



Superintendent's Update

Wells-Ogunquit
Community School District

March 7, 2018

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

A message from Supt. Daly.....

Keeping our students safe is a top priority in the Wells-Ogunquit Community District! To that end, we are including two additional School Resource Officer (SRO) positions in the proposed 2018-2019 school budget. Upon town approval, these officers would be assigned to Wells Elementary and Wells Junior High schools.

Spring is a busy time of year! You'll want to be sure to mark your calendars for The Wells Players (WHS) spring musical production, *Grease*, with performances on March 14th -17th. The Drama Dept. at WJHS will present *The Wizard of Oz* from March 22nd through March 24th.

On Thursday, March 21st, 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, band performances, demonstrations by our multi-level Winter Guard teams, and much more.

The arrival of March also means the end of our winter sports season. We are very proud of our high school title winners in 2018. The WHS Wrestling team was once again named Class B State Champions – its second consecutive state title. Also, congratulations to individual State title champions, Nolan Potter and Michael Wrigley. Nolan, Michael, and teammate, Sean McCormack-Kuhman, also qualified for the New England regional competition.

The WHS Boys Basketball team was named 2018 Class B South Regional Champions once again this year. Congratulations to the team!

Our 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.

Important Dates

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Events -

WJHS Parent Conference's

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

WJHS Grade 6 Honors Music Festival

Sat., March 10th – Kbk Middle
3:00pm

WOCSD Festival of the Arts

Wed., March 21st
5:00-8:30pm

Spring Musicals.....

GREASE (WHS PAC)

3/14-Wed Matinee – 3:30pm
3/15-Thurs –6:30pm
3/16-Friday-7pm
3/17 –Sat Matinee- 1pm

THE WIZARD OF OZ (WJHS)

3/22 – Thurs – 7pm
3/23 - Friday – 7pm
3/24 – Saturday Matinee – 2pm

Early Release

Wednesdays...

- Discontinued for remainder of the school year –



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

Wells Junior High School

- **Gale Bernard – Ed Tech** – for going above and beyond in helping a group of 8th grade students complete a science project.
- **Rachel Stockwell – Teacher** – for organizing the new "Kindness Club". Participants are spreading kindness throughout the building!
- **Morey Hallet – Ed Tech** – for coordinating the new Dungeons & Dragons intramural – kids enjoy it!

Students-

Wells Elementary School

- **Kerri Davis – Grade 4** – found a sum of money on the bus and turned it in to the Main Office in hopes of finding the owner. Her demonstration of honesty was admirable!

Wells Junior High School –

- **Matt Gahagan- Grade 6** – has qualified to represent WJHS at the State Geography Bee in Augusta. *Good luck!*
- **Jason Iannillo – Grade 6** – for being kind when a staff member had her hands full of boxes and needed some help.

Wells High School –

- **Gwen Wallingford – Grade 10-** has been selected to join a group of only 300 students from across the country to participate in the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment. *Congratulations!*
- **Kyle Crothers and Brian Hayden** – were chosen to attend the Skills USA competition in Bangor as a result of their high scores in the qualifying event at Sanford Regional Vocational Center. Kyle is a student in the Emergency Medical Services program and Brian in the Welding/Metal Fabrication curriculum. Both students received gold medals at the local level. *Congratulations!*



**Senior, Kyle Crothers &
Junior, Brian Hayden**

COMING SOON
to the WHS Performing Arts Center!

The Wells Players present...

Wednesday – March 14th – 3:30pm
 Thursday – March 15th – 6:30pm
 Friday – March 16th – 7pm
 Saturday – March 17th – 1pm

Happenings Throughout the District

Wells Elementary School

WES Celebrates Reading Across America

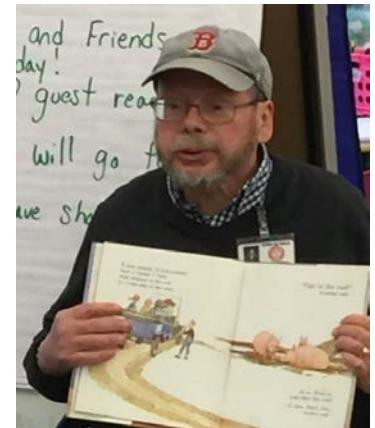
National Read Across America Day is a reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd to commemorate Dr. Seuss' birthday. At Wells Elementary, classrooms were abound with Dr. Seuss characters and many guest readers sharing stories with the students!



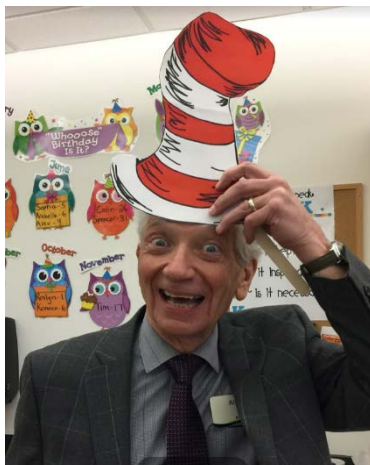
The Cat in the Hat with Thing 1 and Thing 2



Beginnergartner, James Shaw enjoys green eggs and ham!



Town Manager, Jon Carter is one of many "Celebrity Readers"



Jud Knox, CEO and President of York Hospital joins in the fun!



Members of Wells Fire Department share a story about fighting fires!



Coach Fox reads aloud in Mrs. Fox's classroom

Many thanks to these fabulous "Celebrity Readers" for making the day so special.....

*Charity Omartian
AJ Dufort
Diana Abbott
Jen Mayo
John Sweeney
Bob Griffin
Kevin Fox
Jud Knox
Nancy Cotty
Abby Hanson*

*Megan Harboldt
Scott Blanchard
Devin Burritt
Skye Ouellette
Michelle Guerrette
Allison Herman
Doug Erskine
Don Abbott
Joe Eremita
Megan Schneider*

*Jon Carter
Bridget Boston
Allison Hermon
Fr. Fred Morse
Jay Moore
Jade Austin
Nicholas Maynard
Nancy McKeton
Franny Ramsdell*

*Kathy Wright
Amy Nightingale
Kim Demmons
Jackie Belmonte
Jack Molloy
Stephanie Trombly
Samantha Bogue
Lindsay Frazier
Sarah Webb*

Wells Junior High School

Students of the Month chosen in February



L-R - **Kendall Ball**, **Evan Peterson**, **Derek Martin**, **Shawn Haggerty**, **Jada Pullen**, **Owen Ham**, **Aiden Stockwell**, **PJ Fortin**, **Nathan Yandell**, and **Kyle Donahue**.

Students shine at Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival

Thirteen students represented Wells at the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival held last weekend. Our students were attentive and hardworking throughout the event. They put themselves outside of their comfort zone and were positive additions to their choir!



Back Row (L to R): **Hunter Roberts**, **Aaron Patnaude**, **Tamia Tomlinson**, **Gretchen Graffam**, **Evyn Lally**, **Delia Bailey**, and **Riley Hansen**

Front Row (L to R): **Jackson Meagher**, **Anavi Curtiss**, **Tiffany Vevmany**, **Isabella Bazata**, **Alaina Stivaletta**, and **Lucy Breton**

Wells High School

Interact Club members volunteer at Shelter

Members of the WHS Interact Club recently volunteered at the Preble Street Food Shelter and the Ronald McDonald House in Portland.



Helping out those in need!

Sam Bogue, Laney O'Brien, Olivia Durfee, Leah Tufts, Matt Szczygiel, Madison Szczygiel, Bryn Heyland, Covy Dufort, Joe Eremita, Hailey Smith, Hannah Cottis, Margaret Patterson, Jill Box, Ashleigh Bolduc, Channing Wang, Megan Schneider and Jordan Belanger.

Students of the Trimester chosen by teachers

These students have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to academics and exhibit a positive attitude in the school community.



Back row – *Jonah Potter, Ashleigh Bolduc, Tyler Evans, Megan LaChance* and *Charles Oliver*
 Front row – *Savanah Wilder, Sydney McDermott, Bryn Heyland,* and *Brianna Ordway*
 Missing from photo – *Olivia Pagliarulo*

Adult Education



Spring has sprung with many new classes and adventures! Come join the fun!

These classes start next week.....

Ukulele for Beginners – Tuesdays – March 13 thru Apr 13

Beginning Spanish - Wednesdays – Mar 14 thru Apr 25

and....on March 15th

Start the day with a trip to Pineland Farm in Gray to learn how to milk a cow and make your own butter!

-then it's off to the Thurston and Peters Sugar House in West Newfield to learn the modern techniques in making maple syrup!

FMI- call 646-4565

or go to their website at

<http://wells-ogunquit.maineadulted.org/>



WOCSD Wellness Committee

The WOCSD Wellness Committee serves in an advisory capacity in regard to student wellness issues and is responsible for making recommendations related to the wellness policy, wellness goals, administrative or school regulations and practices, or raising awareness of student health issues.

If you would like to join this committee, please email your request to Lil Lagasse at llagasse@wocsd.org. Be sure to include a short statement as to why you would like to become a member.



Wells-Ogunquit Community School District Presents:

Autism Safety Education and Training





An important **FREE** educational opportunity for police officers, firefighters, EMS, educators, families and any other interested community members needing a better understanding of how to **prevent, recognize, and respond** to crisis situations involving persons on the autism spectrum and with other developmental disabilities.

We seek to build partnerships between first responders and community members to address safety issues with this population, including bolting and wandering.

Tuesday
March 27, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wells High School Auditorium

Presenter: Matt Brown

Matt is a parent of a child on the Autism Spectrum and a 25 year veteran of Law Enforcement. Since 2012, he has trained over 6,000 police officers, firefighters, first responders, parents and educators. Visit his website www.aset911.com for more information.

No registration necessary. CEU hours available.

Mark your calendar!

Turkey Dinner



Saturday, March 10th

St. Mary's Church, Wells
 Serving 5-7 pm

Sponsored by Wells Music Boosters