



# WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

November 24, 2015

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

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, I had the opportunity to attend Wells Junior High's annual Thanksgiving luncheon for senior citizens. This marked the 21<sup>st</sup> year that WJHS students, staff, and others have volunteered their time and talents for this community event - serving over 500 meals to area senior residents. The excitement and energy in the room was astounding!

Throughout this fall, as I have been visiting our schools, I am also seeing the high energy, and excitement and creativity taking place in our classrooms. Our community is full of dedicated individuals who are committed to making sure our students receive the highest quality education and best school experience possible. It is truly a privilege to be part of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District and witness this positive atmosphere each day!

As we prepare for Thanksgiving break, it is important to take time to reflect and thank those people important in our lives. I would like to express my gratitude to the many students, staff, parents, and community members that dedicate and contribute so much to our school community each and every day.

On behalf of my family, the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, and the WOCSD School Committee, I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Please be safe during the holiday break and enjoy your time with loved ones, family, and friends.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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-

- **Becky Murphy –WHS**
- **Becca Redman – WHS**
- **Zach Beisswanger – WHS**
- **John Murray – WHS**
- **Emily Crippen- WES**
- **Lauren Rivera – WES**
- **Marty Cryer – WES**
- **Diane Norton – CO**
- **Jan Wydra – CO**

**A special thanks to all the WJHS staff and others who gave their time and talents to help with the Senior Thanksgiving meal:**

### Baking Pies-

- **Linda Gaidimas**
- **Anne Gallo**
- **Bob McBreen (volunteer)**
- **Alyse Trainor**
- **Christine Durocher**
- **Vicki Aldridge**

### Pre-event Set Up-

- **Emilio Casaneuva**
- **Susie Dugovic**
- **Beth Cilluffo**
- **Kerry Georgitis**
- **Aaron Wynne (intern)**
- **Julie Esch**
- **Emily Frisbee (intern)**
- **Rhonda Falconer**
- **Tasha Potter**
- **Angie Norton**
- **Carroll Crouch**

### Valet Parking-

- **Dawn Valente- (Adult Coord)**
- **Tyler Bartlett – (WHS Gr 12)**
- **Kent Kellar – (WHS Gr 12)**
- **Logan Harrington- (WHS Gr 12)**
- **Julia Nixon- (WHS Gr 12)**
- **Hannah Woodman – (WHS Gr 12)**
- **Scot Surprenant- (WHS Gr 12)**

### Sunday Meal Day-

- **Tim Martel – pianist (WJH Gr 8)**
- **Kerry Georgitis**
- **Beth Cilluffo**
- **Linda Gaidimas**
- **Julie Esch**
- **Emily Frisbee (intern)**
- **Susie Dugovic**
- **Bob Griffin**
- **Rhonda Falconer**
- **Anne Gallo**
- **Tasha Potter**
- **Vicki Aldridge**
- **Angie Norton**
- **Carroll Crouch**
- **Stacey Schatzabel (WOCSD)**
- **Tyler Goodwin**
- **Betsi Johnson**
- **Christel Hutchins**
- **Amy Cyr**
- **Hugette St. Pierre**
- **Theresa Goodwin- (WHS Gr 9)**
- **Kristen Perry – (WHS Gr 9)**

### After Meal Clean Up-

- **Gus Madsen**
- **Joel Foley**

## Students —

- **Greyson Gaines – WES Grade 1** – was recognized for picking up an apple from the playground, which he put in the trash. It was nice to see him keeping our playground clean!
- **Jesse Pullen – WES Grade 1** – was recognized for consistently demonstrating the behaviors of a responsible learner and a good friend.
- **Jacy Brown – WES Grade 2** – was recognized for being a great helper in her classroom. She supports classmates who are struggling or confused. She offers to do jobs as they are needed.
- **Owen Madsen – WJHS Grade 5** – for cleaning up the outside area during recess.
- **Lily Tomaszewski, Kasie Keene, Heaven Wing, and Ryan Chase – WJHS Grade 5** – these students are recognized for homework responsibility and their dedication to their school work.
- **Iceseas Hanson – WJHS Grade 6** – is recognized for her many acts of kindness towards her fellow students.
- Congratulations to the following **WHS students** for demonstrating excellence in school, citizenship, and/or leadership. They were honored at the first **Breakfast of Champions** celebration of the school year that took place on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. :

**Caleb Chase**

**Elizabeth Hubbard**

**Kaylee Hollins**

**Katie Reidy**

**Marisa Mizzoni**

**Isabelle Creamer**

**Jennifer Erwin**

**Gary Andrews**

**Tanya Cimenian**

**Caleb Heyland**

**Ethan Huber-Young**

**Mitchel Stapleton**

**Samantha Metzler**

## 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 / Facilities

If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912, or [llagasse@wocsd.org](mailto:llagasse@wocsd.org)

## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

- Content Area Teams continue to work on Graduation Standards.
- Continued focus on Teacher Evaluation System (PEPG). Principals are working on observer inter-rater reliability and teachers are completing their Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).
- Curriculum Coordinating Council has been formed and will meet on December 1, 2015.
- Math Vertical Team is being formed and will meet in December.

## **HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

### **Alumni –**

- **Mary Berger** (WHS Class of '15) was recently inducted into the **National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)**, an AmeriCorps program. At the Corps' campus in Sacramento, California, Mary will receive training for 10 months of full-time service with the program. Service projects will include improvements to national, state, and county parks, food bank donations, volunteer management, and mentoring children. Mary stated, *"I chose a term of national service because I like to give back and I enjoy the feeling of helping other people."* (Mary is the daughter of Jim and Patti Berger of Wells).



### **Wells High School –**

- Congratulations to our **Girls Soccer** team! They are the 2015 recipients of the **Maine Principal's Association Sportsmanship Award**. They received their banner at the state championship girls' soccer game at Fitzpatrick Stadium on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the team and their coaches.
  - Students in Mr. Hludik's STEM class have been selected as State Finalists in the **Samsung - Solve for Tomorrow** contest. This marks the second consecutive year the class has competed –last being named State champions! The project this year is a prosthetic device that will be 3D printed.



Good luck to the following students as they move on to the next stage of the competition:

**Josh McFarland** - Team Leader  
**Nick Buonanno**  
**Jacob Lareau**  
**Curtiss Quentin**

**Scot Surprenant**  
**Connor Heyland**  
**Conner Muchemore**  
**Kent Kellar**

## Wells High School- (cont'd)

- **Bravo!** to the cast and crew of the **Wells Players** for their recent production of “*Oh, Promise Me!*”. The play, under the direction of **Mr. Andy Lopez**, was very entertaining and enjoyed by all. Cast members included: **Harrison Woodman, Richard Patnaude, Zach Villemaire, Adrienne Perron, Katie Reidy, Tamar Cimenian, Seanna Grealey, Danielle Jarosz, Anna Libby, Sarah Holdsworth, Parker McDermott,** and **Abigale Vigue**. Crew members were: **Allison Jarvis, Amber Therrien, Megan LaChance, Abigail Hussey, Ryan Burbank, Caeli Beecher, Logan Worthley, Kelsey Tessier,** and **Dalton Blake**.
- This was the fourth time in the past six seasons that our **WHS Football** team has participated in the Western Maine Conference championships. Congratulations to **Coach Roche** and his staff for a great season. The Warrior community appreciates the following Wells High seniors for their dedication over the past four seasons:

**Reid Chase -Sam Hazlett - Scot Surprenant - Jacob Lareau- Matt Healey**

- Three WHS students, **Anna Libby, Adrienne Perron,** and **Mallory Cashman**, along with their coach, **Bailey Smith**, have been chosen to represent Wells High School and the state of Maine in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. In fact, they will be in the lead group of dancers/color guard as the parade leaves Harold Square! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Anna and Adrienne have participated.



Adrienne



Anna



Mallory

**Be sure to watch  
the Parade-  
Thanksgiving  
Day -9am- on  
NBC!**

*Photos taken during rehearsal sessions in NYC*

## Wells Junior High

- The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Senior Thanksgiving Meal was held on Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over 500 area senior citizens enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixin’s – including over 74 homemade pies! Our thanks to all those that helped with planning, cooking, and serving of this tremendous community event!

## Wells Elementary School

- **Wells Elks Donation** – Albert Ingraham and other members of the Wells Elks visited Wells Elementary School on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, personally presenting a dictionary to every third grader and a thesaurus to every fourth grader. Students also received pencils, rulers, and ribbons. This longstanding donation is a much appreciated community gesture of support for our young learners.
- **PTSA Grants** – On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Wells Elementary School PTSA approved teacher grants for nearly \$10,000 for instructional and enrichment materials, as well as supports for integrating technology. In addition, they are purchasing an ice-maker for the school.
- **WES/Barnes & Noble Book Fair** – the WES PTSA held their annual book fair at the Newington Barnes & Noble bookstore, raising \$1,300. Several local authors/illustrators participated in this event – including Matt Tavares, Molly Talevi, Ryan Higgins, and Jeannie Brett.
- **Firefighter Phil Assembly** – this animated fire safety assembly for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 took place on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Children received fire safety coloring books as a reminder of the key ideas.

## BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### ➤ Wells High School

- **Exterior Progress**
  - catch basins winterized
  - walkway paved
  - lettering installed on main entry
  - columns scheduled for install first week of December
  - lettering installed on Athletics entry
  - lamp posts installed
- **New Construction**
  - Third Floor**
    - finish install of cabinets
    - correct “sandstone” tile
    - water fountains
    - cleaning
    - addressing punch list items

- **Second Floor**
  - finish tile installation
  - begin cabinetry installation
- **First Floor**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> coat of final paint – *ongoing*
  - floor installation in halls and commons – *ongoing*

Please see  
photos  
below

# WHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

