



# @WELLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Congratulations to the McCormick Middle School 8th grade Mock Trial team for winning their courtroom decision. More Mock Trial news on page 2

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### Upcoming events:

May 4: BOE Work Session  
May 8: Prom  
May 18: BOE Business meeting  
May 28: Last day for Seniors  
June 1: BOE Work Session  
June 6: Graduation  
June 10: Last day of School

## ***FINISH STRONG DUKES!***

**by Ed Weber, Superintendent**

We are heading down the home stretch of the 2020-21 school year. Our schools are in the middle of state testing. Reminder to students... get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before taking tests.

As mentioned in previous columns, our district is in the process of updating our Strategic Plan. We are also looking at seeking the public's input as we move forward. We are working with the Hudson-based consulting firm, The Impact Group, for a plan to set our direction for the future. We will keep you updated on when we will be conducting a series of focus groups and administer some community surveys.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the annual Wellington Kiwanis Pancake Day. We appreciate the support. The Kiwanis do so many wonderful things for our students and community.

The month of May is filled with numerous staff observances. I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and nurses. We appreciate everything you do for our students/families.

Happy Mother's Day!

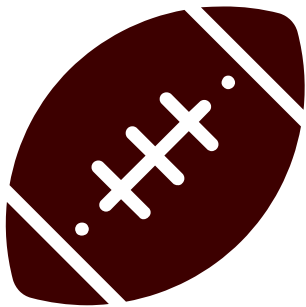
GO DUKES!

## Field & Equipment Grant

Congratulations! The Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities (CTCC) recently announced the Wellington High School Dukes football program has been named a 2021 recipient of the Leo Murphy Field & Equipment Grant. The program will receive \$2,000 to assist with securing the proper equipment and resources they need to play the game of football safely.

The Field & Equipment Grant, named after the late longtime Cleveland Browns trainer and Honorary Lifetime Member of CTCC Leo Murphy, is awarded annually to youth football programs in the Greater Cleveland area.

"On behalf of the Wellington Dukes football team, I would like to express my gratitude to Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities for supporting schools like ours," said John Bowman, WHS Athletic Director. "The Leo Murphy Field & Equipment Grant will go a long way to making the football experiences better for our students."



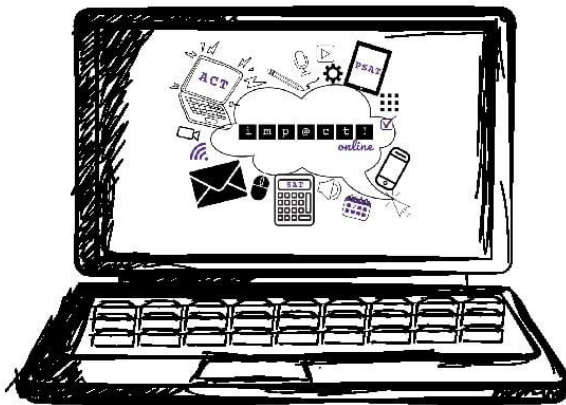
## Mock Trial 'Thank you'

Last month McCormick Middle School students participated in the region's Mock Trial event sponsored by the Gifted Consortium at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. MMS Principal Nathan Baxendale would like to congratulate the 2021 McCormick Middle School Mock Trial Team for a great performance. Under the direction of Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Abram, Mrs. Hosack and Mrs. Lara, our fifth, sixth, seventh, and eight-grade teams made our community proud with their performance. An additional recognition to our fifth and eight-grade teams who both won their trials against Sheffield-Brookside Middle School and Sandusky-Perkins, respectively. Congratulations to all of the teams and thank you for making McCormick proud!

# Testing Help is Here!

## FREE Online Test Prep

April 12th - June 4th



This **FREE** eight-week program is open to 8th-12th grade students and running Monday - Friday. The program will include:

- Intensive math and reading prep.
- Virtual college visits
- Career exploration
- Full length practice exams
- Potential internship opportunities
- Potential to earn a **\$200 stipend**

### ACT Prep

#### Clearview High School

\*Available only to Students attending Clearview HS  
9th-12th Grade  
2:45 PM-5:45 PM

#### Lorain High School

\*Available only to Lorain City School Students  
9th-12th Grade  
2:30 PM-5:30 PM

#### Wellington High School

\*Available only to Lorain County School Students  
9th-12th Grade  
3:00 PM-6:00 PM

### PSAT Prep

#### Longfellow Middle School

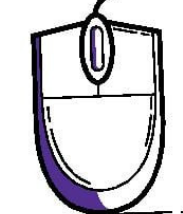
\*Available only to Lorain City School Students  
8th Grade  
3:30 PM-6:30 PM



College Now  
Greater Cleveland



Space is limited, so register today!  
To register, use QR code or visit <http://tiny.cc/LorainS21>



**Students must register with a valid email address to participate!**

More questions?  
Contact your College Now Advisor or email  
[dcarlgren@collegenowgc.org](mailto:dcarlgren@collegenowgc.org)





# Staff Spotlight

Get to know our Duke staff members.  
Thank you for all you do for kids!

**Cindy Kodosky -**  
**Westwood Elementary**  
**3rd grade teacher**  
**28 years in the district**



- **What you love most about your job?** I love when students have that “light bulb” moment; or when they are able to stretch their skills and have that moment of discovery on their own.
- **Family:** Married 35 years to Dan (DJ). We have two daughters, Alexis (32) and Tara (30). Alexis and her husband live in Olympia, WA. She is earning her Masters Degree in Marine Environmental Science. Tara lives in Jersey City and is pursuing an acting career. She was an extra on the television show *The Middle*, and as an extra in *The Avengers*, *Captain Marvel*; the *Winter Soldier*, and *The Circle*. Tara works in the fashion industry in NYC.
- **Bucket list items:** Walk on stilts, hang glide, bungee jump, hot air balloon ride, travel to Italy, Portugal, Scotland, Iceland, St. John’s, Prague, visit the National Parks, see a show on Broadway, drive the Pacific Coast Highway.
- **Favorite food:** Butternut squash ravioli.
- **Something nobody knows about you:** My father arrested Jane Fonda in 1970 at Cleveland Hopkins Airport.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Teleportation.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Ireland
- **Best piece of advice:** Smile! You never know when someone needs one.

**Angela McFadden -**  
**McCormick Middle School**  
**Career Technical teacher**  
**First year in the district**



- **What you love most about your job?** I really enjoy teaching critical thinking skills, logical thinking, and troubleshooting concepts in my computer classes. It's very challenging to teach students how to think in a new and different way than they have before, and it's really exciting when they start to get the hang of it and solve coding errors and come up with creative solutions faster than I can.
- **Family:** Married 4 years to my husband, Dr. Michael McFadden (child psychiatrist). We have a dog named Raphael.
- **Bucket list items:** My family is part Swiss and I would love to go to Switzerland. I would also love to tour the CERN laboratory in Switzerland where they do research on subatomic particles.
- **Favorite food:** Sushi
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I worked for a race car company traveling the country waving the American flag at the beginning of races and hanging out with the drivers. This job helped me pay for a lot of my college tuition and I was able to pay for my undergraduate degree in cash.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I already have a super power but unfortunately it is the power of remarkable smell.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** The middle of nowhere in northern Michigan with family.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** A senior student reminded me that this world is an amazing and wonderful place.

## Staff Spotlight continued

**Candis Krieg -**

**Wellington High School**

**Math teacher (Geometry & AP Calculus)**

**3 years in the district**



- **What you love most about your job:** I love the community and teaching at a smaller school. I really enjoy seeing most of the staff and former students everyday in the hallway. That does not happen in larger schools.
- **Family:** Husband- AJ, married 6 years. 1 human child - Andelynn (Ande), 4-years-old. 3 fur-children - Lily, Shadow & Max.
- **Bucket list items:** Scuba dive at the Great Barrier Reef, visit Paris & London, take a Caribbean cruise, cross country camping trip at national parks and down the east and west coasts. I also plan to fly south for the winter (I am a snow bird) but don't worry, this won't happen for MANY years.
- **Favorite food:** Sushi or hibachi.
- **Something nobody knows about you:** When in high school, or maybe college, I once made a Subway sandwich for (now former) Cavs player Delonte West on his way to visit Cedar Point with his family. I had no clue who he was until after the fact.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Teleportation. I really hate driving in the winter. I just want to zip there and zip back home.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Any place with a beach and the sunshine. But Jamaica is high on that list.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you:** Paraphrasing one of my college professors: Don't choose your path because it's easy or convenient, challenge yourself. Where there is struggle comes growth.

We would like to feature our WHS seniors on the district's Facebook page.

Please submit your answers to the questions enclosed, as well as a photo of you to the contact below. Please put CLASS OF 2021 in the subject line.

Mrs. Julie Short, district communications coordinator  
jshort@wellingtonvillageschools.org

DEADLINE IS JUNE 6!

1. Name of senior
2. High School activities
3. Best High School memory
4. Future plans after graduation

#WHSDukesClassof2021



WHS Dukes Class of 2021

# Senior Spotlight

# Class of 2021 honors

A heartfelt congratulations goes to the four Wellington High High School seniors listed below for achieving the highest honors of the Class of 2021:

Co-valedictorians - Lauren Alley & Madalyn Mull

Salutatorian - Jillian Laposky

JVS Honor Student - Joseph Dudziak

Your hard work and determination will lead you in positive directions!



BSN SPORTS and Under Armour want to congratulate Jill Laposky on being Wellington High School 2021 Women of Will Graduation Award winner. She truly encompasses what it means to be a Women of Will Student Athlete:

- Outstanding Athletics
- Superior Academics
- Positive Sportsmanship
- Strong Leadership
- Impactful Community Service
- Will to Win



Wellington High School senior Summer Hamilton is the recipient of the Ignite My Future Scholarship from the Firefighters Community Credit Union. Her community engagement includes volunteering for Kiwanis pancake breakfasts, and as a coach for Special Olympics.

"I love interacting with people, especially veterans because I love to hear their stories and accomplishments or the sacrifices they made for our country," she said.

Summer will be attending Kent State University in the fall.





# Helping Well-help, vouchers still available

With no Duke Pride Carnival this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, donations are still coming in to support Well-Help for families in need. Wellington Board of Education member Ayers Ratliff recently spoke with the Chronicle Telegram regarding the efforts of the carnival committee and local businesses.

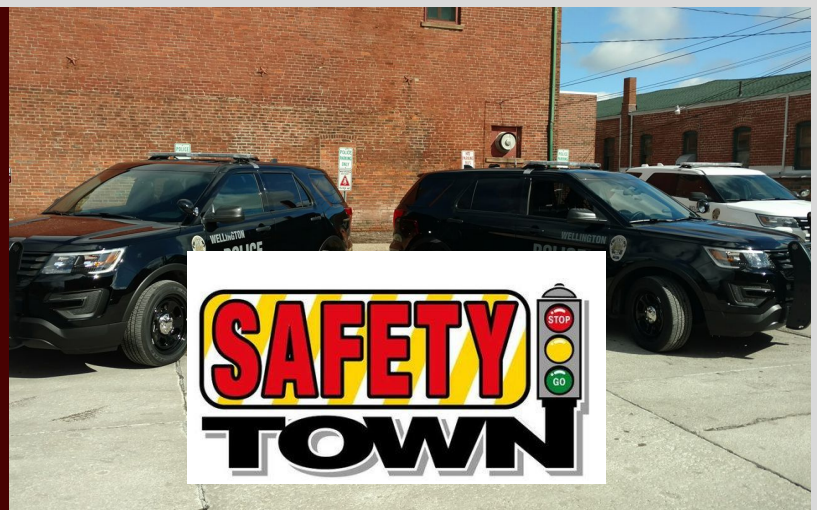
Working with Well-Help, Ratliff said he and carnival committee members Nancy Fisher, Cindy Reynolds, and district Superintendent Ed Weber plan to send letters to all Wellington Schools students who normally qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Families will be able to get grocery vouchers to use in June, July and August at Village Market on North Main Street.

To read the article, click [here](#).

Wellington residents can get information on food assistance provided by Well-Help by calling 440-647-2689.

## Safety Town

The Wellington Police Department has received many inquiries regarding Safety Town. The intent is to have Safety Town during the second week of August (9-13). Follow the department on [Facebook](#) for more information.



## Contact us if you have any questions or concerns

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**Nathan Baxendale, Principal**

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**Wellington High School**

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**Tina Drake, Principal**

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As one of the district's Strategic Planning initiatives, the Wellington Village Schools would like to improve and increase communication with students, parents, staff and community members. @WellingtonSchools will be a monthly digital newsletter distributed via email to our school families. For more information on our schools, check out our website, [www.wellingtonvillageschools.org](http://www.wellingtonvillageschools.org); or Facebook [@WEVSD](https://www.facebook.com/WEVSD).