

GO DUKES!



Congratulations to Mrs. Krugman's first-grade class at Westwood Elementary, winners of the March DUKE PRIDE award. Lake Erie Crushers mascot, Stomper, presented the students with a trophy during an assembly with the entire school. Stomper also read a few books with the students.

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A digital newsletter from the
Wellington Village Schools

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Important dates:

April 2: Duke Pride Carnival

April 5: BOE Work Session at
6 p.m. Westwood Dining Hall

April 11-18: Spring Break

April 19: BOE meeting at 6 p.m.
McCormick Middle School

For a complete calendar, go to
wellingtonvillageschools.org

WELCOME SPRING!

by Ed Weber, Superintendent

Good luck to our spring sports student athletes and coaches.

Congratulations to WHS senior Jeremiah McKee for making the podium and placing eighth at the recent OHSA State Wrestling Tournament. Jeremiah also broke the record for most career wins at WHS. The new record now stands at 148 wins. The previous record (145) was held by Justin Bockmore (Class of 2011).

Thank you to everyone who came out for our State of Wellington presentation. Thank you to the Wellington Kiwanis for organizing the event, as well as the Wellington Eagles for hosting. To view the entire presentation on Facebook, click [here](#). To view a video featuring our students and staff, click [here](#). Catch the Spirit!

Congratulations to our McCormick Band students who recently participated in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble. They received six Superior ratings and one Excellent rating. Wonderful job! Our 8th grade students also recently participated in the Lorain County Middle School Honors Band and 7th/8th grade Honors Choir.

We also have more big news McCormick Middle School was recently awarded two \$5,000 grants to expand STEM learning projects through the Ohio STEM Learning Network Classroom Grant Program, funded by Battelle. The grants will create sustainable, STEM learning projects to benefit students for many years to come.

Wellness updates from around our schools

#BeWELLington

Wellington High School & McCormick Middle School: Oberlin CVS Pharmacist Joseph Cross provided the Pharmacist Teach Program: 'A Dose of Knowledge' to 7-12th graders the week of March 21, which is National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. The Pharmacists Teach® program brings local pharmacists to middle and high school students to talk about a variety of health topics. 'A Dose of Knowledge' specifically allows pharmacists to offer their unique perspective to dispel the widely held belief in this age group that prescription drugs are safer to abuse than street drugs. Students learned the facts and heard stories of other teens whose lives were forever changed by their choice to misuse or abuse prescription drugs.



#BeWELLington



McCormick Middle School: The school will soon start a SAVE Promise Club, which is a program offered through Sandy Hook Promise. Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club is the student leadership initiative of Sandy Hook Promise. Led by their Youth Advisory Board, the goal is to empower student leaders to take an active role in increasing school safety and preventing different forms of violence in schools and communities. Student-led SAVE Promise clubs offer a powerful approach to preventing violence because they recognize the unique role that young people play in making their schools and communities safer. A SAVE Promise Club can be a stand-alone club or embedded into an existing club, such as SADD, Student Council, FCCLA, or another student leadership, civic, or kindness club. Many SAVE Promise clubs are successful meeting only once or twice a month and organizing four activities throughout the year. Seven MMS staff and students attended a kick off event for the club at Aurora High School on March 17.

Sandy Hook Promise is a national nonprofit organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. Based in Newtown, Connecticut, the intent is to honor all victims of gun violence by turning the tragedy into a moment of transformation. By empowering youth to "know the signs" and uniting all people who value the protection of children, we can take meaningful actions in schools, homes, and communities to prevent gun violence and stop the tragic loss of life. For more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming events in our district

COME JOIN THE FUN ** SUPPORT WELL-HELP

DUKE PRIDE CARNIVAL

APRIL 2

FREE Breakfast | 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Carnival | 9 a.m. - noon

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB & COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENT

NIGHT WATCH

BY LUCILLE FLETCHER

APRIL 7-9, 2022, 7:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM




*TICKETS \$10 ADULTS, \$5 SENIORS & STUDENTS
*CASH/CHECK ONLY

PATRICIA LINDLEY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

627 NORTH MAIN STREET WELLINGTON, OH 44090



Wellington Kiwanis Pancake Day



April 22

From 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and 4-7 p.m.

Wellington Eagles, 631 S. Main St.

Pre-sale tickets are \$5

Purchase tickets at: Main St. Wellington office, 118 W. Herrick Ave
Kyle Bremke Insurance, 104 S. Main St.
Fifth-Third Bank, 161 E. Herrick Ave.

Office on Aging on the third floor of the Town Hall

Meals for children age 8 and under will cost \$3. Tickets will be \$6 at the door

Treasurer's Report from Mr. Donnelly

Beginning this month, we will be featuring financial news/info from our district treasurer, Mark Donnelly. Our goal is to provide our school community with consistent communications of district finances. We will also begin bi-monthly posts on [Facebook](#).

At the State of Wellington event held March 24 at the Wellington Eagles, Donnelly, referenced a list of capital repairs and upgrades the school district compiled in 2020. These repairs would allow the district to provide a better learning environment for students, and address several safety issues throughout the district.

"A lot of our resources are geared towards the classroom and educational staff and materials," said Donnelly. "However, we have to provide a warm, safe, and dry environment for all students, staff and visitors. These capital projects are not "extras" or even "Cadillac" level upgrades. These are basic improvements to a 70-year-old elementary building and a 50-year-old high school. Unfortunately, public schools are 'personal services' types of business and are not well funded for capital improvements. Therefore, public schools must go to the voters and request these additional funds through (1) a Permanent Improvement Levy for on-going capital dollars or (2) a Bond Issue for a specific project such as a new school or a major upgrade."

According to Donnelly, either way, the final choice is up to the voters and what they feel is best for the community. That is why it is very important for the schools and the community to work together for the best interests of the students and the community at-large. A timetable for any future possible levies has not yet been set, but the graphic below details the costs associated with many of the improvements needed in our schools.***

Line item costs for school improvements

WESTWOOD		HIGH SCHOOL	
Playground	150,000.00	Hallway Lockers	120,000.00
HVAC (Boilers & AC)	1,128,000.00	Gymnasium & Locker Room Repairs/Remodel	650,000.00
New Ceiling Tiles	80,000.00	New Gymnasium Bleachers	115,000.00
Roof Replacement	835,000.00	New Ceiling Tiles	80,000.00
New Computer Lab	45,000.00	Roof Replacement	895,000.00
Security and Technology Improvements	191,000.00	New Computer Lab	45,000.00
Parking Lot (includes lighting)	655,000.00	Security and Technology Improvements	210,000.00
Restrooms & Classrooms	654,000.00	Parking Lot (including lighting)	890,000.00
Kitchen Repairs	218,000.00	Restrooms & Classrooms	613,000.00
Electrical Repairs	563,000.00	Kitchen Repairs	215,000.00
Gymnasium Floor Replacement	150,000.00	Science Chemical Storage	18,000.00
New Textbooks (Literacy, Science, Social Studies)	180,000.00	New Textbooks (Science, Social Studies, Spanish)	165,000.00
Total Westwood	4,849,000.00	Total High School	3,851,000.00
Total	8,700,000.00		

*** Actual construction costs may be more or less. Price estimates as of August 2019. MKC is the district's architect of record.

*** Projects over \$50,000 must be formally bid or purchased through the state purchasing cooperatives.

Welcome Class of 2035

Kindergarten Screening recently took place at the LCCC Wellington Center.

If you have not yet registered your child for Kindergarten, Registration Packets are available for pick-up at Westwood Elementary School, 305 Union Street. Child must be 5-years-old on or before Aug. 1.



Staff Spotlights

Get to know our Duke staff members!

Holly Zakerski

Title I Reading Teacher

Westwood Elementary School

8 years in the district



- **What do you love most about your job?** I love the special relationships I have with my students. In my position, I work with students in very small groups. I am able to have up close and personal conversations with them. By giving them my undivided attention, they really open up and share a lot of their life with me. I love helping my students gain confidence and feel successful in reading! The growth I get to see throughout the year, and sometimes years, is amazing!
- **Family:** My husband Michael and I have been married for seven years. We have one daughter, Ophelia (3); and two dogs, Gomez and Morticia.
- **Bucket list items:** Attend a concert at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colorado. I would also love to buy a camper and take my time traveling all the way out west to see the Redwood trees with my family.
- **Favorite food:** Sushi
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I worked at New London Public Library for nine years and was on the Board of Trustees for a year. Libraries are very near and dear to my heart.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Teleportation!
- **Favorite place to vacation:** South Carolina to see my best friend and visit Myrtle Beach.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** "If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."

Madison Virgin

Intervention Specialist

McCormick Middle School

3 years in the district



- **What do you love most about your job?** I love building lasting relationships with my students and being able to see them become lifelong learners.
- **Family:** My fiancé's name is Victor and our daughter is Marloe (7).
- **Bucket list items:** 1) Go on a cross country trip 2) Hold an orangutan 3) Travel to Iceland 4) Go on a wild safari 5) Swim in every ocean
- **Favorite food:** Big V's Homemade Ice Cream located at 46045 Telegraph Road, Amherst. Come visit us!
- **Something nobody knows about you:** This April, my family is opening an ice cream shop in Amherst called Big V's Ice Cream.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I wish I could speak every language.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Anywhere with a beach!
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** Be kind. Always

Thank you



Wellington Exempted Village School District

2022-2023 Academic Calendar



July 2022	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	January 2023	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	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	February 2023	M	Tu	W	Tr	F
11-23 Floating Teacher Prep Day*						1 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)			1	2	3
13 Back to School Bash	1	2	3	4	5	20 President's Day - No School	6	7	8	9	10
24 Convocation Day	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17
25 Gifted Professional Day	15	16	17	18	19		20	21	22	23	24
25 Parent Meet & Greet 3:30-7:30	22	23	24	25	26		27	28			
26 Professional Day	29	30	31								
29 First Day for Students						March 2023	M	Tu	W	Tr	F
September 2022	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	24 End of Third Quarter			1	2	3
5 Labor Day - No School				1	2	29 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)	6	7	8	9	10
	5	6	7	8	9		13	14	15	16	17
	12	13	14	15	16		20	21	22	23	24
	19	20	21	22	23		27	28	29	30	31
	26	27	28	29	30						
October 2022	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	April 2023	M	Tu	W	Tr	F
28 End of First Quarter	3	4	5	6	7	3-10 Spring Break	3	4	5	6	7
31 County PD Day - No School	10	11	12	13	14	11 School Resumes	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21		17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28		24	25	26	27	28
	31										
November 2022	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	May 2023	M	Tu	W	Tr	F
9 Tentative Parent / Teacher Conferences (times TBD)		1	2	3	4	19 Last Day for Seniors	1	2	3	4	5
	7	8	9	10	11	21 Graduation	8	9	10	11	12
23 Teacher Comp Day - No School	14	15	16	17	18	29 Memorial Day - No School	15	16	17	18	19
24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation	21	22	23	24	25		22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30				29	30	31		
December 2022	M	Tu	W	Tr	F	June 2023	M	Tu	W	Tr	F
22-31 Winter Break				1	2	2 End of Fourth Quarter - Last Day for Students				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9		5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16	5 Records Day	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23	6 Teacher Comp Day	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30		26	27	28	29	30

School Hours

Westwood Elementary	8:00am - 2:45pm
McCormick Middle School	8:00am - 3:00pm
Wellington High School	7:50am - 3:00pm

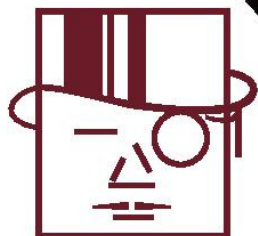
K-12 Grading Periods

Quarter 1 - Aug. 29 - Oct. 28 = 44 days	
Quarter 2 - Nov. 1 - Jan. 20 = 47 days > 91 days	
Quarter 3 - Jan. 23 - March 24 = 44 days	
Quarter 4 - March 27 - June 2 = 43 days > 87 days	Total: 178 days

Board Approved 2/15/2022

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A SURROGATE PARENT

Be a Voice for a Child
with a Disability



Federal and state special education laws grant students with disabilities the right to be represented by a parent regarding special education matters. Unfortunately, many children do not have a “parent” to represent them. Wellington Village Schools is seeking surrogate parents to act on behalf of students with disabilities to ensure that they have the same protections as all students eligible for special education services.

Who can be a surrogate parent?

Anyone with a sincere interest in helping a child with disabilities

What does a surrogate parent do?

Steps in and becomes a part of a team of educators and other professionals to ensure the student’s voice is heard, educational needs are met, and to support their success

Why is this role so important?

Ensures the student is represented in matters relating to identification, evaluation, and educational placement

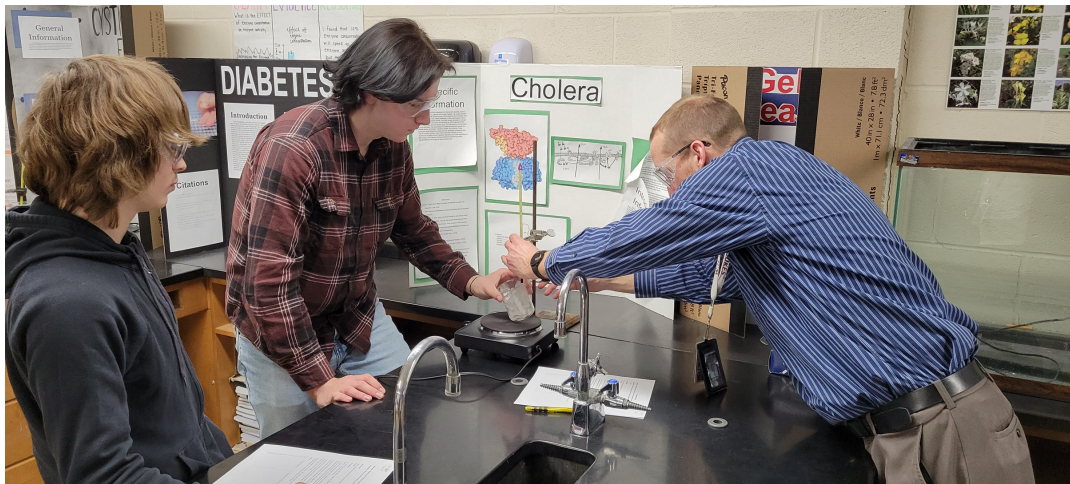
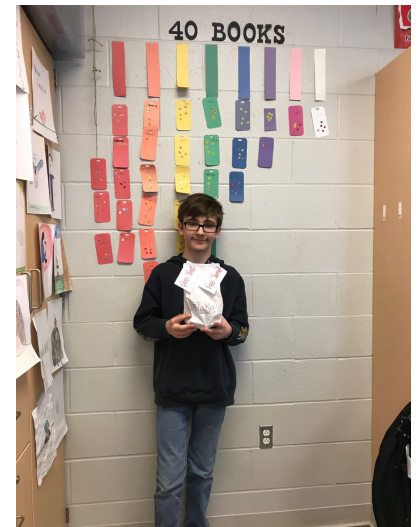
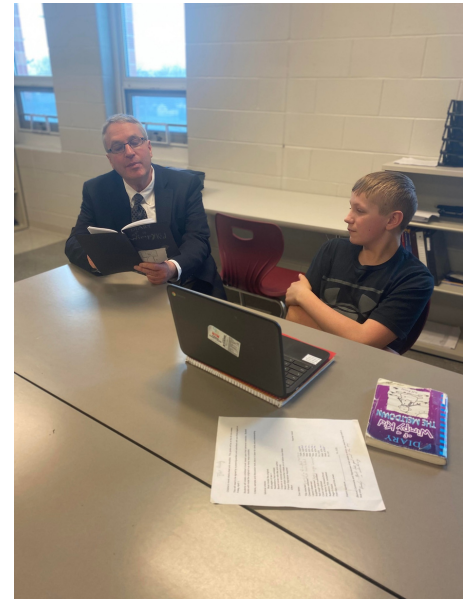
How do you become a surrogate?

Devote time to attend meetings and training sessions

If you would like more information about becoming a surrogate parent, please contact:

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