



Superintendent's Update



Wells-Ogunquit
Community School District

December 7, 2017

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

A message from Supt. Daly.....

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. Holiday spirit is evident and contagious among our children during these festive events!

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. The holidays provide a time to reflect on the passing year and to look forward to a bright new year.

Please be aware that school will be closed starting Friday, December 22, 2017 through Friday, December 29, 2017. New Year's Day is on Monday, January 1st. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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

Happy Holidays!

Important Dates

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Holiday Concerts

WHS A Capella Chorus

- Friday, Dec. 8 – 7pm
Ogt Baptist Church

WJHS Select Chorus

- Sat., Dec 9- 11am
K'port Consolidated Sch ('Kport Prelude)

WJHS Band & Chorus

- Wed, Dec.13th-6:30pm
Ward Gymnasium

Holiday Parades

Ogunquit... 3:00pm

- Sat. Dec. 9

Wells... 2:00pm

- Sun., Dec. 10

WHS Marching Band & Color Guard to perform in both parades

Holiday Recess

Fri, Dec. 22nd – Fri, Dec. 29th

-NO SCHOOL

Mon, Jan. 1st –New Years' Day

-NO SCHOOL

Tues, Jan. 2nd.

-RETURN TO SCHOOL



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

Students, teachers, staff, and community members exhibiting "Warrior Pride".

Thank you for making our schools shine!

Faculty/Staff-

Wells Junior High School –

- **Gale Bernard – Ed Tech** – is recognized for leading the Cooking intramural class held twice weekly. Students love participating and making treats/meals from scratch!
- **Dianne Hussey – Ed Tech** - is recognized for organizing the school's Emergency Preparedness activities throughout the year. Students have witnessed drones in action and have had the opportunity to tour the York County Emergency Response vehicle.

Students-

Wells Elementary School –

- **All Riders on Buses #1,2,3,11,15,17, and 19** – are recognized for good behavior during the morning and afternoon bus rides. As a reward, these students are allowed to wear a hat all day at school and also receive a special sticker that proudly reflects good citizenship!

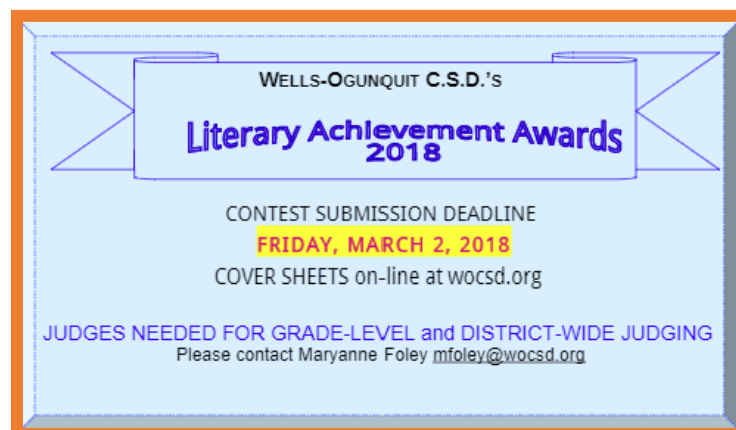


Wells Junior High School –

- **Ava Belanger** and **Izzy Leslie** –are recognized for assisting Ms. Quint with all her school bags in the mornings and for staying after dismissal to help clean up the classroom.
- **Brayden Fazzina** – is recognized for his extra efforts in supporting the 6th Grade "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" program. By Brayden going above and beyond, the class was able to reach their goal!
Nice job, Brayden!

Wells High School –

- **Estelle Reardon – Grade 12-** recognized as the recipient of the 2018 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award.
Congratulations, Estelle!



Happenings Throughout the District

Wells Elementary School

Holiday Music will fill the air.....

- ❖ On Thursday, Dec. 21st, the WHS Select A Capella Chorus will visit Wells Elementary to sing carols throughout the hallways of the school and share the joy of the season with the young students.
- ❖ Wells Elementary staff will participate in the annual *Winter Fable* story and song at a December assembly that celebrates the season.

Wells Junior High School

Spreading Holiday Cheer.....

The WJHS Select Chorus performed at the Cliff House for their annual tree lighting on Friday December 1, 2017. . Congratulations to all of the Select Chorus members on a fantastic performance!

They invite you to attend these other upcoming events in December, all open to the public!



Members of the WJHS Select Chorus include: *Gretchen Graffam, Riley Hansen, Noel Spofford, Delia Bailey, Nicole Perkins, Iceseas Hanson, Alyssa Wheeler, Hunter Roberts, Lucy Breton, Jackson Meagher, Tiffany Vevmany, Evyn Lally, Alaina Stivaletta, Precious Nickless, Isabella Bazata, Livie Norris, Sam Coleman, David Patnaude, Riley Nichols, Olivia Boutot, Kayla Bolton, Katarina Hoffman, and Tamia Tomlinson*

Upcoming WJHS Chorus Dates:

Select Chorus at Kennebunkport Prelude
December 9, 2017, K'port Consolidated School
10:45am

WJHS Band and Chorus Concert at WJHS Gym
December 13, 2017
6:30pm

Select Chorus at Wells Historical Society Community Concert
December 15, 2017, Route One
7:00pm

Chorus Caroling Event at Huntington Common and Atria Kennebunk
December 19, 2017

Chorus Caroling Event at Avita Wells and York Housing
December 20, 2017

Select Chorus Caroling Event at Dover Children's Museum and Varney Nursing Home
December 21, 2017

Wells Junior High School (cont'd)

Ogunquit Rotary hosts luncheon for WJHS 5th Graders



Ogunquit Rotary members welcome 5th Graders, *Elizabeth Nichols* and *Lilian Sittig* at the annual holiday luncheon.

On Wednesday, December 6th, students in Grade 5 travelled to Ogunquit as guests of the Ogunquit Rotary for their annual holiday luncheon.

This holiday tradition began many years ago and is something that both young and old participants look forward to each year.

This community outreach event provides an opportunity for Rotary members to interact with the students while the students learn important social and conversation skills.

And, of course, Santa makes an appearance to hand out gifts of books that the children will share in their classrooms!



Sharing a moment with Santa are: *Nathan Molley*, *PJ Fortin*, *Gage Sargent*, *Brooklyn Boisvert*, "Santa", *Molly Tavares*, *Ellie Moore*, *Lilian Sittig*, *Elizabeth Nichols*, and *Shawn Haggerty*. (missing from the group photo is *Derek Lippe*)

Wells Junior High School (cont'd)



“Students of the Month”

Selected as WJHS Students of the Month for November are 5th Graders:

*Ava Sprague
Dylan Bucacci
Chloe Madsen
Hailey Marshall
Brandon Wallingford
Molly Tavares
Anne Randle
Quentin Ackerson
Scarlet Arbelo
Alex Albright*

Wells High School

WHS Wins “Thomas Cup” at IT and Gaming Competition held at Thomas College

More than 150 Maine high school students competed for the 2-foot “Thomas Cup” trophy at the 3rd annual IT and Gaming Competition held at Thomas College in Waterville on December 1 and 2nd.

WHS team members, **Charlie Clough**, **Eric Sousa**, **Shawn Ouellette**, **Noah Boucher**, and **Kolby Howes**, were victorious winning the competition and bringing home the coveted Cup.



The competition included robot nerf-gun shooting, crime scene investigation, cyber war, and League of Legends competitions.

Wells High School (cont'd)

WHS Senior named semifinalist for Fitzpatrick Trophy



Senior, **Nolan Potter** has been named one of 12 semifinalists for the Fitzpatrick Trophy, awarded to the top senior high school football player in Maine.

The “Fitzy” is the *Heisman of Maine High School Football*.

Already a proven linebacker, Potter became a nearly unstoppable force – rushing for 1,550 yards and 28 touchdowns to lead Wells to an undefeated Class D championship season.

Three finalist will be determined by mid-December. The winner will be named at the annual Fitzpatrick dinner on Sunday, Jan. 14th, in Portland. *Congratulations, Nolan!!*

Cottis named to All-State Team

WHS Junior, Hannah Cottis has been chosen a member of the Southern Maine State Team at the 44th Maine Soccer Coaches All-Star Banquet, held December 3rd in Bangor.

Hannah is the first Wells soccer player to ever be recognized as an All- State player.

Congratulations, Hannah!



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Wells High School (cont'd)



Color Guard returns from NYC!

Once again, Wells High School is represented at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade



Color Guard members, **Lily Hendry**, **Annabelle Breton**, and **Mallory Cashman**, with **Coach Bailey Smith**.

For the fourth year in a row, three members of the WHS Color Guard were chosen to participate in the Macy's Great American Marching Band that is comprised of some of the best high school musicians, color guard, and dancers from throughout the country.

Adult Education



Coming soon.....

Real Estate Sales Course:

To qualify for the entry-level real estate license in Maine, you must successfully complete the 55 hour Sales Agent Course, then pass the Sales Agent Exam. This course is offered in our Adult Education program in a partnership with the Arthur Gray School of Real Estate. The course will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 9- February 22 from 4:30-8:30. The cost of the course is \$445 which includes all books and materials. Please call the Arthur Gray School of Real Estate to register at [\(207\) 856-1712](tel:2078561712).

Keeping Active in the Winter Months

If you would like to be more active, or try something new for the next few months, why not sign up for Zumba, Yoga, and Stretch & Tone sessions. Also, the *Wells-Ogunquit Walkers* use the indoor track at Wells High School on Mondays - Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

To register or if you have any questions, please call the Adult Education office at 646-4565 or register on-line at AdultEd.wocsd.org.

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or go to our website at
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