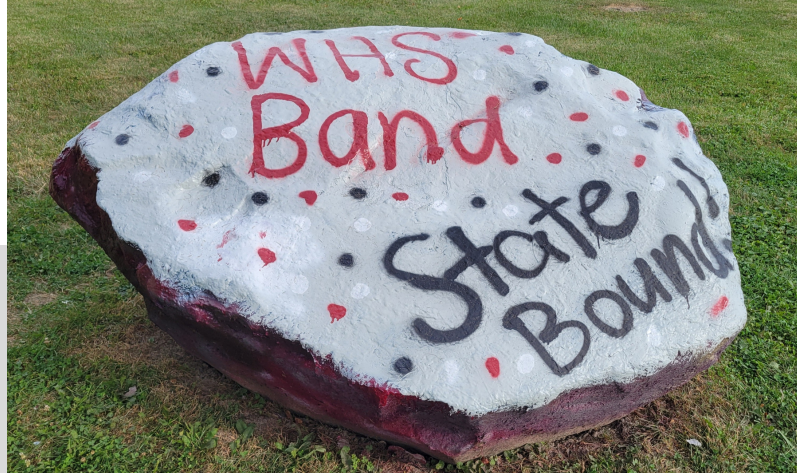
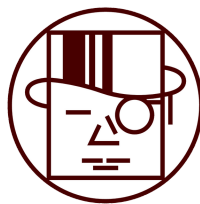


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## Congratulations!!

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A digital newsletter from the  
Wellington Village Schools

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### Upcoming events:

Sept. 29: NO SCHOOL  
Sept. 30: Bonfire at dusk at WHS  
Oct. 1: Homecoming Parade  
(5:30 p.m.) and Game  
Oct. 2: Homecoming Dance  
Oct. 5: BOE Work Session  
Oct. 19: BOE Meeting  
Oct. 20: NO SCHOOL

A complete list of events is  
listed on the district's website  
[wellingtonvilleschools.org](http://wellingtonvilleschools.org)

## **WELCOME BACK!!**

**by Ed Weber, Superintendent**

Happy Fall! The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start. Our summer programs were successful, and we are ready to continue growing and learning together this year.

Growing and learning together is vital for a strong performance. During our annual staff Convocation prior to the first day of school, we learned more about "The R Factor" which we are rolling out throughout the district this year on developing and growing our "Performance Pathway."

"The R Factor" is a critical performance resource. It equips people with the mindset and skill set to be intentional about the way they think, make decisions, and take action. "The R Factor" is built on a simple, powerful equation:  $E+R=O$  (Event + Response = Outcome). This will be our overall theme for the new school year.

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.

We look forward to celebrating Homecoming 2021 with our students and staff. Spirit Week is Sept. 27-Oct. 1. A schedule of events is located on the left.

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## District Curriculum Nights

Each grade level our children experience holds a new set of requirements to be considered successful. Standards-Based Report cards, Open Court Reading, SAVVAS enVision Mathematics, Waterford online learning tool, and more shape your child's educational journey. Classroom expectations, homework assignments, students who experience quarantine will ALL be engaging in the curriculum. Our school district is offering three Curriculum Nights (one for each building) for families to learn about the curriculum in the school and address any concerns/questions. We hope you can attend.

### Westwood Elementary School Curriculum Night

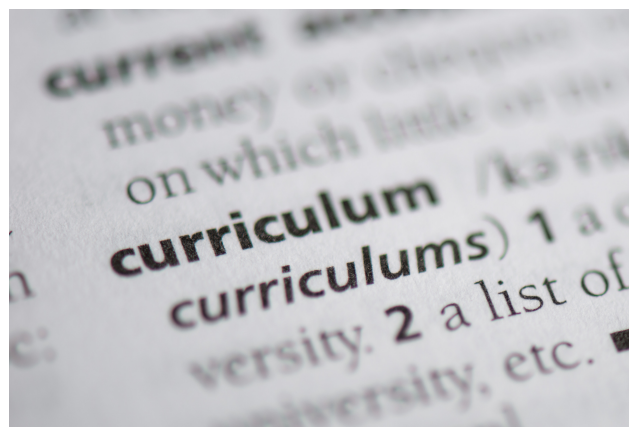
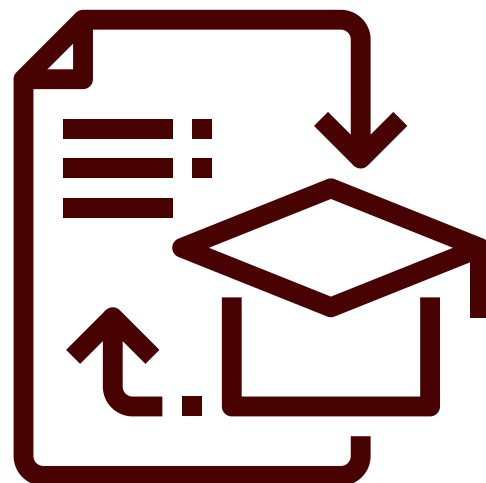
Monday, Sept. 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. (in-person), and from 7 to 8 p.m. (virtually)

### McCormick Middle School Curriculum Night

Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Wellington High School Curriculum Night

Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.



## WHS Band Heading to State Competition



The WHS Marching Band recently competed at the 40th Annual North Coast OMEA Competition at Perkins. Out of 6 Class C bands, we won Best Auxiliary, Best Music, and Second Place! The band qualified for the State competition for the first time since 2017! Congratulations!

## 6th Grade Band Info

At McCormick Middle School, 6th grade band students have the option to begin the year playing Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, or Percussion. There will be information at Curriculum Night on Sept. 28, starting at 6:15 p.m. about joining band and getting an instrument. Can't attend the meeting but still interested? Go online to [wellingtonbands.org](http://wellingtonbands.org) and FILL OUT THE 6th GRADE BAND REGISTRATION FORM so Mrs. Sleggs knows to make sure band is on your schedule. For more information on the benefits of music for children, click [here](#).





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**MEET WESTWOOD  
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**



**Dr. Janet  
Kubasak**

**How long have you worked in education?**

I have worked in education for over 20 years.

**What attracted you to being a principal?**

I appreciate that, together with an incredible team, we could create a place where families feel welcomed, children feel valued and the love of learning blossoms. As a principal, I'm able to empower teachers and students to discover and share their gifts, talents and abilities with the world.

My years working with the Ohio State Support Team as an Education Consultant, allowed me the opportunity to be a theorist in a great many areas. Becoming a principal affords me the opportunity to become a practitioner.

**What were your favorite subjects as a student?**

I always really enjoyed Greek mythology and also psychology.

**What has been the best part of working with the Wellington Schools family so far?**

I really appreciate the passion and dedication everyone puts into their work, and you can see how contagious it all is. Working in a place that puts kids first, strives for daily growth, looks to evidence-based practices and has heart, is the best environment anyone can ask for.

**What do you most look forward to for the upcoming school year?**

I am looking forward to growth. Our families persevered through the most unique educational experience of a lifetime. I am looking forward to building stronger connections to the community, supporting families and closing educational gaps for ALL students.

We have developed a "Duke Cares Closet," which will be a place for Wellington families to pick up new clothes, school supplies, hygiene products, games, blankets, pillows and more. This will be open to our families starting in the fall.

We also have a new period in our daily schedule beginning in the 2021-2022 school year: What I Need - "WIN." This time will be based on individualized learning for every student.

**What sort of activities do you like to do outside of being a principal?**

Away from school, I enjoy spending time with my children doing simple family activities.

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**MEET MCCORMICK MIDDLE  
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



**John  
Telloni**

**How long have you worked in education?**

I have been working in education 18 years. I graduated from undergrad in 2003 and earned my master's degree in principalship from University of Akron in 2013.

**What attracted you to being a principal?**

The opportunity I saw to impact not only the students, but the staff and community as well. Every member of the staff can be a positive influence on our students and I look forward to joining the wonderful educators at Wellington and becoming a Duke.

**What has been the best part of working with the Wellington Schools family so far?**

It has been a short time, but in that time, I have felt appreciated and welcomed in my first few weeks. Everyone has been nice and caring when I meet them, and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and getting the school year started.

**What do you most look forward to for the upcoming school year?**

Getting to know my students and staff, and then working and figuring out what each person needs to grow in their profession and life.

**What were your favorite subjects as a student?**

Any History or Social Studies class.

**What sort of activities do you like to do outside of being a principal?**

I love to exercise and spend as much time as I can with my wife & children. I also love to travel and go to as many sporting events as I can. I am involved with my church as much as possible.



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MEET WELLINGTON HIGH  
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



**Donna  
Keenan**

**How long have you worked in education?**

I have twenty-two years of experience in education as a teacher, teacher leader, building manager and assistant principal.

**What attracted you to being a principal?**

I really enjoy working and interacting with students and wanted to have the opportunity to work with, interact with and make an impact on a larger number of students than I would have the opportunity to through my work as a classroom teacher. I also thoroughly enjoy various aspects of the principal position such as problem-solving, having instructional conversations with teachers, analyzing student data to impact instruction and scheduling.

**What were your favorite subjects as a student?**

My favorite subject as a student was math and it is still my favorite subject! This would explain my decision to become a math teacher.

**What has been the best part of working with the Wellington Schools family so far?**

The best part of working with the Wellington Schools family so far is how open and friendly those people are that I have had the pleasure of meeting. I really enjoy the fact that it is a very small, close knit school community filled with staff who are eager to do their best for the students that they serve.

**What do you most look forward to for the upcoming school year?**

For this coming school year, I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students at Wellington High School and meeting their families. I am also eager to get to know the staff in the building and the district. I look forward to collaborating with them all so that we can continue to help every student move toward achievement at the highest level possible.

**What sort of activities do you like to do outside of being a principal?**

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, taking care of my dogs, reading, gardening and shopping.

# Staff Spotlight

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

## Allison Ennes

**Westwood Elementary**  
**Second-grade teacher**  
**2 years in the district**



- **What you love most about your job?** The thing I love the most is when students have a "lightbulb moment" where a concept finally makes sense to them. It is a wonderful feeling.
- **Bucket list items:** Visit Yellowstone National Park. Eventually I'd like to visit all the US National Parks.
- **Favorite food:** Chicken Parmesan
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I played rugby in high school and into college. It's the only sport I've been drawn to and I am so grateful it became a local sport in Ohio.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Teleportation
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Outer Banks. A close second would be a cabin in the Smoky Mountains.
- **Best piece of advice:** "Your greatest ability should be flexibility."

## Malynda Perchinske

**McCormick Middle School**  
**Fourth-grade**  
**Science and Social Studies**  
**19 years in the district**



- **What you love most about your job?** Working with our students and families.
- **Family:** Married for 4 years to Mr. Perchinske, 4 children Taylor Jerousek (25); Cole Jerousek(23); Kennedy Jerousek (15); Mackenzie Jerousek (12)
- **Bucket list items:** Travel the world
- **Favorite food:** Pizza
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** I wish I could play the piano.
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Cancun
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you?** "Have no regrets, be happy and live life to the fullest."

## Board of Education Meetings

Reminder...Wellington Board of Education meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The location rotates, so please refer to the posted calendar for location details on the district website. The work session meetings allot additional time for executive session topics by limiting voting and public comment. The regular business meetings include recognitions, presentations, discussions, voting, and expanded time for public comment. Please check the [district website for calendar](#) and mark your calendars if you plan to attend.

## Kiwanis Peterson Nut Sale

The Wellington Kiwanis Club's Annual Morris Furcron Peterson Nut Sale is going on now through the month of October. The money raised through the fundraiser goes to scholarships for Wellington High School seniors. The club makes 50 percent profit on all orders. Thank you for your support! For more information and/or to order, call Ayers Ratliff at 440-935-6652 or the Superintendent's Office 440-647-4286.

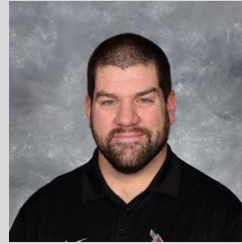




## Staff Spotlight continued

**Patrick Gallion**

**Wellington High School  
Guidance Counselor  
7 years in the district**



- **What you love most about your job:** Helping students grow and learn through the challenges they face.
- **Family:** My wife, Lindsay, and I have been married for 14 years. We have two children: Eliot (5) and Neal (2).
- **Bucket list items:** Camping through Alaska. Touring World War II sites throughout Europe.
- **Favorite food:** Homemade pizza
- **Something nobody knows about you:** I have a great singing voice and was the lead in two high school musicals.
- **A talent or superpower you wish you had:** Flying
- **Favorite place to vacation:** Anywhere there are mountains
- **Best piece of advice someone gave you:** "Don't be so focused on the struggles of the past that you miss the opportunities of the future."

## WHS Class of 2021 Gift



Two new benches were recently installed at the entrance to WHS. The benches are a gift from the Class of 2021. Each bench was made from recycled materials.



# Congratulations to Service Honorees

At our annual staff Convocation to start the new school year, several employees were recognized for their years of service to the Wellington Village Schools. Congratulations to all! We appreciate you!



## 5-Year Pins

Judy Brenner (WHS/Trans.) Cafe'  
Monitor /  
Van Driver

Tracey Mills-Feron (WHS) Study Hall  
Monitor / Parapro

Brianne Burcl (WW) Teacher

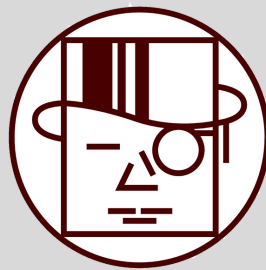
Sara Palmison (WHS) Intervention  
Specialist

Robert Ronsky (MMS) Teacher

Susan Souhrada (WHS) Teacher

Tiffany Warner (MMS) Title I Teacher

John Bowman (District) Athletic  
Director and Student Life Coordinator



## 10-Year Pins

Lindsey Hamisfar (MMS) Teacher

George Rosekelly (WHS) Teacher

## 15-Year Pins

Kimberly Gronsky (WW) Parapro

Michael Miller (MMS) Intervention  
Specialist

Elizabeth Petersen (WW) Teacher

Paula Staffeld (MMS) Intervention  
Specialist

## 20-Year Pin

Roger Sasack (MMS) Teacher

## 25-Year Pins

Linda Birchfield (WW) Head Cook

Cathy Kurtz (WW) Teacher





# WELLINGTON DUKES FOOTBALL STEAK FRY

**Come Support the Wellington Fullbackers!!!!**

When: Saturday, October 9th

Location: Wellington Eagles

Time: 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Serving Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Tickets are \$25

Cash bar!

Basket  
Raffle



This event is 21 and over.

We are looking for business sponsors.

Door Prize Donations Are Also Being Accepted!!

For ticket Information, Contact: **Danielle Thacker (440) 371-3726 or Email Fullbackers at [thacker.danielle@gmail.com](mailto:thacker.danielle@gmail.com).**



# Could your Little one use a Big mentor?

When it comes to the future and well-being of our children,  
we're all in this together!

Join Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County to talk about matching your son and/or daughter with a local, caring adult mentor. The relationship that will develop will help them feel more confident, do better in school, and avoid risky behaviors.

Now that school is over, you may have noticed that your little had a hard time in school during the pandemic. BBBSLC can also connect your child with a tutor that will help them stay on track and excel next year. **Let's get them started today!**



## VIRTUAL FAMILY INFORMATION & ORIENTATION SESSIONS REGISTRATION:

**440-277-6541**

Visit [www.BigLorainCounty.org](http://www.BigLorainCounty.org) for family  
orientation dates

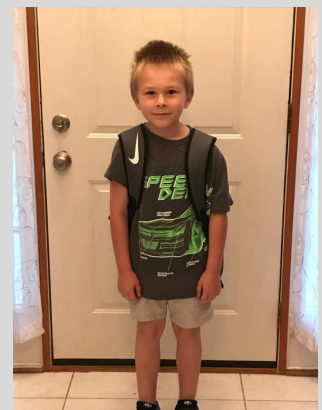


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As one of the district's Strategic Planning initiatives, the Wellington Village Schools would like to improve and increase communication with students, parents, staff and community members. @WellingtonSchools will be a monthly digital newsletter distributed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