



WELLS-OGUNQUIT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly



SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

December 6, 2016

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

It's hard to believe that it's already December! The fall season has passed quickly and we are now gearing up for the winter months.

During the holiday season, I always enjoy watching students as they perform their concerts, play in athletic events, and participate in all of the activities that are familiar at this time of the year. It is so contagious to catch the holiday spirit from our children during this festive season. It's a wonderful time of year to get together with family and friends to celebrate and be thankful for all the people in our everyday lives.

It is also a time when kindness and compassion are prevalent. This message was evident in the Wells Players' recent performance of A Christmas Carol. This was notably the first drama production held in the newly renovated Olenn Performing Arts Center and was very well received. Congratulations to our very talented students, and Director, Andy Lopez, and his staff on an outstanding production!

The holidays are also a time for giving – especially to those in need. To that end, the WOCSD School Committee and District Administrators are sponsoring a holiday drive to benefit the pediatric patients at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland. It is our hope to collect as many items as possible to help these children have brighter holiday. Collection boxes are available in each building. We appreciate your generosity! (FMI- please see informational flyer immediately following this letter).

Please be aware that school will be closed starting on Friday, December 23, 2016 through Friday, December 30, 2016. New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 2nd. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

On behalf of the entire WOCSD faculty and staff, may you and your family enjoy a safe and joyous holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

*James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools*

Holiday Recess

-Friday, December 23rd – Friday, December 30th
-Monday, Jan. 2nd – *New Year's Day* observed

Return to School – Tuesday, Jan. 3rd





Holiday Donation Wish List 2016

The Wells-Ogunquit School Committee, Superintendent, and School Administrators will be holding a Holiday drive to benefit the children at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. The donated items will support patients and families during the holiday season, as well as year round. Please consider giving what you can. Every donation helps and together we hope our combined contributions will make a difference for those in need.

Message from Barbara Bush Children's Hospital:

Thank you for donating to **The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center!** During the month of December we aim to create a warm, fun and safe holiday experience for our patients and families while they are in the hospital. Donated toys help to make this possible, and gifts are handed out at various in-hospital events and celebrations. Donations also assist with programming throughout the year. We use many of the items listed below to provide therapeutic play activities, entertainment, distraction, prizes and birthday presents all year round.

Guidelines

- Donations must be brand new, in original packaging, and have been stored in a clean and smoke-free environment
- Due to hospital infection control and safety practices, we are only able to accept stuffed animals that are new and wrapped in original packaging. Stuffed animals **MUST** be individually wrapped in plastic (ex. Build a Bear).
- We are a fragrance free environment and cannot accept items with a fragrance (i.e. lotions)
- Please do not wrap your donation (but we do appreciate donations of new wrapping paper & supplies!)

Delivery

Please deliver donations to your school's Main Office by **Friday, 12/16/2016**

Questions and Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Helena Ackerson, School Committee Chair by email at: hackerson@wocsd.org

Arts & Crafts

Coloring books
Sketch pads
Small packs of crayons
Markers
Colored pencils
Water color paints
Children's scissors

Infants

Rattles
Teething toys
Mobiles & crib toys
Clothes with no zippers
Bibs
Baby spoons
Board books

Toddlers & Preschoolers

Pop-up & light-up toys
Picture books
Trucks

Train toys
Baby dolls (all plastic)
Play kitchen toys
Fisher-Price little people

School-aged

Lego kits
Action Figures
Barbie dolls
Shopkins
Hot wheel cars

Teenagers

Pajama pants for boys & girls
Small bottles of nail polish
Manicure kits
Gift cards

Miscellaneous

Current release DVD's
Bubbles
Card games (UNO, Skip-Bo, etc.)

Wrapping paper and supplies
Books for all ages
Gift cards (Amazon, Target, iTunes
local restaurants, gas cards)

Toiletries

(Travel size & fragrance free)
Johnson & Johnson shampoo
Dove fragrance free shampoo &
conditioner
Children's toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Hair brushes



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Head Coach, Tim Roche and Coaches Mark Lewia, Kevin Fox, Josh Gould, Carmen Perri, Rob Berry, Shane Daly, Chad Daly, John Bucci, Joe Kewley, and Walt Wilson - WHS Football** – congratulations on their recent Class C State Championship! The Team brought home the gold for the third time in the past 20 years (1997, 2011, and 2016).
- **Bailey Smith - WHS Color Guard Coach**– was selected as an assistant coach for Color Guard members in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC.
- **Clarissa Sweeney** and **Bonnie Esty** – **WES teachers** – for providing staff development to teachers in the area of ELA. And, to **Marty Cryer**, for providing training on our math software program. *Thank you!*

Students —

Wells Elementary School

- **Congratulations to the recipients of the November 2016 "Core Value Awards"–**
 - Grade 1 – **Juliette Carbonneau, Dyllan Gaines, Sofia Passaretti, LilyBeth Ward, Carter Moody, Jace Messer, Mia Foley, Elliot Stockwell, Samantha Woodward, and Graeme Mertens**
 - Grade 2 – **Samantha Stilphen, Tom Cote, Carys Ramsey, Isaiah Witt, Amelia Connor, Logan Batchelder, Ben Brown, Nicholas Dardia, Elliott Kennedy, and Milo Terwilliger-Smith**
 - Grade 3 – **Brydon Marcotte, Mia Campbell, Evan Chase, Aydan Collins, Christopher Buckley, Aiden Lear-Lapierre, Ainslie Donovan, and Grace Mears**
 - Grade 4 – **Nick Allen, PJ Fortin, Savannah Tardiff, Kayla Rollins, Kendall Ball, Nick Marnell, and Derek Lippe**

Wells Junior High School —

- **Keith Ramsey, Rylan Noldan, Damien Kimball, Evan Belanger, Maya Grainger, Catie Kaszubinski, Owen Bourque, Spencer Carpenter, Kayla Bolton, Olivia Boutot, Makayla Moore, Emily Mills, Josh Hicks, Garrett Bohn, Camdyn Blynn, Sarah Ackerman, Brady Pennell, Matthew Watts, Hunter Wildes, Jayden Pelletier, Jason Greenwood, Jasmine Cogliano, Jameson Moulton, Brooks Fox, Drea Dolan, Ethan Roberts, Eli Roy, Jacob Steinacher, Zeke Dennis, Logan Blanchard, Brian Stevens, Benjamin Grover, Rachel Rallo, Calvin Chase, Josh Adams, Cameron Mahoney, Sean Gilbert, Katarina Hoffman, Dominic Capello – Grade 5; Alyssa Wheeler, Emma Hollins, Jonah Curley, Lily Tomaszewski, Hunter Hood, Emma Readio, Sara Hayden, Kirra Villator, Tabby Boudle – Grade 6; Nicole Perkins, Haileigh Bonsaint – Grade 7; and Natalie Hanagan – Grade 8** – are recognized for volunteering their time and talents to assist with students in the elementary classrooms.

- **Tristan Michaud-Nolan, Gretchen Graffam, Ariana Leighton, Grace Ramsdell, Trevor Bickford, Grace Boucher, Zach Naffah, Lindsay Plourde, Michael Moseley, and Jacob Marshall – Grade 7** – were recently recognized in the class’s **I-CARE** program – *Integrity / Curious Learner / Accountability / Resiliency / Excellence in Education*. **Congratulations!**

Wells High School –

- **Hannah Wrigley – Grade 9; Kaylee Hollins – Grade 11; and Madison Morin – Grade 12** – are recognized for volunteering in classrooms at Wells Elementary School
- **Sara Ring – Grade 12** – has been recognized as **Student of the Quarter** through her studies in Health Occupations at Sanford Regional Technical Center. She has a 98% average, perfect attendance, and a positive attitude!

Congratulations, Sara!



Sara Ring – Student of the Quarter at SRTC

- **Bella White- Grade 11 and Richard Patnaude – Grade 12** - have been selected to participate in the All State Music Festival this coming May at UMO. **Congratulations!**

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **2nd Shift Custodian** -WHS
- **Custodian subs** –District wide
- **Administrative Secretary** – WES
- **Food Service Specialist** - WJH



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Professional Development

- Focus this month has been around grading practices and homework.
- Vertical Teams meet last Wednesday. This time together is important to meet our district goals and to function as a K-12 district instead of three independent schools.
- A couple of teachers are attending a workshop on the new SAT.
- Principal Roche and I are working with *Great Minds* to provide additional Professional Development around the implementation of our new math curriculum in January.

Curriculum & Assessment

- The Maine Assessment & Accountability Reporting System (MAARS) is a web-based reporting application that provides interactive access to student assessment data. The Public Reporting module is accessible through the following link: <https://lms.backpack.education/public/maine> and should be available on Monday, December 5. Assessment Data for Science, ELA and Math will be available.

Other

- Our Gifted & Talented Renewal Application has been approved by the state and can be found on our website.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- The **Kindergarten Winter Concert** will take place on December 19th from 9:45-10:30am
- The **4th Grade Band concert** will be held on December 20th from 10-11am
- On Wednesday, December 21st, multi-grade classes are holding a student-run craft fair. Parents of multi-grade students are invited!

Wells Junior High School



- **Coats for Kids** – Dec. 1st – Dec. 20th – please donate any coats or jackets that you may no longer need. Collection boxes are located in the main hallway entry.

- On Sunday, Nov. 20th, the eighth-grade class hosted the **22nd Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner**. Nearly 600 dinners were served to area senior citizens.
A special thanks to – **Wells IGA** for donating turkeys; **Wells Dunkin' Donuts** for donating coffee; **Gary Leech** and **Congdon's Doughnuts** for cooking all the turkeys; and **Roger and June Messier** for carving and preparing the main course. Also, a huge thank you to the **WOCSD Food Service Staff** and the **WJHS Custodial Staff** for their assistance.



HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells High School –

- The **WHS Football Team** brought home the gold as they won the Class C State Title on Saturday, November 19th at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland defeating Mt. Desert Island with a score of 44-0.

The Team would like to thank the entire community for its overwhelming support!



- Color Guard members, **Bella White**, **Jessica Bacon**, and **Mallory Cashman** represented WHS in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC.



This marked the third consecutive year that the color guard has participated in this event!



Mallory Cashman, Bella White, Jessica Bacon, and Coach Bailey Smith

Jessica Bacon on the parade route

- The **Wells Players** presented the play, **A Christmas Carol**, from Nov. 30th – Dec. 3rd. This was the first drama performance in the new Olenn Performing Arts Center.

The Wells Players perform A Christmas Carol to a full house.



HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)



Adult Education

- ***Thinking about college or a career change?***

Come in and talk to one of our academic advisors. Let us help you with planning and transitioning through our mentor program, courses and workshops. These courses are offered at no charge, but preregistration is required. Please call 646-4565 if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment.



Learn about the growing field of Voice Over

- There is still time to register for [***Getting Paid to Talk***](#) scheduled for Monday 12/12/16. It is guaranteed to run. FMI-call 646-4565, or click on the above link.

Everyone loves a parade!



Wells Warrior Marching Band will perform in the 2016 Ogunquit and Wells Parades

**OGUNQUIT PARADE
SAT., DEC. 10TH — 3PM**

**WELLS PARADE
SUN., DEC. 11TH — 2PM**


**31st ANNUAL
WELLS
CHRISTMAS PARADE**
**Sunday, December 11
2:00 pm**
**Route 1, Wells Plaza north
to Wells Junior High School**
Theme: "Christmas Fun for Everyone"
207-646-2451
www.wellschristmasparade.com

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