

# PTSA POST

Spring 2021

Serving all Ten Schools

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By our mission statement, WICPTSA unites home, school and community as advocates for the health, education and well-being of all children so that they may become productive citizens in tomorrow's world.

Dear West Irondequoit Families,

I hope this spring message finds you and yours feeling both healthy and strong. As we enter the home stretch of a year, a year that has felt anything like a typical spring, I find myself reflecting on the resilience of our kids, families and community. Regardless of what we face, I consistently find this community to be ever evolving, always learning and remaining hopeful. I said it last year, and I stand by it this year, that it is in our times of greatest adversity that our character is defined. The students, faculty, staff, families and larger community have defined us well in West Irondequoit as diverse and collaborative with feet solidly planted beneath us and our eyes always looking forward to do our best collectively to do what is in the best interest of *our* Irondequoit students.

Throughout the year this has meant that our Building Representatives, Central Committee Chairs, and each of the PTSA volunteers have worked and adjusted as needed to make this school year successful and meaningful for kids, despite the challenges it has presented. It is a direct result of these volunteers' commitment and dedication that West Irondequoit Central PTSA has been able to continue forward our mission of bettering the lives of all our children. A heartfelt thank you to each of our volunteers for what they continue to do behind the scenes for our children. For the continued opportunities and memories your work has allowed. These memories will last a lifetime.

Each spring PTSA starts to plan for the next school year. Your membership helps to support a wide-range of opportunities for our children. We are always looking for individuals to chair our central

committees and serve on the Executive Board. Our buildings always have opportunities for members to serve as Building Representatives, chair events, serve as bookkeepers or help out with various family events. Please consider joining us. As we know, now maybe more than ever, there is no substitute for the connection between school and home and partnering with PTSA provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen that connection.

Spring also presents the opportunity to look forward to next school year and in May our community will have the opportunity to vote on the District Budget and elect members for the Board of Education. Please take some time this spring to review the information about the District Budget Vote and to learn about the candidates running for the West Irondequoit Board of Education. This way when the time comes for the vote to be held you can be sure to let your voice be heard.

Please stay well this spring,

*Bridget Harris*

President WICPTSA

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## REFLECTIONS Creative Arts Program

The WICPTSA is proud to sponsor a yearly creative arts program. This year's program was once again coordinated by Committee Chair, Tabatha Cleckner. Entries were received in the categories of Drawing and Painting, Photography, Computer Generated Image, Sculpture and Mixed Media. Congratulations to the following winners:

### Grades 4-6

#### Drawing & Painting

1. Nory Casey
2. Tristan Rivera-Simo

#### Writing

1. Wyatt Heiermann
2. Luca Morinelli
3. Kylee Peshkin

### Grades 7-8

#### Drawing & Painting

1. Jack Schoenweitz

### Grades 9-12

#### Sculpture & Mixed Media

1. Gracie Loeser
2. Lily McLaughlin
3. Giada Albert

#### Drawing & Painting

1. Lily McLaughlin
2. Olivia Schaubroeck
3. Aiden Quintero

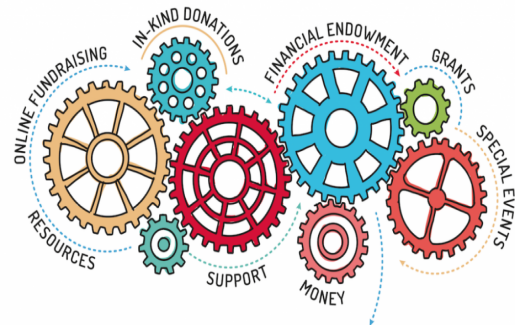
#### Photography/Digital

1. Emma Palumbo
2. Avery Baptiste
3. McKenna Callari

## Honorary Life Awards



The WICPTSA honored Jeff Guercio, Dena Kropman and Kathy Traver with this year's Honorary Life Award. This is the highest honor a PTA can bestow and is a special way to recognize people who care about children and have made their caring count by their devoted service to children and youth in our community. The video presentation can be viewed on the District's You Tube channel, titled 2021 Honorary Life Award. Congratulations to these deserving West Irondequoit Community members! Please consider nominating someone this fall. More information is available on our website [www.wicptsa.org](http://www.wicptsa.org).



## Fundraising

*WICPTSA would like to thank the community members that have shown their support by participating in our numerous fundraisers at each building this year. Our building representatives have gone above and beyond to coordinate these unique opportunities to raise funds that provide for our traditional events and opportunities that make West Irondequoit special for all students.*

## **District Vote**

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Blvd. Fire Dept.

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Residents are asked to vote on the 2018-2019 School Budget, a proposition and three seats up for election on the Board of Education.

The proposed budget is \$72,371,573. The proposal meets the tax levy cap of 2.21%.

There will be one additional proposal on the ballot, the Renewal Project. This \$9,625,382 capital project includes renovations, repairs and improvements to maintain our properties. The project would be funded through money already saved in our Capital Reserve Fund and through State Building Aid. There would be no local tax impact.

There are three residents running for three seats on the board. In ballot order, they are: Meg Steckley, David Long and Matthew Metras. Candidates' Night will be held on May 3rd, Irondequoit High School at 7:00 p.m.

For more detailed information on the proposed budget, the proposition and BOE candidates' information and statements, see the District's Website at [www.westirondequoit.org](http://www.westirondequoit.org) and watch for the budget edition of the Quote, to be mailed in early May.

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. Citizen, you have lived in the West Irondequoit School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote and you are at least 18 years of age by the day of the vote. **You will be asked to show proof of residency, such as a driver's license.**

Absentee Ballots are available from the District Clerk at 336-2983 or [patricia\\_kelly@westiron.monroe.edu](mailto:patricia_kelly@westiron.monroe.edu).

## **Board of Education** **Candidate's Night**

WICPTSA would like to invite you to our annual candidates night. Beginning Monday, May 3rd a prerecorded video will be posted on our Facebook page and shared on the District's website and social media platforms. Please take advantage of the opportunity to hear from our community members that are running for one of three open seats on the West Irondequoit School Board. Do not forget to vote on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>!



**The PTSA needs community support in order to keep programming and traditions alive in our district.**

**It has been a long year and we are looking for community members that would like to get reconnected by becoming involved volunteers.**

### **WICPTSA Building Representative:**

WICPTSA Job Responsibilities:

- Attend our monthly Central PTSA meeting the second Tuesday of each month to collaborate with other members and share an update of events in your building.
- Meet with your building school principal monthly to discuss family events and areas in need of PTSA support, and being a voice for all families in your school.
- Consult with your principal and then schedule school events both for fun and learning.
- Promote a positive communication means between home and school.
- Communicate with building teachers to show support and identify areas in need of support by PTSA.
- Have fun and enjoy the time with the children and give yourself the credit you deserve. You are performing a wonderful service to the families of West Irondequoit!!!!

If you are interested in learning more please email Audrey Shafer, Vice President of School Affairs at [Shaferhouse@aol.com](mailto:Shaferhouse@aol.com)

**If you are looking for less of an in person commitment consider stepping in as a central committee chair. The majority of these positions can be done from home. We currently have many openings to complement the talents of all our community members.**

**Areas in need:**

- **Calendar Coordinator**
- **Community Service**
- **Membership**
- **Parent Connection**
- **Parent Advocates for Students with Special Needs**
- **Get Out the Vote**
- **Treasury Assistant**
- **Bookkeeping**

If you are interested in learning more please email Colleen Smith, Vice President of Admin Affairs at [colleenclairesmith@gmail.com](mailto:colleenclairesmith@gmail.com)

**For additional news and updates from WICPTSA...**



**West Irondequoit Central PTSA**

**Don't forget our Website!!**

**Make sure to check it out at:**

**[www.wicptsa.org](http://www.wicptsa.org)**

You'll find lots of helpful information including contact information, meeting dates and times, scholarship information, forms, links and much, much more!