



Autumne Jones using the water filling station at WHS that was donated by THRIVE.



# @WELLINGTON SCHOOLS

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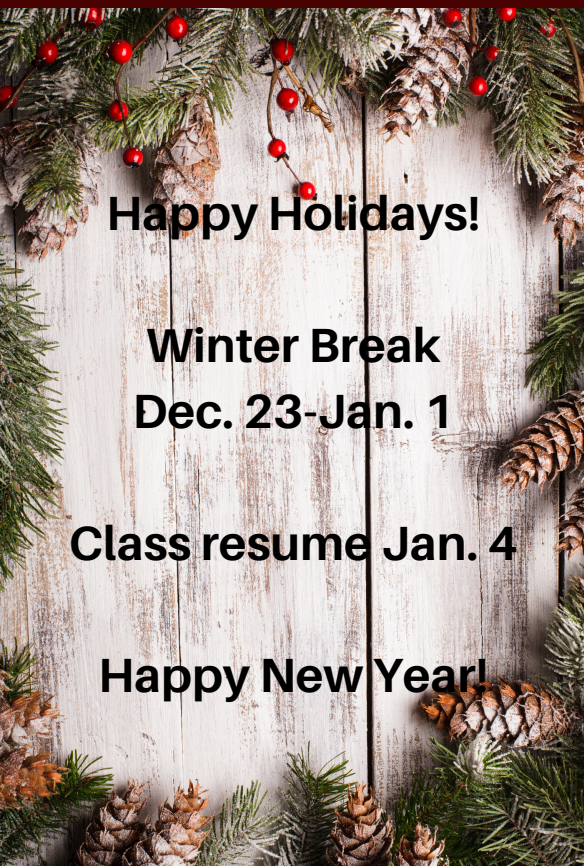
**by Ed Weber, Superintendent**

We are closing in on the end of 2020. It's been quite a year, but we are grateful to our students, staff and Wellington families for stepping up and adjusting to all the adversity these past several months with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff has done a wonderful job engaging our students. I am in awe of all the innovative teaching and learning going on remotely. Keep up the good work. It truly takes a village.

We are happy to report that winter sports competitions are beginning. Our student athletes, coaches, and advisers have been working hard to prepare for the season. Spectators are limited at the events, but we are cheering on our Dukes in spirit. Good luck to our middle and high school teams.

Our school district recently received a very large donation of roughly 18 large boxes of school supplies from Road to Hope Inc.- a non-profit serving Lorain County. The boxes are full of brand new supplies- most donated by Walmart including glue sticks, notebooks, markers, colored pencils, scissors, pencil pouches, binders, crayons, backpacks, and much more. Thank you for this generous donation. We have packaged up hundreds of backpacks full of supplies for distribution to students at Westwood Elementary School.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Holidays!



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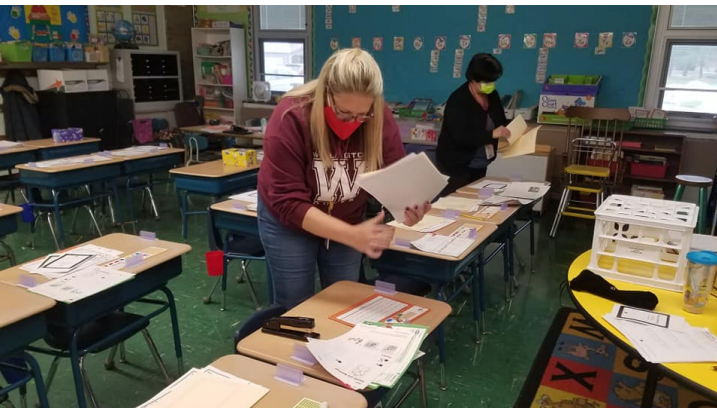
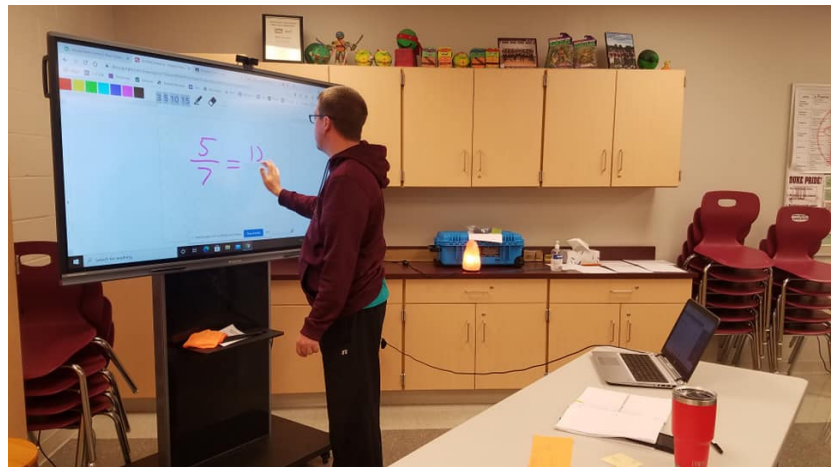
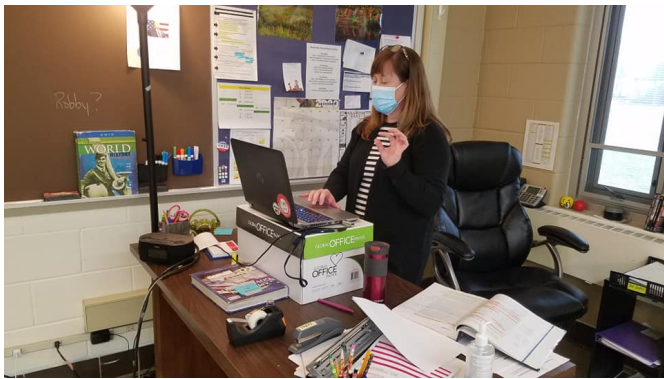
**Winter Break  
Dec. 23-Jan. 1**

**Class resume Jan. 4**

**Happy New Year!**

# REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to our amazing staff, students and families for adjusting to the switch to remote learning. Pictures below are from around our schools. We will re-examine our county emergency level at the beginning of January and communicate any updates.



# SPORTS BACK ON

After meeting with Lorain County Public Health, the Lorain County League Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors agreed to resume athletic competition. This restart includes all Winter sports. The boys and girls basketball schedules have been modified to play league opponents only. All other schedules will remain the same moving forward. For schedules, please click [here](#).

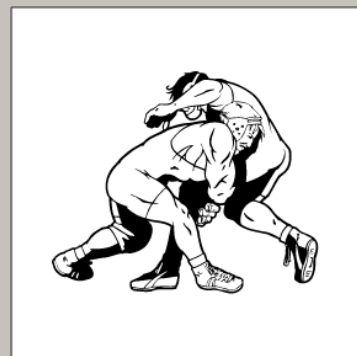
## Additional League Mandates:

- Two passes per athlete. All spectators must have a pass (infants will be admitted).
- The gymnasium will be cleared at the conclusion for the JV games.
- No food or drink in any LC8 gymnasium.
- Cheerleaders will not travel to away games, and will wear masks during games.
- Masks must be worn at all times fully covering the mouth and nose.
- Families are expected to sit in family pods while socially distancing from other spectators.
- No congregating before, during, or after an event.
- Varsity parents should arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to scheduled tipoff time.

We have seen the ramifications of COVID-19. It is imperative we follow these guidelines so that our athletes can continue to play.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to John Bowman at [jbowman2@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:jbowman2@wellingtonvillageschools.org)

## GO DUKES!



# WESTWOOD UPDATES

The interior of Westwood Elementary School recently received a fresh coat of paint and some new Positive Support signs showing our PRIDE and dedication to our school. Looks good, great job!



## FREE BOOKS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income.

Click [here](#) to register a child for this FREE program!



# ROX PROGRAM BUILDS SELF-ESTEEM

Wellington High School Principal Tina Drake recently presented to the Board of Education her plans to begin investing the next 20 weeks in a new program designed to build confidence, self-image, leadership skills, and career goals in girls.

Drake outlined the program called Ruling Our Experiences, or ROX. She completed training as a ROX instructor.

"Girls are struggling with a number of issues unique to being a girl," Drake told the Wellington Board of Education during the meeting.

She said girls are at a higher risk for anxiety, depression, sexual harassment and sexual violence. Females are also underrepresented in leadership roles and in science, technology, engineering and math careers.

ROX is "a plan for girls to be supported by other girls, to be strong and bold, to make decisions" and explore important changes in their lives, she said.

ROX is a nonprofit committed to equipping all girls with the skills they need to navigate these challenges. At Wellington High School, the pilot program has been set up for a select group of juniors and seniors recommended by staff. The goal is to train more staff as ROX leaders and expand the program into lower grades.

Drake said she wants to give every one of her female students the opportunity to take part before graduating.

For more information on ROX, click [here](#).

## Contact us if you have any questions or concerns

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