A message from Supt. Daly..............

US News & World Report has published their 2019 annual list of top performing high schools in the United States. Once again, I am pleased to announce that Wells High School has been designated as a Silver Medal School – ranked #6 in the State of Maine. Additionally, WHS placed 1,227th in the nation. These rankings are based on student performance on proficiency assessments, graduation rate, and college preparedness. On behalf of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee, I would like to congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and WHS administration on this impressive recognition!

Recognition, whether locally or nationally, is an integral facet of student success. Each spring, many students are recognized as new members of our local National Honor Society. Selection is based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Congratulations to the following WHS students who represent our school and communities in the highest light –

Cameron Barker
Logan Bedell
Jordan Belanger
Alexandra Bento
Meredith Bogue
Ashleigh Balduc
Grace Bradish
Hannah Bradish
Tyler Carpenter
Kaitlyn Chrisemer
Decovan Duport
Matthew Elderkin
Joseph Eremita
Tyler Evans
Alyssa Kenney
Guss Madsen
Timothy Martell
Olivia Michaud
Brianna Ordway
Jaidyn Patel
Michael Patnaude
Katie Plourde
Elliana Poulin
Francesca Ramsdell
Samuel Strange
Madison Teti
Alyssa Wallingford
Gwen Wallingford
Mackenzie Webb
Sarah Webb
Andrew Wuerthner
Gabi Zurlo

Although the end of this school year will soon be upon us, we are already planning for the next. With that in mind, I have enclosed the 2019-2020 District School Calendar. As in the past few years, we will be following the one-hour Early Release Wednesday schedule in order to provide time for professional development workshops, student meetings, and other activities.

In addition to formulating the school calendar, we have also developed a fiscally responsible school budget for the upcoming year. On Wednesday, June 5th, we will hold our annual School Budget Meeting where community members will have the opportunity to speak to, ask questions about, and hopefully, vote to accept the proposed 2019-2020 school budget. The meeting will be held in the Wells Junior High School Gymnasium beginning at 6:30 pm.

The following Tuesday, June 11th, residents will have the opportunity to approve the school budget through the Budget Validation Referendum included in the Town of Wells and Ogunquit ballots. Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Wells Junior High School Gymnasium in Wells and the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit.

We hope you will be able to join us at these and the many other school events planned in the next few weeks.

Events -

WHS–Grand March/Prom 2019 Saturday, May 18th – 3:00 pm
• Grand March (public invited) -Ronco Gymnasium
• Prom (students/guests only) -Village by the Sea – 7-11 pm

WJHS – 7th & 8th Grade Dance Friday, May 10th – 6:30 pm
Ward Gymnasium

WES – Incoming Kindergarten
Screening (by appt only) Tues., May 28 and Wed., May 29th
➢ NO SCHOOL for all current K & BK classes

Early Release

Wednesdays...
• each Wednesday throughout the school year
  WHS – dismissal 12:49 pm
  WJHS- dismissal 1:00 pm
  WES – dismissal 2:00 pm

WOCS Current Enrollment
Wells- 1312  Ogunquit- 51  Other- 13
TOTAL= 1376
ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty and Staff

- Walkers for Autism – Pat Endsley, Tim Roche, and Cindy Roche – for representing Wells High School and participating in the 17th Annual Autism Society Walk of Maine at UNE on Sunday, April 28th. Well done!

Students

Wells Elementary School –

- Sophia Dupuis- Grade 3- for bringing in a collection of food items for the backpack program at WES. She and her grandmother started this collection at her grandmother's place of employment. Thank you, Sophia!

Wells Junior High School –

- Isabella Bazata– Grade 8 – for donating her time to help Bridges students during their gym program. Isabella is an excellent student and enjoys helping others.

Wells High School –

- Phil Richmond-Grade 12 - received his Varsity Jacket by participating in Unified Basketball. Way to go, Phil!

Reminder

Annual Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Wells Junior High School Gymnasium
1470 Post Road, Wells, Maine

Budget Validation Referendum
June 11, 2019

Wells- Polls Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wells Junior High School

Ogunquit- Polls Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dunaway Center
Literary Achievement Awards marks 33rd year

On Thursday, April 25th, sixty-seven students throughout the District were honored at an evening ceremony held at Wells High School. The Literary Achievement Awards contest, which was established in 1986, encourages, recognizes and rewards outstanding creative writing at all grade levels. All entries are judged anonymously at two levels, first by district staff members then later by a panel of judges comprised of community members. This year judges reviewed 252 entries from all students, including Adult Ed.

First place winners were: Maya Roche (Kindergarten), Addisyn Avery (Gr.1), Scarlett Lantz (Gr. 2), Sofia Passaretti (Gr. 3), Francesca MacEwen (Gr 4), Camden Mosher (Gr. 5), Victoria Chase (Gr. 6), Samuel Coleman (Gr. 7), Emily Kenney (Gr. 8), Ariana Leighton (Gr.9), Kathryn Cafaro (Gr. 10), Michael Patnaude (Gr. 11), Katherine Reidy (Gr. 12) and Paula Villa (Adult Education).

The competition is sponsored by the Wells-Ogunquit CSD, the Rotary Clubs of Wells and Ogunquit and The Steakhouse Restaurant.

Maryanne Foley and Reg Bennett, co-chairs of the contest, wish to thank all the judges for volunteering their time in support of our students.

The 2019 Literary Achievement Awards Ceremony will be televised

May 21-June 1

(Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM / Tuesday through Friday at 4:00 PM)

Wells Spectrum Channel 1301 and Ogunquit Spectrum Channel 1302

Winning entries are published on the District’s website www.wocsd.org
Performances take center stage this time of year

Not by the hair of their chinny, chins, chins.......

A huge thanks to Laila VanWeest in Mrs. Hnatow’s second-grade class for providing the narration of the story.

Westward, ho!!!

The Second grades and Multi 1 / 2 classes presented the "American Movement West". Exploring the journey on the Oregon Trail students performed folk dances, songs, storytelling, and created clay sculptures through their classes in art, library, music, physical education, and technology. It was a family event for all to enjoy!

Mrs. Blanchard's Begindergarten Class presented "A Musical Tale of The Three Pigs" - an integrated arts unit about Fairytales. Students explored fairytales in class, created watercolor paintings inspired by the fairytale in art and presented the story in music for their parents.

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Grab your partner for the Patty-Cake Polka!

Arian Kennedy and son, Jack

Syerra Chick and dad, Eric
First Graders explore China and its culture

The first grade classes of Mrs. McPherson, Ms. Talbot, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Lagasse journeyed through China during the past two months.

In their classrooms, they explored Chinese culture and endangered animals. Students took a virtual reality tour of the Great Wall in technology class.

In the art studio, they created mixed media pieces inspired by Ming Dynasty vases. Folktales were explored and read in the library.

The children’s opera "TIKKI TIKKI TEMBO" was produced in music and presented on stage for parents and our Kindergarten classes.

**Please Note**

Due to the screenings for incoming 2019-2020 Kindergarteners, there will be **NO SCHOOL** for current Kindergartners/Begindergartners on the following dates:

*Tuesday, May 28th*
*Wednesday, May 29th*
Music fills the air..................

“madness” (mad-nis) -intense excitement or enthusiasm

On April 24th, the WJHS gym was alive with the sounds of “Band Madness”. This annual tradition began in the mid-80’s (1984-1985) with the purpose of promoting high school band as a viable option for those moving up from the junior high. What started as a concert for parents & public, with the WJHS and WHS Bands playing whatever program they were currently working on, has evolved into a concert and an assembly for all WJHS students. Now participants include WJHS Band, WHS Band, WHS Jazz Band, Combined Band, and the Winter Guard programs.

Top singers compete at festival

On Saturday, April 27th, six choral students from WOCSD participated in the Maine Elementary & Middle School All-State Chorus Festival at Gorham High School. Top choral students from all over the state gathered to work under guest conductors and then perform a concert. The students all worked very hard and were tremendous representatives of our school district!

Congratulations to the students who were selected to participate:

4th Grade: Alivia Collin
5th Grade: Caroline Dufort, Rachel Hubacz, Adriana Ducharme
6th Grade: Elizabeth Nichols, Chloe Madsen

(L-R): Alivia Collin, Caroline Dufort, Adriana Ducharme, Rachel Hubacz
(Back row): Elizabeth Nichols and Chloe Madsen
(Front row): Caroline Dufort, Rachel Hubacz, Adriana Ducharme
Walking for a cause - Spreading awareness – one step at a time

On April 28th, the WOCSD Bridges Teams came together yet again to participate in the annual Autism Walk sponsored by the Autism Society of Maine. The group walked at the University of New England around the beautiful campus with roughly 180 participants. The WOCSD Bridges Team consisted of 17 walkers this year which met its goal of raising $500.00.

“This is our second year participating as a district. We are very grateful for the generous donations from our friends, family members, colleagues and members within our community,” said Heather Fenderson, a special education staff member from Wells Junior High School. “It is very special to be a part of a community who walks together to help spread awareness and understanding surrounding autism.”

Participants in this year’s Autism Walk: (L-R): Doug Perley, Dianne Hussey, Ashley Hussey, Leah LePage, Alani Simmons, Kim McDonough, Heather Fenderson, Lauren Rivera, Heidi Mitchell, Stephanie Guillemette, Cindy Roche, Tim Roche, Shannon Petrie, Shawn Kennedy, and Pat Endsley.

Grades 7 & 8

Last dance of the year!

Friday, May 10th

6:30-8:30pm Admission: $5.00
Making a Difference -
Teens hone their culinary talents to help others

Twenty members of the WHS Interact Club volunteered in the Portland area on April 25th. Eleven students helped prepare meals at the Preble Street Food Shelter which fed over 250 people. Nine students helped at the Ronald McDonald House where they made the evening meal for families staying in the House who have children that are patients at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital.

Student volunteers included:
- Meredith Bogue
- Tyler Bridge
- Covy Dufort
- Joe Eremita
- Logan Bedell
- Lily Clough
- Katie Plourde
- Andrew Mott
- Laney O’Brien
- Jonah Potter
- Zach Carpenter
- Hannah Cottis
- Hailey Smith
- Franny Ramsdell
- Kenzie Webb
- Colby Bolduc
- Brady Fox
- Rhainnon McQuaide
- Connor Woodward
- Margaret Patterson

Wells High School was pleased to host a Job Fair on April 24th. Over twenty Ogunquit and Wells employers participated, providing job opening information and applications for students.

Many thanks to Wells Town Hall, Wells Chamber of Commerce and Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce for assisting with recruitment efforts and with parking!
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For more information:
https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/maine/districts/wells-ogunquit-csd/wells-high-school-8926

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WOACE to Host Celebration

**Wells/Ogunquit Adult Community Education** will host its *Celebration of Learning* for all WOACE students and staff on **Monday, June 10th at 6:00pm.**
WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2019-2020 School Calendar

This calendar also available on the District website.