



WELLINGTON

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 25: Westwood Picture Day

Oct. 20: Westwood Co-Op Trunk-or-Treat 4 - 6 p.m. @ Lindley)

Oct. 22 & 24: Westwood ELA Test

Oct. 8: BOE Meeting (Westwood)

Oct. 9: Powderpuff Game (Stadium)

Oct. 10: Homecoming Bonfire (WHS Soccer practice field)

Oct. 11: Homecoming Pep Rally & Parade, and Homecoming White Out/Toga Theme

Oct. 12: Homecoming Dance

Oct. 15: BOE Meeting (Westwood)

Oct. 17: MMS/WHS Fall Band Concert @ Lindley 7 p.m.

Oct. 25: End of Marking period 1

Nov. 4: No School (Professional Development Day)

For a complete calendar, go to wellingtonvillageschools.org

WELCOME BACK, DUKES

LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome Back!

It is a great time to be a Duke! Every start to the school year is filled with a mix of emotions ranging from excitement to apprehension. I am proud of our first month together and have enjoyed meeting our students and families.

As the new superintendent, I hope that every member of the Duke Family will make sure to stop and say hello when they see me at a school event or around town.

We have welcomed several new members to our staff. We have a new treasurer, principals at each building, and a few new teachers and support staff. We are ready to provide our students with an amazing experience and I am confident our team is up to the challenge.

While we are thrilled to take on our new roles, we ask for your understanding as we grow into our positions. In the beginning, most of the daily operations will look and feel the same, but over time, you will start to see some subtle changes. We will do our best to communicate with you as we work to improve the overall experience for our students, families, and community. One change we have instituted is switching our emergency medical and contact information from a paper form to an online process through PowerSchool.

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LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

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This will increase the likelihood that your information is current and that all emails reach you. We appreciate your help getting this important information updated, and please reach out to your student’s building secretary with any questions.

My past and current experiences have led me to where I am today and shaped the superintendent I hope to become. I taught high school science for twelve years, was a middle-level principal for ten years, and was a high school principal for three. My wife is an art teacher, and we have two wonderful children. Each hat I have put on has given me insight into the perspective I need to meet the needs of community members, parents, students, and staff. As your superintendent, I know that we all have the same goal of helping our students reach their highest potential and achieve their hopes and dreams. My job is to bring us all together to make this a reality. That is why I love my role here in Wellington I am thrilled to watch our efforts come to fruition.

It has been a pleasure to get to know our staff and students and to visit classrooms throughout our district. Please say hi as I am cheering on our talented student-athletes and band musicians on the court and field!

I am so excited to be your superintendent and good luck to all of our fall sports athletes. Go Dukes!

Sincerely,
Dr. Peltz

GO DUKES!

Check out the lucky rainbow on the first day of school!



NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. HELTON



Andrea Helton,
MS, RDN LD
Director of Nutrition
Services

Eat breakfast daily!

Start your day with something great! Be sure to visit the school cafeteria every weekday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. for school breakfast!

Menu news:

We are thrilled to support locally owned and small businesses whenever possible! This year, our menus feature lettuce from Tyler's Farm in Oberlin Ohio, apples from Bauman Orchards in Rittman Ohio, and fresh whole-grain pizza dough from Dough Go's in Canton Ohio! Local Pizza days are on the third Thursday of each month while school is in session!

Follow along using the ["my school menus app"](#) to check the offerings each day.

Reminder about meals and applications:

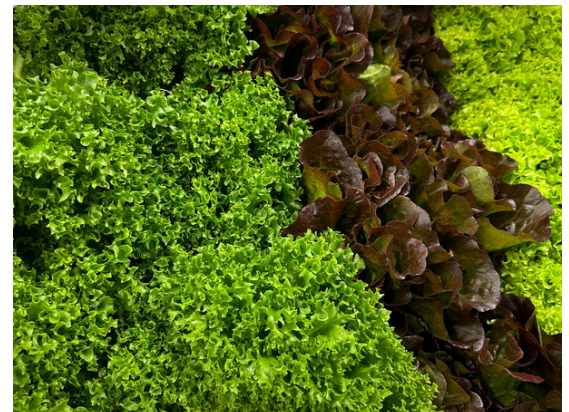
An updated free and reduced-price meal application must be completed every school year.

If your child qualified for free or reduced-priced meals for the 2023-2024 school year, the approved status will roll over for the first 30 operating days of the 2024-2025 school year. To ensure no interruption of meal benefits, be sure to submit applications for next school year before October 9, 2024. If an updated application is not received, then the meal status will change to full pay, and you will be responsible for any charges accrued. Please note, we will still accept applications throughout the school year should you encounter any financial or familial change.

If your family qualifies for free or reduced-price meals through a direct certification letter, you must sign and return the letter in order for instructional fees to be waived.

Free and Reduced-Price meal applications are available online via www.payschoolscentral.com or in each main office building.

Do you wish there was a way to keep track of how much money is left on your student(s) account, or to track if they were buying snacks or meals? You're in luck! When you create an account with Payschools Central you can check daily purchases, load money, and even set your own alerts when your balance is low. [Click here to get started!](#)



TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

I am excited and proud to be the new treasurer at Wellington Exempted Village Schools. Everyone in this great community has made me feel welcome and I look forward to getting more involved in the district and community.

I truly enjoy having my office in a school building where I get to see our students and educational staff in the hallways. It is energizing seeing the kids smiling faces and a great reminder of why we do what we do.

Over the summer, there have been a few major projects. We have installed new outdoor lighting in the McCormick and High School parking lots to increase safety. We have installed a new fuel filling station for the school buses and maintenance to increase efficiency and cost savings. We are finishing up the final steps to get it up and running.

The outside gym wall was repaired as a safety precaution and to prevent water from creating any further damage to the wall.

The start of the school year is a busy time of year in the treasurer's office. The fiscal year 2024 books have been closed and the start of a new school year also means the start of the annual audit.

The treasurer's office hopes everyone has a great year! Please feel free to reach out to our office if you have any questions.

Check out my new hire spotlight on the next page to learn more about me.

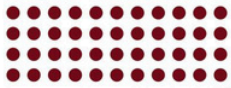
Go Dukes!

Check out our new fuel filling station!



Pete Bailey, Treasurer
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schools.org





Meet Treasurer Pete Bailey



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What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?

I am excited to build positive relationships with the staff and the Wellington community.

What was your favorite subject as a student?

My favorite subject was Psychology.

What are you most looking forward to this school year?

I am looking forward to meeting the staff and students and getting involved in Wellington!

What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?

Wellington made me feel welcome. I grew up in small rural towns and attended smaller sized schools growing up so Wellington feels like home.

What sort of activities or hobbies do you have outside of your career?

Spending time with family and friends, watching sports, traveling, coaching softball, taking my dog for walks and playing pickleball.

What would students be surprised to learn about you?

Pete is just a nickname I was given in college.

What inspires you?

My family.

What wisdom would you share with your future students?

Believe in yourself. You are capable of way more than you think you are.

What would be your superpower, and why?

Flying. I would be able to visit family and friends more often that don't live near me. As a bonus, I wouldn't have to climb ladders anymore to clean gutters or put up Christmas lights.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SERVICE AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following staff
for earning their milestone pins!**



5-YEAR PINS

Katie Woods - MMS
Kathy Zvara - MMS

20-YEAR PIN

Malynda Perchinske - MMS

10-YEAR PINS

Jill Boyd - WHS
Heather Parr - WW
Christa Roisman - District
Holly Zakerski - WW

25-YEAR PINS

Martha Broud - WHS
Nathan Morris - MMS
Erin Sumpter - MMS
Susan Doeher - District

15-YEAR PINS

Bob Collins - MMS
Lindsay Jameyson - WW
Rachel Neenan - WW
Joe Saunders - MMS/WHS
Cindy Storrow - MMS
Kerry Trefz - WHS

30-YEAR PIN

Dawn Wyman - WHS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS!**



WELCOME, NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

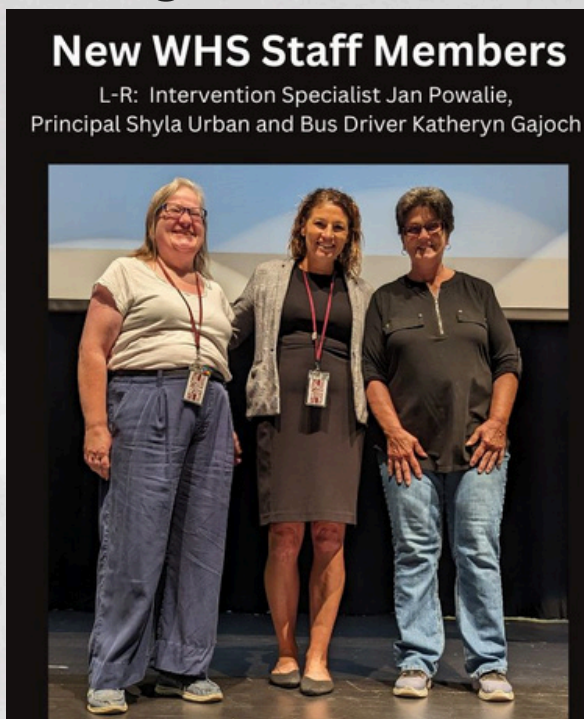
Westwood



McCormick



High School



Administrative



New staff not pictured, please welcome: Ms. Emily Schmitz (CTE FFA McCormick teacher), Mr. Bryce Wylie (Cafeteria Monitor at McCormick), Mr. Aaron Davison (Athletic Training), Mr. John Howells (WHS Social Studies teacher) and Mrs. Nicole Casper and Ms. Lori Bradstock (Westwood cafeteria monitors.)

WELCOME, MRS. URBAN!

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MEET WHS PRINCIPAL



Shyla Urban

What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?

Having a unique opportunity to collaborate with our teachers and students to nurture an inviting, positive, and creative learning environment where students and staff feel safe, secure, and valued.

What was your favorite subject as a student?

Science and PE.

What are you most looking forward to this school year?

Incorporating positive and fun experiences for our staff and students at the high school.

What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?

The tight-knit and supportive community.

What sort of activities or hobbies do you have outside of your career?

1. Spending time with family 2. Traveling 3. Coaching basketball 4. Yoga 5. Golf 6. Trivia

What would students be surprised to learn about you?

I have an unreasonable fear of clowns.

What inspires you?

Helping students realize their true potential, and being able watch them reach their goals.

What wisdom would you share with your future students?

Focus on the GOOD...the good in people, the good in the world, and the good in you.

What is one thing you learned recently or something you are learning now?

I am learning many new things as I enter my first year in Wellington.

What would be your superpower, and why?

Flying...hands down.

WELCOME, MR. FIGULY!

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**MEET MCCORMICK MIDDLE
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



Robert Figuly

What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?

The opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of community members, parents, staff members, and students.

What was your favorite subject as a student?

Math

What are you most looking forward to this school year?

The thing I am looking forward to the most this school year is the opportunity to see all of our students learn and grow in the classroom and beyond.

What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?

The opportunity to join a strong leadership team, work with incredible staff members, form strong partnerships with great parents, and the chance to collaborate with a supportive community where we have a shared vision of getting all students to make academic progress and demonstrate personal growth.

What sort of activities or hobbies do you have outside of your career?

I enjoy working out, reading, and watching sports when I am not at work.

What would students be surprised to learn about you?

I still have a collection of sports cards.

What inspires you?

What inspires me is the work that we do can and will change the world for the better.

What wisdom would you share with your future students?

Words of wisdom I would share is to wake up every single day with a positive attitude, exert maximum effort with whatever you want to accomplish, and express a spirit of gratitude every step of the way, and it will translate to success with whatever you want to accomplish in life.

WELCOME, MRS. MILKS!

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**WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL**



Kimberley Milks

What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?

Working alongside an incredible staff and supporting students and families through their beginning years as a Duke!

What was your favorite subject as a student?

Math

What are you most looking forward to this school year?

I am looking forward to witnessing all the joy and learning happening in the classrooms and connecting with the families in our community.

What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?

The pride in Wellington is incredible and connection to the community partnerships provides great opportunities for our students right in our own backyard.

What sort of activities or hobbies do you have outside of your career?

watching movies, trying new restaurants, traveling to watch my kids sporting events

What would students be surprised to learn about you?

I have been sky diving and also lived in Italy for three months in college

What wisdom would you share with your future students?

Making mistakes is part of growing and learning. The focus should be to intentionally be a better version of yourself today than you were yesterday. "Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall." -Nelson Mandela

What are three things on your bucket list that you want to achieve?

Cruise the Mediterranean, Ballroom dance, Learn sign language

What animal do you believe most closely represents your personality?

The lion: protective, inner strength, courage, leader, calm and focused

BAND UPDATE!

Congratulations to our Dukes Marching Band for receiving an **Excellent** rating at their first OMEA competition!



They have more opportunities to earn their way to state. They did fantastic and all the new eighth graders now know how it feels to be in a competition setting.

*Thank you to our amazing
Band Directors
Mrs. Sleggs & Mr. Lehman!*

Way to go



Westwood

2024 Important Dates

September

- 2: No School - Labor Day
- 3: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 4-11: Acadience Testing (K-3)
- 16: Start Tri-C Parent Co-op Fundraiser
- 17: K Kids Meeting @ 2:45pm (WWE Cafe)
- 17-24: NWEA MAPS Testing (K-3)
- 25: Picture Day

October

- 1. End Tri-C Parent Co-op Fundraiser
- 1: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 20: Co-op Sponsored Trunk-or-Treat (4-6pm @ Lindley)
- 22 & 24: Fall ELA Test (3rd Grade)
- 25: End Quarter 1

November

- 4: Professional Development Day - No School
- 5: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 5-7: NNAT3 Gifted Testing (2nd Grade)
- 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences (Times TBD)
- 27: Teacher Comp Day - No School
- 28-29: Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
- 12/2: School Resumes

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA CLUB'S

BROADWAY FASHION SHOW

Watch our members walk the catwalk to the costumes and music of famous Broadway shows to raise funds for our NYC Broadway field trip!



ADMISSION \$5 PER PERSON,
RAFFLE BASKETS AS WELL!

OCT. 29, 2024

7:00PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

Patricial Lindley Center for the Performing Arts
627 North Main Street Wellington, OH 44090



Builders Club

Join the Builders Club in Supporting Mental Health Awareness with Riveon.

Help us make a difference!

The Builders Club is collecting items to raise awareness for children and adults struggling with mental health issues.

Donation Items:

- Fidgets
- Arts and Craft Supplies ie: paint brushes, markers, crayons, colored pencils, watercolor paints, drawing paper, etc.
- Items addressing the 5 senses: ie... hard candy, scented markers, playing cards, soundscapes CDs, no wick candles, magazines with address labels removed

Collection Dates: Oct. 1st through November 1st.

Drop-off Locations:

Wellington High School foyer

McCormick Middle School foyer

Together, we can help break the stigma surrounding mental health.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY IN AUGUST

Our staff participated in a professional development day district-wide on August 27.

Staff learned how it feels to live with traits of dyslexia through a hands-on dyslexia simulation provided by the ESC of Lorain County. Thank you to two of our very own, Westwood Title teachers Holly Zakerski and Catherine Selzer helped facilitate the training.

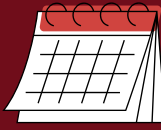
Teachers were able to engage in intervention practices through the implementation of Exact Path and Courseware. They also worked on professional development to effectively meet the needs of all students.



What a great day of learning and engagement! Thank you to Curriculum Director, Dr. Kubasak for designing this impactful day!



DISTRICT CALENDAR



Wellington Exempted Village School District 2024-2025 Academic Calendar



July 2024 M Tu W Tr F 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30 31						January 2025 M Tu W Tr F 1 New Year's Day - No School 6 School Resumes 17 End of Marking Period 2 20 Martin Luther King Day - No School 29 Parent/Teacher Conferences					
August 2024 M Tu W Tr F 10 Back to School Bash 13-23 Floating Teacher Prep Day 26 Convocation Day 27 Gifted/SE Professional Day 27 Parent Meet & Greet 4:30-6:30 28 First Day for Students						February 2025 M Tu W Tr F 14 Building Professional Day - No School 17 President's Day - No School					
September 2024 M Tu W Tr F 2 Labor Day - No School						March 2025 M Tu W Tr F 21 End of Marking Period 3					
October 2024 M Tu W Tr F 25 End of Marking Period 1						April 2025 M Tu W Tr F 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 14-21 Spring Break 22 School Resumes					
November 2024 M Tu W Tr F 4 County PD Day - No School 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 27 Teacher Comp Day - No School 28-29 Thanksgiving Vacation						May 2025 M Tu W Tr F 16 Last Day for Seniors 18 Graduation 26 Memorial Day - No School 30 Last Day for Students/End of MP4					
December 2024 M Tu W Tr F 23-31 Winter Break						June 2025 M Tu W Tr F 2 Teacher Records Day 3 Teacher Comp Day					

School Hours

Westwood Elementary	8:00am - 2:45pm
McCormick Middle School	8:00am - 3:00pm
Wellington High School	8:00am - 3:00pm

Grading Periods

Quarter 1 - Aug. 28 - Oct. 25 = 42 days
Quarter 2 - Oct. 28 - Jan. 17 = 46 days - Semester One = 88 days
Quarter 3 - Jan. 21 - March 21 = 42 days
Quarter 4 - March 24 - May 30 = 43 days - Semester Two = 85 days
Total: 173 days

Board Approved - 03-21-2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

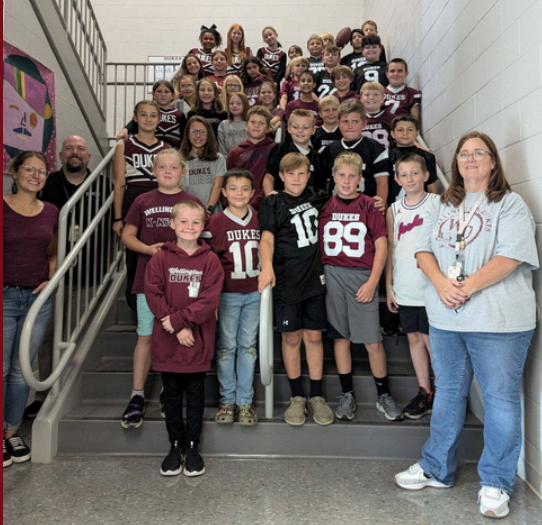
Congratulations and welcome to our newest
Board of Education member, Jamie Babb!

Thank you to outgoing Board of Education member
Penny McClaflin for your service on the board!

We wish Mrs. McClaflin the
best as she moves to Michigan.

*Thank you for
your service!*





LEARNING AROUND OUR DISTRICT



PROUD TO BE DUKES!







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