



New Wellington News

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Featuring news and information for the Wellington community
about the interim location at the High School and the New Wellington School.

!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE NOTE !!

NEW BUSING INFORMATION:

You can **SIGN UP NOW** if you are interested in taking the bus when we move to the High School.

Please contact Donna Pini at the School Department at
617-993-5430 or dpini@belmont.k12.ma.us if you have questions.

- * You can go online at
<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/uploads/docs/publications/BusApplication0910.pdf>
to download the bus application.
- * **DEADLINE to register is Jan 8th**
- * Transportation is provided at no charge for students who live 2 miles or more from school. Students residing under 2 miles may purchase a bus pass. At this point all Wellington children live within the 2 mile limit.
- * You can choose to sign up for round trip or one way transportation.
- * \$260 round trip - \$130 one way. (\$520 family maximum)
- * Buses will drop off at HS at 8:15am
- * We will keep current bus stop/routes and will add new ones if needed.
- * A non refundable payment may be made by check to the Belmont Public Schools and should be mailed and returned with the application form.
- * Fee waivers are available in the event of financial need. Confidential requests for a waiver or reduction of the bus fee must be in writing and should include documentation of family size and income. A copy of a 2008 federal income tax return is recommended.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETING REGARDING THE MOVE TO MODULARS:

Our Principal, Amy Wagner, and Mike Harvey, Principal of the High School, will discuss with the Wellington and High School parent communities the move of the Wellington students to the modulars at the High School. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Wednesday, January 6th, 2009

7:00 pm in the High School auditorium.

*****All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend*****

OFFICIAL MOVE DATE:

**We are moving to the modulars at the High School in January
over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.**

(Friday, January 15th to Tuesday, January 19th***)

Monday is Martin Luther King Day and Tuesday there is no school because of staff development day.

Families do not need to be available during this move.

Teachers and staff are preparing the children for this move to the modulars.

SCHEDULE CHANGE:
Notification of Newly Added
Early Release/Half Day Schedules
At Wellington

Due to the Wellington move to modular classrooms, we have added two half days to the Wellington schedule in order to accommodate our packing and moving. We wanted to give parents as much notice as possible!

School will end at 11:30 a.m. on:

Friday, January 15, 2010 – just prior to the move, and on
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 – just after the move.

Aftercare will be available to those students who normally go to Aftercare on Fridays on the 15th of January. A decision regarding aftercare on Wednesday, January 20th has not yet been made.

NEW Start/End time change:

Wellington will start school at 8:40 and end at 2:40 – a 5 minute difference from our present schedule.

IMPORTANT NOTE – No school time schedule change will happen until the actual move date to the modulars at the High School, which is anticipated to be over the Martin Luther King Holiday Week-end.

WE NEED BOXES FOR OUR UPCOMING MOVE.

Receiving lots of boxes on your doorstep this time of year? Please save them and bring them to the stage so we can use them to pack up the Wellington.

PARENT QUESTIONS:

My wife and I are considering busing for our son (1st grader) once the school moves in January, but we have a few questions both with busing and with drop off and pickup if we don't bus.

Our questions:

- a) Who do we contact and by when if we want to sign up for busing? Please see the bus information above.*
- b) For busing, do you know if the option of busing one way (e.g. just busing to school in the morning) is going to continue to be available? Yes, you can go round trip or one way.*
- c) For afternoon pickup, is the plan still to have those arriving in cars form a queue and have children escorted/released to the cars (e.g. no parking at all)? The details for drop off/ pick up are still being worked at this time. But we are certain that there will be no parking.*

Please submit your questions about the New Wellington to heidirsawyer@gmail.com. If you are wondering about something, others probably are as well. We'd love to address your questions to help ensure a great transition.

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This newsletter was created to keep you informed as plans for the New Wellington Elementary School progress. We encourage your questions and comments and plan to incorporate them into upcoming issues. Please send them to Heidi Sawyer, PTO President and member of the Wellington Building Committee, at heidirsawyer@gmail.com.