



WELLS-OGUNQUIT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

November 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

November is a month of reflection and being thankful for what we have in life. It is a time of honoring our veterans and celebrating Thanksgiving. It is important that we express gratitude to all who serve in our Armed Forces – both past and present. These dedicated men and women have protected our freedoms, rights, and democracy for generations. On Thursday, Nov. 10th, the Wells Elementary School will hold a Veteran's Day assembly where students will honor our military service personnel and learn the meaning of "respect and honor".

Please take a moment to thank a veteran in your life and express your gratitude for the sacrifices they have made for the well-being of our children, our community, and our great nation.

PLEASE NOTE: No school on Friday, November 11, 2016 in honor of our veterans.

Sincerely,

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

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools



National Election Day
Tuesday, Nov 8th

NO SCHOOL



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Bonnie Esty, Nancy Colley, Karen Valliere, Kim Richard, and Lucille Pisano** – WES for their tremendous efforts organizing the Literacy and Math Night held on Oct. 27th.
- **Jen Abbott** – WES – for assisting the Title Team with their presentation and for filling in for a colleague during Title I Parent Night
- **Maryanne Foley** – WOCS D Volunteer Coord – for her tireless efforts in securing volunteers for the many activities and functions throughout the District. Her attention to detail and support for all stakeholders is greatly appreciated!
- **AJ Dufort** – for organizing and coordinating partner activities between 5th and 8th grade students at WJHS. Students were paired off and worked together to create pieces of writing about themselves thus getting to know someone they may never have had the chance to otherwise.

Students –

Wells Elementary School -

- **Congratulations to the recipients of the October 2016 "Core Value Awards" –**
Kindergarten – **Gabriella Hussey**
Grade 1 – **Owen Avery, Aaron Dawkins, Kendall Maxon, Emily Bolduc, Zoe Chabot, Kaylee Webber, Baylee Heath, Coleman Hubbard, Gracey Copper, Zoe Coleman, Reid Brogran, Mason Colbeth, Lucas Madsen, and Carolyn Nichols**
- Grade 2 – **London Chadwick, Alex Field, Jacoby Ryder, Jason Noble, Gauge Shepard, Eloise Ouellette, Brady Kelin, Michael Sprague, Aiden Thibodeau, Rhys Cote, Arianna Ceroni, and Mila Mustacka**
- Grade 3 – **Dominic Carbonneau, Caleb Moody, Ariella Springer, Arianna Cote, Joshua Lindsey, Megyn Mertens, Jaice Soucie-Libby, Riley Butters, Meghan Kaszubinski, Adriana Duchrme, Helen Lee, Dru Maroni, Aiden Lear-Lapierre, Matthew Rozelle, and Giovanni Riccitelli**
- Grade 4 – **Rachel Hubacz, Camryn Chase, Payton Fazzina, Kendall Maxon, Ane Michelle Randle, Calista Leighton, Delani Brown, Chloe Madsen, Kylie Corbett, Phillip Fortin, Emily Morrell, Anne Michelle Randle, Alex Albright, Honey Conley, Nolan Mottor, Elie Potter, Ava Belanger, Elizabeth Nicols, Cody Haynes, Molly Tavares, Calin Henry, Cameron Field, Kayla Rollins, Hayden Meffert, Cooper Bourque, Ava Sprague, and Bryce Curley**

Wells Junior High School –

- **Kaden Springer** – Grade 5 – for seeing a classmate in need and offering his assistance on many occasions
- **Gus Emerson** – Grade 7 – Gus was very kind to a fellow student needing a friend at lunch. Gus invited the student to sit at his table and introduced him to his other friends as "a cool guy". Gus is to be commended for this genuine act of kindness!

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

- **Jonah Potter** – Grade 8 – is continuously supportive of his classmates and find the good in every situation!
- **Joey Love-Searles** – for stepping up and lending a helping hand with the set up and take down of Project Adventure – without ever being asked!

Wells High School –

- **Ivy Pevear, Jackson Gilliland, Seana Grealey, Matt Chase, Wes Moody, Michael Wrigley, Jade Moffett, Tyler Evans, Ashleigh Bolduc, Paige Ladlow, Tim Bullard, Taryn Lambert, and Lily Iannillo** – WHS *Breakfast of Champions* recipients!



Breakfast of Champions recipients at WHS

- **Boys and Girls Cross Country Team Members** – for qualifying for the State meet!
- **Warrior Football Team Members** – for advancing to the Southern Maine Class C Semi-Finals.
- **Warrior Marching Band and Color Guard Members** – for being awarded a Silver Medal at the MBDA State Finals competition for the second year in a row!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Long Term Substitute** – grades 9-12 - Spanish Teacher
- **Long Term Substitute** – grades 9-12 - French Teacher (one period per day)
- **Custodial Substitutes** – District-wide
- **Substitutes** – grades BK-12



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- **Professional Development -**
 - Teachers continue to put Early Release Wednesdays to good use. This past week Vertical Teams have met in every content area for first time in a very long time.
 - WOCSD Assessment Course, taught by Henry Ingwersen and Charlene Khon, has begun.
- **Curriculum & Assessment**
 - Assessment being a District focus - all teachers were given a copy of Seven Strategies of Assessment for Learning. This will give the staff a common understanding and vocabulary of assessment.
 - Vertical Teams met and are working on curriculum, scope/sequence, and common assessments.
 - Graduation Standards in ELA, Social Studies, and Science are complete.
 - PSATs were given to sophomores and juniors on October 19th

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- On Thursday, Nov. 10th, the annual “Veterans Day Assembly” will be held beginning at 9:00am. This assembly is devoted to commemorating and remembering all armed forces service personnel. This year, in conjunction with the Patriot Riders, the school is asking for donations of household items to be used to assist in placing homeless veterans into apartments.



Items desired include: coffee pots, toasters, silverware, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, blankets, pillows, towels, and gently used pots and pans, bed frames. Gift cards to Walmart, Hannaford, or Renys, or cash donations would also be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: ***Patriot Riders***.

Wells Junior High School

- The 22nd Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will take place from 11:00 am to 1:00pm on Sunday, November 20th. FMI, please call the WJHS Main Office at 646-5142.



Guests enjoy their meal at the 2015 Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

Wells High School



- On October 18th, the Wells Warriors Boys Soccer Team hosted a *Coaches vs Cancer* game to focus on cancer awareness and to raise funds for the Maine Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Players and coaches dedicated the game to loved ones lost to the disease and honored survivors with a special pin.



Players wore pink shirts in recognition of Breast Cancer Month.

Through their efforts of selling pins and bracelets and holding bake sales at games, the Team raised over \$560 for the charity.

Adult Community Education

- Wells-Ogunquit Walkers** – join us as we walk the new indoor track at the high school. Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm. *Walk the track and keep in shape!*

For security purposes – we ask that all walkers check in with the Adult Ed office to receive a visitor badge/orientation and access to the track.

Parent Conferences

Wells High School – Thursday, Nov. 3rd – 3:30-7:30pm
Wells Junior High – Thursday, Nov. 3rd and Thursday, Nov. 10th – 3:00-6:30pm
Wells Elementary – Monday, Nov. 7th – 3:30-7:00 pm and Thursday, Nov. 10th – 3:30-6:30pm