



WELLS-OGUNQUIT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

October 5, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

We have had a terrific fall here in the WOCSD. There is a noticeable vitality at each level in the District. This positive energy will radiate into positive results for all our students!

I would like to congratulate **WHS Senior, Kevin Finley** who has been named a *National Merit Commended Scholar*. Kevin's PSAT exam score placed him in the top 2.2% of the 1.5 million students across the country taking the exam.

I would also like to congratulate all of our fall athletic teams and our fall activities on an outstanding and on-going fall seasons. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication!

Good luck to our **WHS Cross Country Team** and **Coach Winn** in the upcoming Western Maine Conference Championship to be held at St. Joseph's College on Friday, October 14th.

Congratulations to **WHS Sophomore, Megan Bradish**, who qualified for the State of Maine Individual Schoolgirl Golf Championships. She will compete at States on Oct. 15th.

We are looking forward to the completion of the renovations at Wells High School. The past three years of construction have been chaotic, but the result is well worth the wait! The final area, the new Performing Arts Center, should be finished this month!

Again, thank you for your support of our students and schools. We hope to see you at upcoming events and activities!

Sincerely,

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

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday – Oct. 10th

No School



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- Chris Roche – WES
- Kenny Spinney- WES
- MaryBeth Clason - WES
- Sarah Quint – WJHS
- Chris Miliken – WJHS
- Bob Gilpatric - WHS

Students –

Wells Elementary School -



- **Students on Bus #2 and Bus #20 –**
Received a pizza luncheon as a PBIS incentive for their outstanding behavior and leadership demonstrated on the bus. *Keep up the great work!*

Enjoying a slice of pizza are: Gracie Mears, Derek Martin, Eli Potter, Caitlin Rooney, Anne Michelle Randle, Meghan Kaszbuzinski, Lila Sprague, Ava Sprague, Cooper Bourque, and Tad Alliare

- **Congratulations to the recipients of the September 2016 "Core Value Awards"–**
 - Grade 1 - **William Burke, Sean Moulton, Rusty Rousseau, Elena Batchelder**
 - Grade 2 - **Maddox Koh, Lincoln Polacke, Lauren Martin, Avalonne Gilpatric, Emily Finch, Lillian Courtois, Aaliyah Dufort, Haileigh Vieu, Summer Durham, Alivia Peasley, Sofia Demarco, Draegan Kammerer, Ben Copleman, Marissa Naffah, Joshua Ward, Devyn Woodman**
 - Grade 3 - **Jacy Brown, Matt Rozelle, Colby Haskell, Brydon Marcotte, Reese Nichols, Elizabeth Boulger, Bryer Perry, Austin Mills, Aiden Lear-Lapierre, Ryan Woodward, Camryn Chase, Peyton Lessard**
 - Grade 4 - **Nolan Brown, Matthew Flagg, Alex Finn, Hayden Meffert, Aiden Stockwell, and Dominic Buxton**

Principal Roche presents
Core Value Awards to
students



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School -

- **James Wirth, Evan Brouillard, Alex Romanov, Ethan Kenney, Tristan Kay, Tyler Chase, Robey Rose, Michael Thiffault, Spencer Tyler –Grade 7-** these students were extremely kind to a peer in the cafeteria.
- **Tiffany Vevmany and Tabby Boudle – Grade 6** -were “team players” in Chorus class! They switched parts to help balance out the group.
- **Aaron LaChance – Grade 8-** helped pick up other students’ materials at the end of Chorus class.



7th Grader, **Aaron Patnaude** enjoys a moment with **McGee** before heading into Project Adventure class.

- **McGee, WJHS Service Dog** – provides comfort to students needing support.

(McGee, is a nearly six-year old golden retriever therapy dog who visits with students at Wells Junior High School two days a week. McGee hangs out in the PE area with his owner, Ms. Savage.)

Wells High School –

- **Ryan Barber, Isaac Michaud, Ryan Sousa, Zoe Emerton, Marissa Mizzoni, Caeli Beecher, Elana Fortin, Madison Morin, Kayla Looper, Seana Grealey, Nathan Olsen, and Savannah Martin – WHS Seniors** –were recognized by the College Board for their excellent results in the Advanced Placement exams. *Congratulations!*

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Custodial Substitutes** – District-wide
- **Substitutes** – grades BK-12



DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Professional Development-Our Early Release Wednesdays have made a difference!

- WES has worked together on School Vision, PBIS, technology and assessment training using data protocol to support student achievement.
- WJHS has worked on building a community of Professional Learners and focused on technology professional development.
- WHS is focusing on assessment. They are reading *Seven Strategies of Assessment for Learning* as a staff in order to have a common understanding of assessment and are tuning their common assessments by department

Assessment continues to be a district focus

- We are aligning and tuning our assessments to meet our Graduation Standards.
- Teachers are looking at student achievement and are having professional conversations about valid assessments and teaching practices.
- NWEA testing is completed in grades 1-8. Teachers are now being supported in using the data to identify student needs, inform instruction, and to form groups.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- **Welcome** to two new staff members –
 - **Mary Noyes** – ELL teacher
 - **David Tibbetts** – Custodian
- **BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS** – **Something new at WES-** as part of our *Core Value Award* program, we will hold a breakfast celebration for all of our “champions” that are recognized for demonstrating core values (*respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, compassion*). Recipients of our September Core Value Awards will be provided with breakfast on Friday, **October 7th**.

The *Breakfast of Champions* program has been ongoing at the high school since 2007 and we are excited to incorporate it at the elementary level!



- **Bridges Café** – periodically each month students in the *Bridges* program offer an array of baked items for sale to staff. Students learn a variety of math and social skills through their participation in the program.

Kelsey Crowell, OT Intern, Lil Connelly, Speech Therapist, Gigi Roberts-Maher, substitute teacher, and student, Gracie Mears, assist Supt. Daly with his purchase from the Bridges Café.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School

- **1st Trimester Intramurals** – will begin **October 11th**. Offerings include:
 - Fun with Cooking (Grds 5/9 & 7/8)
 - Guided Study/Work Time (Grds 5-8)
 - Spelling Bee Prep (Grds 5-8)
 - Little House on the Prairie (Grds 5/6)
 - Bridge Club (Grds 5-8)
 - STEM Club (Grds 5-8)
 - Jazz Band (Grds 6-8)
 - Sewing Club (Grds 5-8)
 - Fun Fridays in the Library (Grds 5-8)

Wells High School

New Scoreboard Unveiled at Homecoming



New scoreboard at Warrior Memorial Field



Coach Roche, Supt. Daly, and SC Member, Jason Vennard during the dedication ceremony on Sept. 23rd

- Coach Tim Roche, Superintendent Jim Daly and WOCSD School Committee Vice-Chairman, Jason Vennard joined others at midfield during the scoreboard dedication on Friday, September 23rd. The ceremony honored the *Forbes Family Foundation* for its continued support of the WOCSD and its students.

Also attending were Karen and Tim Darling, Joe Forbes and Matt Forbes, grandchildren Luke Darling, and Patrick, Maeve and Vander Forbes, Daniel and Carla Lafayette, electrician Robert Perry, landscaper Dean C. Ramsdell, Wells High School Athletic Boosters (represented by Judy Moody and Keeley Lambert) and Wells-Ogunquit Youth Football and Cheering Association (represented by Lancer McInnis).

The Board, in memory of Mary and Vander Forbes, Jr., was funded entirely by private donations.

- The Civil Rights Team sponsored **Character Education Week** this week at Wells High School. Signs reflecting good character traits were displayed around the school in an effort to encourage everyone to think about their own character and how they treat others.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)



Performing Arts Center Balcony



Performing Arts Center Main Level



Quiet Study Area & Added Cafeteria Seating



Our new Music Suite

*A sneak peek at
WHS's new
Performing Arts
Center !*



Performing Arts Entrance Foyer

Adult Community Education

Enrichment *Ed-Ventures* are waiting for you!

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- Walt Disney Vacation Planning
- Welcome to Medicare
- Spanish for Beginners
- Sushi Made Simple
- Oblong Wire-Handled Basket



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