



Superintendent's Update

Wells-Ogunquit
Community School District

August 9, 2017

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

A message from Supt. Daly.....

Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 WOCS D family and hope you become involved in our schools and community. The WOCS D 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.

- **Ms. Stacey Schatzabel** – will assume the duties of WOCS D Director of Special Services in addition to her current role as WOCS D Director of Instruction.
- **Mr. Pierce Cole** –will be fulfilling the duties of the new WOCS D Director of Athletics – Grades 6-12. Mr. Cole has been a WHS teacher for the past six years and a coach since 2009.
- **Ms. April Noble**– is the new Principal of Wells Elementary School. Ms. Noble comes to us from York where she most recently served as principal of Village Elementary School.
- **Ms. Theresa Curran**– has been selected to serve as the new Wells Elementary School Assistant Principal. Her previous position was that of assistant principal at Pond Cove Elementary School in Cape Elizabeth.

I would like to thank all the WOCS D 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. I look forward to working with all of you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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Important Dates

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School begins.....

- Grades 1-9
Tues., Sept. 5th
- Grades 10-12
Wed., Sept. 6th
- Grades B & K
Thurs., Sept. 7th

Early Release Wed's....

- Each Wednesday beginning Sept. 6th

Open Houses.....

- WHS – 6:00 pm
Wed., Sept. 13th
- WJHS – 5:30-7pm
Tues., Sept. 12th
- WES – 5:30-7pm
Thurs., Sept. 14th

ESY Students Learn About Safety

Wells First Responders share their expertise

On Thursday, July 27th, the Wells Police Department, Wells Fire Department and Wells Emergency Medical Services shared a fun and educational presentation to our Extended School Year (ESY) student at Wells Elementary School.

Wells Firefighters Scott Nolette, Kevin Prouty, Jeff Nawful, Mark Cuthbertson, and Chief Vetre, along with WEMS personnel Gus Dunham and Al Johnson, as well as Brian Watkins, Adam Shaw, John Riegel, and Chief Putnam of Wells Police Department were involved in the day's events.

The twenty-six K-12 students had a wonderful time exploring the ambulance, fire trucks and police cruiser, as well as being taught about fire safety in the Fire Safety Trailer – learning about the firefighter's gear, how

to climb into an ambulance, and how dogs are trained to search and rescue with the K-9 Unit.

Prior to the field day, the Wells Police Dept. donated books for the students to read. Backpacks and water bottles were donated by the Wells Fire Dept.

A special “thank you” to all who participated in the day!



Eli Babich behind the wheel of a WEMS ambulance



Students explore the many components of a fire truck



Students and staff await the next the next exciting event

Wells-Ogunquit Community School District 2017-2018 School Calendar

July 2017				
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January 2018				
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- HOLIDAY
- Teacher Workshop - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Parent Contact Day -(comp) Dec. 22 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Parent Contact I - (comp)- Apr. 13- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- NO SCHOOL
- First/Last Day 9/5-1st Day - (9/7- 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

August 2017				
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February 2018				
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**177 student days
184 teacher days**

September 2017				
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March 2018				
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- July 4 *Independence Day* Holiday
- August 31 Teacher Workshop - NO STUDENTS
- September 1 No School
- September 4 *Labor Day* Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- September 5 First Student Day Grds 1-9 (9/6 for Grds 10-12)
- September 7 1st Day for K-BK
- October 9 *Columbus Day* Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- November 10 *Veteran's Day* Holiday Observed
- November 22 Thanksgiving Recess begins -NO SCHOOL
- November 23-24 *Thanksgiving Day* & day after -NO SCHOOL
- December 22 Parent Contact (comp) - NO SCHOOL
- December 22-29 Holiday Recess
- December 25 *Christmas Day*
- January 1 *New Year's Day*
- January 15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Holiday-NO SCHOOL
- February 19 *President's Day* -NO SCHOOL
- February 20-23 February Vacation -NO SCHOOL
- April 13 Parent Contact Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- April 16-20 April Vacation -NO SCHOOL
- May 28 *Memorial Day* Observed -NO SCHOOL
- June 10 WHS Graduation
- June 11 Adult Education Graduation
- June 13 Last Day of School (tentative) - HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS

October 2017				
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May 2018				
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December 2017				
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June 2018				
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Adopted by the Wells-Ogunquit School Committee: 04/05/17

Early Release Wednesdays begin September 6th
 -WHS release at 12:49pm -WJHS release at 1:00pm -WES release at 2:00 pm