



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

March 7, 2017

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

The frigid temperatures over the weekend confirms that March "*came in like a lion!*" We can only hope it "*goes out like a lamb*" giving us a well-deserved warm and sunny spring!

Regardless of the cold weather, annual school spring events are in full swing! On Thursday, March 9th, Wells High School will host the annual WOCSD *Festival of the Arts* – an evening devoted to showcasing our many talented student artists throughout the District. The Festival will include static displays of visual art pieces by all age groups, demonstrations by our multi-level Winter Guard teams, and, of course, musical selections from our junior high and high school band and chorus groups, along with a previews of the WJHS and WHS spring musicals.

After seeing the previews, you'll want to be sure to mark your calendars for the full performance of the WJHS's *Alice in Wonderland* from March 23rd through March 25th. The Wells Players (WHS) will perform their spring musical production, *Mary Poppins*, from April 5th -8th - the first musical production in the new Olenn Auditorium.

The arrival of March also means the end of our winter sports season. We are very proud of our high school title winners in 2017. The WHS Wrestling team was named Class B State Champions – the first state title for this sport since 1996 and the WHS Boys Basketball team was named Class B South Regional Champions– the first regional title for this team since 1984. Also, congratulations to individual State title champions, Nolan Potter in wrestling and Nathaniel Hayward in diving.

The District is indeed fortunate to have such a multitude of talented students within its enrollment. Whether in the arts or in sports, their success is the result of hard work and commitment. These life lessons will remain with them throughout their lives.

Sincerely,

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

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools



Wells-Ogunquit Community School District's

Festival of the Arts

Thursday, March 9th - Wells High School

5:00pm – 8:30pm



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Marty Cryer – WES Computer Lab Teacher**– At a recent WOCSD School Committee meeting, Mrs. Cryer received a plaque from York VFW Post #6977 recognizing her for organizing fundraisers to support local veterans and active military personnel.



Marty Cryer is thanked by VFW members Larry Wicker, Raymond Farnham, and Dick Fillettaz.

Also recognized were Principal, Chris Roche and Asst. Principal, Ken Spinney for the school's outstanding service to veterans.



L-R – WES Asst. Principal, Ken Spinney; Veterans, L. Wicker, R. Farnham, and R. Fillettaz; WES Principal, Chris Roche; WES Tech Coord., Mary Cryer; and Supt. Daly.

- **Scott Lewia – WHS Wrestling Coach** – has been named "**Coach of the Year**" for the Mid-State League.

This is the 2nd consecutive year Coach Lewia has received this honor!



WHS Wrestling Coach, Scott Lewia

Students –

Wells Elementary School

- **Congratulations** to the **Breakfast of Champions** recipients for January/February 2017 !

➤ **Grade 1** – *Halle Bohn, Katelyn Chase, Joshua Corbett, Luke Chrimes, Anthony Ferragamo, Kayana Jacobson-Theriault, Annaliese Latulippe, Autumn Leslie, Elliott Meggs, Colin Moody, Grayson Mosher, Carolyn Nichols, Camden Springer, Addison Townsend, Carson Vennard, and Kaylee Webber*



Breakfast of Champions recipients for Jan/Feb 2017

➤ **Grade 2** – *Lacey Baxter, London Chadwick, Kaitlyn Daly, Wyatt DeVoe, Summer Durham, Logan Eldridge, Cole Gauthier, Malina Hoffman, Noah McDonough, Isabella Randle, Jacoby Ryder, and Thomas Spencer*

➤ **Grade 3** – *Nathan Bohn, Christopher Buckley, Caroline Dufort, Molly Graffam, Colby Haskell, Genevieve Latulippe, Aiden Lear, Austin Mills, Bobby Quint, Owen Shangraw, and Olivia Townsend*

➤ **Grade 4** – *Kendall Ball, Ava Belanger, Tory Chase, Kylie Corbett, Tanner Fifield, Emma Grace Lear, Lia Lord-Rozeff, Chloe Madsen, Maren Maxon, Emily Morrell, Kayla Rollins, Grace Seguin, Savannah Tardiff, and Molly Tavares*



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School –

- **Andrew Mott – Grade 7** - finished 4th in the York County Spelling Bee.
Garner Holdsworth – Grade 8 - finished 9th in the York County Spelling Bee.
Congratulations to both students!
- **Natalie Hanagan – Grade 7** – winner of the WJHS Geography Bee has qualified for the State Geography Bee. *Congratulations!*
- **Jasmine Cogliano, Sam Coleman, and Lily Hubbard – Grade 5** – took the initiative to set up a desk for a new student entering their class. They gathered all the materials she would need and even created a welcome card for her that the entire class signed. Their thoughtfulness and caring attitude was greatly appreciated!
- **Isabella Bazata, Evyn Lally, Jackson Meagher, Alaina Stivaletta, Tiffany Vevmany, and Alyssa Wheeler – Grade 6 Chorus** – and **Hunter Hood, Kelci Nguyen, Amelia Rider, and Hunter Roberts – Grade 6 Band** – have all been accepted into the Sixth Grade Honors Music Festival that will be held on March 11th at the Middle School of the Kennebunks. *Congratulations all these musicians!*
- **Charlotte Allaire, Delia Bailey, Gretchen Graffam, Riley Hansen, Sydney Lee, Noel Spofford – Grade 7** – and **Zoe Clark, Negel Martell, Sydney McDermott, Kai Rosenberg, and Grace Stevens – Grade 8** – participated in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Music Festival in Westbrook on March 4th. *Congratulations on an outstanding performance!*

Wells High School –

- **Nathaniel Hayward – Grade 12** – won the individual **Class B State Championship** in Diving.



Nathaniel was the only diver to receive a qualifying score!

Congratulations, Nathaniel!

- **Bailey Marsh and David Ouellette – Grade 12** – have received the **Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award**. This award is presented annually to two senior athletes selected for their academic performance, participation in school activities, and involvement in community service projects.

Congratulations!



2017 WMC Citizenship Award recipients
– Bailey Marsh and David Ouellette



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

- **Kyle Durost** and **Kayla Looper –Grade 12** – and **Megan LaChance- Grade 11** – were named “Students of the Quarter” at Sanford Regional Technical Center.



Kayla Looper

Megan LaChance

Kyle Durost

At SRTC, Kyle is in the *Precision Manufacturing* program, Kayla is studying *Health Occupations*, and Megan is a student in the *Landscaping and Horticulture* class.

Congratulations!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
- **Custodian subs** –District wide



URGENT NEED——

**Wells Junior High Baseball Coach-
Grades 7/8**

(contact Dan MacLeod at damacleod@wocsd.org)



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Curriculum Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, February 28. The Council will be requesting the school committee’s approval for a Spanish 3 textbook and for the Kindergarten Jump Start Early Literacy Program.

Early Release Wednesdays continue to go well and we are appreciative for the ongoing time to work together as professionals. Before February break vertical teams met. ELA teachers from the junior high and high school met together to discuss summaries, student work, and instructional practice. Math teachers discussed our new math curriculum and made sure the needs of all students were being addressed throughout the district.

Maine Educational Assessment for Math and ELA will take place during the window of March 27 through April 7 for students in grades 3-8. The SAT will be given on April 5 to students in grade 11. Science testing will take place in April for students in Grades 5, 8 and 11. Writing will take place in May for students in grades 3-8.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- On February 14th and 16th, Grades 2, 3, and 4 participated in the 31st annual *Jump Rope for Heart* event. This event culminates a Physical Education unit on jump rope skills and cardiovascular health. It also helps to reinforce the school-wide core value of “Compassion”.



All funds raised go to the American Heart Association – over the past 30 years, the WOCSD community has donated over \$215,000 to this charity!

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School

- The WJHS Drama Dept. will present *Alice in Wonderland* as their spring production. Performances will be on Thursday, March 23rd, and Friday, March 24th at 7pm. On Saturday, March 25th, there will be a 2:00pm show. All tickets are \$5.

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.
- Wells Cheerleaders raised over \$19,000 at their annual "Cheers from the Heart" fundraiser. Monies raised are donated to various charities, local non-profit organizations, and families in need. Since the event's inception 18 years ago the group has raised \$209,000!



WHS Cheerleaders



Mrs. Diana Abbott accepting a check from the WHS Boys Basketball Team

- WHS Boys Basketball recently donated \$1,422 to the Wells Community Outreach Program. The team has been conducting fundraisers over the past five years raising a total of more than \$12,000 in that time!

Come Out and Support the Team!

WHS Unified Basketball vs. Thornton Academy

**Wed., March 8th
3:45pm**



Adult Education

Our spring semester is off to a great start!



**There's
something
for everyone!**

Here's what coming up in March.....

- 3/15 [Sensational Sea Vegetables](#)
- 3/16 [Identify Theft](#) (offered by Wells P.D.)
- 3/22 [Bicycle Safety – NEW!](#)
- 3/22 [Drilled Sea Glass](#)
- 3/28 [Athletic Recruiting Workshop - NEW!](#) (great for high school juniors & seniors interested in the college recruiting process)
- 3/28 [Safeguarding Retirement Assets](#)
- 3/29 [Well Water Pump & Filtration](#)
- 3/30 [Kombucha & Kefir – NEW!](#)
- 3/30 [Landlord –Tenant Law](#)

FMI or to register, just click on the links!