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IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 4 - WHS end of course testing this week
- Dec. 5 - BOE Work Session (Westwood)
- Dec. 8 - Cookies with Santa (Westwood Cafeteria 5 - 8 p.m.)
- Dec. 11 - 14 - Westwood Santa Shop
- Dec. 12 - BOE Business Meeting (Westwood)
- Dec. 18 - 20 - Spirit Week District-Wide
- Dec. 18 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Holiday Concert 5:30 p.m. Lindley
- Dec. 19 - 2nd & 3rd Grade Holiday Concert 5:30 p.m. Lindley Center
- Dec. 21 - Jan 1 Winter Break
- Jan. 2 - School Resumes
- Jan. 15 - MLK Day (No School)

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

LETTER FROM EDWARD WEBER, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington families,

We are turning the corner into the holiday season. As this busy time of year is upon us, it offers a great opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments for the year. I encourage you to do the same as you make plans to spend time with family and create lasting memories this holiday season.

The Ohio Department of Education distributes a report card score for each school. This information was released in September. The six areas the state rates us in are achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation, early literacy and college, career, workforce and military readiness. Since each building has different needs in the journey our students are on, these areas vary throughout the building level.

Westwood Elementary, led by Principal Dr. Kubasak, scored a total of 4.5 out of 5 stars, exceeding state standards. We are proud of the effort of our entire K - 3 staff at Westwood to make this high rating possible. At Westwood, we are evaluated on achievement, progress, gap closing and early literacy.

McCormick Middle School, led by Principal Mr. Telloni, scored a total of 3 out of 5 stars, meeting state standards. The areas that McCormick scores on include achievement, progress and gap closing. At McCormick, we have added resources to improve our gifted programming by dedicating a teacher to gifted teaching for grades four through six.

MR. WEBER’S LETTER



Wellington High School, led by Principal Ms. Keenan, scored a total of 4 out of 5 stars, exceeding state standards. The areas that our High School is rated on include achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation, and college, career, workforce and military readiness. The addition of our career technical education (CTE) programming in performing arts this year is a great asset to our High School students and their futures.

I want to congratulate all of our staff on working hard to achieve an overall district score of 3.5 out of 5 stars, meeting state standards. At Wellington, our staff understands the importance of the work we do and appreciate the families who put their trust in us with their children.

Please join us at the Patricia Lindley Center for holiday performances. December 7th at 7:00 p.m. is the Jr. High Band performance. December 18th at 5:30 p.m. for grades kindergarten and first; December 19th at 5:30 p.m. for grades second and third. December 14th at 7:00 p.m. for the holiday choir concert with grades six through twelve. I look forward to seeing you there!

Edward Weber

WHS CTE Performing Arts Classes create “The Dialogue With The Dukes” series. Check them out on YouTube!



LINDLEY CENTER

Thank you to our amazing theater team for providing our students with outstanding opportunities on the stage:

Dottie Cianciola
Dustin Andolsek
Emily Campofredano
Dave Conklin

Bravo for your work!



TREASURER’S OFFICE UPDATE

Thank you for your support of the renewal Levy!

As the Treasurer’s office heads into the winter months, we have several reports and certificates to prepare for the County Auditor and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Mostly routine stuff and not really worthy of a newsletter.

However, we really want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who supported Issue 19, our 10-year renewal levy. To have a stable revenue stream allows our District to continue to make improvements in the educational environment for the students. Without your support we could be looking at cost cuts and program reductions which only serves to take opportunities away from our children and our community.

Wellington Schools has turned the corner and we are definitely moving in the right direction. There are more good things to come and we sincerely want your active involvement to make that happen. As our schools improve, our community improves and everyone benefits. “Thank You” for your support.



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NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. HELTON



Andrea Helton,
MS, RDN LD
Director of Nutrition
Services

Please be sure to check your student(s) meal accounts and pay off any charges that have accrued during this school year.

To make payments, we encourage all parents to utilize our online payment system, PaySchools Central.
[Click here to make a payment.](#)

Cash and check payments are also accepted at school. For cash payment, students should have money in an envelope with the student's name written on it.

Lunch money should be turned in to the teacher or given to the cashier. Checks can be made out to Wellington Schools Nutrition Services Department.



Photos of a recent lunch, our fruit cup and local cherry pies from Dough Gos.

TALENT SHOW!

The Builders Club presents a
Talent Show
at the Patricia Lindley Center
on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a family-
friendly night, full of talented kids
(grade 4-8) performing their best
talents on stage. The Talent Show
cost is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for
non-performing students, and FREE
to the performers and children 4 &
younger.

See you there!



Kiwanis Builders Club
PROUDLY PRESENTS

TALENT Show

January 4, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grades 4 - 8
Categories Include:

- . Singing
- . Dancing
- . Instrumentals
- & many more

 **Patricia Lindley Center**
627 North Main Street, Wellington, Ohio 44090

Entrance Fee **\$2.00 Adults**
\$1.00 Non-performing students
Free - Kids 4 y.o & younger

Cash Only

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Duke's Spirit Week

 **Dec. 18: Building Color Day!**
Westwood: Wear **RED**
McCormick: Wear **GREEN**
High School: Wear **WHITE**

 **Dec. 19: Show Your Holiday Spirit Day** (wear holiday colors, clothes, hats, etc.)

 **Dec. 20: Pajama Day!**



KINDLAND UPDATE



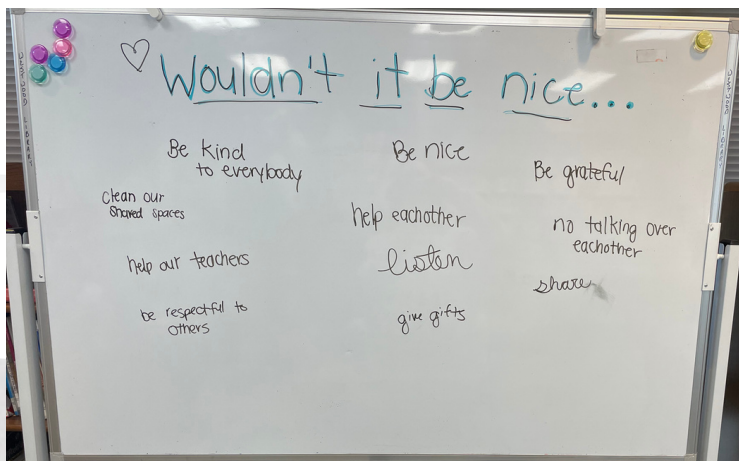
Kindland in the Classroom

Mr. Wiegand's first-grade class was teeming with kindness as young hearts and minds sought to answer what a Wellington community of Kindness might look like. Mrs. Burns, a Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health Specialist at Westwood, presented a Kindland lesson entitled "Wouldn't it be Nice if..." The open-ended question elicited spontaneous, and impressive responses from students, "If you had a magic wand and you could change your school, community, or world, what would that look like?"

With a sharpie in hand, Mrs. Burns dutifully recorded the rapid-fire responses on the classroom's whiteboard: "Don't be mean," shouted one student, "standing up for others," "respect others," came another, and "everyone would follow the rules," filled the kindness board.

"The students really enjoyed brainstorming ways they can make our community 'Kindland,'" said Mrs. Burns. "After reflecting on the responses, it was impactful for the students to realize that they have the ability to make a positive impact on their community without a magic wand." Mrs. Burns added that she has challenged her young charges to report back to her the acts of kindness they complete at home.

Kindland lessons are designed to meet social and emotional requirements with approval by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). They can be modified to meet any grade level requirement.



The student's brainstorming board!



Mrs. Burns teaches a Kindland lesson to first grade students at Westwood.



KINDNESS CHALLENGE



H.E.A.R.T. Beats in the Village

Wellington's Communicate with H.E.A.R.T. customer experience portal expanded to the Village with an initial training at the Mickey Mart (on 704 North Main Street) that offers an array of beverages and snack items and BP gas. Mr. Weber has a goal of the empathy-based training implemented throughout the Village as a service from the district.

The training, accommodated by Manager Tim Katowolf, took place in the space generally used by patrons of the adjoining Taco Bell. Thank you to Mr. Katowolf for bringing in his home projector to amplify the trainings PowerPoint presentation.

Time constraints would only allow S.T.A.R.T. with Heart to be trained. The remaining service recovery model, Respond with H.E.A.R.T., is scheduled for December.

Judging by their post-training evaluations, the Mickey Mart training was valuable. One trainee wrote that she learned "how important it is to smile, greet and build rapport with our customers so they return." Another person thought the training was "interesting," and a third respondent wrote that utilizing the principles of the opening, engagement component of H.E.A.R.T. "helped to make people feel human again."



Manager Tim Katowolf
and the BP Mickey Mart team



[Visit our website to take our H.E.A.R.T. Survey.](#)

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

By Emily Medves

At Westwood, Jordan Burn's intern Amber Fannin will be graduating with her Masters in Social Work from the University of Kentucky this month. Her last day with us will be December 8th. Amber has been a huge help in supporting students, teaching social emotional learning lessons, lunch bunches, and assisting the school social worker in Second Harvest deliveries. We are so excited for her, but will miss her here. Thank you Mrs. Fannin everything you have done!



McCormick P.B.I.S. winners!

Congratulations to (L-R) Coleton Phillips (6th), Zoe Beightol (4th), Parker Ruhl (4th), Emry Kent (5th), Remi Rourke (8th), Finley Eastman (7th), Fynlee Morris (7th, not pictured), Chris Smith (6th), Lucas Porrelli (5th) and Zachary Kehl (8th.)

Intern Amber
Fannin with SEL
Specialist
Jordan Burns

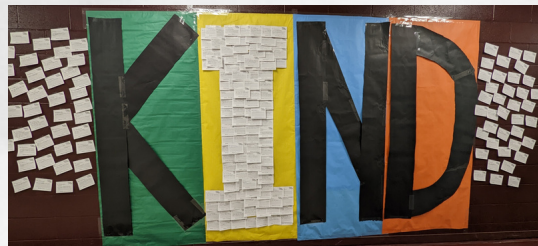


During World Kindness Week (November 13th-17th), Amy Sherman, McCormick's school counselor, planned activities for McCormick students to spread kindness. Students had the opportunity to write kindness grams during their lunch periods that were displayed on the "Kind" wall in the hallway. Students also had the opportunity to complete kindness bingo boards throughout the week with the chance to win a prize. Thank you Mrs. Sherman for planning such great activities!

Quotes from the
"KIND" mural:

"You're a good friend because you help me with everything."

"You are kind and the best! You're a hard worker and always in good spirits."



"You are a very caring person."

*"You help me through hard times."
"You are supportive."*

"You just slay!"

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By Emily Medves

ROX has officially been started for 7th grade girls at McCormick. We have eleven girls participating over the course of twenty weeks with Mrs. Medves and Mrs. Sherman leading the group. ROX stands for **Ruling Our eXperiences** and is an evidence based curriculum that teaches girls how to communicate effectively, develop healthy relationships, form a healthy body image, navigate social media, manage stress & pressure, stay safe and defend themselves and plan for college & their career and become leaders. Click the logo above for a video about ROX!

The High School is excited to announce that they are in the beginning stages of developing PBIS. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Nathan Morris, Dean of Climate and Culture, has put together a group of members at Wellington High School who will work on implementing PBIS. This group consists of various teachers, social workers, a behavioral specialist, the dean of climate and culture, principal and school counselor.

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Family Outreach Form






WESTWOOD *Important Dates*






DECEMBER

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- 5: Parent Co-op Mtg (6pm WWE Library)
 - 8: Cookies with Santa (WWE Cafeteria 5pm-8pm)
 - 11-14: Santa Shop
 - 11-16: K Kids Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Village Market)
 - 12: Picture Retakes
 - 12: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
 - 14: K Kids Caroling (5:30pm Town Hall)
 - 18: K & 1st Holiday Concert (5:30pm Lindley Center)
 - 19: 2nd & 3rd Holiday Concert (5:30pm Lindley Center)
 - 21-January 1: Winter Break - No School
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JANUARY

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- 2: School Resumes
 - 2: Parent Co-op Mtg (6pm WWE Library)
 - 15: No School - MLK Day
 - 17: NNPS Meeting (5:15pm Online)
 - 17-24: MAPS testing
 - 19: End of 2nd Quarter
 - 23: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
 - 31: Parent Teacher Conferences

FEBRUARY

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- 6: Parent Co-op Mtg (6pm WWE Library)
 - 13: K Kids Meeting (3pm WWE)
 - 16: No School - Professional Development Day
 - 19: No School - Presidents' Day
 - 21: NNPS Meeting (5:15pm Online)



Winter Sports Teams

Let's go Dukes!



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