



## *The Wellington News*

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### *Important Dates:*

- **January 31:** Informances for Third and Fourth Graders; **9-9:30AM Fourth Grade** and **10-10:30AM Third Grade**
- **February 1:** PTO Winter Walk to School Day
- **Feb 3:** Gwen Irish Cradles to Crayons Comfy Cozy Day; Donate ONE Dollar to Cradles to Crayons! See attached flyer!
- **Feb 6:** PTO General Meeting, Community Room, 8:45AM
- **February 9:** 6:30-8PM, Parent lecture series, Chenery Middle School, see attached flyer for details
- **Feb 10:** PTO Multicultural Night (See below for details!)

### *Dear Wellington Families,*

As some of you are already aware, Mrs. Precourt, our part-time guidance counselor, has decided to take a job with more hours closer to home. While this certainly is wonderful for Mrs. Precourt and her family it is truly a loss for us at Wellington. Mrs. Precourt rejoined the Wellington team four years ago, but has worn a variety of hats in the Belmont Public Schools. She has served both the middle and elementary schools as a guidance counselor, health teacher, and a classroom teacher. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Precourt for her dedicated service to the students and families of Belmont. We are truly fortunate to have had Mrs. Precourt's unstoppable advocacy for children permeate Wellington Elementary School these past four years. We wish her great success in her next endeavor.

**Attendance:** This is the time of year when **absences** begin to accumulate. Please remember that compulsory daily attendance at school is applicable to children in Massachusetts starting at age 6. This includes being on time for school. At Wellington, attendance letters are sent home once a student reaches 5 or more absences.

If you have questions or concerns about an attendance letter please contact your child's teacher. Below are our attendance reporting procedures:

- **Attendance Reporting Process:** All absent and tardy students need to be reported to the office so we do not worry about the whereabouts of our students. To report an absence or tardy, please call the school as soon as you become aware that there will be an absence or tardy by **calling our 24 hour automated system at 617-993-5602**. Tardy students arriving **after 8:45 AM** must be checked-in at the main office by an adult. **Note: Instruction at Wellington Elementary School begins at 8:40AM each day**
- **Additional Attendance Information:** Please see below for helpful information regarding attendance from the Belmont Public Schools website.
- <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Administration/Publications/Student-Attendance-and-Truancy>

Thank you for your ongoing support. And, how are the children? Well, very well indeed!

Amy and Sarah

### *Nurse's Notes: Stomach Virus*

With the recent vomiting illness it is a good idea to review how to reintroduce foods slowly as your child's stomach recovers. A good treatment plan includes:

- At least one hour without any food/liquids after vomiting then reintroduce sips of water.
- If that is tolerated, advance to sips of juice or a Pedialyte-type product.
- Follow the 'BRAT diet': Bananas, Rice, Applesauce, Toast (no butter)... can also use saltine-type crackers but not chips/Doritos, etc due to fat content.
- Reintroduce fatty foods, sugary foods, and milk LAST as these are the most irritating to sensitive stomachs. **If at any point your child vomits again you need to start all over again.**

Feel free to call me with questions at 617-993-5606. Terry Grimm RN

***Gwen Irish Cradles to Crayons Comfy Cozy Day!*** This Friday, February 3, will be our annual Gwen Irish Cradles to Crayons Comfy Cozy Day at Wellington Elementary School. This means that all children may wear his/her pajamas to school and that we are collecting funds for Cradles to Crayons, an organization that purchases pajamas for children in need. The recommended donation is one dollar per/child. Making a donation is completely optional and children may wear their pajamas to school regardless of whether or not they make a donation.

### ***PTO News:***

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>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wellington Directories Are Here!** Thank you for your patience- the 2016-2017 Wellington School Directory has arrived! Directories were distributed last week in student back-packs (one per family, unless additional copies were requested) to all families who contributed to the Wellington PTO this school year. *If you have not already made your annual donation to the PTO, you can still do so by clicking on the "Donate" button on the Wellington PTO website:* <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/wellington/pto/>, or by check, payable to Wellington PTO (submit check in an envelope marked PTO donation in your child's school folder). *Additional copies of the Directory will be available for purchase for \$5.00 each.*  
**Questions or concerns, please contact Melissa & Lynne at [wellingtonptopresidents@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonptopresidents@gmail.com).**
- **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT is Friday, February 10th from 6-8pm!** Multicultural Night brings the community together to learn about and celebrate the many international cultures we have at Wellington. The event features themed country tables where students and families can discover different cultures, a dessert potluck and a live performance. This year, Multicultural Night is on February 10 from 6-8pm. Pizza will be served!
- This year's country table theme is **Fairy Tales & Legends**. Students will be given a blank book when they arrive. At each table they will learn about a fairy tale or legend from that country, and they will be given a copy of one of the characters or scenes to paste into their book. They will be able to color around the characters and even create their own characters on blank pages! At the end of the evening they will have a complete book to take home with them.

#### **Get involved!**

- We need a lot of help to make this fairy tale event a reality! Have you lived abroad or are you from a different country? Share your culture by volunteering to run a country table! So far 13 countries will be represented! Interested in helping out another way or before the event? **Check out all of the volunteer opportunities and Sign up here:** <http://signup.com/go/EBe2ia> We especially need crafty geniuses to assist with the fairy tale book production! Know any Chenery or BHS students looking for Community Service hours? Helping out at a Wellington event is a great way to serve the community!
- **Questions? Email April Julich Perez at [aprilpomme@gmail.com](mailto:aprilpomme@gmail.com)**

***Bundle Up and Walk to School February 1st!*** Brave the cold or enjoy the unseasonable warmth! Whatever the weather, join us for the Second Annual Winter Walk to School Day, supported by MassDot. Safe Route to School! Stay tuned for more information about our Walk to School “Golden Sneaker” competition that will kick off in the Spring!

**THANK YOU:**

***Thank you to Lyn Hamer, Maureen Todaro, Kate Sacca and Denise Steiner for their outstanding effort in producing this year's Wellington Directory!*** An incredible amount of time and energy goes into coordinating and producing the Wellington directory- Wellington enrollment for Pre-K - 4 is nearly 650! Thank you so much for the many hours you volunteered to produce the directory this year!

***Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Wellington PTO this year!*** Did you know that because of your generous donations, ***so far this year*** the PTO has provided:

- Teacher supplies, including classroom rugs
- Wellington School Folders to each student
- “Wellington Rocks” T-Shirts to each Kindergarten and New Student
- Field trips such as Plimoth Plantation for 3rd graders
- Scholastic Book Fair, which provided books to our families, classrooms, school library and the Belmont Food Pantry
- **In-school Enrichment**, such as:
  - Tanglewood Marionettes
  - Weather by ScienceWorks
  - Bugs & Insects!
  - Brian Lies Writer Workshop
  - Habitat
  - Debbie Miller Alaska Presentation
  - The Owl Lady
  - Worcester Opera
  - New England Percussion Ensemble
  - David Coffin
  - Plimoth Plantation
  - Museum of Natural History
  - Techsploration
  - Odds Bodkins
  - Legends of the Rainforest
- After School Extracurricular Programming (ASE)
- Professional development opportunities for teachers and staff
- **School and Community-wide events**, such as Movie Night, Welcome Picnic, Moira Gavin Bingo Night, Sue Tudisco Skate Night, Welcome Coffees, Kindergarten Play Dates

Your support of the PTO through your annual contribution and participation in PTO programming and events allows us to supplement and support the educational experience of our students and the resources and environment available to our teachers! 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 & Events:*

### *The FBE's Online Camp Auction Is Opened for bidding!*

- From preschool programs to overnight camps, the FBE Online Camp Auction has something for every child. There are local offerings for a variety of age ranges and overnight options perfect for those children who wish to venture out of the area for camp.
- Please visit the FBE's [Online Camp Auction](#) website for detailed descriptions of each camp offering including dates and restrictions, and start bidding!
- **The FBE Online Camp Auction will close on Monday, February 6th at 8pm**
- Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to solidify your child's summer plans; and thank you for your support of the FBE!
- **Questions:** Contact Barb Chinoporos, [campauction@fbe-belmont.org](mailto:campauction@fbe-belmont.org)