



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **January 20:** 5:45-7:30PM Moira Gavin Bingo Night (BHS Cafeteria) {HELP we still need volunteers!}
- **January 23:** PTO Winter ASE Courses Begin
- **January 31:** Informances for Third and Fourth Graders; **9-9:30AM Fourth Grade** and **10-10:30AM Third Grade**
- **Feb 3:** Gwen Irish Cradles to Crayons Comfy Cozy Day
- **Feb 6:** PTO General Meeting, Community Room, 8:45AM
- **Feb 10:** PTO Multicultural Night

Dear Wellington Families,

This week we have a few important reminders:

- **Abandoned Bicycle:** There is an abandoned bicycle off of Orchard Street in the bike racks. It has been there since before winter break. If you know who this bicycle belongs to, please let them know that it must be removed by February 1, or it will be removed by the town. Thanks for your help!
- **Parking at St. Joseph's Church:** Please do not use St. Joseph's Church parking! This facility runs a program which employs staff and parishioners who need these parking spaces. Thank you in advance for your help in being a great neighbor.

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

Please let us know how we can support your child.

Amy and Sarah

Electronic Report Cards Are Coming!

Our January elementary school report card will be shared with families via a link to PlusPortals and no longer sent home in hard copy! Those of you with students at the

Chenery or BHS are already familiar with this portal. All elementary schools will be using the same portal with the January release of our report cards. In the coming weeks each Wellington family will receive an email from messenger@plusportals.com. When these emails have been released, we will notify you so you can be on the lookout for them. If you have any questions or concerns about access, be sure to let us know. Anyone who cannot access the portal for any reason will still be provided with a hard copy of the report cards. Thank you!

PTO News:

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Following Dates:

A full calendar of PTO 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>

BINGO NIGHT HELP NEEDED!

Moira Gavin BINGO Night – Prizes & Volunteers Needed! Bingo Night is coming soon, and will be held in the Belmont High School Cafeteria this year! Join us for Bingo, Pizza, Prizes & Fun! Admission is \$4 per person/\$20 Max. per family, and includes Bingo, Pizza, and water. All funds raised at Bingo Night help support Wellington's Fine Arts Programs.

Two ways you can help to make Bingo Night a success:

- 1. PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED NOW!** Every child is a winner at Bingo night, so we need fun prizes! Suggestions include **NEW and UNUSED**: trading/sports cards, arts & crafts supplies, toys, balls, coloring books, games, marbles, you name it!

Drop off your Donations: Large Box in the Wellington Main Office, or 121 Lewis Road (Bin on Porch), or 130 Goden Street. If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, please contact Stella Loven: Stella.Loven@gmail.com or Jill Babcock at jill.babcock@verizon.com

- 2. WE ARE SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS** to help set up, work the admission table, work the pizza/concessions/ice cream stand, distribute prizes and clean up at the end of the event. Any and all help is truly appreciated for this fun event!!! Click this Sign Up Genius link to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44afa92fa3f85-themoira1/13555554> or email Elizabeth Killeen at killeenfamily267@gmail.com

Thank you from The Bingo Team!

******IMPORTANT NEWS/REMINDERS:**

- **ASE Courses Begin Next Week - Don't Miss Out!** Our ASE Volunteer Team worked incredibly hard to bring an exciting slate of new courses to the Wellington for the Winter Session! ASE classes begin the week of January 23rd. Spots are still available in several classes, including classes added for Chess, Knitting and Video Game Design (special timing). Space is still open in BOKS, After School Sports - Girls Rule!, After School Sports,, Creative Crafts, Yoga Adventurers and Lego Engineering Challenge. **View available spots online at:**
<http://wellington.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/> **Official Registration is closed, if you would like to register for a class with spaces available according to the recdesk portal, please contact the ASE Volunteer Team at ase.wellington@yahoo.com.**
Thank you!

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>
- **It's not too early to start collecting those BoxTops!** Collecting box tops is a fun and easy way to earn cash for our school! *Last year, we raised over \$850 for the Wellington PTO, with items you already buy – let's try for even more this year!!* The money raised is used for field trips, in-school enrichment, classroom supplies, equipment and more. We'll hold a contest in the Spring for which class can bring in the MOST BoxTops, so start collecting now!!

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:

Safe Routes to School Informational Meeting

- [Thursday, January 19](#) from [7-8pm](#), Burbank Cafeteria

The Burbank PTA invites parents and local residents to an informational meeting about pedestrian safety on School Street and all routes to Burbank. Come hear about collaborative efforts to address safety concerns around Burbank, progress to date, and proposed plans for future improvements. Discuss how you can help and effective next steps.

All are welcome; please spread the word. Questions? Please contact Katherine Poulin-Kerstien (kpoulinkerstien@gmail.com) or Harriet Wong (hi_wong@yahoo.com).

Green Corner:

Did your family receive new clothes or stuffed animals for the holidays and now you want to get rid of your old ones? Please do not throw them in the trash! As long as textiles are clean and dry they can be donated and/or recycled. For recycling purposes don't worry if they are worn, torn, permanently stained or missing a button or zipper. Some examples of textiles are: clothing, shoes, handbags, sheets, towels and draperies.

Here is a list of textiles that can be recycled:

[http://www.smartasn.org/consumers/SMARTList textiles that can be recycled.pdf](http://www.smartasn.org/consumers/SMARTList%20textiles%20that%20can%20be%20recycled.pdf)

Below are some ways to recycle textiles:

- Drop off at DPW Recycle Days, held in May and October.
- Call for a pick-up at your home from your favorite local charity.
- ✓ **Use textiles boxes located around**

town:

St. Vincent

de Paul boxes behind St. Joseph's Church via Orchard

St.

Planet Aid boxes are located on Lexington St. at

Thayer Rd. or Mill St. at Concord Ave.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact Mary Beth Calnan/Belmont Recycling Coordinator at mcalnan@belmont-ma.gov or 617-993-2689.

Belmont Public Library News and Programs:

336 Concord Avenue Belmont, MA 02478

All programs are free. No registration required except where indicated. Call 617-993-2880 for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- FENCING DEMONSTRATION -- Wednesday, January 25 at 2:30pm In this brief demo by the Olympia Fencing Center, students will show you real fencing in action. You'll learn about the rules of the game, have your questions answered, and can try on fencing play suits and masks.

- **EVENING PROGRAMS AT THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY** Need some library materials late? Looking for something fun to do as a family after work and school? The Children's Room of the Belmont Public Library is now open until 8:00pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and offers the following evening programs:
- **NIGHT OWLS STORYTIME** – Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm Join us for this new monthly storytime featuring stories, songs, and a craft. Ideal for kids ages 4-7.
- **EVENING EXPLORERS: OPTICAL ILLUSIONS** – Monday, January 30 from 6:30 - 7:30pm Stop by the Children's Room to see some cool optical illusions—you won't believe your eyes! You can also make your own optical illusion to take home. Ideal for kids in grades 1-4.



Winter BASH

Come have some frosty fun!

Sunday, January 29
1 - 2:30 PM

Camp Cedar Hill
265 Beaver Street
Waltham, MA



RSVP to Angela Scott at
617-352-0158 by January 23.

Learn more about Girl Scouts
at hergirlscouts.org.



Don't miss out!

- take a winter hike
- sip on hot cocoa
- play outdoor games
- learn about Girl Scouts
- enter to win a free week of camp*

*...fun for the
whole family!*

*Must attend event to enter, but don't need to be present to win. Free week is for one new week of day camp for 2016 season valued at \$305. Any amount over is responsibility of the family.



