



# WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

January 12, 2016

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

I sincerely hope each of our students and families had a wonderful holiday break! We have seen tremendous community service and overwhelming community support during the holiday season throughout the WOCSD.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our Lady Warrior Basketball teams and coaches. The Lady Warriors will host the annual "Shootin' for a Cure" event for Breast Cancer Awareness. This Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am – 3:00pm, players from Wells Elementary, Wells Junior High, and Wells High School – as well as, Wells Rec programs – will shoot free throws to raise money to benefit the Awareness program. Later that day, the high school Varsity Lady Warriors will play against Traip Academy at 7pm and present a check to York Hospital at the game. The Lady Warriors have raised \$160,000 over the last six years! We are proud of our student athletes and coaches, and the community, for their efforts and dedication to this great cause!

It has been a very busy few months - developing the 2016-2017 school budget, planning the 2016-2017 school calendar, and preparing for the move from the existing Wells High School to the new building. Additionally, we are planning for the renovation of the auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium, and art classrooms. The new building and renovations will provide the students from Wells and Ogunquit with a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment and state-of-the-art facility.

I would like to thank you all for your support of our students and the school community. In addition to having a great student body and staff, we are fortunate to live in a community that supports education and student activities.

As we begin 2016, my hope is that each student, faculty, staff, and administrator has set new personal goals to be achieved during the second half of the school year. Whatever your "New Year Resolution" may be, I hope it provides you with continued enrichment in your life.

Happy New Year!

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-

- **Sara Littlefield** and **Jennifer Sanna, WHS Cheering Coaches**, for their guidance and superb coaching skills in bringing home another Western Maine Conference Championship title to WHS. The Varsity team was named WMC Champions at the competition held on Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Students —

- **Jesse Pullen – WES Grade 1** – was recognized for bringing a friend's lunch box in from the playground when his friend forgot it. He routinely seeks out a different peer to sit with at lunch.
- **Drew McLaughlin– WES Grade 2** – was recognized as a student who is consistently kind and supportive of all classmates.
- **Garrett Bohn- WES Grade 4** – was recognized for picking up crushed crackers on the floor in the main corridor, without being asked.
- **Landon Lessard – WJHS Grade 5** –noticed a table left unclean by the students who had used it in the lunchroom (students are expected to clean up after themselves). Landon voluntarily asked the adult on duty if he could help by cleaning that table in addition to his own.
- **Tristan Michaud-Nolan- WJHS Grade 6** –placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the December Math meet.

- **Gavyn Leighton** – WJHS Grade 7 –placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the December Math meet.
- **Tyler Evans** – WJHS Grade 8 –placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the December Math meet.
- **Kai Rosenberg, Alyssa Wallingford, Jonah Potter, Timothy Martell, Colby White, Jaiden Greaves, Heaven Conley, Amasian Conley, Kadia Thompson, Emily Jarvis, Summer Sayward, Lily Clough, Antonia Decato** – WJHS Grades 7 & 8 -were recently accepted to the York County Junior High Music Festival to be held in Old Orchard Beach on February 5 & 6, 2016. *Congratulations!*
- **Cullen Cummings** – WHS Grade 11- placed 4th at the highly competitive Atlantic Invitational Wrestling Tournament in December. Cullen won his weight class and earned the *Sean Sheehy Award* as the Outstanding Wrestler.
- **Michael Wrigley** – WHS Grade 10 - was named one of the *25 Top Wrestlers to Watch* by the Portland Press Herald in December. This is an elite selection by the Herald.
- **Nathaniel Hayward** – WHS Grade 11 - placed 1st at the Swim & Dive meet on January 2nd. He scored his personal best of 205.9, which is also a school record. Also, in his 1st meet on December 18th, he qualified for States.

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

### Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Custodian substitutes** –District wide
- **Spring Drama Director** – Wells Junior High School  
*If interested, please contact Diane Norton at 646-8331, or visit the WOCSD webpage.*
- **Math Instructor** – Adult Ed  
*If interested, please contact Lisa Crothers or Sue Cayford at 646-4565.*

### Volunteer positions:

- **District Sub-Committee / Facilities**  
*If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912, or [llagasse@wocsd.org](mailto:llagasse@wocsd.org)*
- **Reading Skills** – Adult Ed  
*If interested, please contact Lisa Crothers or Sue Cayford at 646-4565.*

## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

- Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) have been reviewed and feedback has been given to teachers
- Math Vertical Teams met on December 21, 2015
- Documented Curriculum has been put on a new website
- Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Website has been created
- GT application has final approval-updated the website
- Piloting the NWEA-Primary Measures of Academic Progress at Wells Elementary School
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

## **HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

### **Wells High School** –

- Trimester 1 ended with 216 students being named to the honor roll. This equates to approximately 50% of the student population!
- The planned move to the new building is scheduled for the weekend of Jan 15-18. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO SCHOOL for high school students ONLY on Tuesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- The **Sprint Medley Relay** team, comprised of Wells High School sophomore **Bailey Morrison**, freshman **Hailey Smith**, junior **Elana Fortin** and sophomore **Madison Szczygiel**, broke the school record with a time of 4:47.93 at the University of Southern Maine Relays held on December 26th. The previous record was set in the 2007-08 season. Bailey Morrison also automatically qualified for the State meet in the Long Jump with a personal best 15'3" jump.
- **Kaylei Ayer, Caeli Beecher, Casey Bernhardt, Sarah Boston, Brianna Crocker, Rose Fanning, Seana Grealey, Katelyn Greenwood, Kellie Haggerty, Devyn Harding, Olivia Holdsworth, Allyson Howard, Alayna Iriana, Caitlin LaChance, Madison Lavelle, Alana Moisan, Margaret Patterson, Jade Perkins, Gabrielle Peters, and Jasmine Webber** - WHS Varsity Cheerleaders - won the Western Maine Conference Championships on Saturday, January 9th.

- ***It's Turkey Dinner Time!*** Please help support the Music Boosters as they host their first Turkey Dinner of the season – Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 5-7 pm at St. Mary's Church on Eldridge Road. Adults: \$10/ Sr. Citizens: \$8/ Children: \$6. All proceeds benefit the WHS Warrior Band.

### **Wells Junior High School**

- The Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- The Geography Bee will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am.
- Progress Reports will be mailed home on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wells Elementary School**

- The Kindergarten Winter Concert delighted an audience of nearly 300 people on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Fourth grade band students impressed their audience with their newly acquired instrumental skills on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Stapleton's, Mrs. Bush's, and Ms. Brown's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students held a SKYPE discussion with ***Evan Peterson's*** dad who is serving our country in Qatar (located in the northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula). They ended the session by singing several holiday songs for him.
- In memory of our cherished colleague, ***Bob Sprankle***, the WES staff has established a scholarship to be awarded to two (2) WHS seniors – one who plans to major in education, and another who chooses to pursue a degree in technology.

### **Adult Ed**

- The WOACE is collaborating with local emergency services to offer related programming.

## **WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The BIG MOVE into the new building will take place over the weekend – Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be **NO SCHOOL FOR WHS STUDENTS ONLY** on Tuesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> to allow faculty and staff a day to settle in to the new building.

**PLEASE SEE PHOTOS BELOW**

# WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



