

Community NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

2023 State Report Card Rating

We proudly present the latest State Report Card Rating for Wellington Schools. Our commitment to providing quality education and our dedication to fiscal responsibility have propelled us to new heights. Join us in celebrating the success of Wellington Exempted Village Schools and the bright future we are building together!



Meets State Standards

**District
Overall
Rating**



Exceeds State Standards

**Westwood
Elementary
School**



Meets State Standards

**McCormick
Middle
School**



Exceeds State Standards

**Wellington
High School**

Important Dates

April 26-27 - MMS Musical: Mary Poppins, Jr.

April 28 - WHS Academic Honors Banquet - 2 p.m.

May 9 - Festival of Bands Concert - 7 p.m.

May 14 - Spring Choir Concert and Awards - 7 p.m.

May 21 - Kindergarten Graduation - 6 p.m.

May 27 - Memorial Day (No School)

May 30 - Last Day of School

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Performing Arts

Wellington Exempted Village Schools is proud to introduce a new Career Technical Education (CTE) course pathway in performing arts for the 2023/2024 school year. This curriculum will allow students to experience multiple facets of the performing arts world, including set design, video production, digital communication and theater operations.

Under the expert guidance of ELA Teacher and Theater Director Dave Conklin and Stage and Technical Theater Director Dottie Cianciola, five high school technical theater classes will be offered at Wellington's own Patricia Lindley Center for Performing Arts. Current course offerings are Acting and Script Analysis, Stagecraft, Stage Design and Construction, Arts and Communications Primer and Video Production.

With a 600-seat house, the Lindley Center boasts state-of-the-art stage rigging and lighting/sound equipment, a fully functional box office and a spacious upper-level control booth suite that overlooks the auditorium and stage. These resources and the curriculum available through the Performing Arts program will provide students with an immersive experience as they learn the production and technical aspects of the theater.



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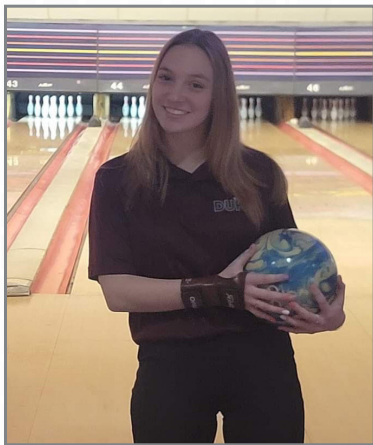
Did you know? Fresh, leafy greens are grown and donated by the Wellington High School FFA greenhouse class and are served in our cafeteria!

WHS FFA students plant, prune, water and care for vegetables grown in tower gardens in the FFA greenhouse, which were purchased by the Wellington Schools Endowment Fund. These greens are featured in side salads, grab-and-go sandwiches, and entree salads. Wellington Nutrition Services loves to partner with FFA to support our students and bring fresh, healthy ingredients to our cafeteria meals.



We are the DUKES!

Athletics



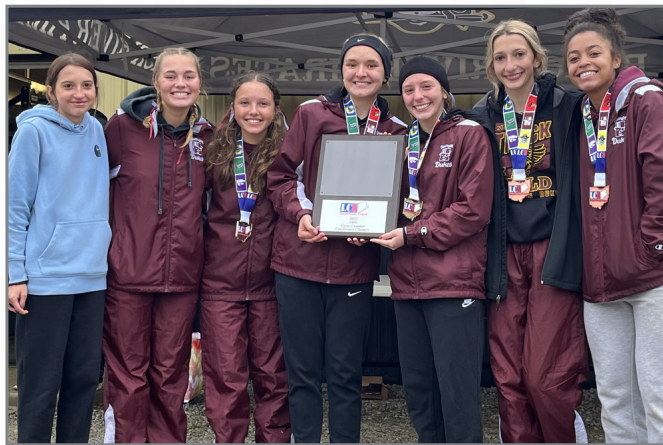
Bowling

Whitney Kirschner made history as Wellington's most decorated bowler, placing 7th in the state.



Boys Cross Country

Boys Cross Country Runner **Joe Fox** made his second consecutive appearance at the state meet after placing ninth in the regional meet.



Girls Cross Country

The Girls Cross Country team was crowned LC8 Conference Champions! Congratulations to **Bella Watters, Taylor Morris, Hope Dudziak, Lauren Vannatter, Jayde Davis, Joyce Stallard** and **Madelyn Kohler**.



Basketball

The **WHS Boys' Basketball team** advanced for the fifth time in 67 years to the district championship game. This talented team was named District Runner Ups for 2024, congratulations!

Wellington High School



Congratulations to Senior Ethan Metheney and Junior Ayla DeLima, who earned academic honors awards from the College Board National Recognition Program!

This program celebrates students' hard work in high school and showcases their strong academic performance. The criteria for eligible students include maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher, achieving PSAT/NMSQT assessment scores within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program, and scoring three or higher on two or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade. Additionally, eligibility extends to those attending school in a rural area or small town, or identifying as Indigenous.

We proudly celebrate and recognize our outstanding students for their academic achievements and hard work!

Westwood Elementary School

Second and third-grade students had special science lessons with Professor Jon Loufman, a retired Cleveland weatherman who now teaches meteorology, oceanography and climatology at Cuyahoga Community College. During his visit to Westwood, Professor Loufman shared lessons on "Atmosphere Adventures" and "Rock My World."

Students learned how the earth is closer to the sun in the winter, but the earth's tilt means the sun is further away. They also worked on an experiment demonstrating how air can hold water in a glass with a postcard. Other students learned all about rocks and the earth.

Thanks to Professor Loufman for bringing his expertise to Westwood and our amazing students who engaged in these out-of-this-world lessons!



McCormick Middle School

McCormick Middle School ELA students participated in Gifted Mock Trial Day at the Lorain County Justice Center. This annual event, hosted by the Education Services Center of Lorain County, invites students in grades 5-8 from area schools to participate firsthand in mock court cases.

Through this comprehensive educational experience, students served as attorneys, lawyers, key witnesses, bailiffs, jury members and, in some cases, the defendant on trial. Beginning with an opening argument, proceeding through witness testimony and questioning, and concluding with the jury's verdict, students were guided by actual judges, magistrates and attorneys from the community, who presided over the mock trials.

Congratulations to our student participants, who worked hard, learning about courtroom protocols and the extensive preparation and planning necessary within a trial. Critical thinking, creative thinking and communication skills were key takeaways from this unique learning opportunity.

Amazing work, McCormick students!

