



WELLINGTON

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 2 - School Resumes from winter break

Jan. 2 - BOE Organizational Meeting (Westwood)

Jan. 2 - Parent Co-op Meeting (WW library)

Jan. 15 - No School (MLK Day)

Jan. 16 - BOE Business Meeting (McCormick)

Jan. 17 - 24 - MAPS testing (Westwood)

Jan. 19 - End of Semester 1

Jan. 18 & 19 - WHS Semester 1 Final Exams

Jan. 22 - Donor Appreciation Dinner

Jan. 23 - 25 - MMS MAPS Testing

Jan. 26 - Second Quarter Report Cards Distributed

Jan. 31 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

For a complete calendar, go to wellingtonvillageschools.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LETTER FROM EDWARD WEBER, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington families,

December was a busy month for our Dukes!

We wrapped up a successful production of *The Miracle on 34th Street* at the Patricia Lindley Center. Thank you to Mrs. Campofredano and Mr. Conklin for being outstanding directors and guiding the students through the production. Another thank you to Mrs. Cianciola, our Stage and Technical Theater Director and her assistant Dustin Andolsek. The teamwork they demonstrate is a powerful force and a great example for our students to be a part of and look up to. Well done!

Our McCormick english language arts honors classes in grades five, six, seven and eight recently competed at the Lorain County Justice Center in a mock trial. The Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESC) puts on this annual event.

Students serve as attorneys, lawyers, key witnesses, bailiffs, jury members and in some cases, the defendant on trial. They go before an actual judge or lawyer and compete against other school districts, with a student jury present. They study an actual courtroom trial and bring the characters to life with the students all playing a role to immerse themselves in the legal process. The judge explains aspects of the trial and students gain critical and creative thinking and communication skills.

MR. WEBER'S LETTER



The competition begins with an opening argument, proceeding through witness testimony and questioning, and concluding with the jury's verdict. I am proud to say that our students were overwhelmingly successful at this event, way to go!

In addition to the play and mock trial, we had two wonderful holiday concerts, consisting of band and choir for grades six through twelve.

Thank you to our talented band director, Mrs. Sleggs and our talented choir director, Mrs. Arcuri, for all of your hard work preparing students for these special performances. We enjoyed our Westwood music holiday program. Teacher Mr. Lehman showcased our Westwood students and did an outstanding job.

I am excited about what 2024 will bring for our students, staff and community. Please enjoy reading this newsletter. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Edward Weber

HAPPY
New Year

DRAMA IN ACTION

The Miracle on 34th Street was an amazing performance!

Our community shared:

"It was a fun evening!"

"Enjoyed the show Friday night, it was awesome!"



Parent/Teacher Conferences



Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, January 31 we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences at all three buildings. All students will have school and conferences will be held from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please coordinate with your child's teacher(s) to schedule a time.

Stay tuned to the WHS Facebook page and website for information regarding presentations during conference time for students and parents regarding FAFSA (financial aid), LCCC CCP, scholarships and graduation seals from LCCC, Principal Keenan and Guidance Counselor Mrs. Frantz. We will have a complimentary Baked Potato Bar too!

JANUARY 2024						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



WHS Custodian
Mr. Friend

Meet our School Security Officers!



L-R Officer Ben Hogan and Officer Kenny Provoznik



L-R Officer Sujeiry Coll and Detective Robert Aviles

A School Security Officer is a law enforcement officer who supports the safety and security of a school environment. Their duties include providing a visible and approachable presence at school, building positive relationships with students and staff and addressing any safety or security concerns that may arise.

The officers collaborate with school administrators to develop and implement safety plans, conduct investigations related to school incidents, and educate students on various safety issues. Safety issues can include alcohol and drug prevention and anti-bullying efforts. They may also be involved in resolving conflicts and mediating disputes. We have four security officers in the district who serve all three buildings.

Fun facts: Officer Hogan was a professional golfer. Officer Provoznik has been with the Wellington P.D. for 35 years! Officer Coll owns her own insurance business. Officer Aviles has been with Wellington P.D. for 27 years, is a WHS graduate and enjoys his children and grandchild. We are fortunate to have them in our buildings and we thank you for your service to keep our students and staff safe!

Thank you for your service!

NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. HELTON



Andrea Helton,
MS, RDN LD
Director of Nutrition
Services

As we enter 2024, please be sure to review your child's meal account and make payments on any outstanding balances.

Did you know that PaySchools Central can send out email reminders to load money onto meal accounts? What a great way to ensure that your child never has to accrue meal debt!

To sign up for PaySchools Central, [click here.](#)



Senior and FFA Member Jayde Davis prunes leaf lettuce plants grown in Tower Gardens. The Wellington Schools Endowment Fund purchased the Tower Gardens for FFA.

Our kitchens have been thrilled to accept donations of fresh, leafy greens from the WHS FFA greenhouse class!

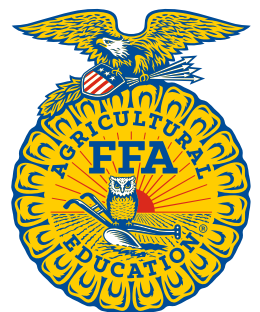
We have had the pleasure of featuring these greens in side salads, grab & go sandwiches, and entree salads!

FFA students plant, prune, water and care for vegetables grown in garden towers in the FFA greenhouse.

We appreciate this partnership.



FFA Greenhouse-Grown Lettuce



WESTWOOD NEWS

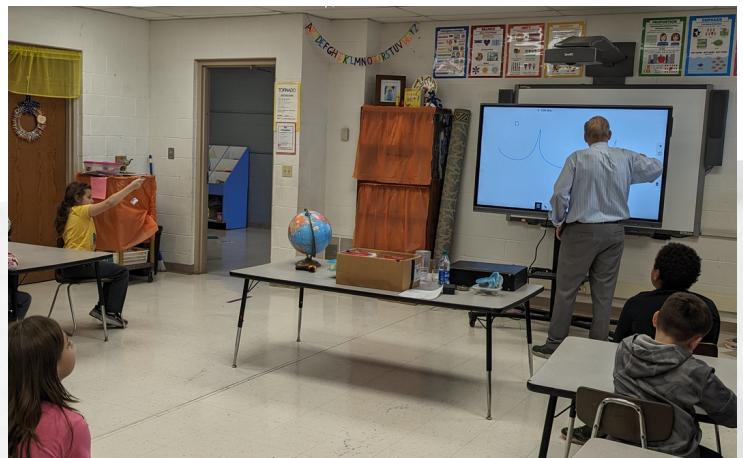


Let's talk about the atmosphere!

Second and third grade science class students at Westwood learn about "Atmosphere Adventures" and "Rock My World" from retired Cleveland weatherman, Jon Loufman.

He is a professor at Cuyahoga Community College in meteorology, oceanography and climatology. He demonstrated how the earth is closer to the sun in the winter, but the earth's tilt means the sun is further way. They worked on pushing air and understanding how air can hold water in a glass with a postcard. Amazing!

The photos above show Miss Hess' third grade class in action. Other students learned all about rocks and the earth.



WHS & MMS NEWS



Wellington High School News



Local scholarship applications will be available to all 2024 graduating WHS seniors on January 8, 2024.

See Mrs. Wyman in the main office. Thank you!



McCormick Duke P.R.I.D.E. winners!

Congratulations to (L-R) 4th Grade - Parker Ruhl, 5th Grade - Emerson Dumke, 5th Grade - Aubrey Seabold, 6th Grade - Lexi Samson, 7th Grade - Maci Burns and 8th Grade - Chloe Rhodes.

Not pictured: 4th Grade - Caiden Tully, 6th Grade - Ambrie Rock, 7th Grade - Grayson Livingston and 8th Grade - Emma Lawson. December 15, 2023 winners. P.R.I.D.E. stands for: Positive, Respectful, Integrity, Dedication and Effort. Students are awarded prizes at MMS weekly for exhibiting these five traits.

Way to Go!

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

By Emily Medves

Please join us virtually for our first parent/guardian series event!

Katie O'Connor our district behavioral specialist will be covering why behaviors occur through the "Everybody E.A.T.S" model which stands (Escape, Avoidance, Tangible, and Sensory.)

She will be discussing the four functions of behaviors and covering strategies you can utilize at home. All families are welcome!



McCormick Duke P.R.I.D.E. winners!
 Congratulations to (L-R) Raymond Kowalksi (8th), Allison Miller (7th), Jaxon Dent (5th), Kennedy Saunders (4th) and Mason Cunningham (6th). December 8, 2023 winners. Pride stands for: Positive, Respectful, Integrity, Dedication and Effort.



H.I.K.E. Hot Chocolate Cart!

H.I.K.E. Club members Noli Diedrick, Avery Senghas and Colton Palmer with Mrs. Medves.

H.I.K.E. Club stands for:
 "Helping Include Kids Everywhere"

Parent/Guardian Series

For the health of Wellington Students

Topics Covered:
 Drug awareness/education
 Attendance strategies
 Behavior Supports
 Mental health information

Third Tuesday of every month
 January 16, 2024
 February 20, 2024
 March 19, 2024
 April 16, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 For parents/guardians of students in grades K-12

Google Meet
 1/16/24 from 6 - 7 p.m.
meet.google.com/woz-vqbg-pry
 Join by phone
 (US) +1 413-347-9496
 PIN: 590673970

Emily Medves, MSW, LISW
 School Social Worker/Moderator



Noli is making hot chocolate for MMS students to enjoy at lunch



Colton and Avery stir the hot chocolate

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Thank you, Board of Education Member, Kevin Stump!

"It has been a joy to serve alongside Kevin Stump, who has brought great guidance and leadership to our school district and the families of our community.

His commitment to excellence and drive for continuous improvement have benefited our students with improved curriculum, facilities, after school programs, gifted services, career technical education courses, college guidance, and athletic teams. Kevin's steady leadership these past eight years have been a blessing to the Wellington Exempted Village School District! We will miss you!

Best Wishes to Kevin and his family! Thank you from a grateful school and community!"
- Superintendent Edward Weber



Thank you!



Thank you, Board of Education Member, Jessica Reynolds!

"Our schools have been so fortunate to have a board member and President in Jessica Reynolds.

Her commitment and dedication to each student in our school district is remarkable. Her countless hours of meetings and planning sessions and attending conferences and school meetings with other parents has been a devotion of love.

Jessica is an outstanding board member, parent, citizen, and human being. We will miss her tremendously and she will leave a big void in our leadership team. May her new beginning in Columbus be blessed with the good-fortune she so deserves. We are forever grateful." - Superintendent Edward Weber



Thank you!



Thank you to Kevin Stump for serving on the Board of Education for eight years.
Thank you to Jessica Reynolds for serving for four years. Your contributions were invaluable and we appreciate your service!

**THANK
you!**

Please welcome our newest Board Member, Penny McClaflin.
Mrs. McClaflin has served as a board member in the past and we're happy to have her back. .

Check out our new YouTube Page!
Subscribe to @WEVSDYouTube
Watch all the latest highlights from around our district!



Videos you can watch on YouTube:
McCormick students prepare for their Mock Trial competition.

Fourth grade creates a STEM challenge

WHS Choir Holiday Performance

Westwood 2 & 3rd grade Holiday Performance



Let's be friends!

Like us on Facebook!

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



KINDLAND UPDATE



Kindland Chain hoisted across the hallway at Westwood

Kindland Chain at Westwood

Amid a group of gleeful kindergarteners and first graders, high school Senior Nadia Greer, the newly designated Kindland Ambassador, helped direct the completion of a “Kindness Chain” replete with an array of acts of kind expressions.

The activity was spearheaded by Jordan Burns (Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health Specialist) Dr. Kubasak (Westwood Principal), Miss Greer and Westwood staff.



Mrs. Burns solicited individual interpretations of kindness. One by one the little ones began expressing their amazingly grown up views of kindness such as: “I want to help my mom make cookies,” “I want to pick up someone who falls,” “Be nice to people,” “Cheer up someone who’s sad,” and so on. Each expression was written on pre-cut strips of colored paper, stapled in a circle and linked together to form the extensive chain hoisted across Westwood’s hallway wall.

Mrs. Burns has utilized one of Kindland’s lessons in her social skills classes and wanted to do a Kindland activity before the winter break. Kindland Ambassador Miss Greer was more than willing to accommodate. A Kindland “Kindness” essay contest winner, Miss Greer presented the kindness chain activity to the young charges. She delivered a message with universal implications: “When you do acts of kindness and share them, it creates a ripple effect that creates a kinder community.”



Principal Dr. Kubasak and Nadia Greer encouraging students to shout out their kindness statements.

Holiday Spirit



The WHS student council held a Christmas party on December 10th. They decorated the school, exchanged secret Santa gifts and played games.

Advisor Miss Lewis shared that she is “lucky to get to work with such an amazing group of students!”



Spirit Week Christmas Sweater Day!



McCormick Holiday Spirit Day!



Westwood Holiday Spirit Day!



WHS students greeted Westwood car riders with Parapro Mr. Cwalina

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



Amanda Kidd

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



Aaron Mihocik

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



Colin Fullen

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

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Ayla DeLima

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



Jayden Donahue

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Jocelyn Kolmorgen

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Sage Sohl

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Trinity Sutton

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



Jayden Henley

LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

(FALL 2023)



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Our WHS Art teacher, Ms. Krajcik recently selected some outstanding works from her students to be displayed. Ten works were selected by each high school art teacher throughout Lorain County.

A panel of judges awarded excellence ribbons based on technical skills and self-expression. There was a People's Choice selection and a Best of Show as well. The art show was hosted by Education Services Center of Lorain County. Great work, artists!



Congratulations to Coach Morris on his 100th win in the girl's basketball program on December 1!

What an accomplishment!

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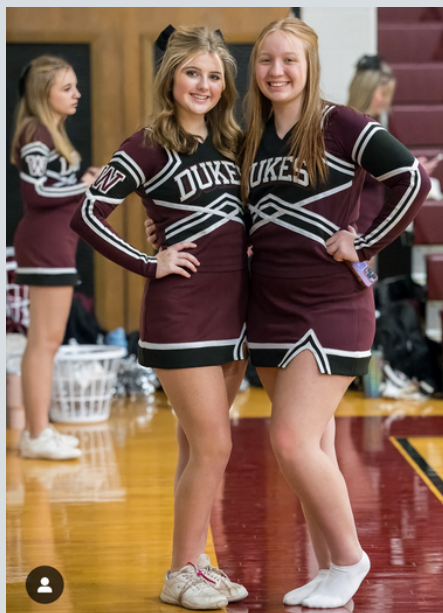


Boys Basketball Highlights

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Basketball photo credit:
Russ Gifford



Girls Basketball Highlights



Basketball
photo credit:
Russ Gifford



Academic Highlights



Miracle on 34th Street Highlights



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Photo credit:
Christen Lewis



Holiday Spirit



The Student Services Team is spreading holiday cheer, passing out cookies and warm wishes!

L-R: Pattie Roush, Joslyn Orsik,
Daniel Rahm and Sean MacKellar



Mrs. Gallatin's kindergarten class enjoys Pajama Day during holiday spirit week!



Westwood Music Teacher Mr. Lehman leads second and third grade students in the holiday performance at the Lindley Center. Great work students! Their performance got everyone in the holiday spirit.



Student services coordinator Mrs. Roush and fifth grade teacher Mrs. Woods show off their reindeer looks!