



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

May 23, 2017

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

As we approach the end of this school year, we look forward to the many annual events that take place in each school. Concerts, field trips, Colors Day, 8th Grade Recognition Night, and, of course, WHS Graduation.

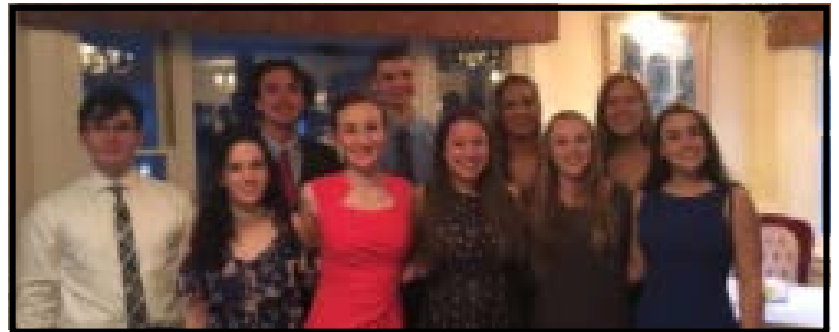
Traditionally, prior to graduation, the top ten honor graduates of the senior class are selected. This year I am extremely proud to acknowledge the academic excellence of these Class of 2017 graduates. Congratulations to the students and their families on this tremendous achievement!

Class of 2017 - Top Ten Graduates

Michelle Desjardins – Valedictorian
Madison Morin – Salutatorian

In alphabetical order:

Lauren Dewey
Kayla Looper
Alyssa Loukola
Brian McMahon
Isaac Michaud
Aimely Michaud-Nolan
Hannah Moody
Richard Patnaude



Richard Patnaude, Kayla Looper, Brian McMahon, Madison Morin, Isaac Michaud, Michelle Desjardins, Lauren Dewey, Hannah Moody, Alyssa Loukola, and Aimely Michaud-Nolan

Also a tradition this time of year, is having our very talented school bands and color guard participate in the annual Memorial Day parades in Wells and Ogunquit. (The Wells Parade will begin at 9am followed by the Ogunquit Parade at 11am). It is truly an honor for our students to be included in these solemn ceremonies that pay tribute to our many fallen heroes.

On behalf of the WOCSD, I would like to wish you all a restful and reflective holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools



MEMORIAL DAY

(Observed)

Monday, May 29th

No School






ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Cindy Roche – WHS Special Education Teacher -**
Cindy has been selected to receive the Binnie Media *Golden Apple Award*. 
This award recognizes individuals who are dedicated to the intellectual and emotional growth of Maine's children and young adults. In addition to a certificate of appreciation and flowers, Cindy will also receive a chauffeured limousine ride to school!!!! *Congratulations!*
- **Vicki Aldridge – WJHS Admin Secretary –** for her extra time and efforts in organizing and preparing for the WJHS's Class Olympics events held the week before April vacation. *Thank you!*



Families gather to watch the "Year in Review"

- **Mark Kafkas and Kathy Reeves- Wells Elementary- Year in Review Slideshow** – On Friday, May 12th, Mr. Kafkas and Mrs. Reeves held a slideshow presentation for students and their families showcasing the highlights of the school year

- **Kim Richard – Wells Elementary - Multiplication Fact Achievement Celebration-**
On May 3rd, Mrs. Richard recognized three of her students for outstanding work on mastering their multiplication facts from 0-10.
Thank you, Kim, for your hard work!



Left to right - Megyn Mertens, Nate Demauro, Antonella Ciorra, and Ms. Richard.

Students –

Wells Elementary School

- **Megyn Mertens, Nate Demauro, and Antonella Ciorra – Grade 3** – are recognized for mastering their multiplication facts from 0 to 10. *Congratulations!*
- **Quentin Ackerson, Derek Martin, Nolan Brown, Cody Haynes, Gage Sargent, Matthew Flagg, and Austin Mills – Grade 4-** set the stage for the recent band/recorder concert. *Their help was greatly appreciated!*



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School –



JJ Licardo -Grade 7 and Ethan Roberts -Grade 5 help serve meals to residents at Avita

Several WJHS students have been participating in a “service cooperative” project with our new neighbors, the *Avita Memory Care Center*.



Students help with serving food, light cleaning, office work, etc.

It is a rewarding experience for everyone involved!



Eighth-grader, Joey Love-Searles (r) helps out in the Avita Maintenance Department.

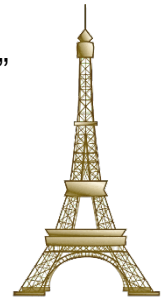
Wells High School –



Arriving in style! Senior Tristan Cox and guest, Allyson Hall

Juniors and Seniors, and their guests, enjoyed a “**Night in Paris**” at this year’s Prom held on May 13th at the Village by the Sea in Wells.

Over 115 prom-goers attended this year’s event!



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Pursuant to Maine Educational Law, all school districts in the state of Maine are expected to implement a proficiency-based system for next year's freshman class. As a result, Wells High School will be transitioning to Proficiency-Based Diplomas for the Class of 2021.

Over the past couple of years, the WOCSD has moved slowly with this transition to ensure a thorough and thoughtful process. The result of our work maintains all of the successful elements of the previous system while merging the benefits of a proficiency-based system.

In so doing, we will continue our current grade reporting system (by trimester) while providing parents the opportunity to see student progress on individual content standards. The vehicle for this communication will continue to be through the use of Jupiter Grades (our automated grading system). Our students’ report card will remain the same.

REMINDER

Annual School Budget Meeting
Wells Junior High School Gymnasium
Wednesday, June 7th - 6:30pm



Budget Validation Referendum
Town Voting Sites
WJHS Gym (Wells) / Dunaway Center (Ogunquit)
Tuesday, June 13th - 8am – 8pm

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Conservation Commission recognizes student artists in the WOCSD



WELLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Conserving Nature for Life

Students throughout the WOCSD entered the 18th Annual Wells Conservation Commission Student Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Water in Wells" and encouraged students to consider our town's water resources and their importance for fisheries, wildlife, clean drinking water, recreation, and beauty.

Kindergarten

1st Place – *Ries van der Does*
2nd Place – *Andrew Hubacz*
3rd Place – *Sawyer Douglas*
HM – *Lewis Coleman*
HM – *Lillian Luce*

First Grade

1st Place – *Calvin Lakowicz*
2nd Place – *Baylee Heath*
3rd Place – *Graeme Mertens*
HM – *Mason Colbeth*
HM- *Cody Lockard*

Multi-Age Grades 1-2

1st Place – *Merrick Williams*
2nd Place – *Lauren Martin*
3rd Place – *Colin Moody*
HM – *Gabriella Hussey*
HM- *Zoe Chabot*
HM – *Mila Mustacka*

Grade 2

1st Place – *Jesse Pullen*
2nd Place – *Lee Rollins*
3rd Place – *Jackson Flagg*
HM – *Ben Copleman*
HM- *Heidi Austin*

Grade 3

1st Place – *Reese Nichols*
2nd Place – *Evelina Lucas*
3rd Place – *Jaylyn Grant*
HM – *Sam Perry*

Grade 4

1st Place – *Elizabeth Nichols*
2nd Place – *Chloe Madsen*
3rd Place – *Kayla Rollins*

Grade 5

1st Place – *Brian Fetzner*
2nd Place – *Sarah Ackerman*
3rd Place – *Rachel Rallo*
HM – *Kayla Bolton*
HM- *Riley Nichols*

Grade 6

1st Place – *Abel Brethauer*
2nd Place – *Marina Villator*
3rd Place – *Belle Norton*
HM – *Riley Bolton*

Grade 6 Science

1st Place – *Anna Woodward*
2nd Place – *Skye Randall*
3rd Place – *Belle Norton*
HM – *Isabella Bazata*
HM- *Colin Butters*
HM- *Jenna Knobloch*
HM- *Caylin Marcotte*
HM - *Emily Kenney*

Grades 7-8

1st Place – *Summer Sayward*
2nd Place – *Ariana Colon*
3rd Place – *Aaron LaChance*
HM – *Justin Boulay*
HM - *Megan Cox*

Grades 9

1st Place – *Joe Eremita*
2nd Place – *Sydney Belanger*
3rd Place – *Mya Colon*
HM- *Chaya Lord-Rozeff*
HM- *Wyatt Rowe*
HM- *Zachary Steere*

Grade 10

1st Place – *Payton MacKay*
2nd Place – *Rylie Perron*
3rd Place – *Matthew Tufts*
HM – *James Garcia*

Grade 11

1st Place – *Channing Wang*
2nd Place – *Jesse Taylor*
3rd Place – *Blair Tweed*
HM – *Mitchell Libby*
HM- *Brianna Christie*
HM- *Samantha Bogue*
HM- *John Harris*

Grade 12

1st Place – *Alyssa Loukola*
2nd Place – *Elana Fortin*
3rd Place – *Charlotte Merrifield*
HM – *Keri Allaire*

**Congratulations
to our many
talented young
artists!**

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Elementary School



Parlez-vous français?

Several Grade 4 students have been introduced to a new language and culture with the help of some Wells High School students. Coordinated by Maryanne Foley, the **F.L.A.G.S.** (*Foreign Language Awareness for Grade Schoolers*) group learned greetings, colors, numbers, letters, and sang songs in French. They also enjoyed some French cuisine!

Eighteen students attended this four-week program:

Brooklyn Boisvert, Angelina DeMarco, Izzy Leslie, Hailey Marshall, Brycen Bowden, Jeremy Therrien, Grace Richard, Kylie Corbett, Hayden Meffert, Chloe Madsen, Nolan Brown, Gage Sargent, Teagan Hludik, Caitlyn Henry, Uriah Martell, Tad Allaire, Anne Randle, and Kendall Maxon.

A huge thank you to their “teachers” from Wells High School:

Felicia Desjardins, Gus Madsen, Sarah Webb, Covy Dufort, and Alyssa Kenney.

Wells Junior High School

Strike up the Band!



Set aside the evening of **Thursday, June 8th** for the annual Junior High Band spring concert. Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment beginning at 6:30pm in the Ward Gymnasium!

Wells High School



WHS Quiz Show Team Quarterfinals

On May 18 the **Wells High School Quiz Show Team** hosted a watch party to view their quarterfinal match. The party was held in the *Olenn Performing Arts Center* at the high school, and the gathering of about 25 people in attendance enjoyed viewing the match on the large screen.

Thanks to the team members, family members, students, staff members and administrators who came out to watch the team defeat Oak Hill.

The team's semifinal match against Cape Elizabeth will be broadcast on Maine Public TV next Thursday, May 25, at 8 P.M. and will be rebroadcast Sunday, May 28, at 5:30 P.M.



WHS Quiz Show Team members – **Matt Chase, Kaitlyn Hurlbert, Channing Wang, Danielle Jarosz, Brendan Dean,** and **Marisa Mizzoni** defeated opponent Oak Hill.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells High School

Students Helping Students



Several Wells High School students grade students one day each week program that matches younger students with older ones – similar to the *Big Brothers/Big Sisters* program.

volunteered as mentors to third and fourth through the *Acorns to Oaks* program – a program that matches younger students with older ones – similar to the *Big Brothers/Big Sisters* program.

WHS “Oaks” – **Jaden Poulin, Charlotte Merrifield, Autumn Troffater, Madison O’Connor, and Ellie Poulin** - bonded with their “acorns” by doing arts and crafts, playing board games and computer games, and enjoying time outside.

Recognized as Champions



Members of the WHS School Community were “recognized for excellence” at the recent Breakfast of Champions celebration held on Friday, May 19th. *Congratulations to all recipients!*

(L-R) Mr. Bob Gilpatric, Mr. John Covino, Mrs. Carol Miller, Ms. Emily Knight, Mrs. Heidi Knight, Mrs. Kristen Thompson, Bailey Marsh, Matthew Chase, Gary Andrews, Jessica Bacon, Jill Box, Tyler Bridge, Hailey Smith, Sean McCormack-Kuhman, Natalie Robinson, Isaac H. Michaud, Mrs. Cindy Roche, Cody Brassard, Vincent Crawford, David Ouellette, Delaney O'Brien, Anna Guerrette, and Mrs. Betsy Littlefield. Missing from photo: Nick Hansen, Emma Clarrage, Mr. Zach Beisswanger, Sarah Orben, Gage Baker, Brianna Christie, Emma Bernhardt, Mrs. Vanessa White-Capelluti, Ms. Paula Brayson, Elizabeth Hubbard and Nick Maynard.

Two Great Nights of Musical Entertainment

On Wednesday, May 31st, song will fill the air as the **WHS Mixed Chorus** and **Women’s Select A Capella Chorus** perform their spring concert in the Olenn Performing Arts Center. The evening will begin at 7:00pm with a special appearance by the **Seaglass Chorale!** *You won’t want to miss it!*



WHS Women’s Select A Capella Chorus directed by Bailey Smith

(photo by Robin Reidy)

And, on June 5th

...plan to tap your toes to the beat as the award-winning **WHS Band** and **Jazz Band**

perform musical selections at the “*Music in the Park*” event to be held at the Winn House in Ogunquit.



The concert begins at 6:00pm

WHS Concert Band conducted by Larry Downing