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IMPORTANT DATES

March 5: Parent Night Third Grade Test

March 5: BOE Work Session(Westwood) 6 p.m.

March 7, 8, 9: The Diary of Anne Frank (Lindley) 7 p.m.

March 12: Juniors Take ACT (WHS)

March 13 - 15: WHS Washington D.C. Trip

March 15: Local Pizza Day

March 18 - 22: FFA Spirit Week

March 19: BOE Business Meeting (Lindley) 6 p.m.

March 20: Juniors Take SAT (WHS)

March 22: End of marking period 3

March 27: Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 29: Good Friday (No School)

April 1 - 7: Spring Break

April 8: Solar Eclipse (No School)
For a complete calendar, go to wellingtonvillageschools.org

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LETTER FROM EDWARD WEBER, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington School Families,

Congratulations to our winter sports athletes! They are heading into tournament play this weekend. We are proud of all our student-athletes for the time, effort, determination and hard work they show daily.

Balancing your academic responsibilities with athletics is a great example of dedication and effective time management. Senior Whitney Kirschner of the Lady Dukes bowling team has qualified for state for the second year in a row and will compete in Columbus this Saturday. Good luck, Whitney. Our spring sports athletes are gearing up to begin practice, best of luck as you begin your athletic journeys in softball, baseball and track and field.

As we turn the calendar to March, we will be in our testing season at the high school. Our juniors will be taking the ACT and SAT during the school day. College visits are taking place with our partner, College Now. College Now's mission is to increase postsecondary educational attainment through college and career access advising. We are thankful to have been awarded a College Now grant that continues this important work.

MR. WEBER’S LETTER



Our juniors and seniors who signed up are heading to Washington D.C. with Mrs. Trefz for an exciting field trip on March 13 through the 15.

Our Westwood students have a busy and exciting month ahead. Parents and guardians of third grade students can join Principal Dr. Kubasak on March 5 to learn more about the details of the third grade test.

Incoming kindergarten screening will take place on March 12 and 13 at LCCC in Wellington.

All Westwood students will be heading to Lorain County Community College on March 21 to enjoy the play *Who Ate The Sun? An Eclipse Story*. This will be a fun way to get students ready for the April 8 total solar eclipse.

On February 28 we held Focus Groups at our WHS library and gathered feedback regarding the qualities, goals, and expectations you have for the new superintendent. Thank you for coming out to share your valuable input. As we move through the interview process, we will keep you updated and involved to ensure your voice is heard.

The Lindley Center is busy in March, with our WHS and community drama clubs proudly presenting *The Diary of Anne Frank* on March 7, 8 and 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the play commences at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

McCormick drama students are working hard memorizing lines and preparing for the end of April performance of *Mary Poppins, Jr.* I encourage you to enjoy our beautiful Lindley Center and the hard work of our actors and technical stage crew. Thank you for your time.

Go Dukes!

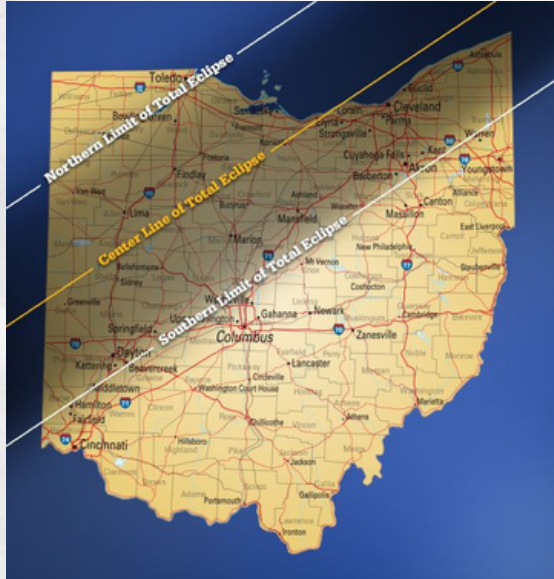
Sincerely,
Edward Weber



DUKE PRIDE



April 8, 2024: Total Solar Eclipse



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

In 2024, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!"

Eclipse.Ohio.Gov

NO SCHOOL

APRIL 8



You need glasses made to the iso standard or a welder 6 glass to view the eclipse safely. Always have proper glasses to preserve your eye health!

In Wellington on Monday, April 8th?

Check out SolarFest at the fairgrounds in Wellington.

April 6 - 8, food vendors, education and more! \$10 admission

Learn more at loraincountyfair.com

FFA NEWS



Ag Credit donated shirts to our WHS FFA students in honor of National FFA week.

Thank you, Ag Credit!

FFA Spirit Week will be March 18 - 22

WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Important Dates

March

- 5: 3rd Grade Parent Night (5:15-6pm WWE Library)
- 5: Parent Co-op Mtg (6pm WWE Library)
- 8: End of Yearbook Sales
- 11: Kindergarten Screenings (LCCC Wellington)
- 14: Kindergarten Screenings (LCCC Wellington)
- 18-22: Book Fair (During Scheduled Library Time)
- 19: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
- 21: Field Trip (LCCC Stocker Center)
- 21: Stoller Fundraiser Delivery (Pickup 1:30pm-3:30pm)
- 22: End of Q3
- 26: Parent Partnership Mtg (5:15 Online)
- 27: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3pm-7:30pm)
- 29: No School - Good Friday

April

- 1-5: No School - Spring Break
- 8: No School - Ohio Total Solar Eclipse
- 9: School Resumes
- 16 & 18: 3rd Grade ELA State Test
- 17: Parent Partnership Mtg:
Back-2-School Bash Planning (5:15 Online)
- 23: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
- 30: 3rd Grade Math State Test

May

- 2: 3rd Grade Math State Test
- 2: 2nd Grade Zoo Field Trip
- 6-9: Spring MAPS Testing
- 7: Parent Co-op Mtg (6pm WWE Library)
- 13-16: Acadience Testing
- 14: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
- 15: Kindergarten Graduation Practice (8:45am)
- 15: Parent Partnership Mtg (5:15 Online)
- 21: Kindergarten Graduation (6pm or 7pm Lindley Center)
- 27: No School - Memorial Day
- 30: Last Day of School for Students!



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 13, 2024

We are proud of raising over
\$179,500 over the past thirteen years!

Free Breakfast: 8 - 11 a.m.

Carnival: 9 a.m. - Noon

Wellington High School
629 N. Main St.





Andrea Helton
MS, RDN LD
Director of
Nutrition Services

March is National Nutrition Month! This year's theme is "Beyond the Table"

During our February professional development day, our kitchen staff made pizzas and tried new flavors. Our favorites were Taco Pizza and Buffalo Chicken Pizza!

School Breakfast week is March 4-8.

Did you know? Studies show that students who eat breakfast are more likely to reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math, score higher on standardized tests, have better concentration and memory, are more alert and maintain a healthy weight. We serve school breakfast every day starting at 7:30 a.m. School breakfast is \$1.85 at all buildings.



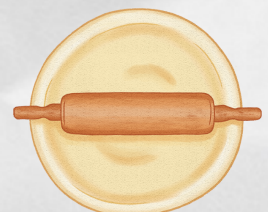
Friday, March 15 is Local Pizza Day!

Starting this month we are featuring pizzas using locally made Dough Gos pizza dough. Dough Gos is a women-owned, Cleveland/Canton based company who sources all of their ingredients from Ohio. They also make the delicious whole-grain cookies that we sell.

Thank you, Dough Gos!

March 18 we are taste testing black bean and corn salsa with locally made Shagbark Corn Chips at **McCormick**.

March 19 we are taste testing black bean and corn salsa with locally made Shagbark Corn Chips at **Westwood**. Ask your students what they thought of their taste tests!



DON'T FORGET SUBMIT THE SENIOR PHOTOS



ALL PHOTOS CAN BE SUBMITTED USING
THE QR CODE LINK



SUBMIT PHOTOS BY
APRIL 1ST



[Click on Senior Photo Link here!](#)

Class of 2024 Parents!

Please check your email and go to our Google Form to upload photos and information about your 2024 graduate!

They can be featured in a "Senior Spotlight" on the school's Facebook page and in the Senior Slideshow.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)



KINDLAND UPDATE



Staff H.E.A.R.T. Awards

Staff Awards Heart to H.E.A.R.T.

A new set of staff members won the Communicate with H.E.A.R.T. awards for the stellar customer experience they demonstrated to a fellow colleague or, in this case, a parent. A troupe of noisemakers that included Superintendent Ed Weber, board President Ayers Ratliff, board member Patti Shellhouse, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Lindsay Bowman and H.E.A.R.T. trainer Ron Kisner.

The group disrupted kindergarten teacher Jill Stone's classroom of giddy students to present her award. Tech guru Jon Heyd received his honor in McCormick's hallway. Third grade teacher Cristy Hess was feted before a crowd of students and parents at the end of a spelling bee in the Lindley Center. Lindsay Bowman was caught off guard with her surprise award before the revelers left McCormick.

H.E.A.R.T. (Hear, Empathize, Apologize, Respond, Thank) selections for the service awards are generated from comments made on a survey on the school's website by staff members, parents or community members who engage with district employees. The following are snippets of comments made about each of the first 2023-2024 School Year recipients:

A parent shared that "Mrs. Stone has been so understanding of our child's stress in starting kindergarten. We are so happy to have Mrs. Stone this year." A coworker wrote of Miss Hess "we work together daily and are able to team to complete our tasks. She always greets me warmly." A colleague of Mr. Heyd's shared that he "is always helpful with anything and everything technical and he does it with a smile."

Ron Kisner echoed similar survey commentary about Mrs. Bowman. "Mrs. Bowman, you are the embodiment of communicating with H.E.A.R.T. whether the engagement is on the phone or in person, you are consistent with genuine, warm smile, and a caring demeanor."

Winners receive a paper certificate, a red balloon, and a \$25 gift card to Bread-N-Brew. Plans are to present the quartet before the Board of Education at a mid-March meeting, and to make additional awards in the spring.

Communicate with H.E.A.R.T. is designed to create a culture of compassionate, relationship-centered communication and service excellence throughout the district. Use the Survey!

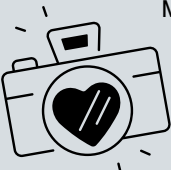
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Congratulations!





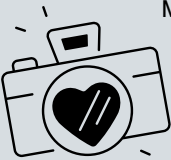
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Wellington Exempted Village Schools
Westwood Elementary School
McCormick Middle School
Wellington High School



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Search: WEVSD



Outstanding Athletic Performances



Congratulations to Senior Whitney Kirschner who finished 4th place in the district in women's bowling! She competes at state on March 2.

Whitney's bid to the state tournament extends a Wellington school record to 7 consecutive sport seasons with a student making it to the OHSA state tournament.



Congratulations to Senior Sean Whitehouse on becoming the seventh student-athlete in boys basketball to score 1,000 points or higher in school history!

