p>Donate items  Set-up During the Dance Clean-up</p>	<p>You can send these items in with your child or drop them off on the cart outside the office.  Approx. half hour before it starts Approx. half hours shifts Approx. Half hour after the social</p>

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**Fundraising**

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<p><b>Fall Fundraiser</b> Catalogs will go home with students to sell products.</p>	<p>Fall</p>	<p>Misty Verdini</p>	<p>Support your child with selling the products.</p> <p>After orders are submitted, we need help to organize the orders.</p> <p>When orders arrive we need help to disperse all orders to students.</p>	<p>Half hour (or more) during the school day</p> <p>Half hour (or more) during the school day</p>
<p><b>Race for Education</b></p> <p>Our largest fundraiser of the year.</p> <p>On race day, students will walk around the school yard as many times as they are able to in a one hour period. There is also a dunk station.</p> <p>Each student will raise funds by sending emails and/or filling out mailing labels and sending them back to school so we can send out mailers asking sponsors to contribute a tax deductible donation to Worcester Arts Magnet PTG.</p>	<p>June during the school day</p>	<p>Misty Verdini</p>	<p>Support your child with emails or sending in filled out mailing labels.</p> <p>Staple packets together</p> <p>Counting labels</p> <p>Processing donations</p> <p>Come and help on race day</p>	<p>At home anytime</p> <p>During the school day, as little as 30 min, as long as 2 hrs. Whatever you can!</p> <p>Lots of fun and easy stations to help with, usually in 1 hr blocks.</p>

<p><b>Box Tops for Education</b> Look for the logo on many different types of products, cut them off the packaging and send them into school with your child.</p>	<p>Ongoing or does she send out collection reminders?</p>	<p>Angi Fisher</p>	<p>Many of the products you already buy have the logo on them. Just cut them out, save them and send them in</p>	
<p><b>Tools for Schools/ Price Chopper Grocery Program</b> If you shop at Price Chopper, you can sign up at Know Your School Night or online to help earn points to purchase playground equipment and supplies for our school.</p>	<p>Ongoing; you can sign-up at KYSN or on-line <a href="https://www.pricechopper.com/tools-schools">https://www.pricechopper.com/tools-schools</a></p>	<p>Jenny Lynne</p>	<p>Sign-up for the program</p>	
<p><b>AmazonSmile</b> If you use Amazon, you just use Amazon smile instead. Everything works exactly the same way. Following your purchase, Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to our school.</p>	<p>Whenever you shop on Amazon all year long.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Go to AmazonSmile, choose our school as your organization, and shop as usual.</p>	
<p><b>Restaurant Night</b> Local restaurants donate a percentage of their profit to our school</p>	<p>These typically happen on a night when there are evening school events. A flyer will be sent home and it will be available on the WAMS PTG facebook page.</p>	<p>Jenny Lynne</p>	<p>If you are going to eat out on these busy nights, go to the restaurant and raise money for our school at the same time.</p>	

**Other:**

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<p><b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> Students are able to shop for books. We accept cash, check, Ewallet, and cards.</p>	<p>3 times a year, usually September, February, and May.</p>	<p>Jodie Chapdelaine Misty Verdini</p>	<p>Set up/ take down book fair. Volunteer to help with checking students out at book fair.</p>	<p>30 min or more during the school day, or a few after school events.</p>
<p><b>Candy Collection for the Troops</b> Leftover candy is collected and mailed to deployed troops.</p>	<p>After Halloween a flier will go out requesting any leftover candy.</p>	<p>Misty Verdini</p>	<p>Bag up the candy and send it in with your child or drop it off at the front office.</p>	
<p><b>Birthday Books</b> Students receive a book of their choice in their birthday month.</p>	<p>Each month</p>	<p>Misty Verdini</p>	<p>Help set up books for students.</p>	<p>Once a month for approx 1hr.</p>
<p><b>Craft-a-Thon</b> Students make crafts to sell to each other for .25 each to raise money for a charity. In the past we have donated to The Gazette Santa. There is also a raffle for donated items.</p>	<p>School day in December</p>	<p>Classrooms</p>	<p>Help classes create their crafts.  Donate supplies.  Come and collect quarters from students for each classroom table.</p>	<p>About 1hr.  Send in with student  About 30 min up to 3hrs.</p>
<p><b>WOW Assemblies</b> Whole school assembly. Student performances and celebrations of individual talents.</p>	<p>Several times a school year. During the school day. You will receive flyers from the school if your child will be part of the WOW.</p>	<p>Principal Scanlon</p>	<p>Support your child in completing the form to perform in the WOW and practicing at home.</p>	





