



WELLS-OGUNQUIT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent
James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

June 13, 2017

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

This past Sunday, I had the privilege to attend the Class of 2017 graduation at Wells High School and witness 129 seniors receive their diplomas. Graduation is a proud moment – one of life's milestones – for both the student and for those that have been part of the journey. Parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, coaches, and friends all play an important role in a student's success.

Although graduates may not realize it at the moment, that little piece of paper - their diploma - signifies much more than the end of high school. It is the key to their future – acceptance to college, entry into the armed forces, and even obtaining a good job. Today, those without a high school diploma often struggle to compete in this ever-changing world.



Congratulations to the Class of 2017

Our newest WHS alumni are very fortunate to have a solid foundation to begin the next chapter of their lives. Every member of the class – 100% - were awarded diplomas!

On behalf of the Wells-Ogunquit School District and the WOCSD School Committee, we wish them all the best!

As we round the corner to the end of another school year, I would like to thank the entire WOCSD faculty, staff and community for its constant support of all our students. It is one of the most important reasons our students succeed in academics, the arts, and athletics!

Sincerely,

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools



Last Day of School

Monday, June 19th

Half Day for Students and Staff

WHS – 10:45 am WJHS – 10:55 am WES – 11:45 am



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Katie Mercier** and **Alison Graichen** – **WJHS Music Teachers** – for their dedication to and support of their 7th and 8th grade chorus students at the "Music in the Parks" Festival held recently at Six-Flags New England.
- **Renee Savage**– **WJHS PE Teacher** and **Heather McAtavey**- **WJHS Ed Tech** – for developing a connection between the Avita Center and the sixth-grade class. The students wrote letters to the residents to welcome them as neighbors and perhaps begin a pen pal relationship. What a great way to demonstrate an act of kindness!



Students –

Wells Elementary School

- **William Huffaker** – **Grade 4** – is recognized for his creativity in delivering his bus notes to the Office. Each day is unique – a message in a bottle, a note tied to a Japanese fan, handwritten on a banana, and even a Pony Express delivery! *He enjoys doing this because it makes the secretaries smile!*



Wells Junior High School –

- **Bryce Hoag** and **Garvin Petrie** – **Grade 6** – for their empathy and kindness in helping a student in need. *Well done!*

Wells High School –

- Seniors, **Kyle Durost** and **Sara Ring** were recently inducted into the *National Technical Honor Society* through their classes at Sanford Regional Technical Center. Kyle, a student in the Precision Manufacturing class, and Sara, who studies Health Occupations, were chosen for their high academic standing and for demonstrating the attributes of knowledge/skill, honesty, responsibility, service, and leadership. *Congratulations!*



Front Row: Keegan Reidy / Owen Berry
Back Row: Tyler Dewey / Alec Pinette

- Seniors, **Owen Berry**, **Tyler Dewey**, **Alec Pinette**, and **Keegan Reidy** are the State Champions in the 4 x 100 Relay category. Their teamwork was the key to placing first at the State Track & Field Championships held on Saturday, June 3rd.

Congratulations to the Team on a spectacular finish!

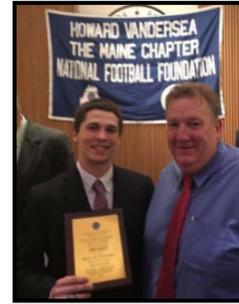


ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

- Senior, **Riley Dempsey** – is a 2017 recipient of the Scholar Athlete award given by the *Vandersea/Maine Chapter National Football Foundation* on May 24th. Riley was one of only 20 high school recipients of this award throughout the state.

As part of this recognition, Riley also receives a \$500 grant from the Coach Mac-Huard Fund.

Congratulations, Riley!



Riley Dempsey with Coach Roche



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are excited to share that we have brought back a district level Wellness Committee. The Committee is comprised of staff from each building and Central Office, administrators, as well as representatives from the MEA Benefits Trust and 5-2-1-0. We will meet once each month on Wednesday afternoons. Our goals include:

- Revise district policy
- Lower our insurance rating by participation in the benefits trust [program](#)
- Nutrition Program and Education
- Physical Education and Physical Activity
- Health Education
- Healthy fun wellness competition

Recently we received a mini-grant in the amount of \$1000 from 5-2-1-0 *Let's Go* which will help support our wellness work.

Any community member who would like to be involved, please contact Stacey Schatzabel at sschatzabel@wocsd.org or 641-6903.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

30th Annual Colors Day Event

All students will participate in the annual Colors Day celebration to be held on Friday, June 16th.

This will mark the 30th Colors Day that Wells Elementary School has hosted. The annual event celebrates the end of the school year with outdoor/indoor events that focus on teamwork, cooperation, integration of subjects, and school spirit. A parade and kick-off ceremony is scheduled at the start of the day. Families and friends are invited to share the fun!



Students gather for the kick-off ceremony at last year's Colors Day event.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School

Discovering Math in Every Day Life

Sixth-grade students recently visited Ogunquit and learned that math is everywhere! In Perkins Cove they estimated the height of the bridge, figured the ratio of restaurants to retail stores, and estimated the cost of taking the entire class on the *Bunny Clarke* for a fishing excursion.



Students walk the Marginal Way

After walking the Marginal Way, they ended up on Main Street where they counted how many times they saw the word "Ogunquit" in shop windows.



The end of a busy day in Ogunquit

The day ended with a picnic at the beach and time to enjoy a beautiful day in the sun!

Recognition Night for Grade 8



On Thursday, June 15th, Eighth Graders will be in the spotlight at the annual Wells Junior High "Recognition Night". This annual event focuses on the achievements, memories, and highlights of the students' years at the junior high. The program will begin at 6:30pm. Parents, families, and friends are cordially invited to attend!

Wells High School

Warrior Boys and Girls Track Teams Take the Lead

Both the Boys and Girls Warrior Track Teams came home with the gold from the Western Maine Conference Championship meet held on May 27th.

Congratulations!



2017 WMC Champions

	<p>Wells High School Fall Athletics practices begin Monday, August 14th</p>
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