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Friends of Whitman Music

Supporting the Whitman Middle School Music Program



Friends of Whitman Music November News

Upcoming Performances and Music Events

- Wednesday, December 6: Jazz Band at Wheelie Pop, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, December 7: Introductory Band & Introductory Orchestra, "Informance," 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 12: Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, & Jazz Band, Winter Holiday Concert, 6:00 pm

Ms. Gunn's Whitman Music Program News



We've completed the first quarter of the school year. Many of our students performed in the Pops Concert in early November. Thanks to the families and friends who supported them! Looking forward to even more music events in December!

Don't forget to follow [Whitman Music Program on Instagram](#).

Need to Know Info for December 6 & 7

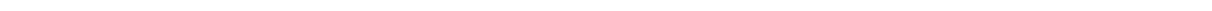
Here's everything you need to know for music events the first week of December!

Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 pm: Jazz Band plays at [Wheelie Pop Brewing](#). This is a fun opportunity to grab a beverage and bite, listen to great tunes, and support Whitman Music. Wheelie Pop is owned by two Whitman Music families and will donate a portion of the day's proceeds to the Jazz Band program. The event is open to all ages and street parking is available.

Students should arrive at 5:30 pm with their instrument and a music stand. Students who play larger instruments (bass, drum set, guitar, keyboard) should bring everything they need (including amp). They can talk to Ms. Gunn or Ms. Stangland if they need to borrow equipment. Dress code is dressy/nice with optional festive attire. Students can choose all black if they prefer.

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 pm: Introductory Band and Introductory Orchestra students will show off what they've learned at "Informance," in the Whitman MS Auditorium. Students should arrive at 5:30 pm in [concert black dress](#).

If your student is in Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, or Jazz Band, watch for a Winter Holiday Concert reminder email coming soon!



Current Volunteer Opportunities

There are **THREE** ways to volunteer in the next couple weeks!

- [Sign up to bring a yummy treat](#) to the Holiday Concert bake sale on December 12! Food can be sent with your student to school on the morning of the concert, dropped off in the office before 4:00 pm, or delivered direct to the bake sale table between 5 and 5:30 pm.
- Check out the [Whitman Music Volunteer Sign Up](#) to help with performances in December.
- Handy with a hammer? Ms. Gunn needs help reinforcing her wooden whiteboard stand. Contact fowmvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com if you are interested (or you know someone who is).



We ❤️ Volunteers!

Thank you for giving your valuable time to Whitman Music this fall! Whether you baked treats for the bake sale, helped at a concert, started building a drumstick cabinet, or helped at the recent work party, it is all appreciated!



Last Chance to Shop for Winter Greenery



WREATH & DECOR FUNDRAISER



Purchase beautiful fresh wreaths and other decor from Lynch Creek Farm. Proceeds will support our music programs at Whitman Middle School!

Items can be ordered for immediate delivery or pre-ordered for the winter season, and can be shipped nationwide! Be sure to use the link or code below.

www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300805



FOWM Fundraising

We raised over \$1,100 at the Pops Concert bake sale. Way to go! Your generous financial support makes the Whitman Music Program possible. Donated funds support the purchase of new instruments, specialized coaching in all areas, and more.

Donate today! Donations to Friends of Whitman Music (11514) through the Alliance for Education are tax-deductible. Please be sure to select **our organization from the drop-down menu**. You can [donate money to our music program by visiting our website](#).

For company matching funds: Alliance for Education is our fiscal sponsor and a matching fund from your company will need to go through them. PLEASE make sure you and your company designate the match to go to Friends of Whitman Music (Account #11514), so the match can be deposited to benefit our program. The contact at Alliance for Education that can help you or your company match is Sanya Hussain at Sanya@alliance4ed.org. For additional help, please contact our treasurer at fowmtreasurerwms@gmail.com.

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Whitman Music Program Amazon Wishlist



Whitman music program has a wishlist on Amazon for families that shop there. Purchases will ship directly to Ms. Gunn at Whitman and help students succeed in their music practice!

[Whitman Music Wishlist](#)

About the Friends of Whitman Music

Friends of Whitman Music is a parent-run group that works closely with music staff and school administration to provide support to the Whitman Music program, both financially through fundraising efforts and with coordinating volunteer help throughout the school year.

We meet monthly to check in with Ms. Gunn and discuss opportunities for us to help with various activities and fundraising throughout the year. All are welcome to join at these meetings, which will be held typically once a month.

Email us with any questions friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com.

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