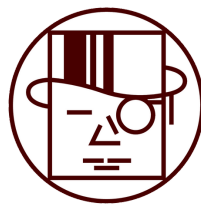


Have a great summer!



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A digital newsletter from the
Wellington Village Schools

WHS Class of 2021

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June 29: BOE Business Meeting
July 6: BOE Work Session
July 20: BOE Business Meeting
Aug. 22-29: Lorain County Fair
Sept. 2: First day of school

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

WE MADE IT!

by Ed Weber, Superintendent

The end of the school year is a time to reflect on all we have accomplished. It was a year unlike any other, but we got through it together. Thank you students, staff, and community.

This is also a time to look toward the future. We have many things to look forward to as a district. As noted in previous letters, this is an exciting time for Wellington Schools as we are currently in the early stages of organizing and developing a strategic planning initiative that will help guide our district into the future. This important document will outline future priorities and district initiatives in several key areas - academic achievement, facilities, communication, operations, climate/culture and finances, among others. It is our hope that this initiative will reflect the goals of the entire Wellington Schools community, including the students we serve, parents and families, our dedicated staff, local business and civic leaders, and the community at large. Please remember to complete the survey link so that we can ensure that this is our community's plan for our school district. Go to surveymonkey.com/r/GRCQX53.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021. We wish you all the best for the future. Have a safe and happy summer to all our Dukes!

See you at the Lorain County Fair Aug. 22-29. Stop by our booth!

Summer Literacy Grant

Congratulations! – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Westwood Elementary School a \$3,000 grant to support summer literacy. This local grant is part of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation’s recent award of \$10.5 million donation to support summer, family, and adult literacy programs. Dr. Kubasak was also recently featured on WEOL 930 AM discussing Westwood's summer offerings.

Click [here](#) for the interview.



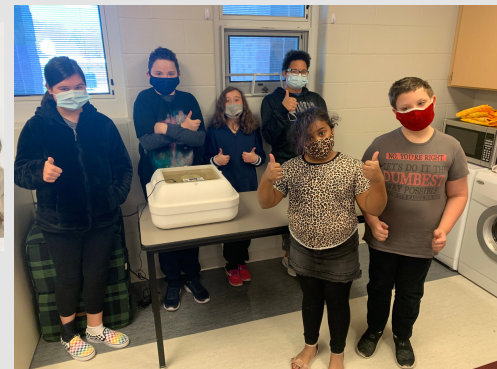
Sensory Room at McCormick

Congratulations! McCormick Middle School intervention specialist Madison Virgin's MH classroom desperately needed a sensory space for students with special needs. She recently applied for a Wellington Schools Endowment grant and we are happy to report, the grant was approved! A sensory room is a safe space with a variety of equipment that provides students with special needs with personalized sensory input-helps students calm and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. Thanks to the Endowment Grant, we will be able to create a safe space for our students at McCormick Middle School.

EGG-citing Life-Cycle Lesson

An exciting lesson learning about life-cycles! Chicken Quest is a statewide, 4-H School Enrichment program. McCormick Middle School Intervention Specialist, Madison Virgin worked with Sally Hennessy from OSU Extension STEM programming outreach for all of Lorain County. They provided all of the supplies and materials needed for the lesson this past spring, such as the incubator, chicken eggs, measuring equipment, student workbooks, teacher manual, and much more!

All of the content is aligned with the Ohio State Standards. The chicken eggs came from Meyer Hatchery in Polk, Ohio. There are so many great things with this program. The students had so much excitement and priceless expressions when the chickens hatched. Many of the students had never experienced the life-cycle first-hand. The most exciting part is when the the class got to explore candling, holding the baby chickens, and showing the students what new life is all about.



SOLAR SPRINT CAR COMPETITION

Mapleton Local Schools recently served as the host site of the Fourth Annual Rural STEM Collaborative’s Army Education Outreach Program Junior Solar Sprint Car Competition. Twenty-eight teams of students in grades 5 through 8 from the Rural STEM Collaborative school districts of Mapleton, New London, Northwestern, and Wellington raced against each other to see whose solar car ran the fastest using only solar power.

All student teams worked together to build a solar car using a required kit and customizing the design within the competition guidelines. The Rural STEM Collaborative provided students with the same conditions that they would experience during the national Technology Student Association AEOP Junior Solar Sprint competition. Thank you to Mr. Baxendale, Mr. Wilkosz and Mrs. Davidson from McCormick Middle School.

The top Top three finishers from McCormick Middle School represented the 7th-grade teams:

- Team The Speedy Boyz - Alex Davidson & Dylan O'Keefe
- Team The Little Rascals - AJ Lyons & Ryan O'Conner
- Team The Nylon Spacers - Wilson Schmuker, Jacob Miller & Diego Rucker



The 6th-grade teams representing McCormick included:

- Team Fierce Warriors - Katie Stannard, Finley Sasak & Mackenzie Jerousek
- Team The Aces - Arly Bowman, Courtney Krosse, Emma Adkins & Mallory Reynolds
- Team Thy Thunder - Andrew Raven & Cameron Von Czoernig

CHOIRS RECEIVE AWARDS

Congratulations to our McCormick Middle School and Wellington High School choirs for recently receiving Excellent ratings, as well as the Esprit de Corp award at Music In the Parks contest at Cedar Point.



Staff Spotlights

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

Kayla Rose -
Westwood Elementary
Kindergarten teacher
1.5 years in the district



- **What you love most about your job?** I love watching students grow through the year and working with the Kindergarten team.
- **Family:** Engaged to my fiancé, Brett. We've been together for 7 years.
- **Bucket list items:** Visit all of the national parks, Go to Paris, Italy & Bora Bora, Swim with dolphins
- **Favorite food:** Chimichangas
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I love baking and decorating cakes.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Talking to animals.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** National Parks and trips to the ocean.
- **Best piece of advice:** "When you know better, you do better."

Megan Birchfield -
McCormick Middle School
Fourth-grade
Science and Social Studies
13 years in the district



- **What you love most about your job?** The kids and my coworkers
- **Family:** Married to Doug for almost 10 years (this year!), 4 kids - Charlotte (6), Amelia (4), Dylan (2), Davis (1).
- **Bucket list items:** Travel (nothing specific!)
- **Favorite food(s):** Pizza and ice cream.
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I LOVE to take naps!
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** The ability to make people laugh easily.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Beach
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** "Trust your gut."

Senior Spotlights

Thank you to all who submitted info for our Senior spotlights. Graduates will be posted throughout the month on the district's [Facebook page](#).



Staff Spotlight continued

Dawn Wyman -
Wellington High School
Guidance Secretary
27 years in the district



- **What you love most about your job:** I do love my job! I not only get to work with the best building staff and students, but I also hear from a lot of the alumni students regarding transcripts, graduation verifications, etc . It's always busy and there is always something to do. I love working with our staff. We are like family. It's great now that the student's are back in the building and you can hear some noise.
- **Family:** My husband Dennie and I were married 33 years before he passed away in 2014. We have two daughters. Cassie (daughter) is married to Brett Duta and they have 2 children, Brynn (age 17) and Austin (age 13). Brittany (my second daughter) is single and has a dog named Miley.
- **Bucket list items:** Go to Hawaii or some other tropical spot, as well as go to Vegas. I would also love to try parasailing.
- **Favorite food(s):** Steak, Crab legs, Sweet Thai Chili chicken wings, Honey Nut Cheerios and diet Mt Dew.
- **Something nobody knows about you:** When I was 2-years-old, I received serve burns from hot coffee and spent some time in the hospital. I am lucky and do not have any scars from it.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I wish I had the ability to blink and be anywhere I want to go! That way I could see my parents and family more often or whenever I want.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** I love going to Denver to visit family. I also have been to Nashville and really liked that and would go back.
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you:** Love your job, because you'll be doing it for a long time!!

Congratulations to our retirees



Nancy Mims
McCormick Middle School
Intervention Specialist
21 years of service



Joyce Scolaro
District bus driver
14 years of service



Karen Wright
Wellington High School
Secretary
30 years of service

4 PLAYER SHAMBLE JULY 24, 2021



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

**THE WELLINGTON DUKES GOLF PARENTS CLUB
AND THE WELLINGTON FULLBACKERS**

ECHO VALLEY GOLF CLUB

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

\$70 Per Player  \$280 Per Team

Skins \$20 Per Team — Mulligans \$20 Per Team

Each player will tee off. After you select which shot to use, players will play their own ball through the hole. Teams will use the two best scores.

Cash payout based on number of teams entered (24 teams maximum.) 1st and 2nd Place.

Dinner and two drink tickets included for each player.

Contact Tom Guyer, Jr. 440-309-5016



Congratulations Class of 2021!



Co-valedictorians -- Lauren Alley and Madalyn Mull

Salutatorian -- Jillian Laposky

JVS Honor Student -- Joseph Dudziak

Senior Class Flower -- Lily

Senior Class Motto -- *"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go."* T.S. Eliot

The Class of 2021 completed more than 3,755 hours of community service.

More than \$65,000 in scholarships were accepted by the Class of 2021.

Tyler William Allen
Lauren Grace Alley
Jazmine Deborah Auble
Samuel Wyatt Barlow
Alexis Michelle Benton
Lane William Benton
Audrey Jean Biltz
Makayla Lynn Bowman
Trayton Parker Bowman
Kendal Elizabeth Brasee
Alaine Nicole Bremke
Timothy Aaron Brewer
Charles Cameron Brinker
Ethan William Burns
Christina Marie Capek
Cheyenne Mickala Cartwright
Madison Nicole Caudill
Samantha Nicole Cochick
Brayden Joshua Cole
Brennen James Cole
Heidi Elizabeth Cowling
Brooke Lorene Danko
James Howard Davis
Jessica Lee Davis
Kaitlyn Michelle Diller
Eric Robert Dubena II
Joseph Wayne Dudziak

Nicholas Wayne Dulio
Ashley Nichole Elkin
Jacob Michael Evans
Hannah Mae Fiegelist
Julia Crystal Gooden
Arianna Aaliyah Green
Emily Alexia Lynn Hales
Summer Leigh Hamilton
Michael Gabriel Hartman
Allison Kate Haswell
Jacob Austin Henly
Joshua James Honoshofsky
Jayden Josiah Johnson
Jenna Brooke Krakomperger
Garrett Thomas Kropff
Jillian Marie Laposky
Dylan Robert Lawson
Katrina Miracle Lazar
Austin Jarrett Loudermelt
Alex James Lowry
Luke Mitchell McClellan
Lauren Grace McClure
Audrey Irene McKinley
Travis Robert McQuate
Aren Jolynn Meinhart
Abigail Briana Michalak
Taylor Rose Michel
Skyler Stewart Mitchell

Eryn Reese Mitterling
Madalyn Louise Mull
William Burkhardt Palmison
Robert Allen Parsons
Taylor Madyson-Jean Persinger
Haleigh Elizabeth Polen
Grant Aaron Poling
Jessie Renae Pritt
Payton Lee Regal
Wyatt Alden Sasack
Joseph Richard Schramm Jr.
Lorean Michelle Scott
Ryan Jonathan Joseph Shibley
Jayden Dean Skinner
Angelina Isabel Smith
Troy Matthew Smith
Nicole Leigh Sparks
Cole John Standen
Kayla Paige Starkey
Caleb Andrew Teague
Bryce Edward Tegtmeyer
Skyler Lee Tegtmeyer
Ronald Shawn Teter Jr.
Karalynn Jean Todten
Brandon Neil Welch
Arianna Lynn Woody
Kevin Xie
Allyson Nicole Zvara

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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](#).