



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

October 18, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

The fall season is speeding by. Although we may not like the shorter days and colder temps, the foliage has certainly been magnificent! Mid-October in Maine is a great time of year!

Mid-October also means the winding down of many of our fall sports competitions:

- Congratulations to our **WHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams** and **Coach Winn**. The Boys team once again won the Western Maine Conference Division 2 Championship held at St. Joseph's College on Friday, October 14th. The team ended the regular 2016 season undefeated with a 6-0 record. The Girls team finished 2nd in the Championship.

- Good luck to our **WHS Football Team**, **Head Coach, Tim Roche**, and his **coaching staff** as they face Cape Elizabeth for their final game of the regular season on Friday, Oct. 21st. The Team is currently undefeated!

- For the first time since the team's inception, the **WHS Girls Volleyball Team** has secured a position in the playoff games for the Class B State tournament. Under the direction of **Coach, Ryan Fairchild**, the team ended the regular season with a record of 8-6.

Another sign of the season is our Fall Parent Conferences. These will be held at the high school on Oct. 27th and November 3rd; at the junior high on November 3rd and 10th; and, at the elementary school on November 7th and 10th. Please contact your child's school FMI.

Finally, we are excited to announce that after almost three years of construction, the new high school renovations are complete! On behalf of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, I wish to thank everyone who had a part in the process; especially, the community for its support of such a tremendous building that will serve to benefit our students' education for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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

James P. Daly
Superintendent of Schools

Parent Conferences

Wells High School – Thursday, Oct. 27th and 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



ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Angela Norton –WJHS Custodian** – for going above and beyond by sorting through bags of trash to successfully find a student's lost retainer!
- **Chris Milliken – WJHS Art Teacher** – for his consistent, time consuming efforts of updating and displaying student artwork in the junior high hallways! *Thank you!*

Students –

Wells Elementary School -

- **Ava Belanger** and **Kendall Maxon – Grade 4-** both young ladies took it upon themselves to start a recycling program where they coordinate picking up paper from the box they designed in the Teacher's Room. They not only created the program but put a schedule in place so that any papers that normally might be thrown out may now be recycled. Their extra efforts are commendable and greatly appreciated by all staff! *Nice job!*



Bus Driver, Marcia Finley,
waves a cheery hello!

- A special thanks to our **WOCSD Bus Drivers!** Bus Driver Appreciation Week is being held October 17th through October 21st.

Thank you for ensuring our students arrive at school and return home safely each day!!

- **PTSA members and volunteers** - for participating in the Consignment Sale over the weekend. Many gave up their time to help the kids of WES and that is greatly appreciated. What the PTSA does for the students of WES is nothing short of phenomenal. *Thank you all for your selfless dedication to our school!*

Wells Junior High School -

- **Tristan Kay – Grade 7** – for volunteering during recess to search for another student's lost hearing aid. Tristan persevered, found the device, and returned it to the student!
- **Alivia Norris – Grade 6** – for her demonstration of altruism to her classmates
- **Aiden Peasley – Grade 8** – Aiden graciously included a fellow 8th grader while at recess – great example of citizenship!

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS (cont'd)

Wells High School –

- **Bella White, Jessica Bacon – Grade 12, and Mallory Cashman - Grade 11** – have been selected to be part of the Macy's Great American Marching Band performing on Thanksgiving Day in New York City! *Congratulations!*



Coach Bailey Smith, Bella White and Jessica Bacon.
(Mallory Cashman was unavailable at time of photo)

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

- Henry Ingwersen and Charlene Kohn are offering a WOCSD course on assessment that begins later this month.
- We are preparing documents for an Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) audit that is due on October 31st. A big thank you to the Title staff, our school secretaries, and Lil Lagasse, Diane Norton, Ryan Fairchild, and Ed McDonough for their help with this project.
- The Gifted and Talented Renewal Application has been submitted to the Department of Education.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells Elementary School

- As part of **Fire Prevention Week**, Fire/Smoke Safety Training was provided to our students on October 12th. Students not only received some excellent instruction on what to do in case of fire or smoke, but also received honorary firefighter hats and sticker badges.



WES students learn about the importance of smoke detectors

*Thank you, **Wells Fire Department**, for everything you do to keep our campus and community safe!*

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School

- All members of **Grade 5** will travel to Augusta on October 18th to visit the **Maine State Museum**.



Each year fifth graders tour the Museum on “*Earth Science Day*” when area scientists, environmental groups, and businesses such as Pike Industries share information with the students. This correlates with the Grade 5 unit on rocks and minerals as part of the Physical Science curriculum. They will also go on a guided tour of the Maine State House – including the House of Representatives, Maine State Senate, and Hall of Flags. There may even be a chance to meet Rep. Foley and Senator Collins!

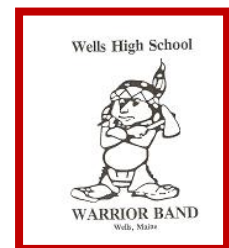


- You don't want to miss the fall production of
“The Bottom of the Lake”
-**Oct 28th** and **29th** - 7pm – Admission- \$5
-**Oct 30th**–matinee - 2pm - Admission- \$5

This is an awesome combination of ghost stories, urban legends, teen issues, romance, absurd comedy, and film noir - all in a single play!

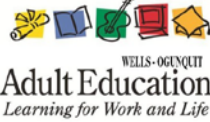
Wells High School

- Follow the **Warrior Marching Band** and **Color Guard** at their upcoming performances:
-**October 22nd** - Edward Little High School @ 6 pm
-**October 29th** - Thornton Academy - State Finals @ 5 pm



- **Parent/Teachers Conferences** will be held from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m on Thursday, **October 27th** and **November 3rd**. Please see the WHS website to schedule appointments.
- Sophomores & juniors will take the PSAT exam on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.
- Congratulations to our Varsity Football Team on a 7-0 record thus far! They will play their last game of the season against Cape Elizabeth this Friday, Oct. 21st at 7pm. (*Tickets to Friday night's game may be purchased in the WHS Main Office from 7am-3pm.*)

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (cont'd)



Adult Community Education

- *With the days getting shorter and the temps getting colder, do you find it hard to get in your daily walk? Well, come on inside!!*

Join “**WOW**” (Wells-Ogunquit Walkers) –a new program that utilizes the new indoor walking track at Wells High School. Available Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm, walking the track is the perfect way to 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.

- Other programs available soon:

FMI or to register for any of these programs, call 646-4565, or register online at adulted.wocsd.org

- Oct. 24th - **Sushi Made Simple – NEW!**
- Oct. 27th - **Healthy Eating for Weight Management – NEW!**
- Oct. 27th - **Jazz Exercise – Section 2 – NEW!**
- Nov. 1st - **Preserving the Harvest: Apple Chutney – NEW!**
- Nov. 1st - **Forged Brass Wine Charms – NEW!**
- Nov. 3rd - **Home Security Basics**
- Nov. 3rd - **Reducing Prescription Drug Costs**
- Nov. 3rd - **Staying Safe and Independent at Home – NEW!**



National Election Day

Tuesday, Nov 8th

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