



WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

September 29, 2015

We have experienced a fast-moving September with many exciting events and activities. We have seen outstanding school spirit at all three schools. The overwhelming community support at all of our fall activities has been tremendous!

I would like to thank you for your patience with all of the construction areas throughout our district. We are all making adjustments and look forward to the end result.

Your on-going support and willingness to be involved are why it is such a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your superintendent of schools.

As you know, our students, faculty, and staff are second to none! I am proud to recognize the following individuals:

ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITION

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

Faculty/Staff-

- **Lisa Fallo** – Central Office
- **Jen Lewia** – WHS
- **Tim Ericson** – WHS
- **Noël Curcio** – WHS
- **Kenny Spinney** - WES
- **Kim McDonough**- WES
- **Jen Abbott** – WES
- **Renee Savage** – WJHS
- **Julie Esch** – WJHS
- **Mike Provencher** - WJHS

Students —

- **Kate Macolini** – WHS Senior – scored in the top 1% of 1.5 million applicants (nationally) on the PSAT exam. She is recognized as a **National Merit Semi-Finalist**.
 - **Tamar Cimenian**
 - **Anna Libby**
 - **Elise McCormack-Kuhman**
 - **Seamus McDonough**
- These WHS Seniors scored in the top 2.2% nationally of the 1.5 million entrants taking the PSAT exams. They have received **National Merit Commended Student** recognition.
- **Brian Regan** – WES student – received a Core Value Award for demonstrating the Core Value of *Compassion* by helping a fellow classmate clean up a spill.
 - **Ari Peterson-McLeod** – WES student – received a Core Value Award for *Compassion* by offering help (without being asked) to a student in need of assistance.
 - **Grace Seguin** – WES student – received a Core Value Award for demonstrating the Core Value of *Honesty* when she told the truth when it was hard to do.

Congratulations to all for these tremendous achievements!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

WOCSD Adult Education–

- **Interim Director of Adult Education** –**Ms. Lisa Crothers** has been named Interim Adult Education Director for the WOCSD. She began her duties effective 9/18/15.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Mentor Training was held on Thursday, September 25. A big thank you to **Linda Gaidimas** for making this happen!
- MEA results have been released and will be shared at the School Committee meeting on Monday, October 5th.
- NCLB Grant has been substantially approved.
- Gifted and Talented Grant Application has been submitted.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Wells High School –

- **“Music by the Sea”** – an annual high school marching band and color guard competition, was held at Warrior Memorial Field on Saturday, September 26th, at 6:00pm. Sponsored by the Maine Band Directors Association, this annual event featured 11 area high school marching bands and color guard teams. Our **Wells Warrior Marching Band and Color Guard** gave an outstanding performance!
- **National Merit Semi-Finalist** – **Kate Macolini**, WHS Senior, scored in the top 1% (nationally) of 1.5 million applicants to become a semi-finalist in the highly talented pool of student taking the PSAT. This recognition demonstrates distinguished academic performance by Kate.
- **National Merit Commendations** – Seniors - **Tamar Cimenian, Anna Libby, Elise McCormack-Kuhman, and Seamus McDonough**, scored in the top 2.2% (nationally) of 1.5 million entrants taking the PSAT. This recognition demonstrated exceptional academic performance by these students.

Wells Junior High

- Thanks to a generous grant from the Wells/Ogunquit PTO, all students in **Ms. Esch** and **Ms. Potter’s** 8th grade Block 3 ELA classes have been working with Portland’s Poet Laureate, Gibson Fay-LeBlanc, and the Telling Room (Greater Portland’s Community Writing Center) taking bi-weekly writing sessions! Students involved will each have a piece published in a Chap Book which will be distributed to every writer in December. Make sure to look for a copy in the Wells Junior High Library – *you’ll be glad you did!*
- The Seacoast Garden Club is once again sponsoring their annual poetry contest with this year’s theme, **“Croaking Leaping Frogs!”** This contest helps excite and encourage our writers to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. The deadline for submissions is **November 15th**.

A special congratulations to current ninth-grader, **Olivia Talevi**, whose entry last year (in eighth grade) won at the state and regional levels.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

➤ **Wells High School**

- ***Exterior Progress***

- trim and window casing ready for paint
- main entry doors installed
- crosswalks painted – added signage
- fence work – *ongoing*
- landscaping - *ongoing*

- ***New Construction***

- Third Floor**

- begin flooring in classrooms and corridors
- installation of cabinetry and molding, trim, etc.

- **Second Floor**

- drywall – *complete*
- painting of classrooms and corridors – *complete*
- installation of cabinetry - *beginning*

- **First Floor**

- dry wall – *complete*
- painting of classrooms and corridors - *beginning*

- **Renovations**

- Locker Rooms –*ongoing* – *items scheduled for 8/15 not fully complete*
- many items deemed inadequate – *will be redone Spring/Summer of 2016*

- **Access Road**

- Bleacher/Tower area – *debris cleaned, leveled, stone installed*
- Endzone path – *widened-debris/rocks removed- bleachers installed–area seeded*
- Ticket Booth - *installed*

(PLEASE SEE PHOTOS BELOW)



