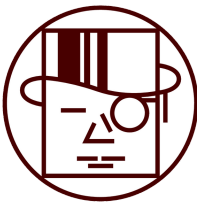


# GO DUKES!



WHS students pledge to be kind during Kindland rally by signing strips of duct tape on a banner.



# @WELLINGTON SCHOOLS

A digital newsletter from the  
Wellington Village Schools

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## **In this newsletter:**

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### Important dates:

May 2: BOE Work Session at  
6 p.m. Westwood

May 7: Prom

May 17: BOE Meeting at 6 p.m.  
WHS

May 24: WHS Community  
Service Day

May 27: Seniors last day

May 30: No school

For a complete calendar, go to  
[wellingtonvillageschools.org](http://wellingtonvillageschools.org)

## **ONE MONTH LEFT!**

by Ed Weber, Superintendent

Our students and staff have been working very hard. We have a few more weeks left of state testing. We are confident our Dukes will finish strong!

WHS recently hosted a Kindland Kick-off rally. At the end of the rally, all students signed a duct tape banner as they pledge to be kind and stick together. For more information on Kindland, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to read an article from the Morning Journal.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 - 6. Show your teachers your appreciation for them and the work that they put in daily. Teachers go above and beyond every day to make sure their students are learning, engaged, and happy. We are grateful for the amazing team of educators we have in our school district.

May 2 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Please take time to thank our bus drivers who safely transport our students daily.

Congratulations to our Future Farmers of America (FFA) students for placing in the recent state competition: The Grain Merchandising team (Derrick Andolsek, Dustin Andolsek, Natalie Calfo, and Heather Reininger) placed 7th in the state and the Nursery and Landscape team (Derrick Andolsek, Natalie Calfo, Alaina Collins, and Heather Reininger) placed 8th in the state.

# Wellness updates from around our schools

## #BeWELLington

- Amy Sherman, MMS Counselor, Nicole Poynter, District Social Worker, and Liz Wolanski, District Wellness Coordinator attended the Sandy Hook Promise Save Promise Club Summit along with six district 7th graders at Aurora High School in March. The event provided information for a SAVE Promise Club to be started at McCormick. SAVE Promise Clubs are student-led organizations that encourage young people to take charge of keeping their friends, schools, and communities safe. A link to the program's website is below: The group has met twice since the Summit in order to plan an end of the year event for all students and will be going into all homerooms May 10th to recruit members for next year. The program will be open to all 4-8th graders interested in participation. For more information, click [here](#).
- Liz Wolanski is currently providing Universal Social Emotional Learning lessons to the 9th and 10th graders using the Vector Solutions Curriculum. The first two topics covered were Healthy Relationships and Good Decision-Making. The next topic to be addressed this month is Cyberbullying.



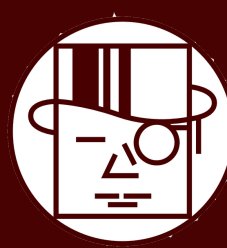
**#BeWELLington**



## Five-year Forecast information from Mr. Donnelly

A copy of the district's Five-year Financial Forecast is available on the Ohio Department of Education's website. To view, click [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding district finances, please contact Mr. Donnelly at [mdonnelly@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:mdonnelly@wellingtonvillageschools.org) or call (440) 647-7979





## Wellington Exempted Village Schools



### Join us! Part B Funding Presentation

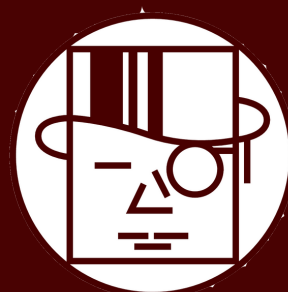
Join Wellington's Student Services Department at the May Board of Education Business Meeting for the district's annual Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funding presentation. The presentation will address how IDEA Part B funds are allocated within the district.

**Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**May 17, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact:  
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**Director of Student Services**  
Wellington Exempted Village Schools  
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[nnimmo@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:nnimmo@wellingtonvillageschools.org)

## Thank you Coach Barlow!

The Wellington Schools recently recognized Coach Sherry Barlow for her more than 30 years of dedication to the girls basketball program.  
#DukePride







# WELCOME TO PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL!

Wellington Local Schools is excited to introduce PaySchools Central, an online payment system that makes it easier for parents, guardians and caregivers to pay for student lunches and complete forms online. PaySchools Central enables individuals to find lunch accounts and pay fees quickly and easily, and also makes it possible to access free/reduced meal applications.



PaySchools Central is a secure payment system that simplifies school payments in an easy-to-use online portal that can be accessed online at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com) or via the PaySchools Mobile app, which is available to both Apple and Android users.



## FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW TO GET STARTED:

Individuals who already have accounts with PayforIt will be able to easily access PaySchools Central through their existing account; they will simply be prompted to change their password when they log in to the new system for the first time.

For those who do not have an existing account, creating a PaySchools Central account is easy, quick and free! Simply add your child (or children) to the system using their student ID number and some other basic information. Next, the system will take you through a step-by-step registration process, and once your account is created, you will find a variety of features that will make fee management a breeze!

**STEP 1:** Visit our portal using your Internet browser at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com) or scan the QR code above to download the PaySchools Mobile app.

**STEP 2:** Select the "Register" option from the menu. The portal will guide you through the steps you need to follow to establish your account and set up your students.

**STEP 3:** You will be prompted to enter your contact data and a payment method to activate your account.

**STEP 4:** Once all information is entered, you will receive an email from PaySchools Central with a link to confirm the registration and create your password. Once your password is saved, you can log in and begin using PaySchools Central as often as you'd like.

**STEP 5:** The first time you log in, you will need to indicate which student(s) to attach to your account using the Add/View student tab. Students are already loaded in the PaySchools Central system. PaySchools Central utilizes the same student ID number used for your lunch purchases. If you are unsure of your student's ID number, please contact your school/district registrar.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Wellington Nutrition Services Department at (440)647-7415 or the Treasurer's Office at (440)647-7979 for more information. PaySchools Central also offers a helpline that can be accessed by email at [psc\\_help@payschools.com](mailto:psc_help@payschools.com) or by phone at 1(877)393-6628.



# Staff Spotlights

Get to know our Duke staff members!

## Amy Bogan

**6th grade math teacher**  
**McCormick Middle School**  
**26 years in the district**



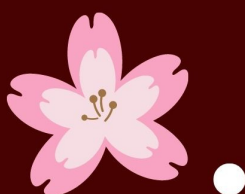
- **What do you love most about your job?** I have always worked with the most amazing people!!
- **Family:** My family includes my husband of 38 years, Bill, who is a recently retired teacher. Our daughter, Kate (34), lives with her husband, Colin and dog, Winston, in Maryland just north of Washington DC. Our oldest son, Dan, (32), lives in the Dayton area with his wife Katelyn and their kids, Ella (10) and Danny (4). Our youngest, Ben (30), his wife Marie, and kids, Owen (3) and Penny (2) live just south of Washington DC in Virginia.
- **Bucket list items:** We have two states to go....Alaska and Hawaii before having visited all 50! Alaska is summer of 2022 and Hawaii will be spring of 2023!! I will then need a new list!
- **Favorite food:** The potato...any way you can fix it!
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I grew up raising registered Polled Herefords and showed them all over the country.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I wish I could dance....or be invisible?
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Anywhere my RV will take us or on a Disney cruise ship.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** "If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem."

## Jennifer Barlow

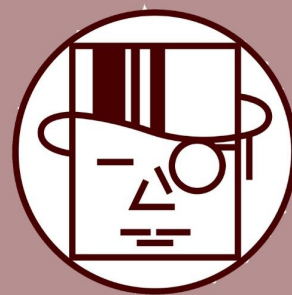
**First-grade teacher**  
**Westwood Elementary**  
**14 years in the district**



- **What do you love most about your job?** I love seeing the a-ha moment for the students. In first grade I love watching my students grow into magnificent readers, some start out barely knowing their letter sounds and then the end of the year they are reading short stories! It's an amazing experience for all!
- **Family:** I have been married for almost four years to Brian. We have two adult children, Kaitlyn (22) is a Social Worker at a Foster Care Agency in Columbus and Sam (18), is a stock person in town, who both graduated from Wellington.
- **Bucket list items:** To go to Albuquerque, New Mexico during their Hot Air Balloon festival and ride amongst the amazing balloons. Travel to Greece.
- **Favorite food:** Potato chips (regular and Salt and Vinegar), Steak and Cookie dough, not so healthy but yummy.
- **Something nobody knows about you:** When I was in high school, I entered a cherry pie into the Ohio State Fair competition and won first place and then they auctioned it off for \$275. I don't think I've made a cherry pie since.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I wish I could fly anywhere at any time.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Anywhere with sun, sand and water. We love going to Key West and just enjoying the area and beaches.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** Our family motto is, "I think it's fine!" -Danny Duncan.



# SPRING CONCERTS



WELLINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOLS

**May 10:** Middle school Band Concert

**May 11:** High school Band Concert

**May 17:** Middle school Choir Concert

**May 18:** High school Choir Concert

*All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts.*

*Thank you to our students and directors!*



# 4 PLAYER SHAMBLE JUNE 11, 2022



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

## THE WELLINGTON DUKES GOLF PARENTS CLUB AND THE WELLINGTON FULLBACKERS ECHO VALLEY GOLF CLUB

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

\$80 Per Player  \$320 Per Team

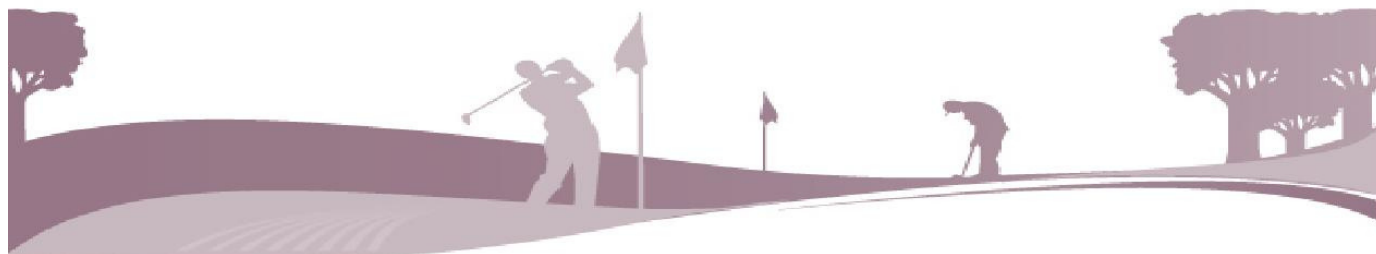
Skins and Mulligans included in Entry Fee.

Each player will tee off. After you select which shot to use, players will play their own ball through the hole. Teams will use the two best scores.

*Cash payout based on number of teams entered (24 teams maximum.) 1st and 2nd Place.*

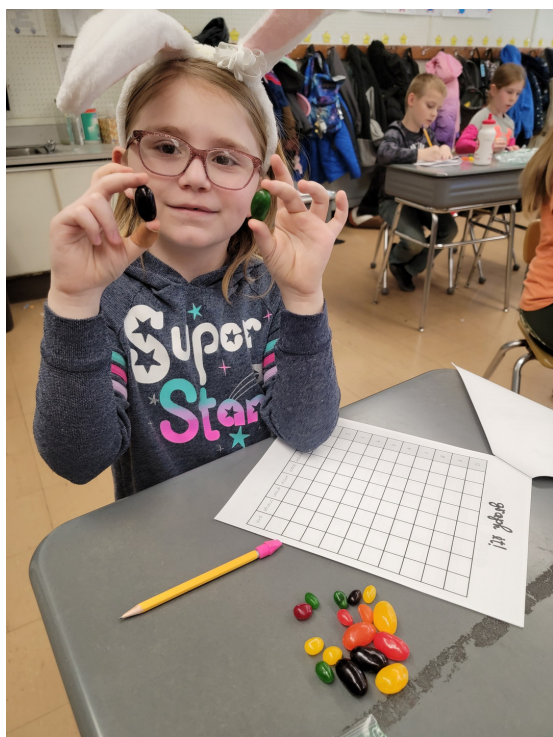
*Dinner and two drink tickets included for each player.*

*Contact Tom Guyer, Jr. 440-309-5016*





# Images from around our schools.....



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First-Ever Prom  
*Grand March*  
in Wellington High School History

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Saturday, May 7th  
Tom's Country Place  
3442 Stoney Ridge Rd. Avon, OH 44011

Prom Attendants Check-In Time: 4:30 PM  
Grand March Start Time: 5:30 PM



ALL are welcome!  
Parents,  
Grandparents,  
Extended Family,  
Friends &  
Community

## Contact us if you have any questions or concerns

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John Telloni, Principal

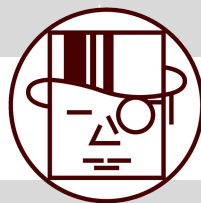
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