



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **May 2:** FBE Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony, ALL welcome! **6:30PM Chenery Middle School**
- **May 3:** PTO Spring Walk To School Day
- **May 9:** Wellington PTO Moozy's Day!
- **May 11:** PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Community Room, 11:15-1:40
- **May 16:** **Third Grade MCAS, Math #1**
- **May 17:** **Third Grade MCAS, Math #2**

Dear Wellington Families,

Please join me in congratulating **Ms. Meaghan Clow, the FBE 2017 Teacher of the Year!** We are thrilled to be celebrating all Wellington staff members' dedicated work and positive impact on children through Ms. Clow this year! All Wellington Community Members, especially current and former students of Ms. Clow, are welcomed to join us in celebrating all of the Belmont educators selected for 2017. The event will take place on **May 2 at 6:30PM at the Chenery Middle School**. More details will follow.

Arbor Day was celebrated this past Friday at Wellington Elementary School. Tom Walsh, our Town's Tree Warden, Selectmen Jim Williams and Adam Dash, along with Mike Santoro and Rick Bemis from the DPW, Jay Marcotte from the Public Works, and Lucia Gates and Nancy Forbes, from Belmont Shade Tree Committee were all in attendance to assist our fourth graders in learning about Arbor Day and in planting three new red oak trees along Orchard Street! The new trees look wonderful and will be a lasting connection to our school for this class of fourth graders. Please join me in thanking the Town of Belmont for including the Wellington school grounds and students in this important celebration.

And, how are the children? Well, very well!

Amy and Sarah

PTO News:

A full calendar of events can be found online

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/wellington/pto/index.asp?pageID=1>.

Please use the following address to access the Wellington and Belmont School Events calendar from other applications. You can copy and paste this into any calendar product that supports the iCal format. Notifications can be individually tailored from your calendar or device.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/0e3o095rv2hl8b4m561sjgmm7k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spring Walk to School Day, Wednesday, May 3. Take advantage of the warm weather, leave your car at home, and enjoy a walk or bike ride to school with your kids! Get those young minds stimulated by nature before MCAS testing, and avoid the drop-off traffic!

Moozy's Day Means Ice Cream! Yay! Stop by Moozy's Ice Cream and Yogurt Emporium any time on **Tuesday, May 9th** for lunch, dinner, and a delicious treat. Moozy's will donate 25% of the entire day's sales to the Wellington PTO! Come see which members of the Wellington staff will be there as celebrity scoopers and to mingle with kids between 4:00-6:00 p.m. while everyone enjoys their sweet snacks!

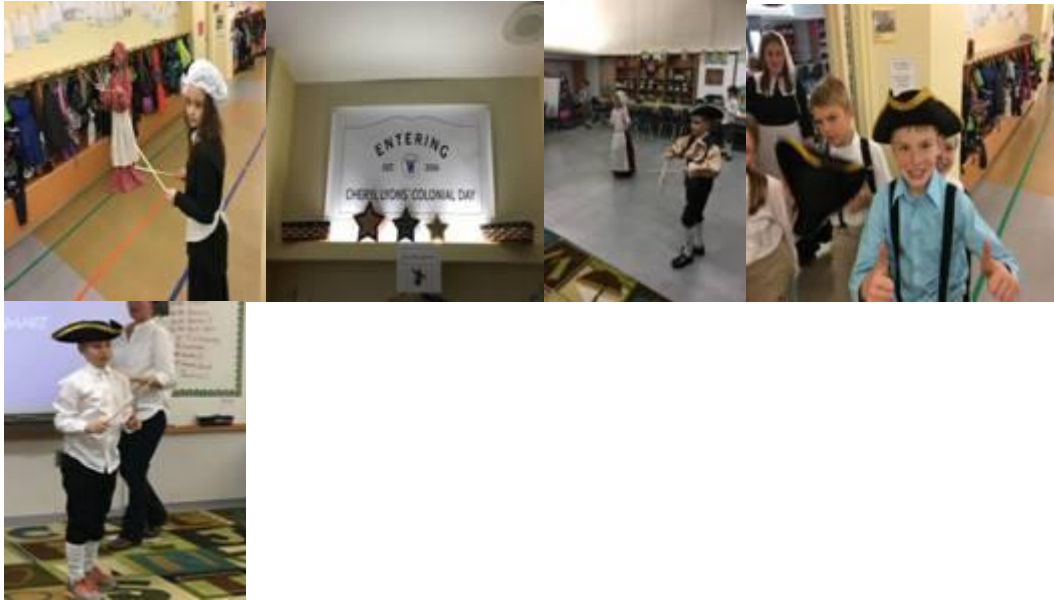
THANK YOU:

Thank you to Amy Orlando for organizing Belmont Shopping Night! Thank you to Amy for all of her work bringing together Belmont Shopping Night on April 27th to benefit the Belmont Elementary School PTOs! We appreciate all of the businesses who opened their doors on behalf of this event, including Champions, Thirty Petals, Toy Shop of Belmont, A Chocolate Dream, Bessie Blue, Cuvee, Revolve, Bells & Whistles, Irrisistables, Patou Thai, Westcott Mercantile, and il Casale!

Thank you to all of the families who purchased tickets for the Staff Raffle! We raised over \$2000 for some awesome events hosted by the Wellington teachers. Winners were announced in school this week by Mrs. Spangler. Your support benefits the PTO Teacher Initiative Fund!

Enrichment:

Third Grade Jumps Back in Time for Cheryl Lyons Colonial Day! Thank you to all of the volunteers who dressed up and showed up to help the Third Grade learn more about what life was like for children in Colonial Massachusetts! Kids dipped candles, wrote with quills, punched tin, and played an assortment of colonial games!



2017 Fourth-Grade Send-Off Information for Fourth-Grade Parents

When is it? Thursday, June 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Wellington cafeteria and gymnasium. Look for an Evite to come soon!

How can you help? There are three main ways that every fourth grade parent can help contribute to the 4GSO:

1. **Volunteer!** Please contact Allison Goodwin, Nomita Ganguly, or Lauren Capitani at farewellington@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved!
2. **Provide photos! ****Photos of your student and his/her classmates are due now! Photos for the memory book and slide show are needed ASAP. Students will be working on their memory book pages beginning THIS WEEK! ******
3. **Contribute!** To help bring this party and gifts to your child, we are asking each family who can for a **donation of \$40**. If this amount is not feasible at this time, please feel free to make any donation you can. Also, any additional donations would be greatly appreciated. Please note that all fourth graders and parents are permitted to fully participate in all of these events regardless of whether or not a contribution is made.

We want to ensure every 4th-grade child is included in the Memory Book and Slide Show. Below is a checklist of photos we need from you by **Mon., April 10**, along with details on each project.

We're using the secure DropBox website to make it easy for you to upload your photos, and included a link below with complete uploading instructions. All photos are private to our community and will be deleted this summer. Please email questions to farewellington@gmail.com.

Second, we need you to complete a quick online Survey Monkey to collect names for the t-shirt, also by Monday, April 10. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VT8F57V>

Fourth Grade Send-Off (4GSO) Photo Checklist

*****PHOTOS ARE DUE NOW!! WE NEED YOUR CHILD'S PHOTOS NOW TO MEET OUR PRINTING DEADLINES!*** ***

1. Printed Photos for the Memory Book: Collect and send in 3-5 printed photos of your 4th grader.

The photos **must be printed/hard copies and will not be returned**. Each 4th-grade student will cut the photos to decorate his/her own memory book page. Ideally photos include your 4th grader with friends or teachers during Wellington years. Please print photos, put them in the envelope provided, and have your child return the envelope to their teacher. A copy of last year's memory book is in the Wellington office for you to look through and better understand the project.

2. Digital Collage Pages Photos: Post 3-5 photos to your kid's teacher's link listed below.

The memory book includes collage pages of the kids, teachers and events, and our goal is to collect photos from all 5 years (K-4) the current 4th graders were at Wellington. We'd love each student to submit 2 individual photos and 3 or more with groups at play, hanging out, or from field trips. (Please note you do not need a DropBox account, just hit the "no thanks" option on the bottom of the pop up.) **Tips:** Any photo labeling done prior to uploading is extremely helpful. For instance, photos labeled with the last names of all who are in the photo will help us ensure equal representation of each 4th grader. Example:

Kinzinger_Mitchell_Todaro. **A full document on how to upload can be found at**

https://www.dropbox.com/s/jb1a4cqzqlrxeu/Guidelines_photo_upload_4gso.docx?dl=0

- Aaron Ogilvie: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/7YinOM0JqSWyYm3eAltJ>
- Erin Severy: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/Pms0sKvNdEW62HA3JupK>
- Jess Endres: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/82BvhEHh00wvXvbI95mP>
- Steve Tenhor: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/i5EcRMC1fU9M431kY03E>
- Christina Westfall: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/SbAOAE1aB8DyQ0iavOKL>

3. Kindergarten Photos: Required *only if your child was NOT at Wellington for Kindergarten.*

During the last week of school, each 4th-grade student's kindergarten portrait will be displayed in the main hallway of school. It is a fun tradition to look back at how much the students have grown. We have access to photos of all students who attended Wellington for kindergarten. If your child came to Wellington after kindergarten, we need his or her kindergarten photo. Please post a digital copy to

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/DjQ74oMn9SRho9iAAZIZ>. Alternatively, please print a 5x7 copy, put it in an envelope labeled with your child's name and "4GSO - Kindergarten Portrait," and have your child give the envelope to their teacher.

4. Digital Slide Show Photos: Post at least 3 high-resolution photos to the appropriate folders listed.

A digital slide show will be featured at the 4GSO event. Upload single portraits, photos with friends and with teachers. (Please send school age photos - no baby pictures please). A link to the digital slide show will be sent to each family as a keepsake.

Miscellaneous photos K-4 (Fall 2012 – Spring 2017):

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/6u4y2SITfvxbehoxReZ>

Kindergarten 2012/13 Drumlin Farm trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/Crk6fV23oWxBJ9FMXE4Q>

1st Grade 2013/14 Franklin Park Zoo trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/dbtVcAZD8KVR6a6Juh05>

2nd Grade 2014/15 Belmont Library trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/mlXfsgDYYups3CSei4y>

2nd Grade 2014/15 Garden in the Woods trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/qrD9r4KrS83gbGuYaNTh>

2nd Grade 2014/15 Belmont Women's Club trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/AT5SIWUGWfSA3NPwbOzi>

3rd Grade 2015/16 Plimoth Plantation trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/z1STswIUw0AKxYtkM5Pd>

3rd Grade 2015/16 Lexington/Concord Bus Tour:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/AvwY7hsKxD20BZP9o6qV>

3rd Grade 2015/16 Freedom Trail trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/K93Wzxtbfyb9u17XXpCf>

4th Grade 2016/17 Harvard Museum trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/XkTtYDMjXgEgROfaLrbQ>

4th Grade 2016/17 Lowell Mills:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/C8aABaJ1f1Dmm84DPtUy>

4th Grade 2016/17 New England trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/ewckwuLNUWlGRusLVg4L>

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT WELLINGTON

- **Amazon Smile** - *Are you an Amazon shopper?* If so, **sign up to use Amazon Smile and designate 0.5% of your purchase price to support your favorite charitable organization, like the Wellington PTO, Inc.** You use your existing amazon account, so it's simple! Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about> for more details.
- **Mighty Nest** - **Want to be green AND help Wellington while you shop?** Join Mighty Nest to shop for healthy, everyday items - and they will donate **15% of your purchases back to Wellington.** Mighty Nest carries products for active, healthy families including kitchen items, lunch gear, toys, baby products, cleaning supplies and personal care products. For more info or to sign up, go to: <http://schools.mightynest.com/schools/ma/belmont/roger-e-wellington>

As always, our thanks to all Wellington families for your continued support of the PTO - we couldn't do it without you!

Melissa & Lynne

Community News:

BE THE PARENT YOU WANT TO BE Workshop:

An Introductory Workshop in the Think:Kids Collaborative Problem Solving Approach

Do you ever feel frustrated with your child? Find yourself shouting and imposing consequences in reaction to challenging behavior? Do you wish you had a more effective parenting approach that brings out the best in both you and your child? The Collaborative Problem Solving parenting approach, developed by MGH's Think:Kids program, helps parents to:

- Foster positive relationships with their child
- Build their child's skills in self-regulation, communication and problem-solving
- Reduce their child's challenging behavior
- Solve problems calmly, collaboratively and proactively

For more information and to register for the upcoming May workshop in Belmont, please visit: BeTheParentBoston.com

Green Corner:

UPDATE! Butler School has decided to not have an electronic fundraiser so electronics will be collected at the Town Yard. Please click on this link for info:

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/dpw-highway-division/pages/recycle-events>

Also, big congratulations to Wellington School for winning a Trex bench. Good job Wellington!