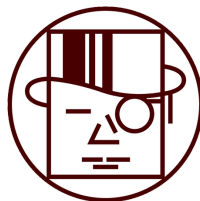


GO DUKES!



Congratulations to Mrs. Kresila's 3rd grade class...winners of the October Duke PRIDE Award. The class was also treated to a special visit from Batman (a.k.a. Mayor Hans Schneider).

The PRIDE Award focuses on positive behaviors in school and PRIDE stands for...Positive, Respectful, Integrity, Dedicated and Effort.

@WELLINGTON SCHOOLS

A digital newsletter from the Wellington Village Schools

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Nov. 16: BOE meeting
Nov. 24: No School
Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving Break

A complete list of events is listed on the district's website wellingtonvillageschools.org

WE ARE THANKFUL

by Ed Weber, Superintendent

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of the first quarter. Thank you to our students, staff and families for a great start to the school year. The holidays are right around the corner and I could not be more proud of the efforts of our entire school community so far this year.

Our staff has recently participated in a number of Staff Professional Development days. These events are a great opportunity for us to grow and learn together.

Reminder for families, school meals are free this year. If you qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, we ask that you still complete the paperwork for that program.

Our winter sports teams are now practicing for the upcoming season. We wish all our students athletes and coaches the best of luck. GO DUKES!

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Duke families.



District hires new Director of Nutrition Services

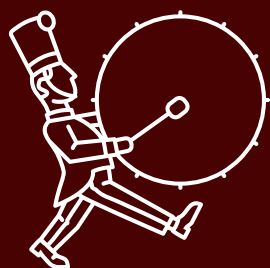
Join us in welcoming Andrea Rutger as our new Director of Nutrition Services in the district. Andrea is a Registered Dietitian, licensed in the State of Ohio. She has a passion for pediatric nutrition and wellness, and hopes to use her expertise to bring a positive influence into the community. Andrea obtained her undergraduate degree from Seton Hill University, and practiced as a Clinical Dietitian in Pittsburgh for two and a half years.



She then returned to her home state of Ohio to attend graduate school at Case Western Reserve University. Most recently, Andrea served as the Clinical Nutrition Manager at University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center. Andrea is thrilled for the opportunity to serve as Director of Nutrition Services, and is eager to support and inspire students and staff as they grow both professionally and personally. Welcome to Wellington!



WHS band heading to State Competition Nov. 6 in Medina



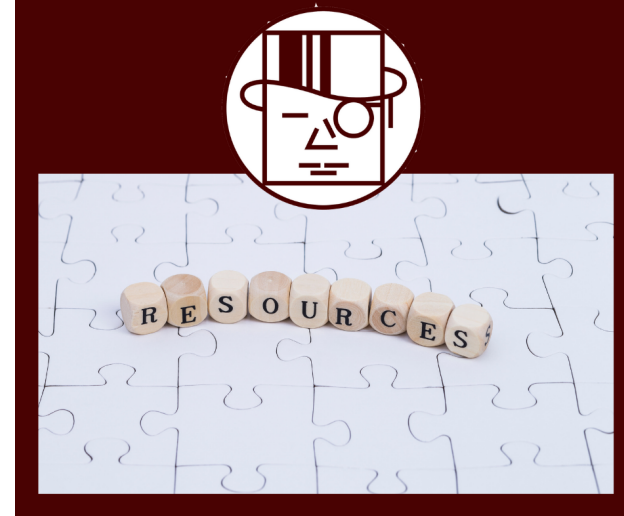
The Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) State Marching Band Finals take place Saturday (Nov. 6) at 2:15 p.m. at Medina High School. Come out and cheer on our band! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$5 for school-age children, and children 5 and under are free. Parking is \$5 per car. GO MARCHING DUKES!

STATE SEND-OFF

We will be having a State send-off for the marching band Saturday (Nov. 6) at Noon. ALL parents, family, and friends are encouraged to make signs, bring noise makers, and line the driveway at WHS as the band leaves for the State finals! GOOD LUCK !

Resources available online

Click the Restart Safe & Healthy Schools tab on our district [website](#) for a wealth of resources/informational links including: District Wellness Policy, Stop Bullying!, YMCA Kids Activities, Exercise Resources for Kids, and Mental Health Resource services, as well as COVID info.



Get well soon Mrs. Stone

Our youth football teams and cheerleaders showing support for Mrs. Stone by wearing pink ribbons that say "Stone" on them. "We cheer for Stone" "We play for Stone" Our community and students are behind her in this fight! Please keep Mrs. Stone in your thoughts and prayers.





CONGRATULATIONS !!!



*WHS Homecoming King and Queen
Cody Soboslai and Melanie Solkiewicz*



Rosalyn Harrell recently received the Bus Driver of the Year award at the Regional Bus Driver's banquet and Professional Development night hosted by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESC).



Wellington Schools BOE member Ayers Ratliff was recently recognized by the Northeast Region Ohio School Boards Association for his 20 years of service to education.



Staff Spotlights

Get to know our Duke staff members
Thank you for all you do for kids!

Amber DeCaprio
Westwood Elementary
Elementary music
Assistant band director
8 months in the district



- **What you love most about your job?** Watching my students learn to love and enjoy music. It's an amazing feeling when the staff and parents go out of their way to thank me for allowing music to have such an impact on their children/students.
- **Family:** Cat named Jade
- **Bucket list items:** Travel to Europe
- **Favorite food:** Lemon pie
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I was born with two holes in my heart and only one has closed so far.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Ability to go back and time travel.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** New Orleans
- **Best piece of advice:** "Don't worry about tomorrow. It's not here yet and no matter what happens, the sun will still rise the next day."

Emily Campofredano
District Media Specialist
11 years in the district



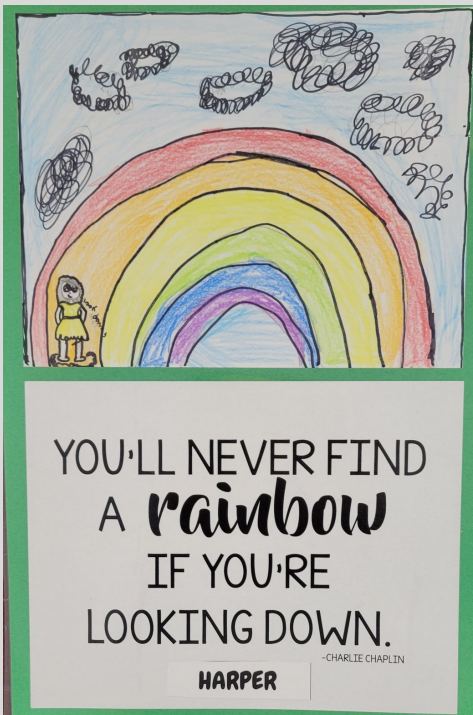
- **What you love most about your job?** I love having deep conversations about books and hearing from kids that are engaged with reading who might not have enjoyed it before.
- **Family:** Husband: Mike (20 years married), 3 kids: Semis (22), Kevin (19), and Kawai (18)
- **Bucket list items:** Travel Europe, visit the northeast coast in the fall, ride in a hot air balloon, and sit on an African Elephant
- **Favorite food:** French fries
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Ability to cure bad things.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** New Orleans
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** "Control the things you can control, worrying is a waste of time."

Kyle Metzger
Wellington High School
Intervention Specialist
First year in the district



- **What you love most about your job:** Getting to know so many students and staff.
- **Family:** My husband is David Metzger and we've been married for 4 years and together for almost 10. We have a son together named Finn, who is 2 and a half.
- **Bucket list items:** See the Aurora Borealis in Iceland.
- **Favorite food:** Homemade Italian Hoagies
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I've traveled to 8 other countries and another US territory.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Teleportation
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Ireland
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you:** "Release the idea that things could've been any other way."

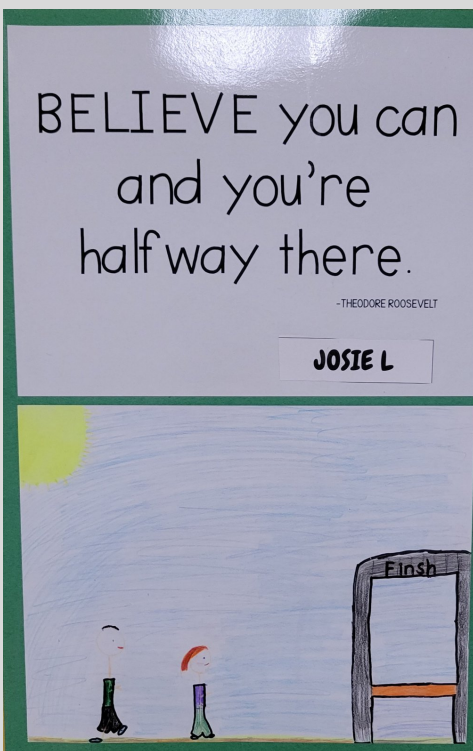
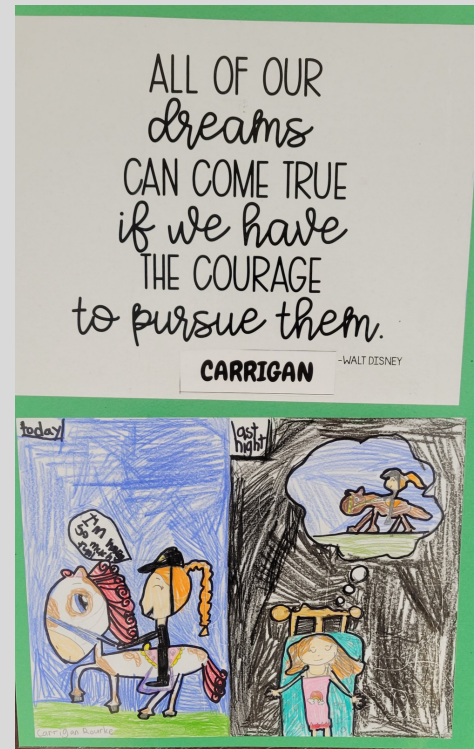
Students create positive messages



Walking through McCormick Middle School one can't help but notice the dozens of posters that line the walls throughout the school.

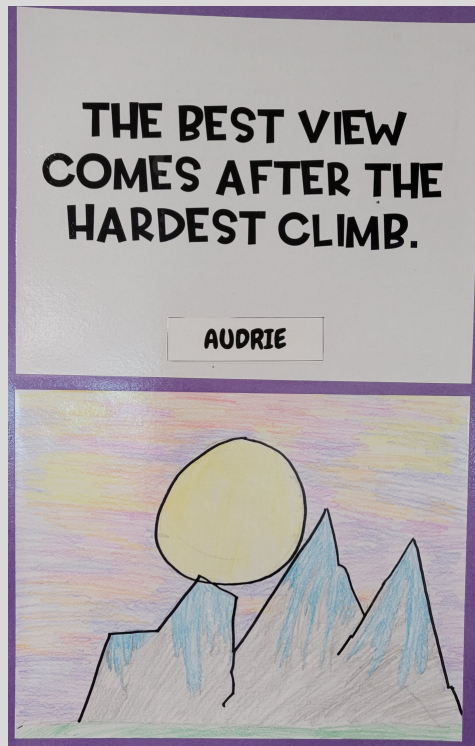
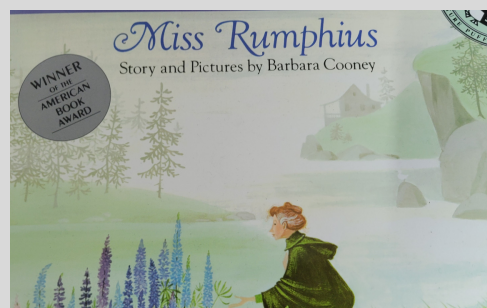
Students from Megan Birchfield's fourth-grade ELA classes recently read a book by Barbara Cooney which features the story of Alice Rumphius, who longed to travel the world, live in a house by the sea, and do something to make the world more beautiful.

The students began brainstorming how they could make the world a better place. While the book served as the starting point, Mrs. Birchfield also gained inspiration from a teacher blog she follows where students created posters featuring inspirational quotes.



The fourth-graders selected a quote and drew a picture depicting what the quote means to them. They hung the posters around the classroom first, then decided to spread a little beauty throughout the school and share their inspiring messages.

Great job students....you are truly making the world more beautiful.



Dukes gear for sale, order for the holidays

It's time for Westwood's Spirit Wear Fundraiser!

Orders will be accepted now through Nov. 12 and all orders will be completed by Dec. 3. Place an order with your favorite Westwood student or by visiting the Sweet Caroline Boutique website. To order, click [here](#).

Westwood Elementary Spirit Wear Fundraiser

These designs can be printed on a T-Shirt, Long Sleeved T-Shirt, Crew Neck Sweatshirt or a Hoodie

Youth sizes available Extra Small – Extra Large Adult Sizes available Extra Small – 4XL



1 Vertical Dukes
Available in BLACK or GRAY

2 Repeating Dukes with Duke
Available in GRAY ONLY

3 Animal Print Dukes
Available in GRAY ONLY



4 Wellington Stacked Dukes
Available in BLACK or GRAY



5 Wellington Dukes Traditional
Available in BLACK or GRAY



6 Wellington Pocket Size Logo
Available in GRAY ONLY

<u>T-Shirt</u>	<u>Long Sleeve T-Shirt</u>	<u>Crew Neck Sweatshirt</u>	<u>Hoodie</u>
Youth \$15.00	Youth \$18.00	Youth \$18.00	Youth \$22
Adult \$17.00	Adult \$21.00	Adult \$21.00	Adult \$26

Short sleeve shirts are Bella & Canvas, Gildan, Jerzee or Hanes brand. Sweatshirts are Gildan, Jerzee or Hanes brand. (based on availability) Youth size chart is available on website.



WOMEN'S CUT
Side Zip Hoodie with Glitter "Dukes"
Adult Small – 3XL *runs small*
\$32.00



Unisex Athletic Short
Available in BLACK or GRAY
Youth Small – Large \$10.00
Adult Small – 3XL \$15.00



Unisex Sweatpants
Available in BLACK or GRAY
Youth Small – XL \$15.00
Adult Small – 3XL \$20.00

To place on online order please visit www.shopsweetcaroline.com
then click on "Westwood Elementary Spirit Wear Fundraiser"

Payment is due at time of order. Make checks payable to: **Westwood Elementary**

All orders and payments are due **NOVEMBER 12, 2021**

Products will be delivered to the school on Friday December 3rd, 2021

*Wellington Community Theater and
Drama Clubs present*



A Christmas Story

December 2-4, 2021

Doors open at 6:30pm, Curtain at 7:00pm

***Tickets purchased at the box office before each show,
cash/check only.***

\$10 adults, \$5 senior citizens and students

Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts

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As one of the district's Strategic Planning initiatives, the Wellington Village Schools would like to improve and increase communication with students, parents, staff and community members. @WellingtonSchools will be a monthly digital newsletter distributed via email to our school families. For more information on our schools, check out our website, www.wellingtonvillageschools.org; or [Facebook @WEVSD](https://www.facebook.com/WEVSD).