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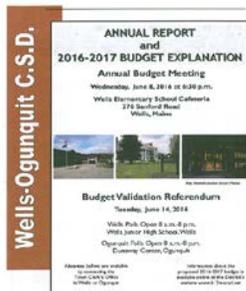
Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

May 27, 2016

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



The WOCSD's Annual Report has been mailed to all residents of Wells and Ogunquit in preparation of the annual WOCSD Budget Meeting. The Report includes information relative to the proposed 2016-2017 school budget and the warrant articles, as well as highlights of activities in each school.

The WOCSD Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Wells Elementary School Cafeteria and provides an opportunity for residents to learn details, ask questions, and ultimately vote to accept the Budget as recommended. The meeting begins at 6:30pm and is open to the public.

On the following Tuesday, June 14th, voters will be asked to approve the Budget Validation Referendum in each town. Voting sites are at the Wells Junior High School in Wells and the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit. Polls are open from 8:00am until 8:00pm.

As we wind down the end of this school year, we invite you to attend the many events taking place in each school. Concerts, field trips, Colors Day, 8th Grade Recognition Night, and, of course, WHS Graduation, are but a few of the many activities that have become a tradition in the WOCSD. Please look for dates and times for these events on your school's website.

Also a tradition this time of year, is having our very talented school bands participate in the annual Memorial Day Parades in Wells and Ogunquit. It is truly an honor for our students to be included in these solemn ceremonies that remember our many fallen heroes.

On behalf of the WOCSD, I would like to wish you all a restful and reflective holiday weekend.

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 –

- **Tim Roche – WHS Ed Tech/Coach** – for his quick action and calming presence in aiding a student. Mr. Roche successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student in distress in the high school cafeteria.

Students –

- **Carys Ramsey– Grade 1** –Carys strives hard to complete her work every day. She shows other students how to be a responsible learner!
- **Dominic Carbonneau–Grade 2** – Dominic is very helpful carrying notes or doing errands for his teacher. His helpful attitude and his quick response to requests show positive qualities of a good citizen.
- **Kyle Hansen– Grade 3** – When the secretary from Central Office arrived at WES with both arms full of materials for a district meeting, Kyle was walking into the building and ran up in front of her to hold the front door open without being asked. She was very much impressed and grateful to him!
- **Colton Harding– Grade 4** –Colton quickly helped another student clean up a mess that he didn't make.
- **Charlotte Allaire, Delia Bailey, Olivia Chase, Auggie Ciorra, Megan Cox, Avavi Curtiss, Peyton Haggerty, Sophie Killam, Ellie Meffert, Laci Raso, Kaitlyn Verge, Samantha Woodman – Grade 6** – were recently chosen as winners of the Wells Conservation Commission Poster contest. Congratulations!
- **Katy Cafaro, Leah Cluff, Stacia Gadomski, Andrew Iles, Mason Jones, Connor Lavigne, Gavyn Leighton, Dayja Nguyen, Lindsey Parker, and Sean Swanick – Grade 7-** were all recently named *Students of the Month* for the month of April. This recognition is part of the “**I CARE**” program that selects students that best exhibit **I**ntegrity, **C**urious learning, **A**ccountability, **R**esiliency, and **E**xcellence in their own education. *Congratulations!*
- **Rosemary Campenella – Grade 10** –attended the 2016 New England Young Writers' Conference at Middlebury College in Vermont last weekend. Rosemary was accepted to this prestigious conference based upon a piece of her writing. *Congratulations!*
- **Clarisse Goncalves – Grade 12** – *Congratulations* to Clarisse for passing her CNA State Exam as a high school senior! She received her CNA certificate through her studies at Sanford Regional Vocational Center. Clarisse plans to attend Massasoit College this fall with a major in EMT/Paramedic.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Tutors** – District-wide
- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Custodian substitutes** –District-wide
- **Food Service substitutes** – District-wide
- **School Nutrition Director** – 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

Professional Development

- Professional Development days on June 20th and 21st are being planned.
- Northwest Evaluation Association training will take place for teachers in Grades K-8.
- Math teachers continue to attend professional development on the Eureka math program. Sessions will be held in June and August.

Curriculum

- Math, Career and Education, Visual and Performing Arts, and World Language standards have been approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council.
- Eureka Math has been approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells High School

- **Sports Physicals** will be held on Friday, June 10th during the school day. Physicals will be offered for a fee of \$5.00. Physicals are for incoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors (current grades 9-11). FMI- contact Nurse Endsley at pendsley@wocsd.org.

- **Upcoming WHS events:**

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| ➤ Wed., June 8 th | -Academic Awards | 5:30pm |
| | -Ice Cream Social | 6:30pm |
| | -Spring Sports Awards | 7:00pm |
| ➤ Thurs., June 9 th | -Senior Scholarship Awards | 7:00pm |
| ➤ Friday, June 10 th | -Convocation (at Ogunquit Playhouse) | 4:30pm |
| ➤ Sunday, June 12 th | -Class of 2016 Graduation | 1:00pm |

Wells Junior High School

Last month, six WJHS student writers from Mrs. Esch's 8th grade class were published in The Telling Room Anthology: *Once: 40 Stories and Poems About Time*. Their pieces were selected for publication from submissions throughout Maine. They were honored on Big Night, an annual event at USM Hannaford Hall, on May 12th, where they received copies of the anthology and signed autographs.



Katie Plourde, Jordan Belanger, Matt Riegel, (teacher, Julie Esch), Alexis Howes, Brian Roberts, and Wyatt Rowe.

To hear students' poems, check out:

<http://soundcloud.com/tellingroom>

Anthologies will be sold in local bookstores, and at tellingroom.org/store. All proceeds from the sale of Telling Room books support free writing programs for Maine youth. *Congratulations to these published writers!*

Wells Elementary School

- Fourth Graders enjoyed a curriculum-based field trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts on May 10th.
- Under the direction of STEM teacher, Henry Ingwersen, 3rd and 4th graders have been studying *life cycles, habitats and the life functions of living things* in the vernal pool behind the building. In addition, they planted vegetables in the new renovated school garden beds.
- Third Graders and Multiage 3-4 visited Laudholm Farm, aligned to their Life Sciences unit of study.
- WES School Nurse, Adrienne Zwetsloot, was honored recently as part of National School Nurses' Day on May 11th.
- Students' artistic talents were highlighted at The Barn Gallery Exhibit in Ogunquit on May 6th and 7th.
- The PTSA held a wonderful staff breakfast at WES on Friday, May 6th, as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.

