



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

October 27, 2015

Dear WOCSD Parents/Guardians:

The safety of all students is our number one priority in the Wells/Ogunquit Community School District. Part of keeping students safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times. To that end, we are implementing a new district-wide check-in and check-out procedure at Wells Junior High and Wells Elementary Schools, and at Wells High School when the new section of the building opens in December of 2015. This letter is an explanation of these new procedures.

For the last couple of years, District safety has been a top priority. We have been asked to find a way to improve the visitor management process at all (3) schools. The goal was to create a consistent and safe visitor procedure that could then be implemented at all buildings in the district. We will now keep track of people coming into our buildings by using visitor management technology.

You may have heard about the "Raptor" Visitor Management software piloted throughout the nation. This new visitor management software will:

- Electronically log visitors at check-in
- Print visitor badges
- Screen all visitors against a national sex offender database
- Provide real-time offender alerts

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

Here's what to expect when you visit any school building in our district during regular school hours:

- First-time access to a building will require that we scan your driver's license or photo ID to register you in the system
- Upon approval and a photo match, an ID badge will print
- Hand the office Administrative Assistant your photo ID and keys
- Your ID and keys will be kept at the office until you check out of the building

We are making these changes district-wide to help insure the safety of all students and staff. Administrators and administrative assistants at every building are in training now on the new visitor management software. Our goal is to make checking in and checking out as hassle-free as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we implement this new procedure. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Our students' safety is also important outside the school setting. Keeping that in mind, the Wells Elementary School will be hosting a school-wide assembly on *Halloween Safety* on **Friday, October 30th**.

As the Fall sports season draws to a close, I am pleased to announce that the **WHS Boys Cross Country** team was named *2015 WMC Champions*. Congratulations to *Coach Bob Winn* and team members, *Connor Littlefield, Tom Crothers, Dylan Danielson, Brian McMahon, Wes Moody, Matt Buonanno, Kyle Crothers, Quentin Curtiss, Mitch Libby, Nick Maynard, Mitch Stapleton, Matt Chase, James Crothers, Noah McAvoy, and Corey Dunham*.

Student activities this weekend include:

- **Friday, Oct. 30th** - Class C South Quarterfinals Varsity Football game with #3 Wells hosting #6 Poland Regional. Kickoff at 7pm.
- **Saturday, Oct. 31st** -Maine State Cross Country Championships – Twin Brook Recreation Area, Cumberland – girls begin at 12:30pm and boys at 1:15pm
- **Saturday, Oct. 31st** -MBDA State Finals -Warrior Band and Color Guard will be held at Thornton Academy in Saco beginning at 5pm.

The continued support of parents, faculty, staff, coaches and community members is an important part of what makes the Wells-Ogunquit School District a safe and nurturing environment for our children.

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-

- **Dan MacLeod** – WJHS
- **Tasha Potter**– WJHS
- **Cindy Roche**– WHS
- **Betsy Littlefield**– WHS
- **Kathy Calo**– WES
- **Nancy Beisswanger** - WES
- **Coach Bob Winn**- WHS Cross Country Team

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Students –

- ***Evan Chase*** – *WES Grade 2* – was recognized as being **responsible** because he followed expected behaviors when the class was practicing Daily Five.
- ***Hunter Kriste*** – *WES Grade 2* – was recognized as being **responsible** because he helped another student understand directions while the teacher was assisting others.
- ***Jameson Moulton*** – *WES Grade 4* – was recognized as being **responsible** because he helps clean up the STEM lab without being asked.
- ***Wesley Moody*** – WHS Cross Country team member – WMC Championships- 4th place with a time of 17:55
- ***Mitch Stapleton*** – WHS Cross Country team member – WMC Championships – 7th place
- ***Mitch Libby*** – WHS Cross Country team member – WMC Championships – 9th place
- ***Brian McMahon*** – WHS Cross Country team member – WMC Championships – 13th place
- ***Connor Littlefield*** – WHS Cross Country team member – WMC Championships – 15th place

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.

Volunteer positions:

- District Sub-Committee / Curriculum
- District Sub-Committee / Facilities

If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912, or llagasse@wocsd.org

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- **Seeking community members to join the District Curriculum Committee.**
The focus of this committee is the implementation of Maine law, Title 20-A, section 4722-A. We will address policy and curriculum revisions as needed. Meeting dates are **December 1, March 1, and May 3** from 3:15-4:30 at Central Office. If interested, please email Dir. Schatzabel at sschatzabel@wocsd.org.
- Staff were surveyed about **Student Learning Objective** professional development. We will provide ongoing support as they implement SLOs as part of the PEPG (Educator Effectiveness) System.
- Focusing on Danielson Framework Domain 3-Instruction & Assessment
(*Please click on the link below to read the October newsletter*)
[DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER - OCT 2015](#)

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells High School –

- Wells High School science teacher, **Chrys Demos**, invited prosthetist-orthoptist, **Jerald Cunningham**, to visit the STEM class for an in-depth discussion of how science and engineering shapes the work and medical advances in the area of prosthetic research and development. This was a great presentation and conversation!
- The **WHS Football team** will compete in the Class C South Quarterfinals on Friday, October 30th. #3 Wells hosts #6 Poland at Warrior Memorial Field - kickoff at 7pm.
- The WHS Cross Country Team had several members place at the Regional Championships. Congratulations to: **Mitch Libby** who placed 16th, **Anna Libby** who placed 18th, and **Wes Moody** who placed 24th
- The **WHS Boys Cross Country** team placed 6th in the Regional Championships.

The Team was also named the **2015 Western Maine Conference Champions** and will compete at the State finals on Saturday, October 31st at Twin Brook Recreation Center, 185 Tuttle Road, in Cumberland.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Junior High

- Several Wells Junior High Students began assisting elementary teachers in their classrooms starting last week. The group of volunteers (organized by Ms. Maryanne Foley, District Volunteer Coord) consists of ***Elizabeth Couture, Laci Raso, Isabel Martin, Santiago Fitch-Cury, Jackson Knobloc, Alyssa Robie, Adam Shaikh, Emma Hollins, Jonah Curley, Colin Butters, Rosie Norton, Isabella Bazata, Nicole Perkins, Alyssa Wheeler, Lily Tomaszewski, Rielly Delucca, Maya Olin, Precious Nickless, Ali Saporito, Tiffany Vevmany, Alivia Norris, Amelia Rider, Lucy Breton, Brayden Fazzina, Brandon Lucier, Summer Sullivan, Michael Lewinski, Kenna Olsen, Landon Lessard, Kelci Nguyen, Jackson Meagher, Molly-Kate Dempsey, Elise Chandler, Evyn Lally, Riley Bolton-Boucher, Lily Heyland, Marina Villator, Luke Chamalian, Sara Hayden, Ava Kreie, Elizabeth Bradish, Ella McLaughlin, Max Rosenberg, Chloe Carbonneau, Jenna Knobloc, Hunter Hood, Mary Gilliland, Adian Green, Nathan Coleman, Meagan Towne, Anna Woodward, Alaina Stivaletta, Beck Worthing, and Belle Norton.***

Wells Elementary School

- **Bus Driver Appreciation Week** was observed from October 19th -October 23rd. Wells Elementary students drew pictures and wrote letters of appreciation to their drivers and personally delivered them during dismissal. Each day drivers received cards from a different grade level.
- The **Teen Trendsetters** program matches Wells High School students with struggling 1st grade readers for weekly reading tutorials. This year's program began on October 23rd. High school students are trained and provided with age-appropriate materials. Each first grader goes home with a new book they may keep almost every week.
- The new **WES Focus Group** initiative provides 30 minutes of focused small-group instructional support and/or extensions daily for all students throughout the school. The targeted skills for each Focus Group align with the curriculum and instruction happening in the classrooms. Students are placed in one of the Focus Groups, based on assessment data and teacher recommendations. Groups meet on Days 1-5 in our six-day cycle. The targeted skills and student groups will change very six weeks.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

➤ **Wells High School**

- ***Exterior Progress***

- trim and window casing ready for paint

- ***New Construction***

- Third Floor**

- flooring in classrooms and corridors – *in progress*

- installation of cabinetry and molding – *complete*

- installation of counters/tops - *delayed*

- installation of classroom doors -*complete*

- **Second Floor**

- painting of classrooms and corridors continuing – *60% complete*

- installation of cabinetry – *in progress*

- installation of flooring – *in progress*

- **First Floor**

- painting of classrooms and corridors –*on-going*

- installation of cabinetry – *in progress*

- Common Area – *drywall 80% complete*

- installation of doors and hardware – *in progress*

➤ **Wells Junior High/Wells Town Library Parking Lot**

- Installation of **natural gas pipeline connection** – *in progress*

(PLEASE SEE PHOTOS BELOW)

WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



