



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

October 13, 2015

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family enjoying good health and wellness. We have had a terrific fall here in the WOCS D.

I would like to congratulate all of our fall athletic teams on a successful season. Congratulations, also, to our fall activities on an outstanding and on-going fall season. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication!

Good luck to our **WHS Cross Country Team** and **Coach Winn** in the upcoming Western Maine Conference Championship to be held at St. Joseph's College on Friday, October 16th at 3pm.

Again, thank you for your support of our students and schools. We hope to see you at upcoming events and activities!

PLEASE NOTE:

During the next two weeks, the Town of Wells will be completing construction/installation of a natural gas line. This will impact WJHS front/back parking lots and the access road. Installation should be complete in two days.

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Linda Gaidimas** – WJHS
- **Angela Norton** – WJHS
- **Jay Moore** – WOCSD
- **Robert Griffin** – WJHS
- **Mark Lewia** – WHS
- **Christine Yeomelakis** – WES
- **Melissa Stapleton** – WES
- **Jen Lewia** – WHS
- **Terre Webster** - WHS

Students –

- **Makayla Moore** – WES student – demonstrates responsibility daily in the classroom. Specifically, at the end of the day, she makes a point to help organize the room by stacking chairs and by setting up the lunch count for the next day. A very responsible helper!
- **Kendall Maxon** – WES student – demonstrated compassion when a fellow classmate dropped his snack in the hallway. Kendall immediately jumped into action to make sure the student was okay. Then she proceeded to find a broom and dust pan to help clean up the mess. What a great friend!
- **Eliza Arwood** – WES student – recognized for assuming the responsibility of preparing the lunch poster for the next day. She does this after she is packed up and ready to go. She moves numbered clothespins from various spots on the lunch poster and puts them all on the bottom, in sequence, so the poster is ready for the lunch count the next day!
- **Jimmy Ackerman** – WJHS student – is recognized for his kindness and patience in assisting another student. The student receiving the help was very appreciative!
- **Aiden Wood** – WJHS student –for being responsible for his learning. He shyly thanked Ms. Esch for her help and it made her day!
- **Adrienne Perron, Anna Libby, and Mallory Cashman** – WHS Color Guard members – will be highlighted on WCSH6's 207 program on October 13th. The trio have also been selected to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City on November 26th.
- **Tom Bucacci** – WHS Golf Team member – Tom recorded a hole-in-one on Hole #15 during his Western Maine Conference qualifier. *Congratulations on this tremendous accomplishment!*

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- Substitutes – grades K-12
- Custodian substitutes

If interested, please contact Diane Norton at 646-8331, or visit the WOCSD webpage.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Professional Development days were a success! The energy, work, dedication, professionalism, skill, and knowledge witnessed over the two days was powerful. Both days were filled with learning, good discussion, and meaningful professional development.
- A big thank you to all the staff who presented workshops.
- Administrators continue to work with the Danielson Framework as they calibrate their observation skills.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells High School –

- A huge thank you to all members of our community who helped to make this year's Military Appreciation Football game a great success! A special thank you to coaches, **Tim Roche** and **Josh Gould**, for their organization of this great event.
Proceeds from the game will benefit the Travis Mills Foundation. Learn more about the Foundation on line at www.travismills.org

Wells Junior High

- The Fall Drama production "**Black & White Night**" will highlight many one-act performances. Performance dates are: **October 23rd and 24th** at 7pm.
- The Fifth Grade will travel to Augusta to the State House and Maine State Museum. Representative Robert Foley will meet with the students during the tour.

Wells Elementary School

- The first K-4 Assembly of the school year focused on *Responsibility*. Fourth graders from Ms. Lear's class creatively shared their understanding of the meaning of responsibility. Students viewed videos of WES peers demonstrating

responsible behaviors. Forty-four students were honored for showing one or more of the five WOCSD Core Values.

- WES Physical Education Teacher, **Kathy Calo**, has been nominated as this year's "Jump Rope for Heart – Coordinator of the Year". This is based on her continuous leadership, enthusiasm, and effort in the program. Thanks to Kathy's consistent direction and organizational skills – Wells Elementary has raised over \$200,000 in the past 29 years!
- Students in the Bridges I program held their first Bridges Café bake sale that included homemade treats that were available for purchase by staff. Social skills, math skills, and communication skills are enhanced through this authentic experience!

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

➤ **Wells High School**

- ***Exterior Progress***

- trim and window casing ready for paint
- fence work – *ongoing*
- landscaping - *ongoing*

- ***New Construction***

- Third Floor**

- begin flooring in classrooms and corridors
- installation of cabinetry and molding, trim, etc.
- installation of classroom doors

- **Second Floor**

- painting of classrooms and corridors
- installation of cabinetry – *beginning*
- installation of floors

- **First Floor**

- painting of classrooms and corridors
- installation of cabinetry - *beginning*

- **Renovations**

- Locker Rooms –*ongoing* – items scheduled for 8/15 not fully complete
- many items deemed inadequate – *will be redone Spring/Summer of 2016*

(PLEASE SEE PHOTOS BELOW)

