



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

January 23, 2017

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

I sincerely hope each of our students and families had a wonderful holiday break! During the holiday season there were many community service projects held throughout the WOCSD to help those in need. Although the holidays may be over, the need continues - and our students continue to make a difference!

The annual Lady Warriors "Shootin' for a Cure" fundraiser is an example of enormous student involvement and tremendous community support. Held on January 14th this year, this event gathered girls' basketball players from grades 5-12 in a free-throw shooting contest to raise money to benefit the *Living Well with Cancer Fund* at York Hospital. This year the Ladies raised an extraordinary \$26, 200 for the Fund!

Realizing a need closer to home, the WHS Boys Basketball teams have organized fundraising events for the past four years to benefit the *Wells-Ogunquit Outreach Program*. The program provides local families with fuel assistance, children's eye glasses, hearing aids, Thanksgiving dinners, holiday gifts to children, etc. This year the team will present a check at their Senior Night home game on February 7th and hope to exceed last years' total of \$2,350 – they have raised over \$9,000 overall for this program. We are extremely proud of all of our student athletes, coaches, and our community for their efforts, dedication, and generosity to these great causes!

A sense of community is such an integral part of what makes our District extraordinary! That was certainly evident at the State championship football game this past November where the bleachers of Portland's Fitzpatrick Stadium were overflowing with Wells-Ogunquit fans! Community members, alumni, students, faculty, friends and family came to show their support and to show their "Warrior Pride". And, for only the third time in Wells High School history, a member of the WHS Varsity Football team was chosen as a finalist to receive the coveted "Fitzzy" award -an award given annually to the best high school football player in the state. We are proud to congratulate Riley Dempsey on this terrific honor!

Our students shine in so many ways! We recently learned that 11 of our high school students were winners in the highly competitive *Scholastic Arts Regional Contest*. Two of the winners, Elana Fortin and Nick Maynard, will move on to represent the WOCSD at the national level. (To view the entire collection of award-winning artwork – go to Page 3 and Page 6 of this Update).

Finally, I wish to congratulate our WJHS Spelling Bee winner, Andrew Mott (Gr 7) and runner up, Garner Holdsworth (Gr 8). Both students will now represent WJHS at the York County Spelling Bee in Sanford. *Good luck!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Daly".

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

Wells High School
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday – February 2nd and 9th



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Henry Ingwersen** and **Dr. Charlene Kohn** – (WES) - for their efforts in creating an integrated science team to infuse science into the ELA curriculum.
- **Katie Sevigney, Kim Blanchard, Donna Longley, Sandy Robinson, and Melissa Stapleton** – (WES) -a special thank you for their dedication to this new science team!

Students —

Wells Elementary School

- **Ciara McDermott- Grade 4** - Ciara always demonstrates respect and responsibility and demonstrates all the core values expected at school every day at WES. *Keep up the great work, Ciara!*
- **Elana Vennard - Grade 4**- Elana is always polite, respectful, and demonstrates all of the core values expected at school as well as on the bus. *Keep up the great work, Elana!*

Wells Junior High School —



Andrew Mott - Grade 7 and Garner Holdsworth - Grade 8 - Andrew is the winner of the 2017 WJHS Spelling Bee and Garner the runner-up. Both will represent WJHS at the York County Spelling Bee in Sanford. *Good luck!*

- **Sydney McDermott and Summer Sayward- Grade 8**- for going above and beyond to help another student in Chorus class.
- **Mary Gilliland and Tiffany Vevmany - Grade 8** -showed perseverance and courage during their performance projects in Chorus this week.
- **Joey Calcina – Grade 7**- demonstrated gratitude, understanding, and a great sense of humor following an event in Chorus class this week.

Wells High School —

- **Riley Dempsey – Grade 12** – Riley was one of 11 semi-finalists for the coveted Fitzpatrick Trophy that is awarded to the best high school football player in Maine (*often considered the Maine equivalent of the Heisman Trophy*). In the regular season, Riley rushed for over 700 yards and scored 21 touchdowns. He rushed for 167 yards in the State Championship game. Riley was a Campbell Conference All Star and a USA Today All State athlete. He is one of only three players in WHS history to be a "Fitzy" candidate.



Coach Roche and Riley Dempsey

Not only is he a talented athlete, Riley is also an honors student and participates in many community service activities. *Congratulations, Riley!*

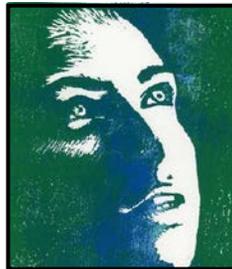


ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

- **Wansley Demos, Lauren Dow, Elana Fortin, Sam Livingston, Alyssa Loukola, Savannah Martin, Nick Maynard, Emma Mercier, Sydnie Sayward, Olivia Sculli, and Blair Tweed** – all are winners in the 2017 Maine Regional Scholastic Arts Competition – a very prestigious and competitive art competition. The award-winning artwork will be on display at the Maine College of Art in Portland through February 11th. *Congratulations!*
- **Elana Fortin –Grade 12** and **Nick Maynard – Grade 11-** Scholastic Arts Gold Medal winners whose work will advance to the national level. *Good luck!*



"Light at the End"
-Elana Fortin
(Photography)



"Marissa"
- Elana Fortin
(Printmaking)



"Tangled"
- Elana Fortin
(Photography)



"Disappearing Winter Trees"
- Nick Maynard
(Photography)

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **2nd Shift Custodian** -WHS
- **Custodian subs** –District wide
- **Food Service Specialist** – WJH
- **Spanish Teacher** - WHS
(for remainder of the 2016-2017 school year)



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Professional Development This Week

- WES math teachers are viewing demonstration lessons with a focus around lesson design and assessment.
- Instructional Team Leaders are meeting as a group by school to discuss successes with their Professional Learning Groups and are planning next steps in professional development.
- Other staff members are working in vertical or grade level teams on curriculum, assessment, and/or best instructional practices.
- WOCSD course on Google Applications begins this week.
- WOCSD course on Student Assessment continues.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- The Student Leadership Team, comprised of Grade 4 students **Evan Chase, Molly Tavares, Cali Leighton, Megyn Mertens, Hayden Meffert, Alex Finn, Uriah Martell, Jaylyn Grant, Brian Regan, Brycene Bowden, Owen Shangraw, Helen Lee, Brandon Wallingfor, Bryce Curley, Eli Potter, Natalie Blaisdell, Meren Maxon, and Kendall Maxon**, held a bake sale on January 18th and raised \$111.00 which was donated to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in



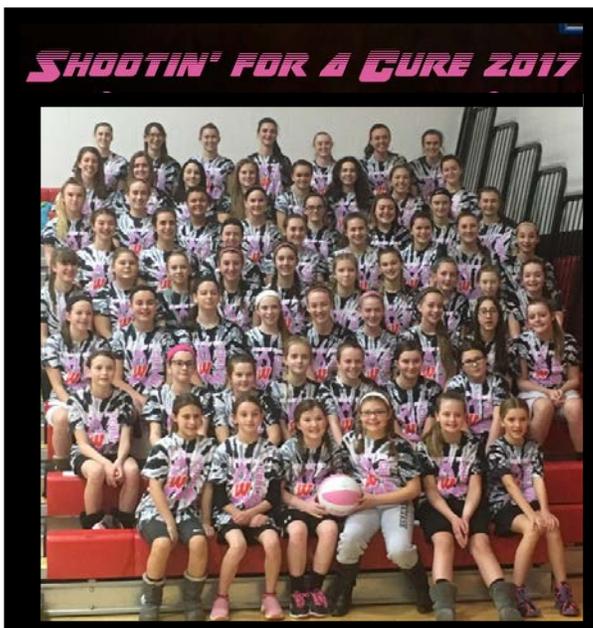
WES Student Leadership Team members with advisors, Pam Ingram, Mirna Davila, and Pam Lear. Not pictured are students Maren and Kendall Maxon and Natalie Blaisdell and advisors Melissa Stapleton and Kathy Calo.

- Students displaying positive behavior on their school bus were rewarded with pizza parties on two occasions. A huge "thank you" to Wells Cumberland Farms, Hannaford, and Alfredo's for their generosity in providing items for these events!

Wells Junior High School

- Semi-finalists have been chosen for the upcoming WJHS annual Geography Bee. Students selected include: **Natalie Hanagan, Leah Cluff, Kate Pinette, Isabel Martin** (Gr 8); **Tanner Douglas, James Wirth, Auggie Ciorra** (Gr 7); **Brody Maxon, Indie Brogan** (Gr 6); and **Jackson Koh** (Gr 5). The competition will take place on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:45 am.

Wells High School



The **Wells Lady Warriors' 8th Annual Shootin' For a Cure** fundraiser was held on Saturday, January 14th – a fundraiser event with all proceeds being donated to the *Living Well with Cancer Fund* at York Hospital. At the end of the event, players presented a check to York Hospital for **\$26,200!** In the past eight years, the Lady Warriors have raised over \$200,000.

Individual free-throw winners included –

Olivia Boutot- Gr 5-6

Riley Hansen- Gr 7

Leah Cluff- Gr 8

Jordan Belanger- 1st Team

Sophia Zurlo –JV

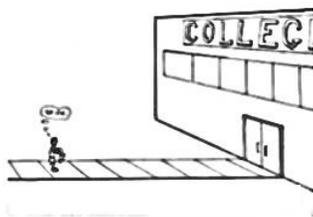
Natalie Thurber –Varsity - making 45 of 50!

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)



Adult Education

Starting college can be scary!



We can help alleviate your fears!

Wells-Ogunquit Adult Ed offers courses to help you prepare for college. These courses are offered as part of an articulation agreement with York County Community College. *FMI or to register- contact Mary at 646-4565.*

Check out these upcoming classes.....

Becoming a Master Student - beginning February 28th

This course gives students the skills needed to manage a college schedule successfully. Learning objectives include time management, understanding learning styles, notetaking, test taking strategies, and critical reading and writing skills.

Pre-Algebra - beginning March 1st

This basic math course gives students the math foundation for career or college readiness. Topics covered include ratio, proportion and percent, linear equations and some beginning skills in algebra and geometry.

Algebra - beginning March 1st

This course builds on previous math skills, continuing with inequalities, polynomials, rational and radical expressions and the quadratic equation.

Fill a bag and
make a difference!

Items collected help fund:
 & Wells-Ogunquit
Music Boosters

Help us raise funds by
CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS
Place all items in bag provided or use any clean garbage bags

FEBRUARY - the whole month

Bring your filled bags to a barrel location:
WHS, WJHS, WES, Wells Superintendent's office,
Wells Town Hall, Wells Prime Storage office

For questions or to arrange for pick-up of 5 bags or more contact:
Ashley Breton at 646-7240 abreton@maine.rr.com

We are collecting:

- Clothing
- Jewelry
- Accessories
- Handbags
- Shoes
- Linens

donation drive

Wells-Ogunquit Music Boosters is holding their
**ANNUAL WINTER-WEED OUT
TEXTILE DRIVE**

Whole month of **FEBRUARY**...When you drop off your bags, you can pick-up a tax donation receipt (attached to barrel).

Your closet gets clean, Music Boosters receives \$.20/pound and the Epilepsy can resell or recycle the items. It's a WIN-WIN-WIN, no money to pay-out FINDER!

Acceptable Items

- clothing
- clothing accessories - belts, suspenders, scarves, ties
- jewelry
- shoes - all types - dress & casual, boots, cleats, sneakers, slippers, etc.
- linens - table cloths, placemats, cloth napkins, towels;
- bedding - sheets, quilts, blankets, comforters
- drapes & curtains
- handbags & backpacks

NOTE: Stained or ripped clothing is okay. (Wet is NOT) One shoe, one sock - all okay.

This year we will be offering two services on:
February 4 & 18 8am-noon

- 1) **Personal Pick-Up days** - if you have 5 or more 13-gallon size bags or 3 or more 30-gallon size bags we will offer to pick up your bags
- 2) **Stuff-the-Band-Van** - bring your bags to the Dump and load up our van

Questions or to schedule Personal pick-up: contact Ashley Breton 207-646-7240/abreton@maine.rr.com

Wells High School
Scholastic Arts Regional Contest Award Winning Entries

