



# WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent

James P. Daly

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

April 8, 2016

*Dear WOCSD Parents/Guardians, Faculty & Staff, and Community Members:*

*We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Christopher Roche will be the new principal at Wells Elementary School effective July 1, 2016. At their meeting Wednesday evening, the School Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Roche to fill the position upon the retirement of Principal Marianne Horne at the end of the school year.*

*Mr. Roche began his career in education as an ed tech and then a teacher of grades 2 and 3 before moving into an administrative role. He is currently principal at R.D. Seymour Elementary School in Connecticut.*

*The search process that began in February was extensive. Wells Elementary faculty and WES PTSA members provided input as to the attributes desired in a new principal. From there, two committees were formed – a search committee and an interview committee, comprised of teachers, parents, a school committee member, and administrators. The Search Committee reviewed applications and brought 5 candidates to the Interview Committee. Interviews were held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> where two final candidates were selected. Mr. Roche was the Committee's first choice.*

*I would like to thank Dir. of Instruction, Stacey Schatzabel, for her excellent work in chairing the committees. Also, my appreciation to the members of both committees for their efforts and time commitment during this intense process.*

*On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, parents are invited to the Wells Elementary School from 4:15 pm to 5:00pm to meet and welcome Mr. Roche to the school and community.*

*A reminder that April school vacation is just around the corner -April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope you will be able to rest and enjoy this break before we gear up for a busy end of year.*

James P. Daly  
Superintendent of Schools

## **ON-THE-SPOT RECOGNITIONS**

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

### Faculty/Staff –

- **Henry Ingwerson – WES Science Teacher** – is recognized for organizing a volunteer Garden Day on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parents, teachers, and student gathered to rebuild the raised-garden beds in the rear of the school building.

### Students –

- **Peyton Lessard – Grade 1** – Peyton always tries her hardest and does her work neatly. She remembers to bring the necessary items to support her learning. She truly encompasses every single core value!
- **Elizabeth Adams –Grade 2** – During a Daily 5 CAFÉ Literacy Workshop, Elizabeth was seated at her favorite subject choice when noticed a student who was in need of a buddy. Elizabeth volunteered to switch to the “Read with a Buddy” station so the other student could be included.
- **Alex Albright – Grade 3** – Alex is being recognized for being an amazing helper during STEM class!
- **Maya Grainger – Grade 4** – Maya opens the stage and sets up equipment each morning for rehearsals. She also preps the gym for daily lessons.
- **Dustin Blake – Grade 7** – Dustin s recognized for his extra hard work and diligence in his reading classes.

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

### Currently posted positions:

- **Substitutes** – grades K-12
  - **Custodian substitutes** –District wide
- If interested, contact Diane Norton at 646-8331 or [dinorton@wocsd.org](mailto:dinorton@wocsd.org)*

### Volunteer positions:

- **District Sub-Committee / Facilities**
- If interested, please contact Lil Lagasse at 641-6912,  
or [llagasse@wocsd.org](mailto:llagasse@wocsd.org)*

## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### Teacher Evaluation and Supervision (PEPG)

- Steering Committee met on March 14.
- SLO process is being scrutinized to make sure it is efficient and effective.
- PEPG manual is being written in order for us to submit form to the state.

### Professional Development

- Group of K-5 teachers went to a Fluency Training in Vermont.

- 6-8 math teachers will attend Eureka Preparation/ Customization training on April 28.
- Wells High School faculty professional development day is being planned for April 15. They will continue to work with Graduation Standards, Performance Indicators, and Guiding Principles.

### Other

- Maine Educational Assessment is going well at both schools. Thank you to Michael Richards, Christopher Chessie, and Ken Spinney for their assistance.
- Math Vertical Team meeting is scheduled for April 11.
- Our final Curriculum Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for May 2.
- The District Assessment course is going well. Thirty teachers are taking this course, with another 10 attending USM's 3-part assessment series.

## **HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

### **Odyssey of the Mind Teams Compete in State Tournaments**

- The **WES** K-2 OM Team, comprised of Kindergartners, **Elliot Stockwell, Calvin Lakowicz, Owen Zglobicki, Hayden Hludik**, and 1<sup>st</sup> grader, **Olivia Grace Haley**, travelled to Auburn Middle School on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The team has been working together since January to create and rehearse their skit. All new to the OM experience, these students are to be commended for their problem-solving skills and teamwork!
- **WJHS** OM team members, **Kara Borkowski, Michael Moseley, Kathryn Gilbert, Tyler Chase, Olivia Chase, Pierce George** and **Heath McHugh**, competed at the recent state tournament. One of the teams qualified for the World Finals at Iowa State University in May! **Congratulations!**
- The **WHS** OM Team were in Biddeford Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the state competition. Team members, **Justin Villemaire, Delaney McDonnell, Shawn Ouellette, Ben Stevens**, and **John Keniston**, used their skills in the "Furs, Fins, Feathers, and Friends" topic. The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament. **Congratulations!**

### **Wells Elementary School**

- First Grade and Multi-Age 1-2 classes each performed *Tikki Tikki Tembo* for parents and family members.
- In March, 46 students received awards for demonstrating Core Values.
- Through the efforts of Technology Teacher, **Marty Cryer**, WES is the recipient of a *Donor's Choice* grant to purchase coding robots, called "Bee-Bots", which they will use in their classes.

### **Wells Junior High School**

- The annual Band Madness concert will take place on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Ward Gym.

- Jump Rope for Heart will occur on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for grades 5 & 6 from 1:00-2:00pm in the Ward Gym.

## Wells High School

- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, four Wells High School art students traveled to the State House in Augusta to meet with state legislators and advocate for the arts. The event was organized by Maine Alliance for Arts Education in conjunction with Arts Advocacy Day.



WHS students Nick Maynard, Sydnie Sayward, Elana Fortin, and Alyssa Loukola on the steps at the State House in Augusta

Acting as lobbyists, student **Elana Fortin, Alyssa Loukola, Nick Maynard, and Sydnie Sayward** spoke to their local state senator and representatives about the value they place on arts in their school.



Nick Maynard speaking with Senator Ron Collins

- WHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @7pm in the WHS Gymnasium.

## Adult Education

- Over the last several months, Adult Education has been working in collaboration with YCCC on an articulation agreement between the two institutions. This an educational agreement to work with students who are pursuing college readiness. Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education students can take specific courses and the Accuplacer to prepare them for a smooth transition into YCCC.
- A special thanks to Mary Angelini and Greg Cayford, who worked on the specific course syllabi that was ultimately approved by the Math Department at YCCC and the governing body. You can view the agreement posted on the YCCC virtual prior learning page: <http://virtual.yccc.edu/priorlearning>