



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

March 22, 2017

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

Although you may look out your window and still see winter, it is now officially spring! The change to a new season signals a transition in the weather and our activities. In the school setting, it is when we gear up for the completion of the current year and start preparations for the next.

As the final trimester begins, Parent Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with teachers regarding their child's academic progress. On Thursday, March 23rd, Wells High School will hold their second evening of conferences beginning at 3:30pm and ending at 6:30pm. Wells Junior High will offer sessions on April 6th and April 13th from 3:00-6:30pm. Wells Elementary School Conferences are on Tuesday, April 11th from 3:30-7:00pm and Thursday, April 13th, from 3:30-6:30pm.

Looking ahead to next year, Wells Elementary School will host a *Kindergarten/Begindergarten Information Night* on Thursday, March 23rd from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tours of the school will be available from 6:00-6:30 for those who are interested. (Registration will take place on April 4th).

As a district, we must also prepare for the upcoming year. We will share our fiscal plan at a Public Hearing for the WOCSD FY'18 Budget on Wednesday, March 29th. The meeting will be held in the Ward Gymnasium at Wells Junior High School beginning at 6:30pm.

Finally, on behalf of the WOCSD School Committee, I would like to welcome back Committee Member, Les LaFond. After a five-year hiatus, Mr. LaFond returns to the School Committee as an Ogunquit representative to complete the term left vacant by the resignation of Stillman Bradish in January.

I hope this information is helpful as you plan for the final months of school. As always, should you have any questions regarding any upcoming events, you may contact your child's school for more details.

Sincerely,

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

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

END OF SCHOOL YEAR DETERMINATION

Due to the seven (7) Snow Days used thus far this year, and to avoid extending the school calendar, beginning March 29th and continuing through the end of the current year, we will no longer release one hour early each Wednesday. We will revert back to our previous dismissal times at each school building in an effort to recoup the snow days thus avoiding holding school on Saturdays or pulling days from April vacation, etc. Barring any additional days, this will allow for an end date of **Monday, June 19th – a half day for students and school-year staff.**

(NOTE: this plan will be in effect for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only- Early-Release Wednesdays will resume in the 2017-2018 school year)

A message from the Wells-Ogunquit Music Boosters.....

When they say "It takes a village..." they were not kidding!



Volunteers collecting donations

From the many community members donating loads of bags, to the volunteers who collected the barrels daily, the Wells Transfer Station for "Stuff-A-Van" days, and Prime Storage for the use of a storage unit -we are grateful to *everyone* that supported this year's Textile Drive.

The numbers are in!

--We gathered over 24,000 lbs. of textiles (4,000 lbs. of hard goods)

--used one 26 ft. truck, two box trucks, and the Band Van to gather the donated items

--and.....we raised over **\$5,000 !!!!** ***Thank you!***



The Band Van is loaded!



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Celeste Beaulieu** (WES Teacher) – for helping several teachers with their mathematics curriculum. We appreciate all you do for the students and staff at WES!
- **Ron Messerle** (WES Custodian) – teachers have expressed their appreciation with how clean the rooms are and the extra effort he puts in. Thanks, Ron!
- **Cathy Lawrence** (WES Admin. Secretary) – it is very difficult to start an interim school secretary position in the middle of the year. Cathy has worked tremendously well with students and parents and has helped form a cohesive and effective front office team. Nice job, Cathy!
- **Dick Libby** (WES Custodian) – for all his hard work and assistance throughout the WES Odyssey of the Mind events and ensuring our building would be ready to begin school on Monday. Thank you, Dick!



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Students —

Wells Elementary School

- **SurinaLyn Bagley, Gracey Copper, Kayden Bissell, Grayson Mosher, Halle Bohn, and Carson Vennard – Grade 1**
-**Summer Durham and Michael Curtis – Grade 2**
-**Julia Allen, Brydon Marcotte, and Bobby Quint – Grade 3**
-**Nolan Brown, Jessica Palmer, Delani Brown, Sky Curley, Dylan Bucacci, Jack Coggeshall-Beyea, Kyle Donahue, Elias Curley, and Mariana Molina – Grade 4** – are all recent graduates of the Title I Math and Reading programs! *Congratulations!*
- **Cody Haynes, Jasiah Hunter and Jeremy Therrien– Grade 4** and **Drew McLaughlin – Grade 3** - These four students have worked extremely hard and continue to demonstrate tremendous progress with their multiplication facts during Math Fact Café with Principal Roche. *Keep up the great work, we're all proud of you!*

Wells Junior High School –

- **Hayden Jellison – Grade 8** – is recognized for being extremely respectful and a good friend to his peers during a recent school presentation.
- **Spencer Tyler, Jason Licardo, and Gus Emerson – Grade 7** – newest members of the WJHS's Safety Patrol.
- Several students participated in the **Southern Maine Middle School Honors Music Festival** held in Westbrook on March 4th.



Southern Maine Middle School Honors Music Festival
Full Chorus



WJHS participants -Noel Spofford, Riley Hansen, Sydney Lee, Gretchen Graffam, Sydney McDermott, Kai Rosenberg, Anna Franks, Charlotte Allaire, Grace Stevens, Negel Martell, Delia Bailey, Zoe Clark, and Colby White.

Wells High School –

- **Jessica Bacon, Katie Baston, Caeli Beecher, Annabelle Breton, Mallory Cashman, Samantha Chase, Erin Clawson, Brenda Griffin, Lilly Hendry, Sarah Holdsworth, Emma Keniston, Kayla Looper, Tyler Morrison, Amanda Ring, Grace Stevens, Nora Stevens, and Bella White** – members of the **Winter Guard teams** - placed 2nd at the New England competition on February 26th and 3rd in the Scholastic Division at Internationals on Feb. 18th. *Congratulations!*



Be sure to attend the Winter Guard's home show on March 26th !

Winter Guard demonstration at WHS



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Wells High School –

- **Emma Clarrage – Grade 12** – has received a *President's Volunteer Service Award* for her many hours devoted to community service. Emma has documented nearly 200 volunteer hours at several local organizations. Congratulations!



*Emma Clarrage
proudly displays her
President's Volunteer
Service Award*



- **Elana Fortin –Grade 12–** has earned a Silver Medal award at the national level in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. More than 330,000 entries were submitted – placing Elana in the top 1% of all entries. Congratulations!

*"Gold Light at the End"
Photograph by Elana Fortin*

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Math Teacher** – Wells High School
- **Custodian subs** –District wide
- **Spanish Teacher** – Wells High School
- **Grade 1 Teacher** – Wells Elementary



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Every Student Succeeds (NCLB) responses to findings have been submitted and any issues have been resolved. We are now fully compliant with the requirements of NCLB.
- Professional Development has included vertical team work, preparation for upcoming state-wide assessments, integration of science and social studies with literacy at the K-4 level, formative assessment at the high school, and a national conference for a team of Physical Education teachers.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Congratulations to all the WOCSD Odyssey of the Mind Teams

Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork was the winning formula!



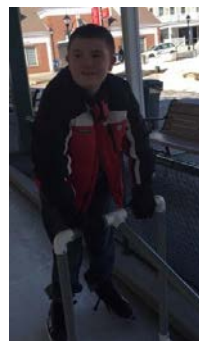
All teams will be going to States!

Wells Elementary School

- Mr. Ingwerson's multi-3/4 and Grade 4 classes were visited by the Chewonki Foundation on Friday, March 17th. Students learned about owls and their habitats.
- This Saturday, March 25th, the annual *Girls' Gala* will take place from 6:00-8:30pm

Wells Junior High School

- The annual Lip Sync will be held on Friday, March 31st.
- Students building positive relationships with peers and the larger community - enjoying some winter fun at the Kennebunk Skating Rink



**Wells Junior High School's Drama Department
presents**

Alice in Wonderland

Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th - 7pm – all seats \$5.00
Saturday, March 25th – 2 pm matinee – all seats \$5.00

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells High School

- Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 23rd from 3:30-7:00pm. Please see the WHS website to make appointments with your child's teachers.
- Mark your calendars for the **Wells Players** presentation of *Mary Poppins!* Performing in the Olenn Auditorium from Wednesday, April 5th to Saturday, April 8th.

Adult Education



**FMI or to register,
just click on the links
OR
give us a call at
646-4565**



[Outdoor Survival Skills Series - *NEW!*](#)

[Exploring the Cosmos - *NEW!*](#)

[Wills and Trusts](#)

[Good Grief - *NEW!*](#)

[Organic Gardening](#)

[Woven Casserole Carrier - *NEW!*](#)

[Welcome to Medicare](#)

[Home Security Basics](#)

[Advanced Woodcarving - *NEW!*](#)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the preliminary FY '18 school budget on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wells Junior High School Ward Gymnasium, 1470 Post Road.

The purpose of the public hearing is for the public to comment on the proposed budget.

Additional information can be found on the District web page:
www.k12wocsd.net