



# WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

April 5, 2017

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

After a long, snow-filled winter, we have turned the corner into April! And, although there is still snow on the ground, local weather forecasts predict temps in the 70's next week! Let's hope winter is truly behind us and spring is finally here!

In an effort to recoup a portion of the seven Snow Days used, we are now following a full-day schedule each Wednesday for the remainder of the school year. Teachers continue to work on professional development on those days by extending their work day by one hour or longer. This is an equitable solution to comply with State attendance mandates. In September, we will return to the one-hour early release schedule on Wednesdays.

As you read through the next few pages, you will see that the past few weeks have been extremely busy. From group events to individual competitions - our students have excelled in both academics and the arts. These accomplishments represent many hours of study, creativity, and commitment in reaching such tremendous levels of achievement. And, as always, our students represent their school and their communities in the highest light!

Please remember that Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled half day of school for both students and staff. **Dismissal at 10:45 am for WHS; at 10:55 for WJHS; and at 11:45 am for Wells Elementary School.** Spring school vacation follows from April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will be able to rest and enjoy this break before we gear up for a busy end of year.

Sincerely,

James P. Daly  
Superintendent of Schools

**Please mark your calendars.....**



**Half- Day  
Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

WHS – Dismiss at 10:45 AM  
WJHS – Dismiss at 10:55 AM  
WES – Dismiss at 11:45 AM

**Spring Break  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL**



## ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

*Students, teachers, staff, and community members exhibiting "Warrior Pride"  
Thank you for making our schools shine!*

### Faculty/Staff-

- **Kevin Fox** and **Rachel Graceffa** – **WHS Interact Club Advisors** – for encouraging the Club to take on the huge task of organizing a clothing and items drive to benefit a school family who recently lost their home to fire. *The community response has been overwhelming!*

### Students –

#### Wells Elementary School

### Award-winning Painting



*Reese, and her family, visit the Portland Museum of Art where her painting is on display for the Youth Art Month award.*



*Reese's award-winning painting*

- Congratulations to **Reese Murphy**, a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade student in Mrs. Bush's class. Reese received a Youth Art Month award at the Portland Museum of Art on March 11<sup>th</sup>. She created a unique painting based on her studies of Maine artist, Dahlov Ipcar. WES Art Teacher, Sandy Brennan, guided Reese in designing the award-winning piece.
- Congratulations to **Odyssey of the Mind** team members: **Natalie Blaisdell, Nolan Mottor, Brady Pennell, Andrew Watts, Scarlet Arbelo**, and **Owen Shangraw** who competed at the Regional OM Competition held at Wells Elementary.
- Congratulations to the **OM Primary Team**, including members: **Eliza Arwood, Olivia-Grace Haley, Lee Rollins, Ben Copleman, Owen Zglobicki, Calvin Lakowicz**, and **Everett Copleman** – the team qualified for the State finals!

#### Wells Junior High School –

- **Grace Stevens – Grade 8** – Grace is recognized for her consistently nice, helpful and kind way with her classmates. She notices those that need help - whether it is in the classroom, in the lunchroom or simply words of support. She is the first to step up to the plate whether asked or not when she sees a need for assistance. And, she does it all with "grace" and honest kindness!
- Congratulations to **Odyssey of the Mind** Team members: **Katie Borkowski, Michael Moseley, Pierce George, Heath McHugh, Tristan Michaud-Nolan**, and **Megan Cox**. The Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the State finals on April 1<sup>st</sup> and have qualified for the World Finals in May.



## ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

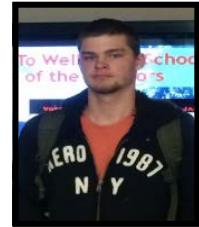
### Wells High School –

- **Allison Jarvis – Grade 12** – Allison won a Bronze Medal in the “Skills USA” competition through her studies at Sanford Regional Technical Center. Allison, a Digital Cinema Production student, created a film that was chosen to be presented at the Portland Youth Film Festival. *Congratulations!*



*Allison Jarvis – Bronze Medal winner in Filmmaking*

- **Kyle Durost – Grade 12** – Kyle is a student in the Precision Manufacturing class at SRTC and won a Silver Medal at the “Skills USA” competition in the CNC Technician field. *Congratulations!*



*Silver Medal winner, Kyle Durost*

- **Brianna Nucci – Grade 12 –**



- Brianna was awarded a Bronze Medal in the “Skills USA” Competition for work in the Health Services area. She is a student in the Health Occupations class at SRTC. *Congratulations!*

*Brianna Nucci proudly displays her Bronze Medal*

- **Congratulations to Odyssey of the Mind Team** members: **Katie Goodale, Emily Villemaire, Sydnie Sayward, Emma Mercier, and Zoe Emerton**. The Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the State finals on April 1<sup>st</sup> and have qualified to compete at the World Finals in May.



*WHS OM Team Members- Emma Mercier, Katie Goodale, Emily Villemaire, Zoe Emerton, and Sydnie Sayward*



*Elana Fortin with her award-winning photo*

- **Elana Fortin– Grade 12** – Elana received a Silver Medal in the National Scholastic Arts Competition for her entry - a photograph entitled, “Gold Light at the End”. This recognition placed Elana in the top 1% of all submissions in the competition.

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

### Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Custodian subs** –District wide
- **Food Service subs** –District wide
- **Grade 1 Teacher** – Wells Elementary



## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

As you are aware, we have made a change to our Professional Development time on Wednesday afternoons to regain lost time due to numerous snow days.

Although students are being dismissed at their regular time, teachers continue to stay the additional hour on Wednesdays, with many staff staying even longer.

Recent professional development has focused on the following:

- Consultants from Research in STEM Education (RISE) worked with teachers at Wells Elementary School to integrate science and literacy.
- Anita Stewart McCafferty, a professor from USM, along with Vanessa White-Capelluti and Nancy Cotty from Wells High School, worked with the high school faculty on formative assessment.
- Teachers at all schools continue to work on instructional practices such as grading, tracking standards, and assessment.

## **HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

### **Literary Achievement Awards Night**

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Wells Elementary School Gymnasium -6:30 P.M

### **Wells Elementary School**



### **Odyssey of the Mind Primary Team Competes in State Finals**

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 participated in the OM State finals where they were commended for their creativity and teamwork during their presentation. The Team, along with Coach Carrie Averill, has been working diligently since December to write an original skit to answer the multi-part problem, build sets, and create costumes.

# HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

## Wells Junior High School

### Highlights of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Music Festival



Band members: Kelci Nguyen, Amelia Rider, Hunter Hood, and Hunter Roberts



Chorus members: Front Row: Alaina Stivaletta and Alyssa Wheeler. Back Row: Evyn Lally, Tiffany Vevmany, Jackson Meagher, and Isabella Bazata



Full Chorus practice – under the direction of Robert Finch, Dover Middle School Choral Director and a WHS alumnus!

- **Parent / Teacher Conferences** will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30pm. Please contact the Junior High Main Office for more information.
- *Lip Sync* - **NEW DATE** Friday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**
- The annual “**Band Madness**” concert will take place on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



**Go, Team!**  
**Spirit Week**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>



**Let the Games Begin!**  
**WJHS Class Olympics**  
Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

# HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

## Wells High School



### A Show for the Entire Family.....

- Mark your calendars for the **Wells Players'** presentation of *Mary Poppins!*

Performing in the WHS Performing Arts Center, from Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Winter Guard Brings Home the Gold!

- The **WHS "A" Team** was the **ONLY** team (including all the colleges and independent guards) to receive a 5-star rating in **EVERY** category at the State Finals held recently at Marshwood HS.

WHS "A" Team - *Maine State Gold Medal Winners!*

*Jessica Bacon, Katie Baston, Caeli Beecher, Annabelle Breton, Mallory Cashman, Samantha Chase, Erin Clawson, Brenda Griffin, Lilly Hendry, Sarah Holdsworth, Emma Kenniston, Kayla Looper, Tyler Morrison, Amanda Ring, Grace Stevens, Nora Stevens, and Bella White.*



The "B" Team and Junior Team each received Silver Medals in the competition.

"B" Team Members: Alyssa Bacon, Katy Cafaro, Zoe Clark, Ashlynn Dolan, Brianna Hennessey, Allison Jarvis, Emily Jarvis, Isabelle Martin, Charlotte Merrifield, Julie Mott, Amber Therrien, Kadia Thompson, Molly Thompson, and Colby White.

Junior Team Members: Meredith Adams, Natalie Blaisdell, Sara Hayden, Haley Hennessey, Emma Grace Lear, Anne Michelle Randle, Grace Richard, and Bella Smith.

***Congratulations to all the Winter Guard teams!***

## Adult Education



**April  
classes  
are filling  
fast!**

***It's not too late to register for the following upcoming programs:***

- April 6 - [Good Grief - NEW!](#) (offered by the Center for Grieving Children)
- April 11 - [Woven Casserole Carrier - NEW!](#)
- April 13 - [Home Security Basics](#) (offered by the Wells P.D.)
- April 25 - [Yoga](#)
- April 25 - [Dementia Conversations](#)
- April 26 - [Yoga for Every Body](#)
- April 26 - [Intermediate Spanish - NEW!](#)
- April 27 - [Pickling Spring Vegetables - NEW!](#)

**For more information,  
or to register,  
call 646-4565,  
or visit our website at  
[adulted.wocsd.org](http://adulted.wocsd.org)**