



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

January 26, 2016

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

The move to the new high school building was completed over the weekend of Jan. 16-18th. I would like to thank the community members of Wells and Ogunquit, the WOCSD School Committee, and the faculty/staff of Wells High School for their constant support of this project. Our students have acclimated quickly to their new state-of-the-art environment and are looking forward to the next two phases of renovation.

They say, "*many hands make light the work*" –and that has been especially true during the transition into the new building. We appreciate the efforts of many who have facilitated the physical move– in particular, **WHS Custodial Staff John Murray, Steve Sevigney, Dan Stone, Donna Hammond, and Chad Daly**; also **WHS Principal, Eileen Sheehy** and **Asst. Principal, Josh Gould** for their constant dedication to the project; and also, students, **Taryn Lambert** and **Anna Furness**, who cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

Congratulations to the **Wells High School Cheerleaders** and coaches, **Sara Littlefield** and **Jennifer Sanna**. The Cheerleaders were named *2016 Western Maine Conference Champions*. The team will now continue on to compete at the State level, having placed 4th at the Regionals.

Our Public Information Officer, **Reg Bennett**, was recently highlighted in the January 6th issue of the York County Coast Star as the *WOCSD "Media Man"*. In the past 14 years, Mr. Bennett has written hundreds of articles spotlighting the many student achievements and events that take place in the District. Thank you, Reg, for your dedication and commitment to the WOCSD community!

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-

- **John Murray, Steve Sevigney, Dan Stone, Donna Hammond, Chad Daly** –WHS Custodial Staff
- **Reg Bennett** – WOCSD Public Information Officer
- **Betsi Johnson** – WJHS Food Service Specialist
- **Bob Winn** – WJHS Faculty
- **Sarah Littlefield** and **Jennifer Sanna** – WHS Cheerleading Coaches

Students –

- **Aaron Bourque (Grade 1)** – Showing compassion, Aaron invited another student to join his math group when the student didn't have a partner.
- **Rachel Hubacz (Grade 2)** – Rachel supported a friend during "Reading Buddy" time by helping her understand the story. She encouraged her friend to follow along as she read the story aloud.
- **Ellie Moore (Grade 3)** – Ellie has offered to help out the classroom many times. She is also hard working and perseveres through tasks.
- **Kai Rosenberg (Grade 7)** – is recognized for helping a new student. He made sure the student knew where to go, had someone to sit with at lunch, and knew how to open his locker.
- **Logan Bedell, Graham Bridges, Kylie Nguyen, Fran Ramsdell, Sarah Webb, and Bella Zurlo (Grade 8 Band)** -were recently accepted to the York County Junior High Music Festival to be held in Old Orchard Beach on February 5 & 6, 2016. *Congratulations!*
- **Angela Leone and Elise McCormack-Kuhman (Grade 12) and Elana Fortin (Grade 11)** – for receiving the regional Scholastic Art Awards and representing the State of Maine in this competition. Angela and Elana were recognized for their photography, and Elise for one of her drawings. Angela's photo will be on display at the Maine College of Art in Portland from Jan. 23rd to Feb. 13th.
- **Anna Libby, Emma Huber-Young, Zoe Angelakis, and Harrison Woodman – (WHS Chorus)** – have been accepted to participate in the District 1 Music Festival at Noble HS, January 29th and 30th. *Congratulations!*

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
- **Reading Skills** – Adult Ed
If interested, please contact Lisa Crothers or Sue Cayford at 646-4565.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- *District Course on Assessment* is being offered by Linda Gaidimas and Stacey Schatzabel
- Southern Maine Partnership is holding a three-part assessment series that many of our teachers will be attending
- We continue to work on developing our Wells-Ogunquit Content Graduation Standards
- The Leadership team has planned the February 12th professional development. The day will focus on Safety Care, Grade-level Performance Indicators and Curriculum Work, and Student Learning.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- Prior to the December school recess, WES featured its third annual "Winter Fable." The 40-minute production was a dramatization and celebration of one of the district's core values, "compassion." The event also reinforced understanding and appreciation for others around the holiday. Several WES staff members, students, and former students participated.
- With the recent snow, students are having a great time sledding during recess on LL Bean sleds donated by the PTSA.

- The ***Spindrifters Jump Rope Team*** will be visiting WES on January 27th. The Team, sponsored by the American Heart Assoc., consists of boys and girls (ages 8-14) from the South Bristol School. They are a demonstration team promoting the health benefits and fun of jumping. Their visit supports the WES's annual *Jump Rope for Heart* event.

Wells Junior High School

- Aaron Wynne , Tania Riegelman , and Colleen Tourigny began internships this month under the guidance of faculty members, Susie Dugovic and Victoria Boulger.

Wells High School –

- ***Get a Head Start on Your Spring Cleaning!*** Please help support the **Wells Winter Guard Teams** by donating your used clothing and other items. The Teams are sponsoring a textile drive (in cooperation with the Epilepsy Foundation) in an effort to raise money for their upcoming trips to New Jersey and Ohio for regional and world competitions. Acceptable items include: clothing, shoes, purses, linens, towels, bedding, fabric, costumes, etc. Collection barrels will be available at each school and at the Supts. Office through the month of February.

WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The BIG MOVE into the new building took place over the weekend – Jan. 16th – 19th.

Open House schedule for Feb. 4th and 9th – 6:30-7:30pm – public is invited.

NEXT MONTH- information regarding the next phase of renovations