



# WELLINGTON

## EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### IMPORTANT DATES

March 4: Music in our schools month band concert grades 6 - 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

March 4: BOE Work Session @ 6:00 p.m. (Superintendent's office)

March 6: Midwinter Choir Concert grades 6 - 12 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Lindley

March 6 - 8: Mrs. Campofredano WHS Drama Club Trip to NYC Broadway

March 13 - 15: Mrs. Trefz's WHS Junior/Senior Class Trip to D.C.

March 18: BOE Business Session @ 6:00 p.m. (WHS)

March 20 - 22: Heathers the Musical: High School Edition

March 21: End of marking period 3

March 29: McCormick Choir OMEA Solo and Ensemble Performance

April 2: Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 5: Duke Pride Carnival WHS Gym

April 14 - 21: Spring Break

April 27: WHS Academic Awards and Senior Scholarship Recognition 2:00 @ WHS Gym

## OUR DISTRICT VISION

### LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington Families,

Hope is powerful. Hope motivates, encourages perseverance, and reduces negativity. Hope keeps personal dreams and goals alive. Hope is contagious. When you are filled with hope, positivity spills over to everyone you meet. It is impossible to ignore hope. Even if you are filled with doubt, others' hope can force you to see a pathway, no matter how remote, to success.

Hope lets you know that small failures are okay, that you will grow from each experience, and that brighter days are ahead. We as humans crave hope, and often, all we need to grow our supply is to have someone show that they believe in us.

We at Wellington Exempted Village Schools believe in our students. We know that while each child is different and unique, everyone has a special set of talents and attributes waiting to be unlocked. While we cannot force a student to learn or engage with our lessons, it is much harder to ignore the feelings you get when someone truly believes in you. This is the secret to outstanding teaching and learning.

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# LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

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Kids work harder and will take monumental leaps forward if they feel that their teachers believe in them. While some people can use spite to power their efforts, working against someone is tiresome and steals hope. Inversely, everyone gains positive momentum if they feel someone is pulling them forward or cheering them on.

Even if the gain is small, the laws of physics show us that a larger and more powerful force will always change the motion of an object in the direction of the push or pull. Simplifying this all, the more the kids understand that we believe in them, the more they will believe in themselves.

We are reinvesting in the hope-building business. You may have noticed our focused efforts on improving the school culture and climate through our Duke PRIDE programs and student recognitions.

We have also increased our number of short-cycle interventions and checkpoints during Duke Time and WIN Groups to show our kids that they are improving and their efforts are paying off. We are working with our students to set personal goals based on their interests and strengths.

Showing our kids that we care about what makes them special helps to connect what we teach in and out of the classroom to their hopes and dreams. We believe that every moment has the chance to positively impact our kids' lives, and we do not want to let an opportunity slip away where we could build someone up.

While we are good at our jobs, we need your help. Parents and community members can help build hope as quickly as they can erode it. Your kids listen to you. They will buy in even more if they know you trust and believe in the school. If there are obstacles, let us know so we can work on removing them. If you have questions, contact us so we can answer them. Thank you for partnering with us. Together, we can build up our kids and open up opportunities for them. Go Dukes! -Andy Peltz



Dr. Peltz hosted the annual third and fourth grade spelling bee at McCormick. Thank you to Mrs. Birchfield, Mrs. Cianciola and staff for putting on this awesome event!



Fourth grade students work on recording their own podcast.



# DR. KUBASAK'S CURRICULUM CORNER



## Ohio State Testing ... but WHY? and How Can I Help?



**State Testing is just around the corner, and the big question that comes to mind is, WHY? Why do we assess students? Why is it important?**

- #1.** Ohio State Testing helps measure student learning and school performance, ensuring accountability across the educational system.
- #2.** The test evaluates whether students have mastered the skills and knowledge outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards for their grade level.
- #3.** Results can identify areas of excellence and improvement, allowing for targeted support for administration, staff, and students.
- #4.** The test plays a role in determining the graduation requirement pathway.
- #5.** Standardized testing provides a way to compare schools and districts across the state.

***Some great parenting tips as test time slowly creeps into the classrooms.***

### **Mental & Physical Preparation**

- #1.** Get Enough Sleep- A well-rested brain performs better.
- #2.** Eat a Healthy Breakfast - A nutritious meal helps with focus and energy.
- #3.** Stay Positive & Encouraging- Help reduce test anxiety by reminding your child effort is more important than perfection.
- #4** Share Relaxation Tips- Deep breathing, stretching, or positive affirmations.
- #5** Avoid Cramming- A light review and relaxation prevent stress.

### **Test-Taking Strategies**

- #1.** Time Management - Practice completing questions in a time frame.
- #2.** Review Multi-Choice Tips- Like eliminating the wrong answers and looking for keywords.
- #3.** Encourage Showing Work- Write a graphic organizer to organize your thoughts or solve math problems on scrap paper to help avoid mistakes.

### **Academic Preparation**

- #1.** Encourage Reading and Math practice daily
- #2.** Use online resources - ALEKS & Exact Path - (in your child's CLEVER account)
- #3.** Take a practice test - <https://oh-ost.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>

# NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Andrea Helton,  
MS, RDN LD  
Director of Nutrition  
Services

## Let's highlight National Nutrition Month!

March is National Nutrition Month! This annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics invites everyone to learn about making informed choices and developing healthy habits.

This year's theme is "Food Connects Us." Food is a connecting factor for many of us. It connects us to culture, our families, and our friends.

Sharing a meal is an opportunity to learn about its preparation, who made it, and where the ingredients were sourced. It's also an important time to remember that health, memories, traditions, seasons, and access can all impact our relationship with food.

Here is how we are connecting to one another with food this month!

During the month of March, students at McCormick Middle School and Wellington High School will receive an online survey seeking their input on school meal menu items and specials. Each student who participates will enter a drawing for a chance to win a prize!

We are also showcasing a special drink at WHS - Duke's Frosted Caramel Cold Brew!

On March 18th, Westwood elementary students will get a chance to taste test Tyler's Farm local lettuce with special guest, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Munch the Fox!

Munch helps us to connect to one another and celebrate the joy that comes from trying new and healthy foods!





# Westwood Important Dates

## March

- 3: Mobile Dentist Visit
- 4: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 5: Basketball Jones Assembly (Parent Co-op Sponsored)
- 5: Stoller Fundraiser Start
- 10: Begin Lake Erie Crushers Reading Program
- 10: Yearbook Sale Ends
- 11: Ohio Wildlife Assembly (Grades 2 & 3)
- 11: K-Kids Meeting @ 3pm (WWE Cafe)
- 14: Field Trip to Stocker Arts Center \*tentative\*
- 17 & 20: Kindergarten Screening (LCCC Wellington)
- 19: Stoller Fundraiser Ends
- 21: End of 3rd Quarter
- 21-28: Scholastic Book Fair



## April

- 1: 3rd Grade State Test - ELA
- 1: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 2: Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15pm-7:30pm)
- 3: 3rd Grade State Test - ELA
- 5: Duke Pride Carnival (8am-12pm @ WHS)
- 7: Dental Sealant Program
- 8: K-Kids Meeting @ 3pm (WWE Cafe)
- 10: Stoller Fundraiser Delivery
- 11: Start Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser
- 14-21: No School - Spring Break
- 22: School Resumes
- 25: Green Circle Growers Activity (2nd Grade)
- 29 & May 1: 3rd Grade State Test - Math
- 30: End Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser

## May

- 1: 3rd Grade State Test - Math
- 6: K-Kids Meeting @ 3pm (WWE Cafe)
- 6: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 22: Field Day/Bounce House Day (Parent Co-op Sponsored)
- 26: No School - Memorial Day
- 27: K-Kids Meeting #3pm (WWE Cafe)
- 27: Spring Concert (K - 5:30pm, 1st - 6:30pm @ Lindley Center)
- 28: Spring Concert (2nd - 5:30pm, 3rd - 6:30pm @ Lindley Center)
- 30: Third Grade Clap-out \*time TBD\*
- 30: Last Day for Students!



**Wellington Exempted Village Schools**

# 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration



## ONLINE REGISTRATION

**Available Starting  
February 21, 2025**

**WELCOME DUKES!**

**CLASS OF 2038!**

[www.wellingtonvillageschools.org/Kindergarten](http://www.wellingtonvillageschools.org/Kindergarten)



## Kindergarten Screening

will take place March 17th or 20th at LCCC-Wellington. Screening date and time will be scheduled when registration forms are submitted.

## According to the Ohio Dept of Education

"Compulsory school age, or the minimum age in which a child must be enrolled in and attend school, is age 6. A family can choose to wait until the child is 6 before enrolling them in Kindergarten." A child must be at least 5 years old by August 1 to enter Kindergarten.  
(WEVSD Board Policy)

### Registration Questions?

Daniel Rahm, Student Services Director • (440) 647-7907

### Screening Questions?

Kimberley Milks, Westwood Principal • (440) 647-3636

**Westwood  
Elementary**

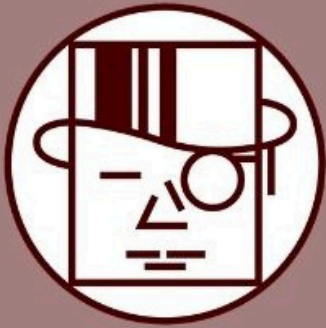
**"WHERE THE DUKE BEGINS"**

305 Union Street Wellington, OH 44090



# OPEN ENROLLMENT DETAILS!

[Click here](#) to learn more on our website!



## Open Enrollment

In order to be considered for open enrollment, applications must be completed annually for every student.

**Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be available online**



**April 15 – June 5  
2025**



Open Enrollment Applications, Guidelines and Board Policy can be found online on the district website under the Enrollment tab.

For questions or to request a paper application please contact:

Lindsay Bowman

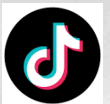
[lbowman@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:lbowman@wellingtonvillageschools.org)  
or 440-647-4286

**Let's be friends!**

*"Like" us on Facebook:*

**Wellington Exempted Village Schools  
Westwood Elementary School  
McCormick Middle School  
Wellington High School**

**TikTok: WellingTok**



**Instagram: dukes\_k12**



**YouTube: Search: WEVSD**

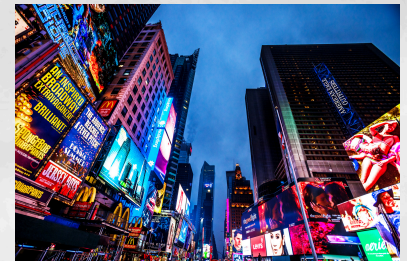


# PERFORMING ARTS & LIBRARY NEWS!

The drama club is on the move!



Our **WHS Drama Club** will take a trip to NYC for the Broadway Theater experience from March 6 - 9. Students will enjoy the shows *Hadestown* and *The Outsiders*. Thank you to our generous Wellington Schools Endowment Fund for supporting this fantastic experience for our students!



## MMS Drama Club:

Rehearsals begin for "The Edgar Allan Poe Afterlife Radio Show" on Monday, March 24.

Mark your calendars! Show dates will be May 23 and 24 at the beautiful Patricia Lindley Center!



## Westwood Library:

Scholastic Book Fair will be held from March 17 - 21. We look forward to seeing you there!



# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS!

Based on the classic 1989 film. Westerberg High is ruled by a shoulder-padded, scrunchie-wearing junta: Heather, Heather and Heather, the hottest and cruelest girls in all of Ohio. But misfit Veronica Sawyer rejects their evil regime for a new boyfriend, the dark and sexy stranger J.D., who plans to put the Heathers in their place - six feet under.

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB & COMMUNITY THEATER  
PROUDLY PRESENT

# HEATHERS

## THE MUSICAL

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

MARCH 20 & 21 AT 7:00PM

MARCH 22 AT 3:00PM

SUGGESTED  
AUDIENCE  
AGES 13+



PATRICIA LINDLEY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

627 NORTH MAIN ST. WELLINGTON, OH 44090

DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE CURTAIN.

TICKETS \$6/\$11

## *Congrats!*

**Parents and seniors!** Please complete the Google forms below for Senior Superlatives and Senior photos for the yearbook and end of year slideshow, due by April 11.

*Senior Superlatives - click here!*

*Senior Photos - click here!*



DON'T FORGET  
SUBMIT  
THE  
SENIOR  
PHOTOS



ALL PHOTOS CAN BE SUBMITTED USING  
THE QR CODE LINK



SUBMIT PHOTOS  
BY  
APRIL 11TH

*Class of*  
**2025!**



*Save the Date!*

# DUKE PRIDE CARNIVAL

Dozens of carnival games for children!

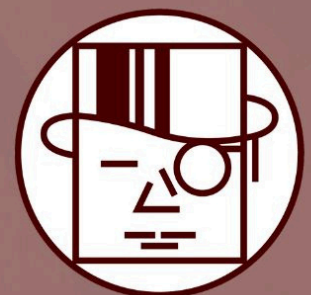
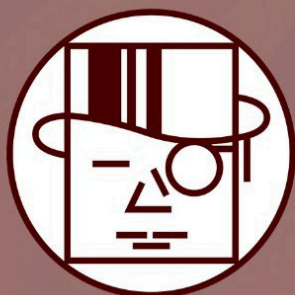
All funds are donated to the  
Summer Food Voucher Program  
(in partnership with Well-Help.)

**April 5, 2025**

**Free Breakfast: 8 - 11 a.m.**

**Carnival: 9 a.m. - Noon**

Wellington High School  
629 N. Main St.





# LEARNING AROUND OUR DISTRICT





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# SPELLING BEE NEWS

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C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!  
Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th  
grade Spelling Bee champions!

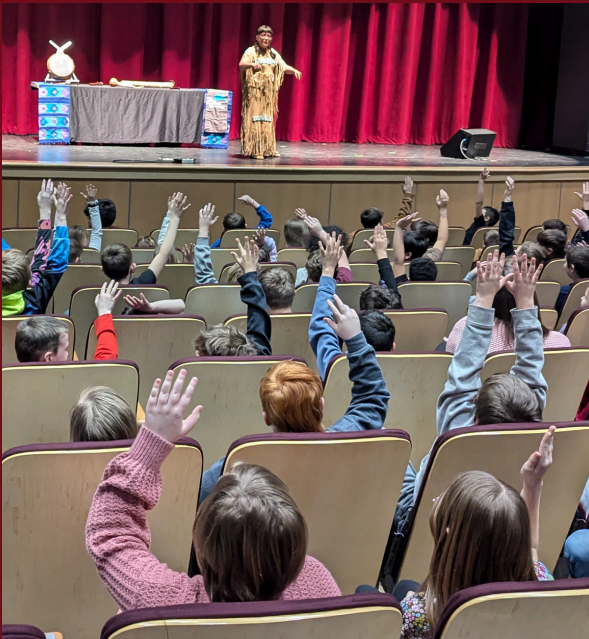
**Champion:** Carl Weidman

**Runner up:** Levi Reece

**Third:** Maddison Maksym

Best of luck as they compete at  
the Lorain County Spelling Bee  
in March!

[Watch the video!](#)



Fourth & fifth grade students enjoyed two performances from the group, "Arts Inspired Learning." Robin Pease taught students about her Mohawk heritage, language, chants and stories. Bob Frank taught students about regional music from the past 250 years that reflects America's westward expansion.



# ATHLETICS UPDATE

**John Bowman**  
*Athletic Director*

## Wrestling Review

The wrestling team had success this year. Female wrestler Rylee Kolmorgen was the county champion in her weight class. Baron Turner was the 165 pound champion for the LC8 tournament. Baron and Ashton Roessler qualified for the district wrestling tournament at Independence. Congratulations!



## Basketball Review

Brooke Lehmkuhl finished her basketball career with more accolades to add to her resume. She led the Lady Dukes to their first district tournament appearance since 2018. She also became the all-time leading rebounder in school history. Brooke was named Lorain County Player of the Year for Division VI & VII girls basketball. Congratulations, Brooke!





# WHS WRESTLING TEAMS



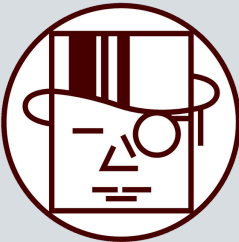


# JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TEAMS





# JR. HIGH WRESTLING TEAMS





# BOWLING AND JR. HIGH CHEER

Go Dukes!

