



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

June 14, 2016

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

It is hard to believe that when I came to Wells nine years ago, the students in this year's graduating class were only third graders. (In fact, I remember reading a book about baseball to them that year!) Now they are young adults ready to move on to college, enter the workforce or serve our country in the military.

As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child". This is also true in the school setting. Over the years, the Wells-Ogunquit Schools have influenced these students in many ways allowing them to evolve into responsible, caring, and community-minded citizens. These graduates are truly fortunate to have received support from such a dedicated school staff, as well as from such a nurturing community – each committed to providing the best educational opportunities possible.

It is with heartfelt pride that I congratulate the entire Class of 2016 and wish them success and happiness as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

*James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools*



Members of the Class of 2016

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff -

- **Sandy Brennan (WES), Vanessa White-Capelluti (WHS), Emily Knight (WHS), and Bruce Fearon (WJHS)** – are recognized for encouraging their students to participate in the 17th Annual Wells Conservation Commission Student Art Awards Program. This year 68 students from the WOCSD were named Merit Award winners in the competition.
- **Marty Cryer – WES Computer Lab Teacher** – for assisting a 4th grade student with his "Teach the Class" presentation. She coached the student on how to log in at home, how to convert a PowerPoint to Google Slides, and helped him upload videos from a flash drive. The student and his mom were very appreciative!

Students -

- Gauge Shepard – Grade 1** – Gauge is respectful and compassionate to all. He includes everyone in all activities and makes sure everyone feels involved.
- Ainslie Donovan – Grade 2** – Ainslie is truly responsible about finishing her work and doing her best!
- Matthew Flagg – Grade 3** – Matthew demonstrated responsibility by picking up the balls on the playground without being asked!
- Colby Sevigney – Grade 4** – Colby has consistently pushed himself throughout the year with his learning. He asks great questions and has amazing participation!
- **Lauren Dunham– Grade 6** – has read 101 books this school year! As far as we can tell, this is the most books ever read by a sixth-grader at WJHS! **Way to go, Lauren!!**
- **Brandon Lucier – Grade 7; Henry Thiffault – Grade 8; and Everette Allen – Grade 8** – voluntarily stayed to help the custodians clean up the entire gym after the Chorus concert on May 26th. They helped out without even being asked to do so!
- **Rosemary Campenella – Grade 10-** finished a runner-up in the State Class B Girls Individual Tennis Championships held at the Portland Racket and Fitness Center on May 30th. She led the #1 seed 4-0 in the semi-finals, when her opponent was forced to resign due to an injury. After receiving a buy in the 1st round, Rosemary won her first two matches leading to the semi-finals. Rosemary was also named a 1st Team Western Maine Conference All-Star! **Congratulations, Rosemary!**
- Wes Moody, Mitch Libby, Hatim Sharaf and Zander Lumenello –WHS Boys 4x400m relay team members-** won the 2016 State title! **Congratulations!**
- **Hatim Sharaf, Nick Maynard, Tyler Dewey and Alec Pinette – WHS Boys 4x100m relay team members–** placed second at the State meet. **Congratulations!**
- Madison Szczygiel – WHS Girls Track** - had a great run with a time of 2:23.21 in the 800m at the New England High School Outdoor Track and Field Championships in New Britain, Connecticut on June 11th.

Alumni-

- **Kelly Beisswanger –Class of 2012 Valedictorian-** graduated last month from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and was awarded the university's "Salisbury Prize" for academic excellence! She was one of only 20 undergraduate students – out of a class of more than 900 – that were nominated by the faculty. The *Salisbury* award recognizes outstanding members of the senior class "who have faithfully, industriously, and with distinguished attainment" completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Congratulations, Kelly!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Tutors** – District-wide
- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Custodian substitutes** –District-wide
- **Food Service substitutes** – District-wide
- **Wells Junior High Principal** – WJHS
- **Ed Tech II** – WJHS

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

- Wells-Ogunquit CSD has partnered with Saint Joseph's College. Their online programs, through the Office of Continuing Education and Training, will help us meet the educational needs of our teachers. They offer discounted rates and support district professional development.
- We are seeking a parent to serve on the WJHS Principal Interview Committee on June 29th. Please contact Stacey Schatzabel at sschatzabel@wocsd.org if you are interested.
- Danielson Framework Newsletter ([please click here for Newsletter](#))

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells High School

- The **Class of 2016** graduated on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Warrior Memorial Field. A total of 108 students received their diplomas – representing **100%** of the class!!!
Congratulations!
- The Boys Outdoor Track and Field team won the Western Maine Conference Division II Championship for the second year in a row at Lake Region on May 28th. The Team finished 11th out of 26 teams at the State Class B meet.

- The Softball team earned the #9 seed in the Class B South Tournament and won the first round against Gray New Gloucester with a score of 12-5 on June 8th. The Team lost 4-3 in nine innings at top-ranked York on June 9th.
- The Baseball team earned the #8 seed in the baseball Class B South Tournament. They lost in the quarterfinals at Cape Elizabeth on June 9.

Wells Junior High School

- The entire school – students, faculty, and staff – attended a Seadogs game on June 2nd.
- Grade 5 students enjoyed a field trip the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland last week
- Eighth Grade Recognition Night will be held on Thursday, June 16th

Wells Elementary School

- Forty-six (46) students earned Core Value awards for the month of May
- On May 20th, Dr. Nadeau visited 1st grade students and provided them with dental health instruction
- On May 27th, **Sparks Arks** visited WES and brought with them several interesting animals that they shared with all Kindergarten classrooms
- Grade 1 and Multiage 1-2 students spent a day on the tidal flats at the Seacoast Science Center
- Colors Day – Thursday, June 16th
- Step-Up Day – Friday, June 17th - 10:00-10:20 am

Adult Ed

- Graduation ceremonies for Adult Education students were held on Monday, June 13th. One student received a high school diploma and eight received a HiSET Equivalency certificate.

LAST STUDENT DAY - Friday, June 17th (Half Day)

Have a wonderful summer!