



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

September 16, 2015

SCHOOL TEMPERATURES

Our students, staff, and faculty did an outstanding job working through the oppressive high temperatures last week. Thanks to everyone for their patience and flexibility!

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITION

*Students, teachers, staff, and community members going the "extra mile".
Thank you for your dedication to our schools!*

Faculty/Staff-

Wells High School

– ***Cathy Cornish, Elisa Beriau, Bob Gilpatric, Alison Carignan***

Wells Junior High School

– ***Chris Milliken, Susie Dugovic, Bruce Fearon***

Wells Elementary School

– ***Mark Kafkas, Jen Sanna, Diane St. Onge, Pam Lear,
Mary Beth Clason***

District Office

– ***Lil Lagasse, Brad Goodale***

Students –

Wells High School

– ***Seamus McDonough*** – Congratulations to Seamus for being elected as Governor at Boys' State in July. As part of the selection process, Seamus participated in a debate with a young man who recently won a national debate. The event was hosted by Pat Callahan from WCSH-6.

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITION (cont'd)

Wells Junior High School

- ***Meredith Adams*** – Meredith displayed our core values by reaching out and helping a friend.
- ***Sarah Shackford*** – Sarah is recognized for helping her classmates and for assisting with cleaning lunch tables in the cafeteria.
- ***Savannah Rose and Riley Bolton*** – both students are recognized for helping classmates locate their buses during dismissal time

Wells Elem School

- ***Evan Chase*** – Evan demonstrated core values by keeping calm in a difficult situation and talking to his teacher about resolving the issue.
- ***Hunter Kristie*** – Hunter is recognized for helping his peers at a workstation. His principal states he is very compassionate and caring.
- ***Miranda Doughty*** – Miranda always tries her best and follows expected behaviors

PERSONNEL UPDATE

WOCSD School Committee –

- School Committee Member (Wells) – We welcome ***Mrs. Karen MacNeill*** who was appointed to this post on Tuesday, September 15th and will be sworn in at the next School Committee meeting.

District Office-

- Director of Adult Education – (VACANT) to be determined

Wells High School –

- NONE

Wells Junior High School –

- Ed Tech III – ***Mr. Nick Boudreau*** has been chosen for this position

Wells Elementary School –

- Ed Tech II – ***Ms. Amy Naffah*** will begin in the position on Oct. 5th.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION – Update

- Each school is rolling out the *iObservation* tool to support the New Teacher Evaluation Model
- **Title I** staff have been completing individual assessments in order to meet individual student needs
- **Professional Development Days** in October (10/8 and 10/9) have been planned with a focus on Danielson Framework, Web Presence, and Proficiency-Based Education

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

- **Wells High School** is proud to announce that **School Nurse, Pat Endsley**, has co-authored an article in the NASN School Nurse Journal entitled *School Nurse Workload –Students Are More Than Just Numbers*. The article may be found at <https://goo.gl/KrXOnr>. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Endsley as our high school nurse and grateful for all that she does for our students and staff!
- Check out this month's segment of "*Teens Who Care*" (WCSH Channel 6). It will feature our very own **Wells Lady Warriors Basketball Teams!** The teams have been recognized for their substantial fundraising efforts to support women's health. In 2015, our Lady Warriors raised over \$35,000 for York Hospital's Heart Care for Women and Breast Cancer Living Well programs. We are proud of our "*Teens Who Care*"! Filming will take place soon – watch our website for more information!
- On Thursday, September 10th, eighty-two **Grade 7** students from **Wells Junior High** traveled to Spiller Farms in Wells to pick string beans. Now in its third year, this annual field trip complements the Food Service program, "*Farm to School*" week and the seventh grade curriculum on sustainability. Students harvested and snapped nearly 400 lbs of beans. The Food Service personnel then steamed and froze the product for future school lunches.
- The **Wells Junior High** joined other schools across the nation honoring the heroes and victims of 9-11. Students participated in simultaneously singing the National Anthem with schools across the nation. They also joined a national group hoping to break the Guinness World Record for "most people simultaneously singing the National Anthem".

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

➤ **District**

- Fence-work – *ongoing*
- Landscaping – *ongoing*
- Gas Line – *complete*

➤ **Wells High School**

- ***Renovations***

- Girls Locker Room – *complete* for student occupancy
(renovations ongoing during non-student hours)
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- ***New Construction***

- Third Floor**

- dry wall, bathroom tiling, ceiling, data wiring windows - *completed*
- walls -*primed*

- Second Floor**

- Dry wall – *ongoing*
- Walls – *primed*
- Data wiring – *complete*
- Windows – *complete*

- **First Floor**

- Dry wall – *ongoing*
- Windows – *complete*

- **Other**

- Boiler Room -*equipment installed*
- Heat Lines –*ongoing*
- Transformer – *complete*
- Paving –exterior paving, set curb, guard rails, light bases - *complete*