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## Friends of Whitman Music

*Supporting the Whitman Middle School Music Program*



### Friends of Whitman Music News

#### Key Dates / Events

- **Sunday, May 5:** Mattress Fundraiser at Ballard HS, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Friday, May 17:** Intermediate Band Field Trip to Seattle Symphony
- **Friday, May 17:** Drumline at Ballard Syttende Mai Parade
- **Tuesday, May 21:** FOWM Monthly Meeting at Whitman MS, 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Sunday, June 2:** End of Year Picnic at Carkeek Park, 3:00-6:00 pm (Save the date - more details to come!)

For a comprehensive calendar of events, click [here for a list](#) or [here for a monthly calendar format](#). For more info, check out the [FOWM website](#).

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### Mattress Sale Fundraiser this Sunday!

SAVE BIG. SLEEP GREAT. SUPPORT LOCAL.

Thinking about buying a new mattress?

Jonesing for a new set of sheets?

Need a new pillow?

Then consider purchasing as part of our Mattress Sale Fundraiser which we are holding in conjunction with the Ballard High School Performing Arts program. The sale is **Sunday, May 5 at Ballard High School from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.**

See the flyer below for more details and spread the word to your community!



# Whitman Middle School Music

Sponsored by the Friends of Whitman Music  
In Conjunction with Ballard High School Performing Arts Boosters

# MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

**SAVE BIG. SLEEP GREAT. SUPPORT LOCAL.**

Sunday May 5, 2024  
10am - 5pm  
Ballard High School

- Brand New
- Brand Name
- Made to Order
- All Sizes and Feels
- Financing Available

**SAVE the DATE & SPREAD the WORD**

MATTRESSES, ADJUSTABLE BASES, LUXURY PILLOWS, SHEETS & MORE

**Questions? Text or Call (360) 454-3210**

# FOWM Board Recruitment

We are recruiting for 2024-25 FOWM Board positions!

Open roles include President and Treasurer. You can pair up with someone to share the load too. Join now to shadow an existing Board Member to learn the ropes and help the amazing music programs at Whitman flourish! We're a fun group that is focused on partnering with Ms. Gunn and supporting our Whitman Middle School musicians - there's a role for everyone.

***If you're interested in learning more, check out***

***<https://fowmusic.org/about/> and contact us at***

***[friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com).***



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## Current Volunteer Needs

Ms. Gunn is looking for 1-2 volunteers to organize the sheet music. If you enjoy sorting, alphabetizing, and organizing, this job is for you! Send an email to [friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com) if you're interested.

We also need chaperones for Intermediate Band and Concert Band and Orchestra field trips in May and June - [learn more and sign up here!](#)

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## Summer Music Programs

Seeking summer opportunities for your student musician to continue advancing their skills and having fun with music? Our FOWM website lists some great options to explore and consider, so check out the details here:

<https://fowmusic.org/resources/>.

Contact the summer programs directly via the links on that page to get more details about timing, duration, cost, and other information.

Options listed include programs that have been shared with us, and the Seattle Public Schools Summer Music Program in which Ms. Gunn is teaching Advanced Band (rising 8th and 9th graders). There is also a general note about finding resources to help defray the financial costs. Take a look!

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## Watch us on YouTube!

Whitman Music has a [YouTube channel](#). No one needs to miss a concert, just share the link with friends and family. Or visit yourself to appreciate the incredible talent of our student musicians.

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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!

### 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](mailto:friendsofwhitmanmiddlemusic@gmail.com).

**Donate to Whitman Music (Alliance4Ed acct #11514)**

#### 2023-24 FOWM Committee

Alexis Cruikshank, President

Jan Johnson, Treasurer

Jen Sullivan, Secretary

Lyla Ross, Fundraising Chair

Katie Sachter, Volunteer Coordinator

Todd Vician, Communications Lead

Kevin Emerson, Drumline Representative

Whitman Middle School Music Program Director/Teacher: Ms. Melanie Gunn [magunn@seattleschools.org](mailto:magunn@seattleschools.org)

Jazz Band Teacher: Audrey Stangland

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