



Superintendent's Update

Wells-Ogunquit
Community School District

August 7, 2018

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

A message from Supt. Daly.....

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you spent the summer relaxing and finding time for yourself, as well as enjoying family time.

As we begin another school year, we look forward to you being a part of our WOCSD family and hope you become involved in our schools and community. The WOCSD is known for its tremendous staff with their commitment to excellence. To those new to our school community – we are looking forward to your contributions to our students and teams. We are very fortunate to have a school district of which we are proud – with students, staff, families, and community coming together to support our District mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the administrative changes in place for the new school year. I am very excited about our dedicated team of professionals whose goal is to ensure that our students and staff have exceptional educational experiences in our *student-centered* district.-

- **Mr. AJ Dufort** – will assume the duties of **WJHS Interim Principal**
- **Ms. Karen Tufts** –will be fulfilling the duties of the new **WOCSD K-12 Instructional Strategist/IEP Coordinator**. Ms. Tufts has worked in education since 1999 as a speech/language pathologist – most recently at MSAD#60.
- **Mr. Doug Perley**– has been selected to serve as **Interim Wells Junior School Assistant Principal**. His previous position was that of assistant principal at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

I would like to thank all the WOCSD custodians and secretaries that have been very busy preparing our schools for the upcoming school year. We are grateful for your hard work and dedication to our students, schools, and community.

This year, as every year, we commit ourselves to providing the very best educational experience possible. Our focus is on continuous improvement and communication. Please take moment to visit our district and school websites.

We will update you often through our District websites, social media, newsletters, emails, Jupiter Grades, and School Messenger, as well as in-school and community meetings

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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A new sculpture adorns Wells Harbor...Pg.2

Important Dates

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School begins.....

- Grades 1-9
Tues., Sept. 4th
- Grades 10-12
Wed., Sept. 5th
- Grades B & K
Thurs., Sept. 6th

Early Release Wed's....

- Each Wednesday beginning Sept. 5th

Open Houses.....

- WHS – 6:00 pm
Wed., Sept. 19th
- WJHS – 5:30 pm
Thurs., Sept. 13th
- WES – 5:30 pm
Wed., Sept. 12th

Unique Artwork Created at Harbor

Students in WHS's AP Studio Art and Advanced Ceramics classes recently met with town officials to gather ideas for a piece of artwork that would represent the Town's history as well as its ecosystem components. With the help of their teacher, Emily Knight, students created a design with individual ceramic pieces to be assembled into a one-of-a-kind sculpture.

First.....



A base piece - an old wooden lobster trap - was installed to serve as the foundation - representing the local fishing culture.

Next....

Prepared pieces are positioned before final application.



From there.....

Students carefully place their creations strategically on the pole.



The result.....

a unique and colorful totem-style sculpture that reflects the natural beauty of our coastal town!



*Be sure to look for it the next time
you're at the Harbor!*

**Wells-Ogunquit Community School District
2018-2019 School Calendar**

July 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
T = 0		S = 0		

January 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	
T = 21		S = 21		

- HOLIDAY
- Teacher Workshop - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Parent Contact Day -(comp) Oct. 5 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- (comp)- Apr. 12- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- NO SCHOOL

August 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
T = 1		S = 0		

February 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	
T = 15		S = 15		

- First/Last Day 9/4-1st Day - (9/5 for Grds 10-12)
(9/6- First Day BK / K) - 6/13-Last Day
- EARLY RELEASE WED - 1 HOUR early
WHS - release at 12:49 pm
WJHS - release at 1:00 pm
WES - release at 2:00 pm

**177 student days
184 teacher days**

September 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
T = 19		S = 19		

March 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
T = 21		S = 21		

- July 4 *Independence Day* Holiday
- August 30 Teacher Workshop - NO STUDENTS
- August 31 NO SCHOOL
- September 3 *Labor Day* Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- September 4 First Student Day Grds 1-9 (9/5 for Grds 10-12)
- September 6 1st Day for K-BK

October 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		
T = 22		S = 21		

April 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			
T = 17		S = 16		

- October 5 Parent Contact (comp) - NO SCHOOL
- October 8 *Columbus Day* Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- November 12 *Veteran's Day* Holiday Observed
- November 21 Thanksgiving Recess begins - NO SCHOOL
- November 22-23 *Thanksgiving Day* & day after - NO SCHOOL

November 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
T = 18		S = 18		

May 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
T = 22		S = 22		

- December 24-28 Holiday Recess
- December 25 *Christmas Day*
- January 1 *New Year's Day*
- January 2 Return to school
- January 21 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Holiday-NO SCHOOL
- February 18 *President's Day* -NO SCHOOL
- February 19-22 February Vacation -NO SCHOOL

December 2018				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				
T = 15		S = 15		

June 2019				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
T = 9		S = 9		

- April 12 Parent Contact Day -NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- April 15-19 April Vacation -NO SCHOOL
- May 27 *Memorial Day* Observed -NO SCHOOL
- June 9 WHS Graduation
- June 10 Adult Education Graduation
- June 13 Last Day of School (tentative) -
HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS/STAFF

Adopted by the Wells-Ogunquit School Committee: / 3/28/2018

Early Release Wednesdays begin September 5th
 -WHS release at 12:49pm -WJHS release at 1:00pm -WES release at 2:00 pm