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Wyomissing Area School District

June 13, 2023

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Valedictorian Benjamin Primack addresses the Class of 2023.

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<https://www.philmarphotos.com/Wyomissing-Graduation-2023>*

The Wyomissing Area School District celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2023 at their graduation ceremony on June 2, held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The one hundred thirty-nine students that make up the Class of 2023 have grown into leaders and role models in their six years as students at the Jr./Sr. High School and have navigated new challenges and unprecedented circumstances with grit, perseverance, and compassion. As they embark on the next chapter of their journeys, each of them should be proud of what they have accomplished. Soon, this special group of Spartans will be spread out all over the country and world. We are excited for the students who will continue their education or enter the workforce after graduation, and especially recognize the members of the Class of 2023 who will join the United States Military. Each of their paths will be filled with new opportunities and we hope that the lessons learned and relationships built at Wyomissing Area have prepared each Spartan for success as they continue to shape their futures. Once a Spartan, always a Spartan. Congratulations, Class of 2023. We are very proud of you!

Wyomissing Area Hosts Successful Mini-THON Fundraiser



Lions, giraffes, and zebras covered the halls of the Jr./Sr. High School and hundreds of students wore shirts with four diamonds from March 3 to March 4 as Wyomissing Area hosted the annual Mini-THON event. High School students danced all night to support children and families affected by pediatric cancer. Mini-THON, as always, is a community effort and the support our students received was overwhelming. Wyomissing Area students on the Mini-THON committee began planning for Mini-THON early in the school year and facilitated events throughout the year, and they were so excited to bring back Community Hour to Mini-THON 2023. It was amazing to see so many community members visit the Jr./Sr. High School to participate in games, enjoy a meal, and help raise funds for Four Diamonds. High School students continued with dancing and games all night until early Saturday morning and were excited to reveal the fundraising total of \$57,709.78 raised by our generous community “for the kids.” Congratulations to our Mini-THON committee members, student leaders, and advisor Mr. Dramby on this successful event, and thank you to all who donated food, activities, time, and directly to our Four Diamonds fundraising efforts. Events like this one make us all proud to be Spartans.

The Wyomissing Area Drama Club Presents *Seussical the Musical!*



In April, the Wyomissing Area High School Drama Club broke records with the performance of *Seussical the Musical!* Approximately 110 Wyomissing Area students from grades 1 through 12 were involved in the performance in the cast, crew, and orchestra. In a brilliant effort to unite the community, art projects done at the elementary schools were also displayed at the show, giving all Wyomissing Area students the opportunity to be part of the Drama family.

Two of the three performances were sold-out with the third show being the highest attended matinee in recent memory. The show was chosen before the 2022-23 school year and announced to the students in September. From September to January, students had time to explore, research, and prepare for the show, with auditions beginning in early January, and rehearsals starting immediately after. Rehearsal for *Seussical the Musical!* focused on the music early on to perfect the musical aspects of the performance. Following this focal point, they transitioned to choreography, which in early March was followed by blocking and stage movement. The Drama Club family worked together to develop a wonderful performance and to bring great joy and laughter to the community. Bravo!

Wyomissing Area School District Art Show

The Wyomissing Area School District Art Show is an annual celebration and representation of a year's work of impressive artwork created by students from K-12. The art program at Wyomissing Area celebrates a diverse variety of artwork from paintings, clay pieces, and portraits that represent various artistic techniques. Families and members of the community have the opportunity to view students' artwork and learn about the abundance of stories that each piece of work represents. Additionally, guests at the Art Show can witness the artistic development of our Spartans as they see art pieces side-by-side from students across the district. Thank you to our dedicated faculty who make the Art Show possible, and congratulations to our students who had pieces selected for the display.



Spartans Compete in Rotary Speech Competition





Wyomissing Area students Ryan Rothermel, Stella Koch, and Harper Ostrich competed in the Rotary Speech Competition this spring. Stella earned first place with her speech on period poverty, Harper earned third place, and Ryan earned fourth place recognition. Congratulations to these students, and thank you to Ms. Lamboley for her support of this experience for our students!

Wyomissing Area Launches Bocce Ball Team!

The Wyomissing Area Bocce Ball team started this spring after Wyomissing Area partnered with Special Olympics PA and became a Unified Champion School. Special Olympics Pennsylvania Unified Champion Schools (UCS) is a fully-inclusive program that uses sports and youth leadership to successfully facilitate social inclusion and improve the school climate. UCS offers Bocce Ball, Track and Field, and Soccer. Currently, Wyomissing Area is excited to launch our very own Bocce Ball team.



This year, the Bocce Ball team held a recreational league to prepare students for the upcoming official season in the winter. About 15 students participated weekly in learning the basic skills of the game and these students practiced partnering and working together. Students also had the opportunity to play against some of our District staff members including our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, as well as two different teacher teams. The team also participated in a Special Olympics-sponsored field trip where all Unified Schools in

the area attended to play games, learn about different opportunities in the community, and more. The goal for this year was to promote the team and sport for next year! Next year, Bocce Ball will be an official varsity sport and the team will start competing against schools in the area. Special education teacher and Unified Champion Schools Coach, Ms. Danielle Faust perfectly states their objective: “Our hope is that our participants, specifically our special education athletes are provided with the opportunity to equitably participate in a sport with their peers.”

Mrs. Easteadt's Class Connects With the Community

At the heart of West Reading, a multitude of small businesses form an integral part of the community, and this spring, they also served as a phenomenal learning opportunity for the sixth-grade students at West Reading Elementary Center. As one of the sixth-grade social studies teachers, Mrs. Easteadt believes it is important to incorporate economics into the student’s learning, and, with hundreds of businesses right in the school’s backyard, she immediately began contacting over fifty businesses. Small groups of two to four students began learning how to reach out to these businesses and ask questions. Via email, students learned about the challenges each of these businesses faced and spent the following weeks researching how businesses work. They learned economics concepts from supply and demand to opportunity cost when making business decisions. Students were then tasked to develop solutions they could present to the business owners in person after learning about their current challenges.

By the end of May, the entire sixth grade presented their business proposals to the owners of their assigned and researched businesses from Taste of Crepes to Ady Cakes and more. Spartan Ethan Nunez reflects on what he has learned through the process: “I have learned a lot of skills and I learned communication to be able to create a project with my friends.” Experiential learning is impactful, especially when it is done in a way that unites our Wyomissing Area community. These interactions with business owners and our young students helped to make meaningful connections and provide context to the material students study at school. A group of students presented a t-shirt design, billboard design, and model platform for the concept of a fashion show to business owner Amanda Alger and the store’s stylists Kyle Harder and Ashley Cronin at the Dressed in Love bridal store on Penn Ave. The team sat eagerly taking notes during the presentation by the sixth graders and answering their questions. This experience allowed enthusiastic business owners, the opportunity to hear insights from a young student's perspective as well as to answer the students' questions about their business. One business owner thanked Mrs. Easteadt for coordinating the presentation and described the sixth grader’s business proposal: “Thank you tremendously for that gift. She is magic.” Well done to our Spartans for this amazing project.

National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction

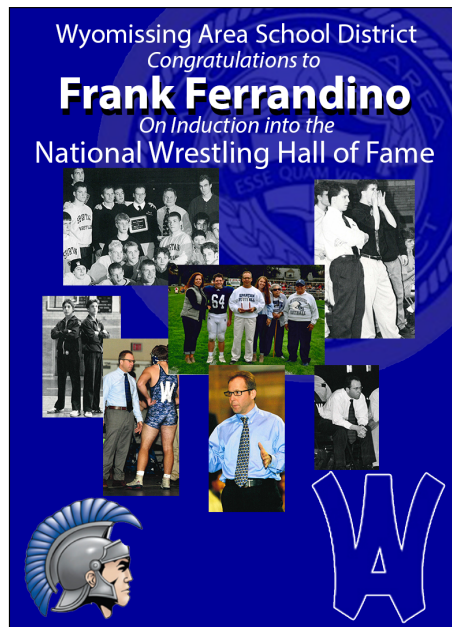


Congratulations to the students at the Wyomissing Area Jr./Sr. High School who were inducted into the Wyomissing Area chapters of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society this spring. Students are invited to apply for membership in NHS and NJHS based on academic achievement, and acceptance considers factors including participation in school and community activities, community service, leadership roles, and more. The pillars of NHS and NJHS are scholarship, leadership, service, and character, and this outstanding group of students shines in all areas. As is tradition, during the NHS induction ceremony, students speak on these pillars and what it means to hold membership in NHS by recognizing members of our school community who demonstrate these pillars daily. This year, Mr. Dramby was recognized for his service, Mr. Hetrich for his scholarship, Mrs. Yetter for her character, and Ms. Lamboley for her leadership. We are fortunate to have staff members that model these important pillars and are proud of these students for their accomplishments.

Mr. Ferrandino Inducted Into Wrestling Hall of Fame

In early May, Mr. Frank Ferrandino entered the PA Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Hershey, PA. A large group of family, friends, and co-workers attended to celebrate Mr. Ferrandino for his 32 years of dedicated service as the Wyomissing Area wrestling coach. Mr. Ferrandino began wrestling in second grade, and it has been a part of his life ever since. When he was very young, he knew he wanted to be a teacher and a coach, mostly from the experiences he had as a student at Wyomissing Area. During his senior year of college, the Wyomissing Area wrestling program dropped due to a lack of interest, however, a window opened and the program took a chance on a young 21-year-old teacher and coach. Mr.

Ferrandino has since had the pleasure of winning a few championships and being crowned state champions three times; but, he finds the special relationships with his athletes to have been most memorable, the same athletes who have become parents and professionals and valued members of their communities.



In addition to working as a wrestling coach for decades, Mr. Ferrandino has also served as athletic director, assistant football coach, and assistant baseball coach. Recently, balancing his many jobs has become more challenging with athletic director responsibilities, a teaching schedule, and coaching multiple sports. However, Mr. Ferrandino loves all aspects of his job and finds it extremely rewarding to see his players giving it their all, not for themselves, but for the team. He has been very blessed to be a part of the Wyomissing Area community throughout his career, working with an administration that values athletics, as well as with great people and a supportive family. We value the significant impact Mr. Ferrandino has had on our Spartan community and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

Mr. Holt Nominated for the Annie Sullivan Award



Congratulations to Mr. Walter Holt, Physical Education teacher, on his nomination for the Annie Sullivan Award. This award recognizes individuals in Berks County who encourage the understanding and promotion of students with disabilities in their schools and communities. Annie Sullivan was a gifted teacher, best known for her work with Helen Keller, and we commend Mr. Holt for his work with students in the Wyomissing Area School District.

Wyomissing Area Named Best Communities for Music Education

A colorful graphic celebrating the Wyomissing Area School District's recognition as a 2023 Best Community for Music Education. The graphic features the NAMM Foundation logo, a central circular award seal with a graduation cap, and icons representing music education (thumbs up, microphone, musical instrument, and people). The background is a vibrant collage of geometric shapes and patterns in blue, red, yellow, and purple.

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For Outstanding Support of Music Education and Enriching the Lives of Children and Advancing Student Achievement

Congratulations to our Spartan musicians and music department faculty. Wyomissing Area was one of 830 school districts across the country identified by the National Association of

Music Merchants (NAMM) in their list of Best Communities for Music Education. We are so proud of our students and thankful for our teachers who support our Spartans in developing their musical talents.

WHEC Introduces Outdoor STEAM Area

Our Wyomissing Area PTA and Science Explorers partnered with Dr. Wengerd, Mrs. Matz, and Mrs. Hughes to create a hands-on day of learning outside for our WHEC students, with generous funding provided by the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation. Every grade level spent an hour in the new outdoor STEAM area creating catapults and visiting Science Explorers, and another hour visiting the PTA-created simple machines, doing field games, and having Rita's water ice while completing a nature hunt. It was a beautiful day filled with hands-on outdoor learning for every WHEC student. We are excited about this new space and all of the learning opportunities it will provide in the future.



Spartan Retirements



Mr. Brian Ackerman - Mr. Ackerman has worked for the Wyomissing Area School District for twenty-seven years. During that time, he has taught in multiple departments and his responsibilities have included teaching fourteen different courses, serving as a high school librarian, and as the science department chair. He and Mrs. Joyce Bunting started the Girl's Volleyball team; first as a club, then progressing to the first Girl's Varsity team. He also coached the Girl's Junior High Volleyball and Junior High Boy's Soccer teams. Throughout his career, Mr. Ackerman has been very active with the Wyomissing Area Education Association, holding various positions with the Association for the past twenty-six years. While it may not be his favorite memory, the time teachers spent navigating the educational challenges presented by the pandemic was certainly memorable. Mr. Ackerman will miss daily interactions with the students the most, especially helping them with printing, formatting papers, projects, and research; he will also miss the teacher appreciation luncheons. After retirement, Mr. Ackerman is looking forward to enjoying the other three seasons with his wife and their dogs, without having to worry about lesson plans and grading. Thank you for all that you have done for the students and this community; we wish you luck in the future!

Mrs. Regina Barletta - Mrs. Barletta came to the Wyomissing Area Jr./Sr. High School with nine years of experience as an educator working with grades 3 through 12. She has enjoyed working with students in seventh, eighth, and ninth grades here for thirty years as a school counselor, and through this role, has impacted so many lives. During her career at Wyomissing Area, Mrs. Barletta started Career Day and co-founded Wyomissing Area Peer Mediators in 1994. A program striving to help students work through their conflicts and grow as individuals, Peer Mediation unites students of all grades through a common goal. She enjoys training peer mediators because she gets to see them give back to their peers and make a difference. She has also been an advisor to the Cooking Club and Service Club. Similar to peer mediating, Service Club works to give back to the community, and Mrs. Barletta feels extremely grateful to help students impact the people around them, as well as to help students empower themselves through their work. She has always appreciated working as a junior high counselor in a junior-senior high school building because she likes knowing students until they graduate. To Mrs. Barletta, there's so much reward in developing students as young seventh graders, preparing them for the path ahead, and seeing their accomplishments as senior graduates. Having received a master's degree in human development, Mrs. Barletta also finds great delight in watching students develop into their best and happiest selves. The connections she has made with all of her students over the years will stay with her long after this year. As Mrs. Barletta enters retirement, she will be looking forward to the freedom to be able to choose what to do each day. She plans on finding other ways to give back and is eager to continue volunteering to support her community and the people around her. She will miss being part of the Wyomissing Area community and hopes she will be able to keep in touch! We are so thankful for her profound impact on the Wyomissing Area and wish her all the best in the future.

Mr. Timothy Hetrich - Mr. Hetrich was hired in 1987 after five years of teaching in New Jersey, to teach eighth and ninth-grade social studies and run junior high student council. He served as the assistant principal for grades seven through nine from 1992-1993 and later returned to the classroom to start our Advanced Placement (AP) Micro and Macroeconomics courses. In 2000, along with Mr. Allen, Mr. Hetrich started the AP United States History course and continued to teach these AP courses for the rest of his career at Wyomissing

Area. Mr. Hetrich also led the 2011 nationally-ranked History Bowl team and served as an AP College Board scorer for Macroeconomics since 2014. Other clubs that Mr. Hetrich advised during his time at WASD are the Thoreau Club, Service Club, and Debate Club. Athletically, Mr. Hetrich has been the junior high track head coach since 2004 and the High School cross country coach since 1998 (boys and girls) where his teams have won District titles, State championships, and State runner-up titles. Mr. Hetrich's wealth of knowledge and profound contributions during his 42 years in education will have a lasting impact on our school and community. He has many happy memories from his time at Wyomissing Area, but his favorite memories include his students performing at the highest levels of competition in athletics, a national economics competition in Chicago, and a U.S. History championship at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Mr. Hetrich will miss his wonderful students and the community of the Wyomissing Area School District the most. While adjusting to retirement will be hard for him, he does not intend to end his professional experience. He looks forward to taking on new challenges in the world of business and economics while also continuing to pursue his many interests and hobbies. Thank you for everything you have done for WASD and best wishes in retirement!

Mr. Walter Holt - Mr. Holt has worked for the Wyomissing Area School District for the past twenty-one years. He started his teaching career in N.J. public schools in 1980, taught and coached at the college level for nine years, and then taught and coached at Reading High School for 8 years before becoming a Spartan. Mr. Holt has taught senior high health, physical education, strength and conditioning, and adaptive P.E. at Wyomissing Area Jr./Sr High, and has served on academic committees and organized intramural activities for students and staff. He also served on the committee for the Spartan Challenge, Wyomissing Area's "Special Olympics" event. He was the head softball coach and his team won a division title in 2005 and appeared in the county and district playoffs. As the head swimming coach for boys and girls, he coached many All-County, District 3 individual/relay champions, PIAA individual/relay champions, and All- Americans. The 2010 girls' team were the 2010 PIAA State runners-up. Mr. Holt has had an impact on so many students and made many valuable contributions to Wyomissing Area throughout his career and we wish him the very best in retirement.

Mrs. Brenda Phillips - Mrs. Phillips joined the Wyomissing Area School District in 2002 as a biology teacher. She has taught every grade level, seven through twelve, throughout her twenty-one years at Wyomissing Area, and has coached field hockey and softball at both the junior high and high school levels. She was also an advisor to the Environmental Club for many years, coordinating international and national trips for many students seeking to expand their environmental and cultural knowledge. For example, Wyomissing Area has taken many school trips to Costa Rica, California, and National Parks. Mrs. Phillips' favorite memory comes from one of these adventures—a trip to Yellowstone National Park with a wonderful group of seniors, sharing an incredibly fun experience. Mrs. Phillips has additionally served on committees and was part of the SAP team. For the past six years, she has been teaching AP Environmental Science and Anatomy and Physiology; she will miss the students and her colleagues here at Wyomissing Area, and she will especially miss seeing her students enjoy learning. During retirement, Mrs. Phillips is looking forward to traveling with her husband and dogs. She will continue her hobbies of gardening and pottery while spending more time with her family. Congratulations, Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Amy Stewart-Himes - Mrs. Stewart-Himes started her teaching career in the Wyomissing Area School District at the Wyomissing Hill Elementary Center. She was a first-grade teacher ready to change the world one child at a time. She is retiring as a Kindergarten teacher and has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children in her thirty-four amazing years of teaching. Mrs. Stewart-Himes has so much support from her family. Her husband Dave (also a teacher), has been her partner and best friend, and her two children, Rachel and Jake, have been the topic of many of her sweet and funny stories about being a parent. As a family, they would volunteer at their church, sing in the choir, and travel to St. Thomas every summer to help run their summer camp for children on the island. Mrs. Stewart-Himes graduated from IUP and continued to get her master's in education- she never stops learning. She is working towards being certified as an "Orton Gillingham" instructor at the Children's Dyslexia Center of Reading. Over her long and successful career, she volunteered at many school functions and also worked to create new curricula, and was a mentor and coach to many new teachers. She has been an advocate for children and peers and is always striving to be the best person and teacher she can be. Mrs. Stewart-Himes brought the love of learning into her classroom through songs, dancing, and fun activities that taught children the important skills they needed to know and apply, and she was creative with her lessons. She has enhanced her classroom curriculum with engaging centers and educational activities, including bringing in Monarch butterfly larvae so her students can watch and learn about the life cycle and how amazing and delicate life can be. She also used her classroom mascots, Froggy and Pete the Cat, and Dr. Jean songs, to teach, reinforce, and model lessons, to help children have a safe and fun learning environment. Mrs. Stewart-Himes brought yoga into her classroom to help children create an environment of calmness, tranquility, and acceptance. Throughout her time here at Wyomissing Area, she has given wings to children's dreams with all of the learning they received from her and has made an impression that will last a lifetime for all of her students, parents, community, and colleagues. Congratulations, Mrs. Stewart-Himes!

Mrs. Joan Yox - Using her degrees in both art and English, Mrs. Yox has served the Wyomissing Area School District for thirty years as an English, film, and humanities teacher and club advisor. Mrs. Yox has taught over twenty course titles for grades seven through twelve, including English at each of the six grade levels, humanities, film studies, creative writing, SAT preparation, and advanced writing. She is a fellow of the Pennsylvania Writing Project, a National Reader Apprenticeship Practitioner, and an Educator Intern serving as a staff journalist for Home Trends Magazine and as a writer/arts advocate for the Berks Arts Council.

Mrs. Yox has served as the advisor of the Literary-Art Magazine Club for her entire thirty-year tenure, and she ran the Cinema Club at the high school for five years. In her Lit-Mag advising role, she helped students publish the yearly anthology of student writing and art as well as organized a yearly Teen Berks Poetry Festival in which young Berks writers from all of the Berks County school districts were invited to come together to share and publish poetry, lyrics, and other creative works. She wishes to extend gratitude to the district for allowing her the freedom to write and teach her two favorite courses: Film History and Aesthetics and Literature and Film. Teaching these classes has been the highlight of her career. Mrs. Yox recently became a faculty member of Pennsylvania University's Penn Literacy Network and, in retirement, she will continue to bring creativity and a love of learning to others. She also plans to spend time making art, gardening organically, backpacking, and traveling the world. Congratulations, Mrs. Yox.

Ms. Charmaine Beck - Ms. Beck retired after seventeen years of service to the Wyomissing Area School District, most recently as the District Benefits Coordinator in the District Office. Ms. Beck came to Wyomissing Area in 2006 and was the Business Office Secretary and Transportation Coordinator before transitioning into her current role. She has helped many District employees over the years with their benefits and has assisted many colleagues as they prepared for retirement, and we wish her the best on her new adventure.

Mrs. Ellen Weaver - Mrs. Weaver worked briefly at the Wyomissing Hills Elementary library before transitioning to the JSHS library where she was the library aide for 17 years. In her time in the library, Mrs. Weaver connected with many students and was excellent at providing readers' advice. She was in charge of curating archive materials and creating a digital record of Wyomissing Area graduates. She plans to continue this work on a volunteer basis. Mrs. Weaver retired at the end of September 2022, to enjoy time with her first grandchild, Vivien Renee, daughter of Amanda (Weaver) class of 2010, and Elliot Shibley class of 2009. Her son Daniel is also a Wyomissing Area graduate, class of 2012. Mrs. Weaver also works part-time at the Wyomissing Public Library. Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Weaver.

Spartan Sprouts

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Choose one of three sessions:

SESSION 1

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

4:30-6:00

SESSION 2

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

1:30-3:00

SESSION 3

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

4:30-6:00

FREE PROGRAM FOR INCOMING WYOMISSING AREA KINDERGARTNERS!

FREE PROGRAM FOR INCOMING WYOMISSING AREA KINDERGARTENERS:



Do you have a child in the Wyomissing Area School District entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2023? Then this is for you!

Join us for a FREE program at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 4:30pm-6pm.

Spartan Sprouts is a program designed specifically for incoming Kindergarteners to introduce strategies and activities that can easily be done at home and will help prepare the children for school in the fall. The event includes hands-on activities and a Wyomissing Area swag bag filled with all of the materials and instructions necessary to continue to practice at home.

We cannot wait to meet our future Spartans and their families at this fun-filled event!

Reserve your spot today for one of the sessions!

[Register Here](#)

Wyomissing Area Education Foundation





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Enriching Education in the Wyomissing Area School District

Happy Summer from WAEF! It's hard to believe that this school year is over. We were so happy to be able to support the school district this year with our grants, scholarships and events. This year, **WAEF provided \$64,809 in grants in all three school buildings!** Thank you to all of the teachers, administrators and students who applied for grants this school year.

We gathered on Saturday May 20th for our annual **Fire & Ice party** at Happy Hollow and spent the afternoon with about 150 people who enjoyed games for the kids, hot dogs, ice cream, face painting, fire truck tours, and balloon animals. We honored this year's teacher honorees: Jennifer Foo, Sue Wojciechowski & Reina Soto (WHEC), Amber Gockley, Nancy Boyer & Bridgette Kozuch (WREC), and Beatrice Jones (JSHS).

On May 22, we acknowledged the achievements of 27 scholarship recipients and 2 teachers at our annual Scholarship Ceremony, distributing **\$48,450 in scholarship awards!**

That morning, we celebrated the entire Class of 2023 with **WAEF's annual Senior Day Parade & Picnic**, planned and executed by WAEF Student Committee members. Seniors donned their caps and gowns for the first time and traveled in four buses to each elementary school building, where they were cheered on by their former elementary teachers and their students. They returned to the JSHS for a picnic, catered by Austin's Restaurant, and games on the lawn outside the auditorium. *Thank you to Mrs. Amy Combs and Mrs. Amy Rogers for co-chairing WAEF's Student Committee this year.*

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of WAEF's events next year, please email mrobbins@wyoarea.org. Have a wonderful summer!

Parent Teacher Association

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Our goal is to bring parents, teachers, and children together to raise funds for educational programs and strengthen the school community. For as little as \$8.00, you can help support these educational programs and family activities sponsored by the Wyomissing Area PTA.

Join Here!

Please note that joining the PTA does not obligate you to participate in, or volunteer for, PTA Committees and Events. However, we are always looking for new volunteers for our committees and would love to see new faces join us at events! For more information, please visit wyopta.org, and follow us on social media!



THANK YOU!

We want to extend a huge thank you to those of you who contributed to the success of the PTA this year. We are so lucky to be a part of such an amazing school district, and the events that we put on are impossible without the committee chairs, sponsors, and volunteers.

Spring Events

WHEC construction wrapped up in time to have a flurry of events this Spring. We had the most normal Staff Appreciation week since 2019, had a small but mighty book fair that was 3 days long and raised over \$11,000, and had an amazing STEAM event at WHEC!



Staff Appreciation Week

There was a treat for our teachers and staff each day of the week! Monday they were able to grab a treat from the staff room (we had about \$1000 in monetary donations PLUS a bunch of treats, k-cups, and drinks were donated!) On Tuesday, they were treated to donuts (donated) and coffee provided by Wyomissing Family Restaurant, Kimberton Whole Foods donated overnight oats, and fruit trays were donated by Weis of Sinking Spring. Wednesday was the sweetest day of the week - Candy Bar day! The favorite day of the week was Thursday - the Potluck Luncheon!

The day couldn't have been pulled off without Michelle Esterbrook and Missy Phillips! So many families contributed delicious meals for the day and Jersey Mike's donated catering boxes. Friday we wrapped up the week with Pizza donated by Chef David, salad donated by Redners, and beverages donated by Clover Farms, and Papa John's pizza. We also had a raffle on Friday with a Solo Stove donated by Kelly Spayd, succulent arrangements donated by Mike Spayd, centerpieces created by Girl Scout Troop 1505, succulents donated by Home Depot of Wyomissing, and Wyo Swag provided by the PTA. A huge thank you also goes out

to Megan Stoltzfus, who jumped in and helped coordinate SO much of the week! Congrats to the winners and thank you to all of our volunteers and donors!



STEAM Remake Learning Day

Melissa French and Lynsay Ladany helped to coordinate a day full of amazing activities. Students engaged with simple machines (made by Melissa and Adam French!), play field day games, go on a nature hunt, and enjoy a refreshing treat from Rita's Italian Ice. We are so thankful for our many parent volunteers who made today a huge success and for WHEC staff for inviting us to participate.

Volunteer needs

We are in the midst of developing the calendar of events for next year. Please like and follow us on Facebook, and refer there for upcoming events and needs as it is our primary source of communication at this time. We will post needs for potential committee chair needs there in the coming weeks.

Volunteers for Walk with Wyo. This is our primary fundraising event so the more help, the better! If you're interested in helping please fill out our [google form](#) and Carolyn Handy will be in touch!

Jr./Sr. High School students – We would love a student presence at PTA meetings! We want to hear your ideas about how we can enrich the lives of students in the Jr./Sr. High School. We would love student participation in events like Staff Appreciation Week and Walk with Wyo.

Interested in getting involved? Please email ptawyo@gmail.com. The best way to show your support is to attend meetings and get involved. We love ideas, but we NEED volunteers to execute the great ideas.

About the Authors



As the Wyomissing Area School District continues to develop the Internship Program, we are fortunate to have talented students work with our Communications team to develop the articles you read in each edition of The Spartan Scoop. Our students are driven and predominantly self-guided and have the opportunity to attend district events, visit classrooms and teachers, and share positive experiences and stories about the great work in our district. Passionate students like these are a great addition to our Communications team and developing our social media posts and newsletter stories is a great experience for them.

Jenna Abousaab is a senior at Wyomissing Area and is a dedicated member of the environmental club, service club, Mini-THON, student peer tutoring, peer mediation, table tennis club and NHS. Jenna loves getting involved within the community and making a

difference, so the Communications internship will be a great opportunity for her to experience activities taking place in all three Wyomissing Area school buildings and to make connections with both youth Spartans and staff. In the classroom, Jenna maintains a hard work ethic and strives for excellence and outside of school, Jenna plays competitive soccer and is the Ambassador to the Commissioner of the Girls Academy, working to implement DEI policy within the league. She is eager to work in communications to strengthen her professional public speaking skills and to build stronger relationships with people throughout the community.

Maya Abousaab is a senior who is actively involved in our community. Although Maya does not play for any of the high school sports teams, she loves spending her time playing competitive soccer as she looks to play collegiately in the future. Maya is part of the High School Student Council, student peer tutoring, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Mini-THON Committee, and peer mediation while also serving as a Class Officer for the Class of 2023. She plans to attend college to major in biology, business, or psychology on the pre-med track with hopes of becoming a surgeon. Maya chose this internship to explore the field of communications as she looks forward to the benefits of constant exposure to interviewing and reporting skills. As much as Maya loves to excel in the classroom, she enjoys time with her loved ones even more.

Vanessa Aguay is a junior at Wyomissing Area High School and is actively involved in her school community. Vanessa is the junior class president as well as Spanish Honorary Society and Spanish Club president. She enjoys being a member of student council, peer mediation, peer tutoring, Model UN, environmental club, WAEF Committee, ski club, Mini-THON chairperson, member of the service club executive committee, and secretary of the Wyomissing Area math club. Athletically, Vanessa is a member of the cross country team, plays soccer, and participates in indoor and outdoor varsity track. Vanessa loves to meet new people and volunteer her time to advocacy groups. She is excited for the opportunity to involve herself in the activities throughout the district and to develop her skills within community outreach with this internship.

Kaitlyn Brunner is a senior at Wyomissing Area. She is involved in various clubs including Big Spartan Little Spartan, Wyo5Live, Mini-THON, WAEF, latin club and Best Buddies. Kaitlyn participates on the field hockey and basketball teams as well. Kaitlyn loves the close-knit community Wyomissing Area has and is excited for this school year working with the other interns as well as faculty and students for the internship!

Bianca Flowers is a senior at Wyomissing Area. She plays on the volleyball team and is also the manager for the girls basketball team. She is a member of the student council, secretary of mini-THON, in art club, service club, environmental club, and more. The communications internship is an opportunity for her to learn important life skills and develop the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people.

Communications Coordinator, Ms. Meghan Tierney



Ms. Meghan Tierney is the mathematics Department Chair at the Jr./Sr. High School in her ninth year in the Wyomissing Area School District. She received her bachelor's degree from Albright College, earned a master's degree in Teacher Leadership through the University of Delaware, and a master's degree and supervisory certification in Educational Administration with a focus on Curriculum and Instruction Supervision at Gwynedd Mercy University.

In addition to her role as a classroom teacher, she advises the National Honor Society, and serves as the Communications Coordinator for the school district. Meghan really enjoys the opportunities she has to work with students both in and out of the classroom and loves being a Spartan. Outside of school, Meghan enjoys spending time at the beach and being with family and friends.
