

GO DUKES!



Wellington High School Community Service Day was a success! Over 220 students participated at almost 30 locations across Wellington! Thank you!

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A digital newsletter from the
Wellington Exempted Village Schools

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Important dates:

June 6: BOE meeting at 6 p.m. at Westwood

June 10: WHS alumni meeting 4 to 6 p.m. at Lindley Center

June 27: BOE meeting at 6 p.m. at Lindley Center

July 18: BOE meeting at 6 p.m. at McCormick

Aug. 12: Back-to-School Bash from Noon to 3 p.m. at McCormick

Aug. 15: BOE meeting at 6 p.m. at McCormick

Aug. 20-27: Lorain County Fair

Aug. 29: Parent Meet & Greet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 30: First day of school

For a complete calendar, go to wellingtonvillageschools.org

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Letter from Edward Weber, Superintendent
eweber@wellingtonvillageschools.org

It's time to reflect on a momentous year!

Our talented Class of 2023 celebrated their journeys through school and into their futures during Commencement last month. Congrats to all! You will always have a home here in the Wellington Schools. Once a Duke, always a Duke.

We had our first-ever Jack Kent Cooke scholar in the Class of 2023, Maya Feron. Congratulations Maya, we are excited to see where your work at Georgetown University will take you. The path to a Jack Kent Cooke scholarship starts in seventh-grade, with only 50 students gaining admission nationally into this impressive program.

School attendance was up...thank you to all parents for helping the school improve attendance. The more students are present with their teachers, the more progress they can make. We also approved a new Strategic Plan guiding our work for the next several years, with much of it to be done moving forward into the fall.

For the next school year, we will complete a curriculum audit and will begin work on the master facilities planning process.

In addition to our district [Facebook page](#), we now have a district YouTube page. Please click [here](#) to subscribe and follow us!

We hope you all have a safe, fun and relaxing summer break. I hope to see you all at the Lorain County Fair Aug. 20-27. Good luck to all our students and families participating in various shows/contests. Don't forget to stop by the Band Boosters Donut Booth!

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Updates from the Treasurer's Office

Mark Donnelly

Treasurer

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Please take some time to review the Treasurer's page on the [district website](#) and explore how your tax dollars are used to benefit the students and the community. Thank you for your support of our school district.


It might be summer break for our students and staff, but the Treasurer's Office is getting ready for their busiest time of the year. We have to wrap up the financial activity for the current year and setup the accounts and budgets for fiscal year 2024.

The Board of Education (BOE) recently approved the district's Five-Year-Forecast. This document shows some increases in revenues over the next few years, as well as increases in payroll and benefits due to negotiated raises and healthcare costs increases. This means our budget will be much tighter over the next few years and discretionary spending will have to be monitored very closely to ensure we are being fiscally responsible to the community.

Another item to be approved this month is the resolution of necessity to approve placing the renewal of the 10-year emergency levy on the November 2023 ballot. These funds are vital to Wellington EVSD's operations meeting our long-term goals.

We are also busy planning for summer facility projects and making sure the custodial staff and maintenance staff have the needed items to address all summer projects before we close our books for the fiscal year. We have about a 10-week window to clean, fix, and repair all items throughout the district as we prepare for the next school year. The WHS gymnasium renovation project is in full swing and we can't wait for students/staff and the community to see the new space.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer and the Treasurer's office would like to say "Congratulations to the Class of 2023!"

If you didn't receive a copy of our School Funding 103 booklet, click image. 

Copies are also available in school office and the BOE.



Colleague-to-colleague support valuable

An aspect of Communicate with H.E.A.R.T. that is often overlooked is the component that stresses valuing fellow co-workers. The compassionate communications tool that paces Wellington's customer service performance, offers protocols for staff to provide visitors, and students, but a key component of the training is that of valuing fellow colleagues. Research has shown that colleague-to-colleague value in the workplace leads to higher job satisfaction.

This school year, Nathan Morris, McCormick's dean of students; and Claire Frantz, WHS counselor, were the first two staff members to win H.E.A.R.T. awards based on highly favorable parent comments on the district's online H.E.A.R.T. customer satisfaction survey.

While parents are encouraged to continue using the survey, the next goal is to encourage staff members to use the survey to record exceptional service among fellow colleagues. To assist in that effort, a flier specifically aimed at staff responses, was designed. The flier includes a QR code that when scanned takes the user directly to the H.E.A.R.T. survey. The fliers will be placed in teacher's lounges and other common areas at each school.

The circle of compassionate, empathetic communication is complete when the service modeled by staff members elevates the customer experience in every internal and external audience engagement. What gets you there is the S.T.A.R.T. with Heart component to be aware of the impact you have in each and every interaction.



How Are We Doing?



Use Your H.E.A.R.T. Survey

Staff members:

What are the good interactions
you experience with your colleagues?

We want to know!

Scan the QR Code to take the survey.
You will find the results rewarding!





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For more information on S.T.A.R.T. with Heart, contact H.E.A.R.T. Trainer, Ronald Kisner at 216-234-3063 or rkisner@wellingtonvillageschools.org

Wellness news from around our district

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is something that we can easily incorporate into all aspects of our lives. SEL in the home means that families can use moments that happen organically to grow students' SEL skills. Trips to the grocery store, playing a board game, responding to a family experience, opportunities to meet new and different people while out and about, and other experiences that happen every day add breadth and depth to social-emotional learning instruction and practice. In short, homes and their surrounding communities are ripe with opportunities for social-emotional learning growth. This type of highly personalized learning allows families to utilize students' strengths as SEL superpowers and fill in gaps that emerge in everyday life, empowering students to independently apply these lessons as needed. Below are links to different websites and blogs that highlight how you can strengthen your child's SEL skills at home and in the community. Have a great summer!

[Social and emotional learning in the home](#)

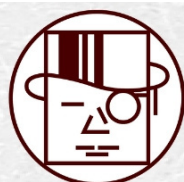
[Incorporating SEL into your summer adventures](#)

[Summer social and emotional learning activities](#)



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Vaccination Clinic

Who? All ages of students and adults!
What? Vaccine clinic
When? April 5, 2023 @ 2 - 6 p.m.
May 3, 2023 @ 2 - 6 p.m.
June 7, 2023 @ 2 - 6 p.m.
July 5, 2023 @ 2 - 6 p.m.
Where? Herrick Memorial Library (101 Willard Memorial Square)
How: Call 440-284-3206 to schedule an appointment
Appointments are needed

Hosted by Lorain County Public Health (LCPH).

Vaccines for all ages will be available to protect from common diseases, including and not limited to COVID-19, flu, pneumonia, shingles, measles, and whooping cough.

The first Wednesday of each month, 2 to 6 p.m. at Herrick Memorial Library.
Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lorain County Public Health -
9880 Murray Ridge Rd, Elyria

Request a record of past vaccines - no cost - at bit.ly/vaccinerecordrequest

News from Nutrition Services


Thank you for eating breakfast and lunch with us this school year! We've enjoyed seeing your smiling faces each and every day.

If your child has a negative meal balance, please be sure to send payment to the Nutrition Services Department. We encourage use of our online payment system, Payschools Central, but we also accept cash or check made out to Wellington Schools Nutrition Services. All positive balances will remain on the account and be rolled over into next school year.


Please note, if greater than \$5 remains on the account of a graduating senior, or student leaving the district, that balance will be transferred to a sibling. If there are no siblings, the funds can be donated to unpaid meal debt or refunded upon request. We are only able to issue a refund if all outstanding student fees are paid in full. To request a refund, please call or email Andrea Helton, 440-647-7415, ahelton@wellingtonvillageschools.org.

Did you know that if your family qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch that you also qualify for a waiver of your school fees? A new application is required each year. Be sure to fill yours out for next school year starting July 1. Applications can be found online using your PaySchools Central account or picked up from the Board of Education. After July 1, applications can be submitted anytime for qualification during the 2023-2024 school year.




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POWER UP!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
The Boys and Girls Club location at McCormick Middle School can provide free breakfast and lunch June 12- August 11 for all school-aged children!
Breakfast 8:30-9 a.m.
Lunch 11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Register Here!
<https://www.bgcneo.org> 

More Meal Options?
FIND A SITE NEAR YOU
Call: 1-866-348-6479
Visit: www.fnsusda.gov/summerfoodrocks
Text: "Summer Meals" to 97779



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Summer of kindness planned for Dukes

We hope you are having a great start to Summer Break! Duke pride will be in full force this summer when students from Westwood and McCormick join Kindland and the Herrick Memorial Library in a Summer of Kindness reading and activities challenge.

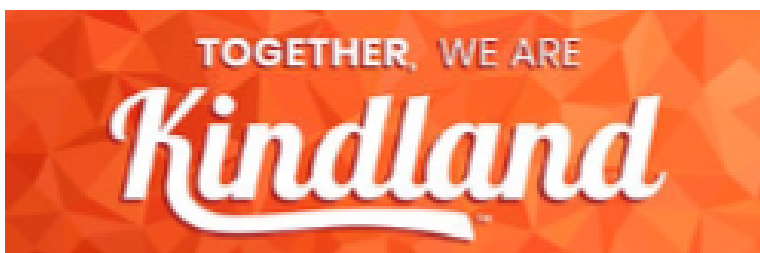
At last year's Back-to-School Bash, Kindland Wellington learned that this summer the State Library of Ohio was selecting "Kindness" as its 2023 summer reading theme for students from birth to grade 5. This launched a series of meetings among the various partners to determine how a mutually beneficial summer collaborative could be formed.

Last year, Cleveland-based Kindland put on a Summer of Kindness Challenge on a flier designed like a monopoly board. Each block on the board contained an activity participants were to complete during the summer. At the end of summer, a drawing was held to award an array of prizes. Because of the great partnership Wellington Village Exempted Schools has with Kindland, the broader organization offered to customize a Summer of Kindness Challenge board specifically for Westwood and McCormick. The Herrick Library chose "All Together" as its specific theme, which was a natural tie-in to Kindland's summer direction.

The combined Wellington Village board includes such things as "Support a Local Business", "Gather old toys/and or books to donate to others," or "Check out and read a book on Kindness at Herrick Memorial Library" among other kind-centered gestures and activities. The two-sided board (included in this newsletter) reflects input from Dr. Janet Kubasak, Westwood principal; Nathan Morris, McCormick Dean of Students; Janet Frye, Herrick's Director of Children's Reading; Amy Sword, district communications coordinator; and Kindland's Amanda Guarnieri. The flipside of the Board reflects Herrick's summer hours and events that begin on June 1 with a sidewalk chalk activity; and a reading list recommended by Mr. Morris.

Westwood and McCormick students were issued "smiley face" dots that are to be placed in each activity box to signify completion. Students will deposit their "Challenge Boards" in a special Kindland box at the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 12, and at the Herrick Memorial Library. Prizes will be awarded at the library and by the Wellington schools participants who will also be eligible for Kindland prizes such as Browns and CAVS tickets, and grocery gift cards.

In other Kindland news...The organization recently interviewed Superintendent Edward Weber regarding Kindland Wellington that will be aired in a video/slide show at the Kindland organization's annual awards banquet this month at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights.



Do a random act of kindness



Thank a Wellington first responder for their service with a letter or picture

Visit Herrick Memorial Library to sign up for the summer reading program.

Support a local business



Call a family member just to chat



Create a kindness card, note, picture, or poem to share with someone special

Recommend your favorite book or movie to someone



Check out and read a book on the Kindness Challenge book list from Herrick Memorial Library
(see back)

Give someone a compliment



Do a chore without being asked

X _____
parent or guardian sign-off

Donate canned food to Well Help



Hold the door for someone



Create a kindness card, note, picture, or poem for aunts, uncles, or cousins

Dine at a Wellington restaurant



Spend an hour with a friend doing something tech free



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JUST BE ♥ KIND

Share with a friend or sibling



Attend a Herrick Memorial Library summer library event

Help bring in the groceries



Gather old toys and/or books to donate to others



Say "thank you" when someone helps you

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Fun for kids & adults! Excellent summer family activity!

For each square you complete, you will receive a raffle entry to WIN amazing prizes! A vacation, Browns tickets, Cavs tickets, Grocery Gift Cards, and more!

**One challenge sheet and up to 20 raffle entries per person*

Questions? Contact Amy Sword at asword@wellingtonvillageschools.org.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Complete as many of the challenges as you can and mark them off as you go.
We're using the honor system – so be kind!
2. When you have filled out your form and completed 10 or more squares, turn your Summer of Kindness Challenge board into the Herrick Memorial Library or bring it to the Wellington Village Schools "Back to School Bash" Event on Saturday, August 12th from noon to 3:00 p.m. at McCormick Middle School (627 N. Main Street). You can also scan or take a photo of your form and email it to asword@wellingtonvillageschools.org before August 12th.
3. Share your kindness journey and document your acts of kindness using the Just Be Kind App or share your journey on social media tagging @BeKindland and using #Kindland.
(This step is optional and not required to participate).

4. DEADLINE to receive forms: August 12th (see above for submission options).

Kindland funds and distributes all prizes.

Summer Activities at Herrick Memorial Library

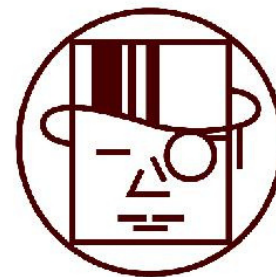
101 Willard Memorial Square, Wellington, OH 44090

Summer Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed Sunday



- **MONDAYS** are school-age Kindness Craft Days - acrylic heart, kindness rock, bee kind hoop art, cupcake paper flower, kindness buggle kit, sprinkle kindness donut ornament, and felt heart pocket hug
- **TUESDAYS** are family story times for ages 2-5
- **WEDNESDAYS** are lap sit story time for ages birth to 2
- **THURSDAYS** are school-age programs.
- June 1: Sidewalk Chalk Art filling in the letters READ
- June 6 & 7: Mel's Puppets - puppet show
- June 8: Whiz Bang Science
- June 15: Puzzle Piece - Collaborative Art Project
- June 21: Stories in the Park @ 10:00 a.m. (Findley State Park)
- June 22: Butterflies - Collaborative Art Project
- June 29: Cardboard Weaving Circles - Collaborative Art Project
- July 6: Recycled Paper Boxes - Collaborative Art Project
- July 13: Wire Bead and Balloon Art - Collaborative Art Project
- July 20: SUMMER FINALE: Mr. Puppet and Ice Cream Social

Dukes Summer of Kindness Challenge Reading List

Read a book(s) from the below list. Grade levels on these books range from 3rd - 9th grades.

Books were recommended by ELA Teachers at McCormick Middle School. Happy Reading, Dukes!

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| ○ "Pay it Forward" by C. Hyde | ○ "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt"
By K. Mesner |
| ○ "Rules" by C. Lord | ○ "Lowriders in Space" by C. Camper |
| ○ "Schooled" by G. Korman | ○ "Robo Sauce" by A. Rubin |
| ○ "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio | ○ "If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School"
By E. Parsley |
| ○ "BFG" by R. Dahl | ○ "Oh No" by M. Barnett |
| ○ "Matilda" by R. Dahl | ○ "The One and Only Ivan" by K. Applegate |
| ○ "Counting by 7" by H. Slone | ○ "Ivan: The Remarkable True Story"
By K. Applegate |
| ○ "Fish in a Tree" by L. Hunt | ○ "Tek, The Modern Cave Boy" by P. McDonnell |
| ○ "George/Melissa" by A. Gino | ○ "Last Stop on Market Street" by M. De La Pena |
| ○ "Save Me a Seat" by S. Weeks | ○ "If...A Mind-Bending Way of Looking at Big Ideas"
By D. Smith |
| ○ "The Invisible Boy" by T. Ludwig | ○ "The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus"
By J. Bryant |
| ○ "El Deafo" by CeCe Bell | ○ "The Water Princess" by S. Verde |
| ○ "Restart" by G. Korman | ○ "Perfect" by N. Davies |
| ○ "Firegirl" by T. Abbot | ○ "The Whisper" by P. Zagarenski |
| ○ "Save Me a Seat" by S. Weeks | ○ "You're Toast and Other Metaphors We Adore"
By N. Loewen |
| ○ "Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise"
By D. Gemeinhart | ○ "Punctuation Celebration" by E. Knight Bruno |
| ○ "Gossamer" by L. Lowry | |
| ○ "Rosie Revere Engineer" by A. Beaty | |
| ○ "What Do You Do with an Idea"
By K. Yamada | |
| ○ "The Most Magnificent Thing" by A. Spire | |

Band students honors

Two Wellington High School students, Kitty Hill and Shawn Leonardi, were chosen to participate in the All-Ohio Honors Band at Ohio Northern University. They joined roughly 150 other students from around the state and had a day and a half of practice before putting on a wonderful performance. They even got to meet one of their favorite composers, Randall Standridge.



Back to School Bash!

Save the date!

Saturday, August 12

Noon - 3 p.m.

McCormick Middle School Gym

All K-12 families are welcome!

(627 N. Main St.)



Free school supplies
Costumed characters
Bounce house
Food pantry
Petting zoo
Herrick Memorial Library
Booths with school
extracurricular activities,
sports, and local opportunities
Kiwanis booth



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We are pleased to announce the second annual Youth Theater Camp, sponsored by the Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts! Children ages 7-11 are invited to participate in this two-week acting camp that culminates in a public performance of "Bestest Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Grandpa)". The camp runs July 17-28 (Monday-Fridays). Spots are limited to 30 participants, and you DO NOT need to be a resident/student of Wellington. Click [here](#) for more information.



**Patricia Lindley Center
for the Performing Arts**

McCormick students participate in solar car competition

New London Local Schools served as the host school for the STEM collaborative's Army Education Outreach Program Junior Solar Sprint Car Competition. Middle school students from Youngstown, Northwestern, New London, Black River, Mapleton, Wellington and Akron raced against each other to see whose solar car ran the fastest using only solar power.

Student teams worked together to build a solar car using a required kit and customizing the design within the competition guidelines. Thank you to Mr. Wilkosz from McCormick for advising and coaching the students before and during the competition. Students designed, built and raced solar powered cars using hands-on engineering skills and principles of science and math. They developed teamwork and problem solving abilities, investigated environmental issues and gained hands-on STEM skills.

6th Grade

Girls Team:

The Turtle Brownies

Students: Fynlee Morris, Molly Evans, Dakota McClain

Boys Team:

The Dirty Donkeys

Grayson Livingston and Wyatt Thompson

Boys Team:

Izaiah Turner

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The Lindley Center Awards

Best Stage Crew Leaders Emma Lawson "I Hate Shakespeare"
Ayla DeLima "Little Shop of Horrors"

Best Lighting Design Dustin Andolsek
"A Christmas Carol: A live radio play"
Josie Leiby "A Christmas Carol: A live radio play"

Best Sound Engineering Adelle Pickering
"A Christmas Carol: A live radio play"
Addison McConnell "Little Shop of Horrors"

Best Tech Music Skylar Kohlenberg "Little Shop of Horrors"

Promotions & Advertising David Norris "I Hate Shakespeare"

Best Actor in Lead Role Remington Rourke "I Hate Shakespeare"

The Lindley Center Awards

Best WHS Drama Club Leader Jonah Stump

Senior Recognition Dustin Andolsek, Maya Feron, Adelle Pickering

Best MMS Drama Club Leader Katie Stannard

Rising Stars Claire Pickering and AJ Sumpter

Stage Manager's Torch Dustin Andolsek and Josie Leiby
Monarch Award Linda Hatton

Community Choice Award for "I Hate Shakespeare"
Best Show, 2022-2023

Business Support Recognition, thank you to:
Village Market, The Platinum Petal, Norton-Eastman Funeral,
Moon & Stars Photography and SB Graphix



Neighborhood Forest
giving trees to children

**Tree-planting project
for Wellington Dukes!**



Wellington students K-12 were a part of one of the largest coordinated, volunteer, urban/residential tree planting projects in America!





Sixth Grade Students Compete in the: Battle of the Books!



Fourth Grade Field Trip to: The Spirit of '76 Museum



Madelyn Kohler wins Kindland Creative Writing Challenge!



Madelyn's poem was chosen as a winner of the Kindland Creative Writing Challenge in the 7th - 8th grade category. Congratulations!

She has won \$1,000!

Here is part of her award-winning poem:

"In Kindland, we embrace diversity,
And learn from each other constantly.
We listen with our hearts and understand,
That everyone has a story, a dream, a plan.

We welcome all with open arms,
And show that kindness is the way to disarm.
The troubles and the worries that we face,
And build a community that's full of grace."

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Nadia Greer wins Kindland Creative Writing Challenge!



Nadia's essay was chosen as a winner of the Kindland Creative Writing Challenge in the 9th - 12th grade category. Congratulations!

She has won \$1,000 and will invest it in a 529 Saving for College account.

"Sometimes all it takes is a little wave, smile, and a "hi" or "have a good day". Be the change you wish to see in the world!

Two girls at my high school were being bullied, and I wrote each of them a one-page letter telling them never to change and to keep being themselves because I liked the difference they bring to our high school and that they are becoming the best version of themselves.

Honestly, thinking about what I said to them is my exact vision/creation of a Kindland."

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Outstanding Senior



Autumn Dudziak
Digital Media Arts



Kindergarten Graduation at Westwood!



Congratulations!

RETIREES



Nancy Nimmo
Director of Student Services
5 years



Ruth Moyers
Library Paraprofessional
25 years



Lisa Mykytiuk
Special Education
Aide / Paraprofessional
23 years

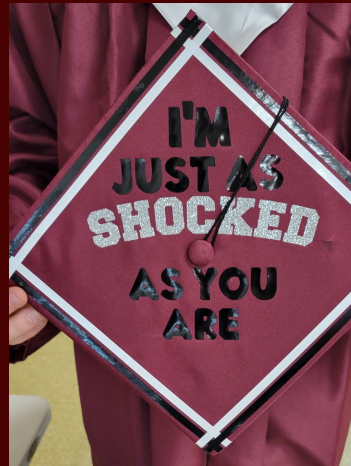


Doris Cook
Student Services
Secretary
23 years
(retired this past winter)

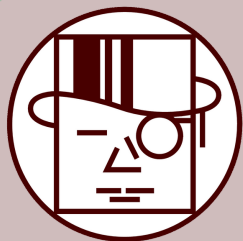
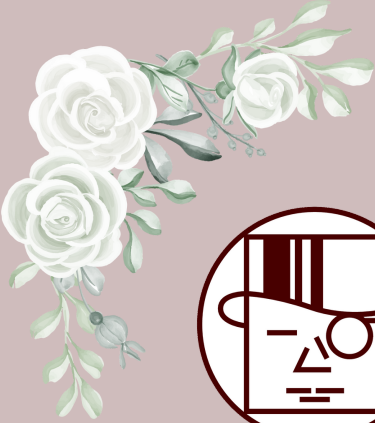


Lori Bowman
Cafeteria staff
21 years

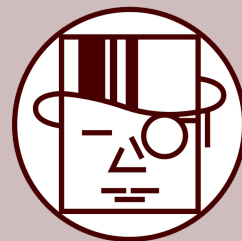
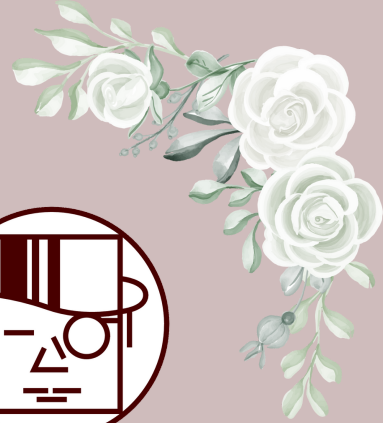
The 147th WHS Commencement Ceremony May 21, 2023



Kindergarten screening



Class of 2023





Dustin Matthew Andolsek
Nadia Janay Barber
Rebecca Lyn Barnes
Megan Michele Bartoto
Jarrett Edward Biddinger
Wayde Patton Bowman
Joshua James Alan Buck
Ryan Jon Cantu
Bethany Jade Capek
Justin Tyme Charlton
Alaina Grace Collins
Annabella Maralise Cox
Dominic Lee Danesi
Joseph Ryan Danesi
Ronald Lee Dehart
BriLee Nicole Leilani-Star DeLima
Dylan Robert Dent
Michael Xavior Dietrich
Autumn Nicole Dudziak
Aden Mohammad Ebeid
Kayla Marie Edwards
Maya Suzanne Feron
Hayden Richard Fleming
Christopher Thomas Greene
Violet Fiona Haas
Brian Jacob Hall
Braden Matthew Hamer
Haley Nicole Harper
Caiden Allen Helms
Joshua Ellis Higgins

Jessalea Marie Hockenberger
Lillian Elaine Hurst
Rachel Linn Jackson
Kennedy Rose Jerousek
Kyleigh Andrea Johnson
Caiden Nathaniel Karlowicz
Gavin Christopher Ketchum
Alexis Lynn Kline
Elise Joann Krouse
Trey Skyler Lawson
Morgan Jo Lehmkuhl
Brayonna Nicole Leiby
Lillian Rose Lemire
Abigail Elizabeth Lemke
Phylicia Latrice Lundy
Molly Renee Lust
Chelsea Mae Manning
Shelby Kae Manning
Cooper Alan McConnell
Dominic Scott McDonald
Quintin Collin McKenna
Peyton Robert McNeely
Taylor Alice Marie McQuate
Madison Peyton Mickey
Karinna Elle Mitterling
Vincent Gabriel Moran
Marshal Lloyd Mull
Brayden Seth Nieding
Maddison Joann Odom
Estella Abigail Ohly

Nathan Charles Patfield
Adelle Kathleen Pickering
Chandler James Polen
Heather Marie Reininger
Riley Alexander Reyna
Anthony Joseph Schlager
Mollie Grace Shinsky
Brysen Nathaniel-Logan Shreves
Joleisa Carole Sizer
Sydney Kay Skierski
Ezekiel Samuel Smith
McKenna Elise Soboslai
Dakota James Somerville
Mikayla Jordan Standen
Lucas Paul Sutherland
Joseph Wayne Tansey
Carson Riley Taylor
Ryan Thomas Tummel
Gwenyth Malixa Vannatter
Logan James Robert Whitt
Sadie Madeline Willis
Joshua Bradley Wright

*The genius thing
that we did was, we
didn't give up. -
Jay Z*

Congratulations

		Wellington Exempted Village School District											
2023-2024 Academic Calendar													
July 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
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August 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
12 Back to School Bash							1	2	3	4			
15-25 Floating Teacher Prep Day						7	8	9	10	11			
28 Convocation Day						14	15	16	17	18			
29 Gifted/SE Professional Day						21	22	23	24	25			
29 Parent Meet & Greet 4:30-6:30						28	29	30	31				
30 First Day for Students													
September 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
4 Labor Day - No School										1			
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October 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
27 End of Marking Period 1						2	3	4	5	6			
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						23	24	25	26	27			
						30	31						
November 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
1 Parent/Teacher Conferences								1	2	3			
6 County PD Day - No School						6	7	8	9	10			
						13	14	15	16	17			
22 Teacher Comp Day - No School						20	21	22	23	24			
23-24 Thanksgiving Vacation						27	28	29	30				
December 2023						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
21-31 Winter Break										1			
						4	5	6	7	8			
						11	12	13	14	15			
						18	19	20	21	22			
						25	26	27	28	29			
January 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
1 New Year's Day - No School						1	2	3	4	5			
2 School Resumes						8	9	10	11	12			
15 Martin Luther King Day - No School						15	16	17	18	19			
19 End of Marking Period 2						22	23	24	25	26			
31 Parent/Teacher Conferences						29	30	31					
February 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
									1	2			
						5	6	7	8	9			
16 Building Professional Day - No School						12	13	14	15	16			
19 President's Day - No School						19	20	21	22	23			
						26	27	28	29				
March 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
22 End of Marking Period 3										1			
						4	5	6	7	8			
27 Parent/Teacher Conferences						11	12	13	14	15			
29 Good Friday - No School						18	19	20	21	22			
						25	26	27	28	29			
April 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
1-7 Spring Break						1	2	3	4	5			
8 Ohio Total Solar Eclipse - No School						8	9	10	11	12			
9 School Resumes						15	16	17	18	19			
						22	23	24	25	26			
						29	30						
May 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
17 Last Day for Seniors								1	2	3			
19 Graduation						6	7	8	9	10			
27 Memorial Day - No School						13	14	15	16	17			
						20	21	22	23	24			
30 End of Marking Period 4 - Last Day for Students						27	28	29	30	31			
31 Records Day													
June 2024						M	Tu	W	Tr	F			
3 Teacher Comp Day						3	4	5	6	7			
						10	11	12	13	14			
						17	18	19	20	21			
						24	25	26	27	28			
School Hours													
Westwood Elementary						8:00am - 2:45pm							
McCormick Middle School						8:00am - 3:00pm							
Wellington High School						8:00am - 3:00pm							
Grading Periods													
Quarter 1 - Aug. 30 - Oct. 27 = 42 days													
Quarter 2 - Oct. 30 - Jan. 19 = 47 days - Semester One = 89 days													
Quarter 3 - Jan. 22 - March 22 = 43 days													
Quarter 4 - March 25 - May 30 = 41 days - Semester Two = 84 days													
Total: 173 days													
Board Approved 3-21-2023													

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1

Communication (Internal & External)

Develop clear expectations for all forms of internal staff communications so that each building level/department receives consistent and timely updates; ensure all staff members are knowledgeable and informed regarding important district information so that they can confidently act as stewards of the district's vision and decisions and avoid selective pockets and siloed information.



Establish a comprehensive external communications program to ensure community stakeholder engagement; create consistent communications that target community members, businesses, non-profit organizations and key stakeholders to create a supportive community environment; develop appropriate/multiple communications channels and tactics; create consistent district communication expectations with families.



Create two-way communication processes that allow the certified and classified staff to interact with the district administration.



Perform a comprehensive website audit to determine functionality and ease of information retrieval; ensure all components of the district website are up-to-date and consistently monitored.

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2

Academic Achievement and Programming/Technology

Create and promote multiple pathways for college, career and life readiness via a relevant, rigorous and aligned K-12 curriculum; communicate a culture of high academic expectations regardless of a student's chosen pathway.



Effectively utilize technology as a transformative creation tool in the hands of students. Offer professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance their technology skills that could enhance classroom learning opportunities for all students.



Create classroom expectations that engage students in 21st century, problem/project-based and service-learning opportunities.



Enhance targeted academic resources for student subgroups including gifted and special needs learners. Consider the addition of support staff members to assist those students who need scaffolded supports.



Define a consistent process and data review system to determine appropriate gap closing measures and practices K-12.



Perform a comprehensive department/program audit review K-12; ensure that current courses are aligned with 21st century job market demand; consider the creation and infusion of new courses that are more deeply aligned to STEAM and other in-demand disciplines. Consider the creation or return of life-skills programming throughout the grade levels.



Perform an audit of curriculum vertical alignment as it pertains to grade level and building transitions.

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3

Facilities, Safety and Security

Develop a master facilities plan to address both possible construction and long-term maintenance of current buildings.



Communicate the need for possible new construction and/or renovated facilities that meet the educational needs of the students to the community.



Engage the community to gather input from families and other stakeholders regarding the types of facilities for possible construction/renovation and the best use of those facilities in future years.



Review all aspects of physical security throughout the district to include reaction and response to any imposed/perceived threats; recommend changes to policy and application of best practice strategies; ensure consistent application of security protocol/procedures for district buildings and athletic events.

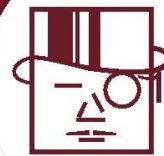


Provide facilities that prioritize student and staff safety, promote interaction, create engagement and provide an excellent environment for 21st century learning.

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4

Finance and Accountability

Create a regular, transparent communication's plan for all district expenditures. Communicate in multiple mediums, the 5-year forecast, as well as the building budgets and expenditures. Publish and promote a regular schedule of community friendly graphics to educate Wellington Exempted Village School's stakeholders and taxpayers more deeply on current and projected (future) expenditures; consistently communicate district financial picture to provide an accurate portrayal of financial standing.



Conduct annual comprehensive audits of district's revenue sources and non-payroll expenditures along with the state of the schools address. Communicate the financial status of the district during that address. Include information regarding like-district compensation and fringe benefit package audit; ensure competitive compensation to recruit and retain all district staff, both certified and classified.



Plan for district levy cycles (Including Operational and Bond Levies) to determine strategy for levy implementation in relation to potential facilities and operational needs.

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5

Climate, Culture & Wellness

Create a district task force to examine positive behavior models and social-emotional curriculum K-12.



Review district anti-bullying policies and practices to ensure consistent implementation at each building and grade level.



Implement a diversity and equity advisory council using stakeholder feedback to assist in the development of a district diversity plan; consider continued work or partnership with the NEO Diversity Center of Cleveland; ensure district policies continue to promote inclusion and equity of underrepresented groups.



Advance school spirit through proactively planned activities and experiences; create consistent opportunities to display district pride and to celebrate student and staff accomplishments; establish districtwide standards for external display of school spirit in all buildings. Intentionally and purposefully communicate these accomplishments both internally and to all external stakeholders in the school community.



Create of an initiative that focuses upon staff morale and a Culture of Appreciation for the certified, classified and administrative personnel.

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6

Human Resources and Staff Support

Provide customer service training for Wellington Exempted Village Schools employees to create a positive customer experience.



Conduct a comprehensive audit to ensure the proper staffing levels in each classroom; provide specific guidelines and expectations for paraprofessional/aide utilization.



Provide professional development opportunities and extended training for staff members related to student social-emotional and mental health needs; create mechanisms for dialogue to understand the complexities of home life and school life more deeply.



Implement a system of teacher, support staff and substitute recruitment to obtain the highest quality, diverse professional staff.

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