



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

March 11, 2016

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

Wednesday's temperatures in the mid- 70's was a sure sign that spring truly is just around the corner!

Another sign of spring is our annual district-wide ***Festival of the Arts*** – an evening devoted to showcasing the many talented student artists throughout the Wells-Ogunquit Community Schools. This year's Festival included static displays of visual art pieces by all age groups, demonstrations by our multi-level Winter Guard teams, and, of course, musical selections from our junior high and high school bands and chorus groups, as well as a preview of the high school spring musical. Congratulations to all the student participants for producing such fine quality work!

The arrival of spring also means the end of our winter sports season. This year we are indeed proud of our Wells High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams for receiving the **2016 Western Maine Conference Sportsmanship Award**. This honor is a true reflection of what being a "Warrior" is all about. Congratulations to the teams and their coaches!

And it wouldn't be spring without the annual spring musical/drama performances at the high school and junior high school level. This year The Wells Players (WHS) will present "***Godspell***" from March 16-March 19. (*Due to the ongoing construction at the high school, the production will be held at the junior high*). In May, Wells Junior High will offer "***How to Eat Like a Child***" on the 13th and 14th.

These events and many others allow our students an opportunity to shine in the spotlight and share their creativity with the community. We are indeed fortunate to be part of that community.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

James P. Daly
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 –

- **Celeste Beaulieu, Lucille, Pisano, Mark Kafkas, Kim Richards, Charlene Kohn, Donna Longley (WES) and Meghan Elwood (WHS)** – for creating and organizing the after-school *Crazy 8's Math Club* at Wells Elementary School.

Students –

- **Tanner Tufts – WES Grade 1** – Tanner works very hard in the classroom, always trying to do his best work. He brings his book bag consistently and does his reading at home!
- **Jaylyn Grant – WES Grade 2** – Jaylyn helped a classmate with his written work in Library class – without being asked!
- **Elizabeth Nichols – WES Grade 3** – Elizabeth volunteers to do many jobs – helping to keep her classroom clean and organized.
- **Owen Bourque – WES Grade 4** – Owen noticed that a staff member was struggling to unfold a cafeteria table and jumped in immediately to help!
- **Griffin Allaire – WJHS Grade 8** – After placing first at the WJHS Geography Bee, Griffin has now qualified to compete at the 2016 Maine National Geographic State Bee competition. The contest will be held at the University of Maine in Farmington on Friday, April 1st.
- **Kate Macolini – WHS Grade 12** – has been selected as a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This places her in the top 1% of applicants by the College Board.
- **Seamus McDonough – WHS Grade 12** – is the recipient of the 2016 Maine Principal's Association Award. This award recognizes his academic accomplishments and citizenship. *Congratulations!*
- **Charlie Bell, Nick Chandler, and Seamus McDonough – WHS Grade 12** – *Congratulations* to these seniors for being selected to the WMC All-Academic Basketball Team. They were recognized at the Conference awards night on March 7th.
- **Ryan Norton, Michael Wrigley and Nolan Potter – WHS Wrestlers** – Ryan, Michael, and Nolan each won in their weight class at the Class B Regionals. The Team placed 3rd overall. *Congratulations!*
- **Kent Kellar and Jacob Lareau – WHS Grade 12** – received the Western Maine Conference "Good Citizenship Award". This award honors exceptional effort, leadership, and well-rounded achievement. *Congratulations!*
- **Channing Wang, Dylan Adamsky – WHS Grade 10** – and **Wansley Demos, Emma Eicher, and Charlyn Achola – WHS Grade 11** – student volunteers assisting younger students with the after-school *Crazy 8's Math Club* at Wells Elementary School.

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

- **Principal Search Update**: On March 8, the WES Principal Search Committee met to review 19 applications. The candidates represented 4 different states (Maine, CT, RI, and Florida). The selection committee decided that they would only review candidates that had principal experience. After careful review and collegial discussion, the committee selected 5 candidates to interview. The candidates will be interviewed by a separate committee on March 22 and March 23.
- **Maine Educational Assessment** will be given during a March 28-April 8 window and the SAT will be given on April 12 to juniors at WHS. A letter will be sent home to parents of students in grades 3-8 and 11 next week explaining in further detail.
- Please see attached newsletter about **Domain 1** in *Danielson Framework for Teaching*.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

-On February 29th, Wells Elementary School held an assembly focused on “compassion”. Students generously donated many items to various community agencies, including: Atria Senior Living, Safe Haven Animal Shelter, York County Shelter, Wells-Ogunquit Community Outreach, Animal Welfare Society, Maine Children’s Cancer Program, and St. Mary’s Food Pantry. Each agency spoke with the children about how their donations help our community.

Since the assembly, many thank you cards have been received from these agencies. The wonderful messages of gratitude were shared with the students.

-Twenty-three (23) students received Core Value awards for the month of February

-The *Chewonki Foundation of Maine* will be presenting, “Owls of Maine” on Friday, March 11th to 3rd grade and multi-age 3-4 classes.

-On March 4th, during our “*Celebrations of Reading Day*”, WES students enjoyed visits from “celebrity” readers – both within and from outside the school district.

-One hundred four (104) second and third graders are participating in a 4-week after-school math enrichment program called, “***Crazy 8’s***”.



Participants in the WES after-school program, ***Crazy 8’s***

Wells Junior High School

-On March 3rd, Grade 5 & 6 students enjoyed a “*Celebration of Reading Day*”. Thank you to members of Wells Rotary and WHS Interact Club for their participation.

-Trimester 2 ends on March 18th. Report cards will go home on March 25th.

-Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 30th from 3:00-6:30pm

-Portland Red Claws basketball player, Levi Randolph, visited Grade 5 classes on Monday, March 7th. He was joined by representatives Evans Boston, Tiffany Nelson, and Danni Fitzgerald.

Wells High School

-***The Wells Players*** will present the musical, ***Godspell***, from March 16-March 19. Wed, March 16th is a 3:30 matinee with all seats \$5. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, the performance will begin at 7pm. Adults \$8 and Students/Sr Citz \$5. *Due to the ongoing construction at the high school, the production will be held at Wells Junior High.*

Spring forward

Don't forget to set
clocks ahead
one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday.

