



# WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

May 13, 2016

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

*Although the end of the school year is in sight, we must also plan for the next. With that in mind, please see the enclosed 2016-2017 School Calendar. The calendar incorporates a one-hour early release on Wednesdays to allow for student meetings, professional development workshops, and many other activities to occur eliminating the need to begin the school year before Labor Day or to provide flexibility for snow day usage.*

*This winter, snow days added two student days to the current calendar. At their meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the School Committee voted to amend the last day of school for students. As a result, the official last day for students will be June 17<sup>th</sup> - with dismissal at half day.*

*On Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual School Budget Meeting where community members will have the opportunity to speak to, ask questions about and, hopefully, vote to accept the proposed 2016-2017 school budget. The meeting will be held in the Wells Elementary School Cafeteria beginning at 6:30pm. We hope you will be able to join us.*

*The following Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, residents will have the opportunity to approve the school budget through the Budget Validation Referendum included in the Town of Wells ballot. Polls will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm at the Wells Junior High School in Wells and the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit.*

*Celebrating the end of one year and looking to the future is a common theme during the spring in all educational settings. This was indeed evident at the Wells High School Honors Banquet held on May 10<sup>th</sup> where the following top ten graduates of the Class of 2016 were recognized:*

*Kate Macolini – Valedictorian  
Tamar Cimenian –Salutatorian  
William "Jack" Hahn  
Devyn Harding  
Anna Libby*

*Elise McCormack- Kuhman  
Seamus McDonough  
Julia Nixon  
Adrienne Perron  
Zachary Villemaire*

*My sincere congratulations to these seniors for their hard work and dedication in realizing such noteworthy achievement.*

*James P. Daly  
Superintendent of Schools*

# **Eighth Grade Recognition Night**

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm in the Ward Gym

## **ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS**

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

### Faculty/Staff –

- **Renee Savage** and **Dan MacLeod** – **WJHS Physical Education Teachers** – are recognized for their flexibility in accommodating students. They consistently go above and beyond in helping students cope with physical or emotional issues.
- **Michael Richards, Gene Halpin, and Tarik Sivonen**, – **WOCSD Technology Specialists** – for their skill, teamwork, and perseverance in recovering the use of a staff member’s laptop after a water spill. *Thank you!*

### Students –

- **Lillian Courtois**– **Grade 1** – Lillian can always be counted on to be doing what is right. She has an amazing work ethic and is a respectful first-grader!
- **Vance Dufort** –**Grade 2** – Vance completes all of his assignments on time. He loves to learn and actively participates in all subjects.
- **Mariana Molina**– **Grade 3** – Marianna stopped by Mrs. Brown’s second grade classroom and helped her clean up a large mess of math materials. Mrs. Brown indicated this was a big time saver for her to have such a nice helper!
- **David Patnaude** – **Grade 4** – David took the time to help a peer who was struggling to zip up his jacket on a cold and windy day.
- **Ariana Leighton** – **Grade 6** – Ariana has read 46 books so far this year! We are very proud of her!
- **Kara Borkowski, Michael Moseley, Kathryn Gilbert, Tyler Chase, Olivia Chase, Pierce George** and **Heath McHugh**- **Grade 6 OM team members**- are heading to the World Finals at Iowa State University from May 24-29th! **Good luck!**
- **Congratulations!**  
to the newly inducted members of the WHS National Honor Society -  
**Ryan Barber, Caeli Beecher, Emma Clarrage, Isabelle Creamer, Elizabeth Curtis, Colby Damren, Michelle Desjardins, Lauren Dewey, Zoe Emerton, Sydney Foss, Anna Furness, Seana Grealey, Katelyn Hurlburt, Danielle Jarosz, Taryn Lambert, Kayla Looper, Alyssa Loukola, Bailey Marsh, Savannah Martin, Takara McDermott, Brian McMahon, Isaac Michaud, Aimely Michaud-Nolan, Marisa Mizzoni, Alana Moisan, Hannah Moody, Madison Morin, Allyson O’Brien, Nathan Olsen, David Ouellette, Richard Patnaude, Noah Pease, Alec Pinette, Halee Ramsdell, Kaitlyn Schott, Ryan Sousa, and Emily Villemaire.**

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

### Currently posted positions:

- **Tutors** – District wide
  - **Substitutes** – grades K-12
  - **Custodian substitutes** –District wide
  - **Food Service substitutes** – District wide
- If interested, contact Diane Norton at 646-8331 or [dinorton@wocsd.org](mailto:dinorton@wocsd.org)*

### Volunteer positions:

- **District Sub-Committee / Facilities**
- If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912, or [llagasse@wocsd.org](mailto:llagasse@wocsd.org)*

## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### Professional Development

- April 15<sup>th</sup> Professional Development day for the high school teachers focused on Graduation Standards and Performance Indicators in the eight content areas. Four will be presented at the next Curriculum Council meeting.
- Math teachers in grades 6-12 attended a workshop on Eureka Math on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Curriculum

- Current curriculum is documented on the District website

### Assessment

- MEA and SAT testing are complete.
- We will continue to focus on common assessments and student learning this summer and throughout the school year.

### Other

- The PBD requirements bill – LD 1627 – has been signed by Gov. Lepage.

## **HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

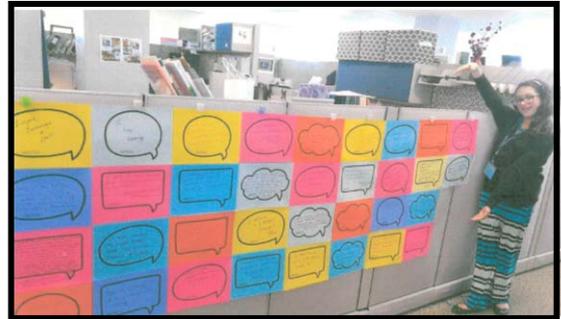
### **Wells Elementary School**

- WES held its second Volunteer Garden Day on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new flower beds have all been constructed and are ready for planting.
- The WOCSD Literary Achievement Awards were held at WES on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Students at each grade level from K-12 were recognized for their impressive skills in written expression. As always, this event was well attended.
- A huge “thank you” to the PTSA for hosting a breakfast for all staff members on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Thirty-nine (39) students were recognized with Core Value Awards for the month of April.
- Several WES students will be attending the Special Olympics on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in Yarmouth. This is a tremendous event that students and staff look forward to each year.

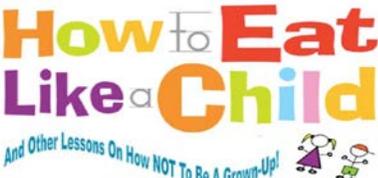
- Students in all grades are enjoying a variety of curriculum-related field trips this spring. These include: The Portland Symphony Orchestra, Laudholm Farm, the Ogunquit Museum of Art, the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, Seacoast Science Center, and our own “community helpers” – the Wells Post Office and Wells Fire and Police Depts.
- Our third graders are preparing for their spring concert on May 25<sup>th</sup> where they will display their newly acquired skills in playing the recorder. Fourth grade band students will also perform with their instruments.
- Fourth graders are rehearsing for the upcoming “Starz for Broadway” performances that are planned for June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Wells Junior High School

- On the annual *Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day*, Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, sixth-grader **Meredith Adams** shadowed her grandmother, Maine Dept. of Education English Language Arts Specialist, Morgan Dunton. Ms. Dunton and Meredith assembled a colorful paper “quilt” filled with statements from teachers about “*Why I Teach*”. The highlight of the day was a tour of the State House where Meredith was inspired to apply to be a page for the House.



Meredith Adams showcasing the “Why I Teach” quilt

- Be sure to see this year’s WJHS spring musical production, “*How to Eat Like a Child*”, directed by Josie Perkins.  


Performances are on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Tickets are \$5.
- The very talented WJHS Chorus students will perform on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Ward Gym beginning at 6:30pm

### Wells High School

- WHS was recently awarded a Silver Medal through *US News & World Report* -ranking 591 nationally (top 2% of the nation’s high schools) and 5<sup>th</sup> best high school in Maine.
- *Prom 2016* will be held at Laudholm Farm on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> showcasing the theme, “*Rustic Romance*”. The public is invited to the Grand March beginning at 3pm in the WHS gymnasium.

## Wells-Ogunquit Community School District 2016-2017 School Calendar

July 2016				
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- HOLIDAY
- Teacher Workshop - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Parent Contact Day - Nov. 8 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
- Apr. 14- HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
- NO SCHOOL
- First/Last Day
- EARLY RELEASE WED - 1 HOUR early  
WHS - release at 12:48 pm  
WJHS - release at 1:00pm  
WES - release at 2:00 pm

**177 student days**  
**184 teacher days**

August 2016				
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- July 4 Independence Day
- September 1 Teacher Workshop - NO STUDENTS
- September 2 No School
- September 6 Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- September 8 / 9 First Student Day (9/9 - 1st Day for K-BK)
- October 10 Columbus Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- November 8 Teacher Workshop/Parent Contact - NO STUDENTS
- November 11 Veteran's Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- November 23 Thanksgiving Recess begins -NO SCHOOL
- November 24-26 Thanksgiving Day & day after -NO SCHOOL
- December 23 ½ day before Christmas (year-round support staff)
- Dec 23-30 Holiday Recess
- December 26 Christmas Day

October 2016				
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April 2017				
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- January 1 New Year's Day
- January 2 New Year's Day Observed -NO SCHOOL
- January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL
- February 20 President's Day -NO SCHOOL
- February 20-24 February Vacation -NO SCHOOL

November 2016				
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May 2017				
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- April 14 Parent Contact Day - HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
- April 17-21 April Vacation -NO SCHOOL
- May 28 Memorial Day Observed -NO SCHOOL

December 2016				
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June 2017				
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- June 11 WHS Graduation
- June 12 Adult Education Graduation
- June 14 Last Day of School (tentative) - HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS