



Superintendent's Update

Wells-Ogunquit
Community School District

February 15, 2018

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

A message from Supt. Daly.....

Evidently, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this month – that means “*six more weeks of winter*”. Or, perhaps there is only six weeks until spring? However you look at it – winters in Maine are certainly unpredictable!

Also, unpredictable are the number of snow days we use during a school year. To date, we have used five (5) Snow Days, four (4) 2-Hour Delay days, and one (1) Early Release day. Returning to full days on Wednesdays will help us recoup days, thus avoiding the need to extend the school calendar. Therefore, **we will discontinue our Early Release Wednesday schedule effective February 28th**. That means the Wednesday following winter break will be a full day of school.

We have had an exciting winter season throughout the District. Congratulations to the 105 Wells Junior High students whose writing pieces have been chosen for publication by *Young Writers USA* (see Page 5 for full story). Also, congratulations to Matt Gahagan (1st) and Brian Fetzner (2nd), this year’s winners of the annual WJHS Geography Bee.

Our high school sports teams continue to strive for excellence! Congratulations to the WHS Wrestling Team for being named WMC Champions for 2018. Good luck to the wrestling team, the WHS boys and girls basketball teams, and the WHS indoor track teams as they head to State finals.

Important Dates

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Presidents' Day/ Winter Break

Feb. 19th thru Feb. 23rd
NO SCHOOL

Events - WHS Boys Basketball State Finals

Sat., Feb. 17th -4pm
Portland Expo

WHS Girls Basketball State Finals

Tues., Feb. 20th -10 am
Portland Expo

WHS Indoor Track State Finals

Sat., Feb. 17th – 12pm
Bates College

WJHS Parent Conf's

Thurs., March 8th and 15th
3:00-6:30pm

Early Release

Wednesdays...

- Discontinued for remainder of the school year –

We will return to full days on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 28th



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

WHS Boys Basketball –

- **Coach Troy Brown** – selected as Class B "Coach of the Year" by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. *Congratulations!*

Students-

Wells Elementary School

- **Evan Switter – Grade 3** –kindly escorted a new student to his classroom, introduced him to everyone, and showed him how to open his locker. *Nice job, Evan!*

Wells Junior High School –

- **Eli Steere, Jonah Curley, Caden Dufort, Luke Keniston, Nick Olsen, and Molly Kate Dempsey** – are recognized for being extra kind, supportive, and understanding with a fellow classmate during Project Adventure.

Wells High School –

- **Megan Schnieder and Maddie Szczygiel** – chosen as the 2018 recipients of the WMC Good Citizenship Award. *Congratulations!*
- **Michael Wrigley** -for achieving his 150th win in wrestling. *Congratulations!*
- **Sean McCormack-Kuhman** - for achieving his 100th win in wrestling. *Congratulations!*
- **Hannah Bradish** – placed 2nd at the Southwestern Conference Diving Championships. *Congratulations, Hannah!*



Sophomore, **Hannah Bradish** places 2nd in Diving Championships

COMING SOON!

Wells Junior High presents....

Thursday – March 22nd
Friday – March 23rd
Saturday – March 24th

FMI- contact Chris Milliken at
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Happenings Throughout the District

Wells Elementary School

WES has many “Top Dogs” in Local Competition

The results of the York County *Sumdog* contest are in and Wells Elementary students finished with flare! *Sumdog* is a free online contest in which students compete with area schools in math skills.

Five classes finished in the top 10! Lear (3rd); Beaulieu (6th), Clark (8th); Kafkas (9th) and Clason (10th)!

Bodey Hinckley, in Ms. Clark’s class, finished in 4th place and Kerri Davis in Ms. Lear’s class finished 8th among 487 students!

Many other students finished among the top 40!

In total, there were 106,965 correct answers among the 126,290 questions that were answered!



Students in Ms. Clark’s class received a certificate for being a Daily Winner!

Front: Madilyn Dulle, Savannah Dunlap-Woodward, Neveah Dolan, Shayne Smart, Zoie Pelletier, Maverick Grover, Jameson Russell

Middle: Khloe Tardif, Jayden Trafton, Jack Gauthier, Christopher Plucker, Justin Spinney, Gabby Adams, Alexis Bissell

Back: Wyatt Foster, Liam Chase, Michael Sargent, John Bernier

Not pictured: Evan Currier, Nia Borberg



Kerri Davis proudly displaying her certificate of achievement.

She placed 8th among 487 students!



Wells Elementary School (cont'd)

Jumping Right In!

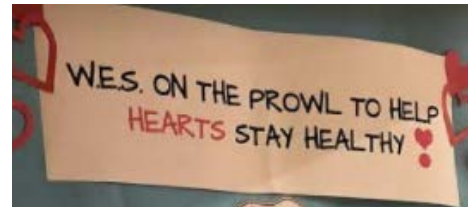
Students learn about Heart Health while Helping Others



At the 32nd Annual Jump Rope for Heart at Wells Elementary School students learned about the importance of cardiovascular health and about the importance of helping others.

By gathering donations from family, friends, and neighbors, the students raised funds for the American Heart Association.

As of this writing, donations of nearly \$10,000 have been received with more still coming in!



The *New Market (NH) Hotshots* dropped by to demonstrate their jump roping skills to students prior to the jump-a-thon on Feb. 14th

Wells Junior High School



Young Writers' USA announced entries from Wells Junior High students for inclusion in their new publication, "*Spine-Chillers – Tales from Maine*". Over 100 student "mini-sagas" were selected for the book.

Due to be released on February 28, 2018, a copy will also be sent to The Library of Congress in Washington DC!

Congratulations to:

David Patnaude
Lily Drake
Dylan MacLeod
Danny Marquis
Tristan Kay
Meredith Adams
Peyton Haggerty
Nicole Perkins
Owen Neville
Grant Soper
Kiana Webber
Grace Ramsdell
Libby Webb
Grace Boucher
Gretchen Graffam
Gabriel Ordway
Cameron Mahoney
Logan Blanchard
Sarah Ackerman
Grace Badger
Colby Sevigny
Owen Bourque
Catherine Angis
Drea Dolan
Jason Greenwood
Ethan Roberts
Matthew Gahagan
William Scott
May Grainger
Dorian Krastev
Aidan McQuaide
Lea Finn
Robey Rose
Nick Days
Ruby McMinis

Cane Raszabinski
Samuel Ward
Auguste Ciorra
Haley Hennessey
Anavi Curtiss
Lauren Dunham
Laci Raso
Sophie Killam
Zach Naffah
Olivia Chase
Zachary Carpenter
Ava Tavares
Travis Foster
Evan Brouillard
Ariana Leighton
Spencer Carpenter
Jackson Koh
Brian Stevens
Wilson Clough
Connor Rooney
Joshua Adams
Mason Hudnall
Devin Jarosz
Calvin Chase
Matthew Watts
Zachary Smith
Bailey Cavaner
Bianca Brown
Damien Kimball
Chloe Brown
Drew Hudnall
Elle Meffert
Nathan Coleman
Amiah Nichols
Joshua Hicks

Hunter Wildes
Emma Kondor-Ouellette
Bradley Foster
Anna Wilson
Spencer Tyler
Lindsey Plourde
Tamia Tomlinson
Brayden Fazzina
Tristan Michaud-Nolan
Camden Morrison
Andrew Mott
Lily Heyland
Ehtan Kenney
Kira Littlefield
James Wirths
Makayla Noury
Om Patel
Jaiden Libby
Samantha Reeves
Camdyn Blynn
Jayden Pelletier
Kameron Tufts
Conner Whitten
Riley Nichols
Evan Belanger
Jasmine Cogliano
Erica Labeth
Brian Fetzner
Jace Iannillo
Olivia Boutot
Samantha McDermott
Sarah Shackford
Dylan Woodman
Samantha Woodman
Jocelynn Blanchette

Wells Junior High School (cont'd)



When it's too cold to go outside....

...we have fun indoors!

Fifth-graders enjoy a game of **Twister** during an indoor recess on a cold day

Making a Difference.....

6th Graders write a song about our National Parks

**UPDATED
INFORMATION**

In the January 11th issue of the *Superintendent's Update*, we highlighted a story regarding the WJHS sixth-grade students' collaboration with songwriter, Monte Selby, in creating a song about our National Parks.

The link to view the song/video has since been updated. For your information, the new link is provided below:

[The National Park Song by 6th Graders and Monte Selby](#)

Wells High School

Maine Youth Art Month Exhibit

Student artwork on display at Portland Museum



Nicholas Maynard "2018 Confronts 1880"
Photograph, Student of Vanessa White-Capelluti



Brianna Christie "Limelight"
Multimedia Shadow Box, Student of Emily Knight

Each year the Maine Art Education Association highlights Youth Art Month with a multi-media exhibition to celebrate student creativity. This year, seniors, *Nicholas Maynard* and *Brianna Christie* had pieces selected for inclusion in the exhibit. The public is invited to view these and other exceptional selections at the Portland Museum of Art in Portland during the month of March.

Wells High School to Host State Wrestling Championships

If you enjoy wrestling competitions, then WHS is the place to be this Saturday as the Warriors host the 2018 Class B Wrestling State Championship event.



The Warriors hope to defend their 2017 State Championship title!

Adult Education



Get your creative juices flowing.....

Watercolor Painting

- **Tuesdays, February 27th thru April 3rd**
6:00 -8:00 pm

Looking for a way to reduce stress?

Tai Chi for Beginners may be for you!

Originally developed for self-defense, tai chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. *Classes begin Wed., Feb. 28th*



FMI- call 646-4565 or go to their website at <http://wells-ogunquit.maineadulted.org/>

NO SCHOOL

Presidents' Day
Feb. 19th



Winter Break
Feb. 20th-23rd

Enjoy your vacation!