



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

February 9, 2016

Dear WOCSD Parents/Guardians, Faculty & Staff, and Community Members:

It's hard to believe that only a week ago, we were enjoying temperatures in the 50's! Winter has finally arrived with cold and plenty of snow!

We now have experienced our first Snow Day and 2-Hour Delay of the school year. As always, notifications were sent out via our School Messenger program (both by phone and email) and were posted on Channels 6, 8, and 13. However, our notification program is only as effective as the data that we input – so, if you have not received these snow cancellation messages or have had a change in your contact information please contact Lil Lagasse at llagasse@wocsd.org.

The new high school building is being enjoyed by students and staff. The transformation is remarkable! We cordially invite you to tour the building at an Open House tonight from 6:30-7:30pm. You will be amazed at the spacious layout and the many technological advances in place that will better enable our students to keep pace in an ever-changing learning environment.

Congratulations to our many sports teams that have excelled at the conference and regional levels and good luck to those that will now go on to compete at State competitions.

This Friday, February 12th, there will be no school for students. Please enjoy the February break – February 15th – February 19th.

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Superintendent of Schools

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

*Students, teachers, staff, and community members going the "extra mile".
Thank you for your dedication to our schools!*

Faculty/Staff-

- **Coach Scott Lewia –WHS Wrestling** – named Mid-State League Wrestling Coach of the Year

Students –

- **Lucas Guyette-Hernandez –WES Grade 1-** brought in an extra pair of snow pants for a classmate who lost hers, so that she wouldn't miss recess. He is keeping the snow pants in school in case there are others who might need them.
- **Lila Sprague – WES Grade 3-** came in from recess carrying a broken pen that she found outside. She brought it in to make sure it was put in the trash.
- **Honey Conley – WES Grade 4-** welcomed a new WES student into her small instructional group
- **Theo Connolly Pelletier – WJHS Grade 8** - has consistently improved the quality of work he turns in. Theo has become a determined student!
- **Zoe Clark, Lucas Randall, Natalie Hanagan, Michael Gregory, Kate Pinette, Lance Littlefield, Evan Cash, Amanda Ring – WJHS Grade 7** – were selected as "I-Care - Students of the Month" for excelling in Integrity, being a Curious Learner, being Accountable, showing Resiliency, and Excelling in Education. *Congratulations!*
- **Zoe Angelakis, Anna Libby, Emma Huber-Young, and Harrison Woodman –WHS Chorus** -were selected to participate in the District 1 Music Festival on January 22/23. Emma has also been selected to participate in the All-State Music Festival in May at the University of Maine. *Congratulations!*
- **Zander Lumenello – WHS Grade 12** - Zander set a new school record of 2:05:46 in the 800m in Indoor Track. The old school record was 2:07.35.
- **Bailey Morrison, Zander Lumenello, Symphony Stilphen, Cody Cousins, and Connor Littlefield – WHS Indoor Track** -have all qualified for States.
- **Kate Macolini, Nicole Box, Ryan Sousa, Mitch Libby, and Kevin Finley – WHS Math Team** -high scorers at the math meet held on January 27th. The team placed 3rd in York County.
- *Congratulations to the following WHS Wrestling Team members who excelled at the Mid State Wrestling Tournament on January 30th:*
-Champions – **Nolan Potter and Ryan Norton**

- 2nd Place – **Jake Spofford, Brendan Dean, Michael Wrigley, and Cullen Cummings**
- 3rd Place – **Sean McCormack-Kuhman, Drew Peters, and Caleb Chase**

At the **Class B Regionals** on Saturday, Feb. 6th, the Team placed **3rd overall**. Individual winners in their brackets were:

- 1st -**Ryan Norton, Michael Wrigley, and Nolan Potter**
- 2nd -**Cullen Cummings, Jake Spofford and Brendan Dean**
- 3rd -**Caleb Chase and Sean McCormack-Kuhman**

- **Congratulations** to the **WHS Cheerleaders** who placed 6th at the State finals.
- **WOACE Graduates** – Congratulations to **Heather Hussey** and **Travis Richards** for completing their graduation requirements. They are now working toward their next goal – college!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
 - **Custodian substitutes** –District wide
- If interested, contact Diane Norton at 646-8331 or dinorton@wocsd.org*

Volunteer positions:

- **District Sub-Committee / Facilities**
- If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912, or llagasse@wocsd.org*

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Teachers are having mid-year check-ins with their administrators and are learning to document teaching practices in the *iObservation* tool.
- Teacher Evaluation and Supervision (PEPG) Steering Committee met on February 8th.
- Professional Development day for teachers at WJHS and WES on February 12th. No school for students K-12.
- 2015-2016 NCLB Report Cards have been released. These are for informational purposes only.
- Curriculum Coordinating Council meets on March 1st.
- MEA is schedule for March and SAT is scheduled for April 12th.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Literary Achievement Award Contest

- This is the 30th year of the Literary Achievement Award Contest in the WOCSD. All students Grades K- Adult Ed are encouraged to submit an entry of their best writing.

The winning entry at each grade level will win \$100. There are additional cash prizes at each level of \$50 and \$25. Honorable mention winners receive a gift certificate from The Steakhouse in Wells. The winner from the Senior Class receives \$500!

The deadline to enter is **Friday, February 26th**. Cover sheets are required and may be found on the District's website at www.wocsd.net

Wells Elementary School

- During the month of January, sixty WES students were observed demonstrating one or more of our *Core Values: respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, and compassion*. Students were honored with a certificate describing their good citizenship. A group photo of all recipients was displayed on the school's *Core Value* bulletin board.
- Ms. Calo and 4th graders, **Maya Grainer** and **Colin Harding**, presented Ms. Horne and Mr. Spinney with plaques from the American Heart Association. The Association recognized Wells Elementary School as the **2015 First Place** fundraising school in the state in the annual *Jump Rope for Heart* event.
- Wells Elementary School received a letter of appreciation for the holiday care packages that students prepared and sent to wounded warriors at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Computer teacher, Marty Cryer, facilitated this school-wide act of compassion. Terri Cressey, Wells Postmaster, and Pam Maxon, WES parent, supported the project by preparing the care packages for mailing.

Wells Junior High School

Mardi Gras Celebration – On Thursday, February 11th, all 7th and 8th grade Foreign Language students will parade through the school's hallways showing off the colorful and unique Mardi Gras masks they have created.

Wells High School

- **WHS Winter Guard “Weed Out”** – donations of clothing, bedding, or anything “textile” will benefit the Guard’s efforts to raise money for trips to the Regional and World championship competitions in New Jersey and Ohio. The team is grateful to those who have already made donations! Please spread the word – donations may be made through the month of February!

The Team is working in conjunction with the *Epilepsy Foundation* and *Savers Resale Stores*. If you recently received a card from the Epilepsy Foundation offering to pick up items – please know that those donations would NOT benefit the Winter Guard. If you have contributions for the Winter Guard program and would like them collected at your home, please contact Ashley Breton at abreton@maine.rr.com to schedule a pickup time.

WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Open House

TONIGHT- Feb. 9th – 6:30-7:30pm – public is invited.

