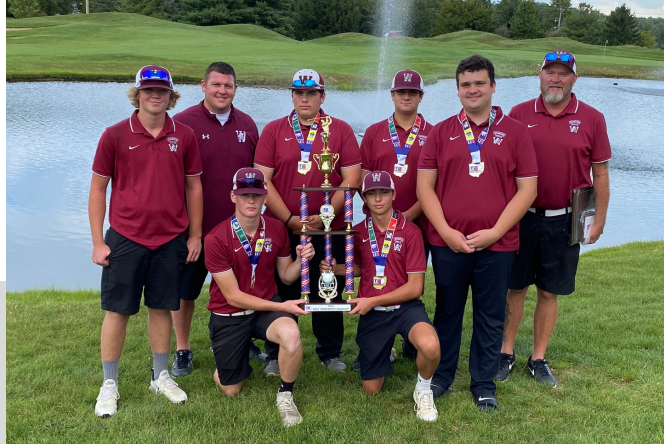
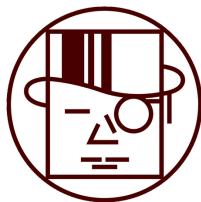


# GO DUKES!



**Congratulations to our WHS boys golf team! The boys ran the table winning both league tournaments and going undefeated in the league.**

# @WELLINGTON SCHOOLS

**A digital newsletter from the  
Wellington Village Schools**

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## *Important dates:*

Oct. 3-7: Homecoming  
Spirit Week

Oct. 4: BOE Work Session at 6 p.m.  
at Westwood

Oct. 5: Powder Puff football game at  
7 p.m. at stadium

Oct. 6: Bonfire at 9 p.m. at WHS  
soccer field

Oct. 7: Homecoming Parade at  
5:45 p.m. (starts at WHS, travels  
down Main Street to stadium)

Oct. 7: Homecoming Game vs.  
Clearview at 7 p.m.

Oct. 8: Homecoming Dance at  
7 p.m. at fairgrounds

Oct. 18: BOE Business Meeting at  
6 p.m. at WHS

Oct. 20: MMS/WHS: Choirs' Fall  
Concert at 7 p.m. at Lindley Center

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

## OFF TO A GREAT START

**Letter from Edward Weber, Superintendent**  
[eweber@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:eweber@wellingtonvillageschools.org)

We have many great things to celebrate already this school year, including our district's improvement on the Ohio Department of Education State Report Card. I am pleased with the steady growth the school district has made these past several years. We have talented students and teachers and together, we are raising our results each year. Thank you for your continued support.

We are also excited about our new Strategic Plan that the Board approved at our last meeting (Sept. 20) and the completion of the expiring Strategic Plan that achieved the goals as outlined in that plan. Goals completed included launching an Advanced Placement (AP) program at Wellington High School, which now offers 13 AP classes, adding career tech classes at McCormick Middle School, and improving literacy skills at Westwood Elementary.

Last month a special ribbon cutting ceremony took place at our stadium for a new turnstile, which now gives the public access to our track. Thank you to THRIVE! Southern Lorain County and the Wellington Women's League, as well as all who contributed to this project. We invite the community to come out and enjoy the new additions to our facility.

Congratulations to Westwood Elementary School for being designated by our State Support Team Region 2 as a recipient of the Ohio PBIS Bronze Award for 2021 - 2022! PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions & Support. Establishing a positive school culture consists of setting up a behavioral management system to reflect a shared vision of common values, beliefs and expectations.

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning a special Donors Appreciation Dinner Jan. 26, 2023 to honor the many people, businesses and organizations that have contributed to the Wellington Schools over the years.



# Start The Day With School Breakfast

Did you know that Wellington EVSD offers a nutritious breakfast every day starting at 7:30 a.m.?

## Why Eat School Breakfast?



### Improve Productivity!

Studies show that school breakfast helps to improve test scores, attention, attendance, and behavior in the classroom!



### Support Health!

School breakfast is positively linked to a reduction in childhood obesity and can deter hunger-related stomach aches and headaches.



### Save Time!

Mornings are BUSY! School breakfast helps to save money and time for families on the way to school and work.

School breakfast includes at least 3 of the 5 core food groups for only \$1.85!

If your family qualifies for free or reduced-priced lunches, you also qualify for **free or reduced-priced breakfast**. No additional paperwork is needed!

For more information, contact Andrea Helton, Director of Nutrition Services, at 440-647-7415, or email [ahelton@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:ahelton@wellingtonvillageschools.org).

# Capital project updates from the treasurer

The Wellington Board of Education recently authorized several capital expenditures for the FY23 school year. The investment in the facilities and instructional technology clearly shows the Board's commitment to upgrading and improving our District. The capital expenditures are as follows:

1. West Roofing has been contracted to replace two sections of roof over the Westwood main office and library to address water intrusion in those areas.
2. A turnstile was recently installed at the stadium to allow community access for walkers and runners on the track. The barbed wire around the top of the fence at the stadium will also be removed.
3. Sections of the Westwood playground set will be replaced. Mulch has been added to the playground at McCormick to provide a proper fall zone for students when they climb and play on the equipment.
4. The West and South side of the high school gym outside walls will be tuck-pointed and waterproofed to repair crumbling mortar joints, and to protect the building from water intrusion.
5. The high school gym bleachers will be replaced over the summer of 2023 with new bleachers and a system to automatically open and close the seats. This is an answer to fan and employee safety concerns. The gym will receive a fresh coat of paint to brighten up the entire complex.
6. New laptop computers will be purchased for the staff at Westwood this year. In addition, six Clear Touch interactive boards will be purchased for Westwood students to increase engagement in the classroom and improve student test scores.
7. A pickup truck will be purchased which will be used in combination with our other truck to clear snow and ice from our parking lots and driveways each winter. This will eliminate the need for a vendor to do this work and will allow our maintenance staff to complete this work in a timely manner.

These expenditures and other facility upgrades are meant to improve the educational environment for all students and staff. We know there is more we need to address as we move forward and with the support of the community, we can make Wellington Schools a source of pride for the entire community.

Go Dukes!

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Westwood Elementary School playground



## Welcome new members of our Dukes staff

### Emily Medves

**District Social Worker**

**Licensed since 2018**

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**What do you love most about your job?** I love that my job gives me the flexibility to work with staff, children, and families in many different ways. I enjoy problem solving and helping others in many different aspects.

**Family:** My husband's name is Ryan and we got married last November. We are high school sweethearts and have been together since 2011.

**Bucket list item(s):** My bucket list item is to do a European Cruise.

**Favorite food:** Sushi

**Fun fact:** I have an Australian Shepherd puppy named Beau.

**Favorite place to vacation:** Growing up, my favorite vacation spot was Wildwood New Jersey with my family.

### Jon Heyd

**Technology Coordinator**

**15+ years of experience**

[jheyd@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:jheyd@wellingtonvillageschools.org)



**What do you love most about your job?** I like feeling like I'm making a difference. I wanted to have a chance to make a positive impact on public education, and help students learn and teachers teach!

**Family:** My wife Lisa and I just celebrated our 17th anniversary! Our son Jonas will be 13 in November. We have two dogs, Zooey and Loki, and two cats, Atticus and Thunder.

**Bucket list item(s):** Go to Iceland

**Favorite food:** Rice

**Fun fact:** My son and I both like to play the drums.

**Favorite place to vacation:** We like to vacation in a different place every time; I don't think we've ever gone somewhere twice! We like to experience entirely new things any chance we get.

### Mary Claire Frantz

**WHS Guidance Counselor**

**1.5 years of experience**

[cfrantz@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:cfrantz@wellingtonvillageschools.org)



**What do you love most about your job?** I love assisting and supporting students in navigating their high school journey

**Family:** Married to my husband Jon, for almost two years. We have two cats and a dog.

**Bucket list item(s):** Travel/explore the world, Skydiving and Scuba Diving.

**Favorite food:** Spaghetti (and bread)

**Fun fact:** I also work as a 911 Police/Fire/EMS dispatcher and my husband is a police officer.

**Favorite place to vacation:** Anywhere warm and tropical! Cruises are the best way to vacation!

### Nathan Morris

**Dean of Climate & Culture**

**McCormick Middle School**

**24 years in Wellington Schools**

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**What do you love most about your job?** Getting to interact with both students and staff.

**Family:** Married for 21 years to wife Angela. Three children Taylor (16), Camryn (15), and Fynlee (11).

**Bucket list item(s):** Travel out west with my family.

**Favorite food:** Pizza

**Fun fact:** My favorite TV show is The Big Bang Theory.

**Favorite place to vacation:** The Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

## Wellness news from around our district

Wellington has been selected as the rural pilot school district for the Ohio Handle with Care Program (HWC). Ohio Handle With Care is a trauma-informed, cross-systems, collaborative program aimed at ensuring that children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate interventions and have opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders. Ohio HWC is supported by a partnership between Hopewell Health Centers and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Ohio HWC aims to promote safe and supportive schools, homes and communities that protect children, and communities that help traumatized children heal and thrive. Training for staff and first responders will begin in October starting with staff at Westwood Elementary.



Elizabeth Wolanski  
Wellness Coord.  
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On behalf of McCormick Middle School, our district Wellness Coordinator Elizabeth Wolanski, will be applying for the You Belong Grant through the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County. If received, the grant will provide a minimum of \$2,000 in funding to support Kindland and SAVE Promise Club activities. The MHARS Board will be awarding up to 14 grants to middle schools across the county.

LifeAct will be providing suicide prevention programming to the 7th and 8th graders on a quarterly basis throughout the school year. LifeAct uses the Signs of Suicide program to educate middle and high school students on how to recognize depression and the warning signs of suicide, and how to access help for themselves and their peers.

## Join the Kindland Movement

The Kindland Movement launched in the high school last spring is ready to expand its humane lessons and acts of kindness throughout Wellington. Recently, Mayor Hans Schneider agreed to bring the Village on board pledging to partner with the District on upcoming community events this fall.

Kindland Ambassador Kathleen Dickason spearheaded a Summer of Kindland including a Kindland table at the Back-to-School Bash. Several of the activities were uploaded to the [Kindland App](#). Follow #BeWELLington on social media.

A key initiative this fall is for a staff member, parent, and student to comprise a Kindland champion team at each school. The priority is to bring the Kindland in Schools program into classrooms which offers seven basic grade-level lessons that fold easily into existing lesson plans. Superintendent Weber sees Kindland as a good fit with the district's Communicate with H.E.A.R.T., PBIS, and other anti-bullying, social-emotional tools. For more information, click [here](#).



### Kindland contacts:

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## Straight from the H.E.A.R.T.

Communicate with H.E.A.R.T., the proven passionate communications program, devised by the Cleveland Clinic, has expanded to the District's website adding to the response poster cards placed on each school's reception desk. A similar poster is in the Superintendent's Office. By tapping on the Safe Healthy Schools tab, a customer (parent, colleague, visitor) satisfaction survey will open. The Web presence is an enhancement to the stand-up poster cards designed to solicit post engagement experiences with school, staff, and colleagues all of whom are encouraged to utilize either the cards or the online survey.

H.E.A.R.T., which stands for Hear, Empathize, Apologize, Respond, Thank, has been used by the Cleveland Clinic since 2008 as a tool for establishing caring communication among patients and colleagues.

This year, as H.E.A.R.T. training continues for new district employees and those who might have missed last year's sessions, staff will be rewarded for demonstrating the engagement portal, S.T.A.R.T. with Heart, or the service recovery model, Respond with H.E.A.R.T., principles.

The feedback methods are designed to create a baseline for measuring how successfully Wellington is moving toward becoming a District that presents a memorable customer experience.

The response mechanisms are not just to track what might go wrong, but to also document praiseworthy interactions.

Similarly, Superintendent Weber would like the program to be one of the principle ways the District becomes a center of empathy and value elevating Wellington's classroom and workforce experiences.



For more information on S.T.A.R.T. with Heart, contact H.E.A.R.T. Trainer, Ronald Kisner at 440-647-7409 or [rkisner@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:rkisner@wellingtonvillageschools.org)

# 529 SAVINGS PLAN

**Westwood families save NOW for your child's College Education!**

Take advantage of up to a 25% match on contributions to your child's College Advantage 529 Savings Plan.

Join us for a Saving for College Workshop night to learn more about how to save for your child's higher education.

**\$** Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Westwood gym. Join us virtually or in-person (link will be sent to families prior to event).

**\$** Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria prior to the Wellington boys varsity basketball home game vs. Keystone. This meeting will be in-person only.

- Attend a workshop and be entered to win a \$100 match towards a 529 plan!
- Three winners will be announced at halftime of the Dec. 2 basketball game!



Representatives from the Wellington Endowment Fund, Wellington Kiwanis and Ohio's 529 Saving for College program will be in the meetings to answer your questions.

Pre-register to get a free T-shirt for your Wellington student to wear and be recognized at halftime of the varsity basketball game on Dec. 2. Kiwanis is generously gifting \$50 to Kindergarten - 2nd grade students at Wellington when they open or show their existing 529 Saving for College statement.

Wellington is the only school in the state of Ohio offering this plan. Open an account today and this matching fund program can add thousands of dollars to your child's higher education funds!

College Advantage is Ohio's 529 Plan. Earnings are tax-free and the contributions may be tax deductible on your Ohio taxes. We encourage parents, grandparents, and others to contact us for more information about how the Endowment can help you save for your child's higher education. Saving for College is a program operated through the Wellington Schools Endowment Fund and administered by the Endowment Board of Trustees.

- \* One match per calendar year
- \* Up to a 25% match on your contribution of \$5-\$1,000
- \* The percentage of the match will change based on fund availability
- \* 100% of the available funds will be allocated evenly to participating families

To learn more, visit: [wellingtonschoolsendowment.org/saving-for-college](https://wellingtonschoolsendowment.org/saving-for-college) or contact an Endowment Board member at [dukesendowment@gmail.com](mailto:dukesendowment@gmail.com)

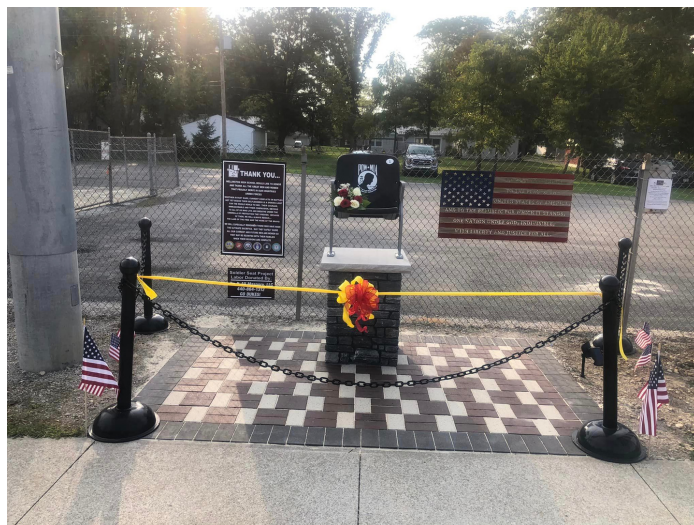




## Dukes Stadium updates

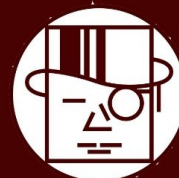


Ribbon cutting ceremony for new turnstile at stadium



New POW MIA chair at stadium honoring our military

Join Our  
**TEAM**



**BUS DRIVERS**  
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Wellington Exempted Village School District						Wellington Exempted Village School District					
2022-2023 Academic Calendar											
July 2022						January 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
					1	2 Winter Break	2	3	4	5	6
	4	5	6	7	8	3 School Resumes	9	10	11	12	13
	11	12	13	14	15	16 Martin Luther King Day - No School	16	17	18	19	20
	18	19	20	21	22	20 End of Second Quarter	23	24	25	26	27
	25	26	27	28	29		30	31			
August 2022						February 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
11-23 Floating Teacher Prep Day*						1 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)				1	2
13 Back to School Bash	1	2	3	4	5						3
24 Convocation Day	8	9	10	11	12	20 President's Day - No School	6	7	8	9	10
25 Gifted Professional Day	15	16	17	18	19		13	14	15	16	17
25 Parent Meet & Greet 3:30-7:30	22	23	24	25	26		20	21	22	23	24
26 Professional Day	29	30	31				27	28			
29 First Day for Students											
September 2022						March 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
5 Labor Day - No School				1	2	24 End of Third Quarter			1	2	3
	5	6	7	8	9		6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16	29 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23		20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30	31
October 2022						April 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
28 End of First Quarter	3	4	5	6	7	3-10 Spring Break	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14		10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21	11 School Resumes	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28		24	25	26	27	28
	31										
November 2022						May 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
7 County PD Day - No School		1	2	3	4	19 Last Day for Seniors	1	2	3	4	5
9 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)	7	8	9	10	11	21 Graduation	8	9	10	11	12
23 Teacher Comp Day - No School	14	15	16	17	18	25 End of Fourth Quarter - Last Day for Students	15	16	17	18	19
24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation	21	22	23	24	25	26 Records Day / 30 Teacher Comp Day	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30			29 Memorial Day - No School	29	30	31		
December 2022						June 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Tr	F		M	Tu	W	Tr	F
22-31 Winter Break				1	2					1	2
	5	6	7	8	9		5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16		12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23		19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30		26	27	28	29	30
School Hours						K-12 Grading Periods					
Westwood Elementary	8:00am - 2:45pm					Quarter 1 - Aug. 29 - Oct. 28 = 44 days					
McCormick Middle School	8:00am - 3:00pm					Quarter 2 - Oct. 31 - Jan. 20 = 47 days > 91 days					
Wellington High School	7:50am - 3:00pm					Quarter 3 - Jan. 23 - March 24 = 44 days					
						Quarter 4 - March 27 - May 25 = 38 days > 82 days	Total: 173 days				
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As one of the district's Strategic Plan 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.