



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

March 25, 2016

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

Although it may not look like it outside, it is officially spring by the calendar. The advent of a new season brings with it a change to longer days and outdoor activities. In the school setting, it also means gearing up for the end of one year and preparing for the next.

On Wednesday, March 30th, and Thursday, April 7th, junior high parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers regarding their child's academic progress as the third trimester begins. The Junior High will be holding Parent Conferences from 3-6:30pm.

At Wells Elementary School, Parent Conferences will be held on April 13th (3:30-7pm) and April 14th (3:30-6:30pm) for those parents wishing to connect with their child's teachers.

Looking ahead to next year, there informational sessions offered to parents of both incoming Kindergartner's and incoming freshmen. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, receive information, and help plan your child's transition.

- WJHS Parent Info Night – incoming Frosh – Tues March 29th 7pm at WHS

(WES Parent Info Night was held last evening- Thursday, March 24th)

As a district, we must also prepare our fiscal plan for the upcoming year. We will share these plans at a Public Hearing for the WOCSD FY'17 Budget on Wednesday, March 30th. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria at the Wells Elementary School at 7pm.

Finally, on behalf of the WOCSD School Committee, I would like to introduce and welcome our newest school committee member, Boriana Dolliver. Ms. Dolliver joins the Committee as a representative from Ogunquit.

I hope you find the information in this Update helpful as you plan for the final months of school.

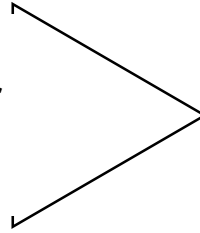
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Superintendent of Schools

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff –

- **George Perkins, Director**
- **Larry Downing, Musical Director**
- **Andy Lopez, Technical Director**
- **Bailey Smith, Choreographer**
- **Jay Audet, Producer**



-All are recognized for their leadership, guidance, and creative talents in producing the Wells High School spring musical - **GODSPELL**

Students –

-**Isabelle Hamel – WES Grade 1** – is recognized for learning to tie her shoes!

-**Riley Murphy – WES Grade 3** – is commended for showing respect to his peers and being respectful on multiple occasions. He always tries to help his friends to be successful learners.

-**Sophia Davis – WES Grade 4** – Sophia makes an effort to be sure everyone feels included and valued in a group. She is a terrific friend!

-**Katarina Hoffman – WES Grade 4** – Katarina is always thinking of others. She recognizes when a friend or teacher is feeling down and offers a hug or a listening ear.

-**Cinara Marquis – WJHS Grade 5** – is recognized for helping a fellow student who was struggling with an activity in science class.

-**Sydney Lee – WJHS Grade 6** - is commended for her act of compassion by inviting a student that was sitting alone at a table to join her.

-**Kara Borkowski, Michel Moseley, Pierce George, Olivia Chase, Tyler Chase, Kathryn Gilbert, Heath McHugh, Auguste Ciorra, Caroline Clarrage, Sophie Killam, Anavi Curtiss, Noel Spofford, Paige Stone and Joey Calcina – WJHS Grade 6** – these members of the WJHS Odyssey of the Mind teams competed at the Maine OM Regional competition on Saturday, March 12th. Both teams qualified to compete at the State level on April 12th.
Congratulations!

-**Aarron Lachance – WJHS Grade 7** – is recognized for coming to the aid of a friend who was being disrespected by another student during lunchtime.

-**Alyssa and Gwen Wallingford – WJHS Grade 8** – are recognized for their tireless dedication to the production of the Wells Junior High yearbook.

-Guss Madsen – WJHS Grade 8 – placed third overall at the math meet held at Saco Middle School . **Congratulations!**

-Gwenyth Webber – WHS Grade 10 - has been selected to represent Wells as a National Youth Correspondent to the *2016 Washington Journalism and Media Conference* at George Mason University. **Congratulations!**

-Michael Ayotte – WHS Grade 12 –was awarded a bronze medal for an Employment Application Process in the EMS Services category at the State *Skills USA* competition in Bangor. **Congratulations!**

-Caleb Heyland - earned 2nd Place in the Maine Recreational Marine Trouble-Shooting Competition at The New England Boat Show. Caleb entered the competition through his Marine Engine Repair class at Portland Arts & Technology High School. He was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. **Congratulations!**

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

- Interviews for the Wells Elementary School principal took place on March 22nd and 23rd
- Math Vertical Team is looking at this year's pilot of Eureka Math and will make a recommendation to the Curriculum Coordinating Council in May
- Math teacher attended a workshop on fluency and sprints and are sharing their language with colleagues
- MEA's will begin next week and the SAT will be administered to WHS Juniors on April 12th

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- National Nutrition Week is being observed this week at Wells Elementary.

Special meals were created to correlate to a specific color of the day. Also, Police Chief, JoAnn Putnam and Officer John Riegel, were guest speakers.

- The Chewonki “Owls of Maine” visited the school on Friday, March 11th to present to Grade 3 and Multi-age 3-4 classrooms. Thanks to Mr. Ingwersen for arranging the event.
- The Girls Gala Dance, held on March 19th, was a huge success. Over 300 students and parents attended the event.
- **Parent Conferences** will be held on April 13th and 14th.
- **Kindergarten Registration Day** will be Tuesday, April 5th

Wells Junior High School

- -**Parent Conferences** will be held on Wednesday, March 30th, from 3:00-6:30 pm.

Wells High School

- The **WHS Math Team** “Mathletes” recently placed 4th in York County with a total score of 114 points. High scorers were **Kate Macolini** with 12 points and **Kevin Finley** with 38 points!
 - Three WHS students - **Hollis Woodward, Mark Brewster, and Michael Ayotte** attended the **Maine State Skills USA** competition in Bangor on March 3 & 4. Hollis and Michael competed in the *EMS Services* category and Mark under the *Video Production* category in conjunction with their classes at Sanford Regional Technical Center.
 - The **Winter Guard A and B teams** competed in a state-wide competition at Greely High School. The **B Team** received a rating of 4 out of 5 stars. The **A Team** received a perfect score of 5 out of 5 stars making them (for the second week in a row) the highest scoring high school in the state! This weekend, the A Team moves on to New England Championships. Both teams will compete in Maine State Finals on April 3rd.
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