



WELLS-OGUNQUIT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

September 20, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

It has been a fast-moving September in the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. Fall weather has arrived as is evident with the changing colors of the leaves. It is a great time of year to enjoy Mother Nature's handiwork!

The opening of schools was a huge success at all buildings – there was positive energy throughout! Open Houses on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> (WJHS, WHS, and WES respectively) were very well attended. Parents had the chance to meet their student's teachers and become familiar with their classrooms.

We have seen tremendous school spirit at our athletic events and overwhelming community support at all of our fall activities. This week, we join the high school as they celebrate being a **WARRIOR** with their "Homecoming 2016" festivities. The week involves various class competitions, a spirit assembly, a parade, and a student dance. Also, each athletic team will host a home game during this time. FMI on times and locations of these events, please see the WHS website.

As I have said before, our students, faculty, and staff are second to none and they have already begun to shine after only a few weeks of school! It is a pleasure to recognize them as they exhibit their **WARRIOR PRIDE!**

Sincerely,

James P. Daly  
Superintendent of Schools

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### **HOMEcomings 2016 EVENTS**

- ❖ Homecoming Parade 6 p.m.--starting at Wells Junior High School
- ❖ Varsity Football Game vs. Mt. Valley HS - 7 p.m.
- ❖ Homecoming Dance (*WHS students/pre-approved guests only*) 9-11pm- \$5.00 pp



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

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

### **Faculty/Staff-**

- ***WOCSD Custodial and Secretarial Staff*** – for their commitment and hard work during the off season and during the first week of school. The building and grounds look great thanks to the custodians and our secretaries did a tremendous job organizing the opening of school!
- ***Renee Savage – WJHS teacher*** – for going above and beyond to help a student who was anxious about starting school.
- ***Rachel Stockwell and Renee Savage – WJHS teachers*** – for helping a new 5<sup>th</sup> grader obtain schools supplies that were needed.
- ***Michael Richards – WOCSD Dir. of Technology*** – Mr. Richards always goes far and above to meet student and staff needs. He stayed late on 9/15 to assist with WHS construction issues related to the exterior doors. Bright and early the next morning, he was there to assure the issue had been resolved!
- ***Eileen Sheehy- WHS Principal, and Josh Gould -WHS Asst. Principal*** – have spent numerous hours beyond the normal school day troubleshooting issues with the new construction. They have provided students with a smooth transition that was organized and carefully planned for the start of school.

### **Students –**

Wells Elementary School -

**Congratulations to the following recipients of the WES Leadership Award!**

- ***Grade 1 -Gabby Hussey, Elliott Meggs, Rusty Rousseau, Addison Greene, Grady Manning, Amelia Lucas***
- ***Grade 2 -Gauge Shepard, Malina Hoffman, Chloe Douglas, Eliza Arwood, Hayden Williamson, Mila Mustaka, Aiden Thibodeau, Rhys Cote, Lauren Martin, Alicia Peasley, Megan Roberts, Charles Okiru, Samantha Stilphen, Jason Noble, Emily Finch***
- ***Grade 3 -Matt Rozelle, Helen Lee, Owen Shangraw, Evan Chase, Norah Donnell, Megyn Mertens, Aydan Collins***
- ***Grade 4- Natalie Blaisdell, Dylan Buccaci, Grace Seguin, Ellie Moore, Eli Potter, Kendall Maxon, Calista Leighton, Bryce Curley, Molly Tavares, Uriah Martell***



***WES Principal Roche  
congratulates recipients of the  
WES Leadership Award***

Wells Junior High School -

- **Brandon Lucier** and **Stacia Gadomski – Grade 8** – for showing kindness to a staff member by helping her without being asked!
- **Sabrina Lawrence**, and **Isaac Schuhmacher–Grade 8** – and **Andrew Mott** and **Pierce George–Grade 7** – for helping new students feel welcome at our school.
- **Cinara Marquis – Grade 6** – for being a good friend to a peer at lunch.
- **David Patnaude, Chloe Brown – Grade 5** – went out of their way to organize art supplies that were left in a mess
- **Sabrina Lawrence – Grade 8** – has been very welcoming and helpful to three new fellow 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in music class

Wells High School -

- **Bailey Marsh – Grade 12** – is recognized for being the first-ever recipient of the “*Julia Clukey Courage Award*” sponsored by Maine Olympian, Julia Clukey. Bailey was chosen for this honor for her leadership skills – both on and off the field, for being a role model to others, and for her dedication and commitment to her school. *Congratulations, Bailey!*

*Bailey was recognized by the WOCSD School Committee at their meeting on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.*



Supt. Daly- Bailey Marsh- SC Chair, Ackerson

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

Currently posted positions:

- **Grade 8 Girls Basketball Coach – WJHS**
- **Wrestling Coach- WJHS**
- **Custodial Substitutes – District-wide**
- **Substitutes – grades K-12**

## DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Our Early Release Wednesdays are off to a great start!



Administrators and teacher leaders have planned on-going consistent professional development focused on district goals. We want to thank the community for their continued support.



- BK and Kindergarten began *Kindergarten Jump Start* on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a 25-day early literacy program. FMI- go to: <http://www.kjsearlyliteracy.com/>
- Curriculum Coordinating Council will meet on November 1, February 7, and May 2.
- As a district we are always looking for public input for use of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal funds. Please contact Stacey Schatzabel at [sschatzabel@wocsd.org](mailto:sschatzabel@wocsd.org).

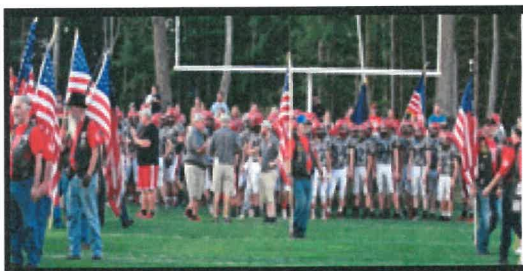


Mrs. Fox and her Kindergarten class during a *JumpStart* lesson.

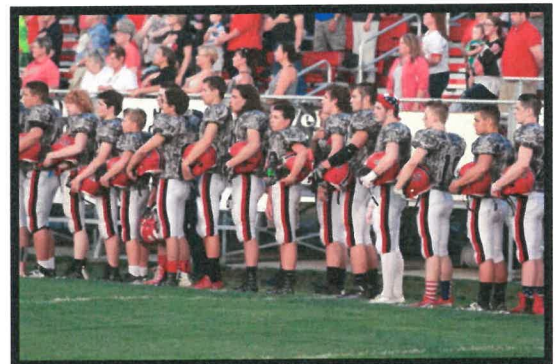
## HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

### Wells High School

- On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, WHS Football sponsored a “**Military Appreciation Night**” to honor the men and women of our armed forces – both past and present. Over 30 veterans were introduced with many more in attendance.



Several veterans assisted as flag bearers in the opening ceremony.

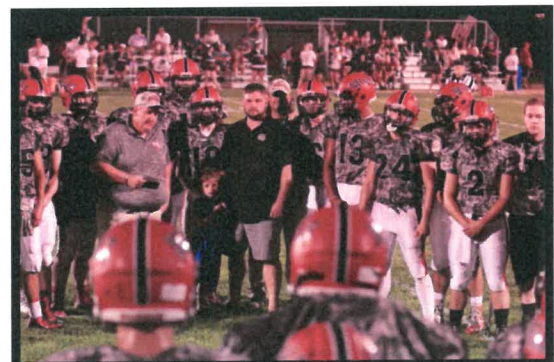


WHS Football team members show their respect during the National Anthem.

WWII veteran, Barry Scott of Ogunquit, performed the coin toss to start the game.

*"Thank you so much for the tribute last night for me and my Brother Veterans, you have no idea what a fabulous feeling we felt with that tribute shown to us. We are forever grateful for that honor."*

- Mike Holmes, USAF Veteran  
Wells



Coach Tim Roche presents a check to Luke House, from *House in the Woods*, a veteran's home in Lee, Maine. Mr. House's brother was killed in Iraq in 2007. The \$2,100 was raised by members of the WHS football and field hockey teams.

## Wells Junior High School

- Wells Jr High students were invited to join the elementary school for “Farm to School” week activities.



7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Ryan  
Boulay picking string  
beans at Spiller Farms.

Students in Grade 7 learned how to harvest carrots and string beans. The vegetables will be prepared for use in their school cafeteria meals.

Mr. Lindauer  
joins  
students in  
harvesting  
crops.



- On Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, students in Grade 7 will travel to Unity, Maine for the annual **Common Ground Fair** field trip. This is the ninth year that WJH students have attended the fair. The fair experience connects with many topics of the Gr. 7 curriculum in social studies and science such as: world resources, food security, fibers and clothing manufacturing, energy, and sustainable practices.

## Wells Elementary School

- We welcome several new staff to WES this year:
  - **Katherine Sevigney** – Grade 1 Teacher
  - **Alison Clark** – Grade 2 Teacher
  - **Trevor Hopwood** – Grade 4 Teacher
  - **Mary Noyes** – ELL Teacher
  - **Joanne Nichols** – Food Service Specialist
  - **Joyce Faskianos** – Food Service Specialist
- WES has begun a new initiative called “*Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports*” (PBIS). The program focuses on student school expectations and making positive choices such as walking in hallways, greeting a peer, or focusing on their work.

Area business are encouraged to donate to the PBIS program. Gift certificates, movie tickets, tangible items, and the gift of time are always welcome.  
FMI- contact Principal Roche or Asst. Principal Spinney at 646-5953.

- The Core Values Award Program continues this year to recognize students for “doing the right thing”. Students will be presented with a certificate of recognition of their good deed during an assembly each month.
- On Sept. 13th, WES conducted the first fire drill of the school year. According to the Wells Fire Dept., the students and staff did very well !

- On Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Grade 4 students travelled to Spiller’s Farm in Wells to harvest crops as part of the “Farm to School Week”. All crops harvested will be prepared and served as part of the school lunch program.

**Wells Elementary School PTSA**



*Every Child, One Voice*  
 Post Office Box 429 Wells, Maine 04090  
 Wells Elementary School Main Number 207-646-5953 PTSA Ext. 4330

The WES PTSA always welcomes new members!

FMI– contact Pam Lear at [plear@wocsd.org](mailto:plear@wocsd.org) or  
 Kim Bohn at [kbohn5@gmail.com](mailto:kbohn5@gmail.com)

- Check out the new banners located at the entrance of the school. The banners, donated by the **WES PTSA**, will provide information on upcoming events.

- Kindergarten students have begun a new literacy program entitled, “K JumpStart”. The program will continue through October 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Mrs. Millian’s Kindergarten class recently received donations of classroom supplies.

The students would like to thank Bill Sevigney and staff from **General Dynamics** in Saco and Kelly Sevigney and staff from **Borealis Breads** in Wells for their generosity!



## Adult Community Education



- Fall Adult Ed programs are in full swing! Continuing Education offerings and Personal Enrichment classes are available. To view the full Course Catalog visit our website at [adulted.wocsd.org](http://adulted.wocsd.org). You can register for classes by calling 646-4565 or online on our website.

Target Corporation is donating up to \$5 million this school year to schools across America in an initiative to promote health and activity for kids in their learning environment.

Students in grades K-12 are invited to create and develop projects that will help them live healthier and more active lives, at school and beyond.



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