

Wellington PTO Student Care  
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To Members of the Belmont School Committee and School Administration:

The Student Care Programs would like to provide you with some information about each of our Programs. It should be useful as we go forward looking at the issues of rent, space, and other areas of mutual concern.

We think it would benefit all to know what the rent is all about. Is the school system mainly trying to cover its costs to have us in the building (electricity, water, basic bathroom supplies, administrative costs, general wear and tear), or is it something else?

We feel that space usage can be a difficult basis for configuring rent. The spaces at the various schools are obviously not the same and they can change from year to year, or month to month. The other consideration is what constitutes a room that rent is charged for? How do you compare a cafeteria to a classroom? Two classrooms isn't any more space than the cafeteria or the gym, but would be twice the rental as it is computed now.

The Directors of the five Programs in town have been talking about alternate ways to more fairly apportion the fees collected from the Programs. We talked about tying the fees to the number of kids in each Program (too fluid especially in these difficult financial times); space usage by the square foot (no one cared for this one and again it can change); etc. One other option we talked about was more along the line of a user fee. We all provide much the same types of activities and services to the children and families of Belmont. We do vary somewhat by size but not hugely.

The cost to have these Programs in each school is probably quite equitable, but the costs to the individual Programs are all over the place. We feel there should be parity between the schools and the sections of Belmont that they service. Why does it cost one school \$28,800.00 to have a childcare program and another \$7,200.00?

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Lois Pollock, Wellington  
March 20, 2009

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## Wellington School (Title I)

**Capacity:** 130

**Current Enrollment:** 164 Students

<b>Average Daily Enrollment</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Before School</b>
	92	19

<b>Room Usage:</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>When</b>
	2nd Floor Locker Rm Space	Daily
	Music Room	Daily
	Gym	when available
	Café	ER Days only (lunch)

**Recent Change in Space:** Loss of 2nd Floor "Blue Room" - 10/1/08  
 \*\*\*No change in rental charge (request denied)

**Yearly Rent Charge:** \$28,800

<b>Scholarship Money:</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>
	\$15,000	\$12,404

<b>Janitorial:</b> (performed by staff)	<b>Task</b>	<b>When</b>
	All cleaning of 2nd Floor Space	Daily
	Sweep, clean-up Music Room	Daily
	Trash removed to Central Bin	Daily

**School Improvements:** Playground upkeep  
 Locker Space: carpeted twice, ceiling fans, window shades,  
 asbestos removal, tiled floor, built two lofts, electric work  
 "Blue Room" carpeted twice  
 Lower IMC: carpeted, ceiling fans, window blinds  
 Library carpeted  
 Donation to Music Program

# Butler Extended Day Program

Butler School (Title I)

**Capacity:** 120

**Current Enrollment** 128 Children

**Daily Average**                      **After School**                      **Before School**  
98    39

<b>Room Usage</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>When</b>
	Rooms 012/013	Daily
	Cafeteria	Daily
	Gym	Daily
	Room 111	Daily

**Yearly Rental Charge:** \$21,600

**Financial Aid**  
Budget 21,000.00  
YTD 14,340.00

<b>Janitorial</b> (done by BEDP staff)	<b>Task</b>	<b>When</b>
	Sweep floors	Daily
	Clean/sanitize tables	Daily
	Vacuum rugs	Daily
	Clean sink (room 012/01)	As needed
	Wash floor (room 012/01)	As needed

**School Improvements** Playground: financial contribution to construction;  
paid for bench, equipment (w/PTA); repairs  
Bought carpet for room 012  
Paid for shelves, a loft and a floor level sandbox  
built in room 012/013  
Paid for a new sink and faucet in room 012  
Paid for cubbies and coat hooks outside of rooms 012/013  
Misc. painting in room 012/013