



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **May 31:** Early Release 11:40AM; Lunch will NOT be served at school!
- **June 2:** Third and Fourth Grade Field Day
- **June 12:** PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- **June 15:** Fourth Grade Send Off, 6-8PM
- **June 19:** PTO Spring Picnic! NOTE the NEW DATE!
- **June 21:** Last Walk—Join our community at 11:10AM SHARP to celebrate FOURTH GRADERS
- **June 21:** Last Day of School, 11:40AM Dismissal for ALL students

Dear Wellington Families,

Internet Safety: In preparation for summer and those less structured days that we have ahead, here is a good reminder about internet safety and children from Middlesex County. <http://middlesexda.com/publications/mpfy-broch%20tech%207.13%20%2303.pdf>

Running Late? If you are running late and school has already begun, please park your car in the lot and run your children into the school, signing them in. This is not a task that students may do without parents or care providers. Thank you for your help to ensure that all students are safe.

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

Amy and Sarah

News From Physical Education: We are still looking for volunteers for Field Day for both 3rd and 4th grade. Please see the links below. If you cannot volunteer the day of but would like to help, there is an option to fill water balloons beforehand. It's that time of year again...FIELD DAY TIME! At Wellington Elementary School, our 3rd and 4th grade students get to enjoy field day once a year, and this year it will be on Friday June 2nd (with a rain date of Friday June 9th). Field Day takes place right at our school, using

all of the outdoor spaces (and some indoor as well). I do all of the behind-the-scenes work to get Field Day up and running, but it truly does not run without the help of our amazing parent volunteers. Third and Fourth grade room parents will be sending out a link for volunteer sign-ups. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please do so by Thursday, June 1. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me through e-mail at adoherty@belmont.k12.ma.us. Below you'll see the links for signing up.

- 3rd Grade Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4daeac2ca6f85-3rdgrade1>
- 4th Grade Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4daeac2ca6f85-4thgrade1>

PTO News:

A full PTO 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:

***Would you like to volunteer with the PTO next year?
We're still looking to fill these positions for 2017-18:***

- *Directory: lay-out & ads*
- *Graphic designer(s)*
 - *Insurance advisor*
- *Lost & Found coordinator*
 - *Traffic supervisor*
 - *Field day liaison*
 - *Grant Writers*
- *Fall & Spring Picnic coordinator*
- *School Committee Meeting Reporter*

Email us at: wellingtonptopresidents@gmail.com

FINAL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST JUNE 12 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please consider donating an item for the last Teacher Appreciation Breakfast of the school year! Help the teachers sail into summer, while showing them how much we appreciate all they

do for our children. *Donate an item to the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Monday, June 12th*. This is a fabulous way for those with packed schedules to show support for Wellington's amazing faculty and staff, as it only entails dropping a breakfast item off at school on a Monday morning before school starts.

Please consider signing up to provide items using the SignUp link below. You may also volunteer to set up and/or clean up in the Teacher's Lounge. All provided items should be labeled "Teacher Breakfast" with an ingredient list where appropriate and left in the Teacher's Lounge on the morning of the breakfast (8-8:30 am).

We're using SignUp.com to organize the event, but feel free to contact Lauren Capitani with any questions at [917.797.4837](tel:917.797.4837) or laurencapitani@gmail.com

1. Click this link to SignUp: <http://signup.com/go/fdXZdEv>
2. Enter your email address: You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp
3. Sign up!: Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

(Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.)

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BOX TOPS CHAMPIONS! The final count is IN! This year, Wellington students (and families & friends) collected 10,753 Box Tops for Education! Way to clip those Box Tops! Thank you to Anne Pareti for collecting all those little baggies and organizing her counting crew! The race was close this year but our three winning classes are:

Cox - 950
St. Clair - 915
Reilly - 823

Congratulations to our winning collectors! Your classes will receive a special treat during the school day!

ENRICHMENT UPDATE:

Fourth Graders Buzzing About The Bee Lady

On Thursday, May 26th, the fourth graders were treated to a visit from a local beekeeper named Birgit DeWeerd, otherwise known as "The Bee Lady." Ms. DeWeerd brought live bees, honeycomb, and some tools of her trade to help demonstrate the life cycle of honeybees and their importance to our food supply and environment. She described the differences between bees and wasps and how to avoid honeybees, and what to do if you see a swarm of them this summer. The students also got to taste some delicious honey at the end of the program. *"This program is supported in part by a grant from the Belmont Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state*

agency." Many thanks to the Cultural Council for sponsoring this program in support of the science curriculum on soil and plants.

The Lowell Mill Girl Visits Wellington

On Monday, May 15th, 4th graders were treated to the extraordinary storytelling of Sharon Kennedy, also known as The Lowell Mill Girl. Ms. Kennedy captivated students with her story of how immigrant families lived during the Industrial Revolution in the US. This was a wonderful prelude to the upcoming Lowell Mills field trip. Many thanks, to our PTO, for funding this enrichment program.



GREEN TEAM UPDATE:

Belmont Drives Electric Giveaway!

One lucky Belmont Resident is going to win \$1,000 towards a new EV or at-home charging station! Entries will be accepted through 5pm on May 31, so act now if you want to win!

www.belmontdriveselectric.org/giveaway.html

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!

Third Grade Parents, please volunteer to help out on the night of the party!

Not only will you be allowing the 4th Grade families to enjoy the evening with their children, you will also get a sneak peek at what to expect for your own child next year! Select a time frame that works best for your schedule and as the event nears, you will hear from us on your evening's assignment (i.e. table set-up, distributing gift bags, handing out burgers/dogs, and clean-up).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fafac2fa75-4gso>

2. **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. Please email questions to farewellington@gmail.com.

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):

- 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:

GUEST SPEAKER, Peter Shelley, Senior Counsel, Conservation Law Foundation

May 31, 7:00 pm Chenery Auditorium

- Planning time on the Cape, the Coast of Maine, Block Island or at any coastal destination this summer? Join us for a special presentation on oceans and climate change and add a new element of discovery and meaning to your vacation.

- This discussion will focus on the importance of oceans to life on the planet, the paradox of how they are, at the same time, very big and yet hold finite resources, and it will examine how humans understand and manage our oceans through science, poetry, law, photography, diving, fishing, and in countless other ways. The talk will also consider the challenges we face in keeping our oceans healthy, including the ever-growing difficulties tied to climate change. The presentation will emphasize how great humans are at solving problems when we are focused on doing so and examine what remediation is being explored.
- This will be an interactive presentation with awe-inspiring visuals and a dynamic discussion with Mr. Shelley.
- Don't miss this important discussion of the impact of climate change and environmental stewardship on one of New England's most precious resources, our oceans!
- Questions? Contact Madeline Fraser Cook, madelinefrasercook@gmail.com or Laurie Bufano, lakbufano@gmail.com

Kids Triathlon New England 2017: Belmont kids 6 and above, please come and join the "Belmont Super" race and volunteering team at Kids Triathlon New England 2017!

- For those of you who don't know yet, the 6th annual New England Kids Triathlon is a super fun event, which will be held at the MIT campus on July 16th this year. Last year, it was a sold out event with more than 1000 participants age 6 to 15. It's expected to be one of the biggest kids triathlons in the United States this year! This is the 3rd year a group of Belmont kids teamed up as Belmont Super to race. Last year, the Belmont Super team was the largest team at the race (over 70 kids). Together with the volunteers, Belmont Super raised over \$1000 for the Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE). This year we are trying to repeat the feat! If your kids are interested, the race can be registered at: <https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/register-new-england.html> Remember to use the team name "Belmont Super" when you register, this way the organizers can make a donation of \$10 to FBE for each participating "Belmont Super" kid.
- There is also a great volunteering opportunity for kids 14 and older: <https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/new-england-volunteer.html> Again, make sure to put down the group name "Belmont Super" when you register to volunteer. For each volunteer the organizer will donate \$10 to FBE too. This can also be counted as your community service hours.
- To help the kids prepare for the race, the organizers offer free training through the Belmont Recreation Department. There will be a total of 6 sessions, including 2 for swimming, 2 for biking and 2 for running. The first training session starts June 1st, so please hurry to sign-up for the training. You don't want to miss the opportunity to train with your friends under the direction a professional triathlon coach! Detailed

information about the training and registration can be found at:
<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/recreation-division/pages/kids-triathlon-competition-and-training>

- It's fun to practice, race and volunteer with friends, so get your friends to sign up with you!
- In addition, there will be a post-race celebration party at Payson Park including food, drinks, and lots of fun games. Last year, we had tug-of-war, bubble soccer and much more. Please check last year's Belmont Super report.
<http://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/20160728/belmont-children-participate-in-new-england-kids-triathlon->

If you have any questions, feel free to email: contact@bcaa-ma.org