



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **February 20-24: No School; Winter Break**
- **March 7: Shop at Wilson Farms to support Belmont Public Schools, see below for details**
- **March 18:** Wellington PTO Winter Carnival at Belmont High School
- **March 18:** FBE Gala event; scroll to the end for details
- **April 13:** Third and Fourth Graders' Science Night (See below for registration information)

Dear Wellington Families,

Are you moving or planning to move? It is important for families to know that if you move into another home you need to obtain a new Proof of Residency from the Belmont Town Clerk **and** you must bring the Proof of Residency to the Wellington Secretary, Kate Hallen. Additionally, if your new address happens to be in another schools' district within Belmont, you must ALSO email Superintendent Phelan, asking for permission to keep your child at Wellington, should you choose to stay. Please call the school office if you have any questions about changing your address: 617.993.5600

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

Please enjoy a safe and happy Winter Break! School resumes on **Monday, February 27, 2017.**

Amy and Sarah

A BIG Thank You, From the Wellington Library!

On Friday, the Wellington Library had its mid-year Shelf-Reading Event. A team of people braved the cold and blustery morning to help organize the books and tidy up the library shelves. Special thanks go out to Irina Orlovskaja, Shabrine Daftary-Bussiere, Muge Colak Starremans, Anna Churchill, Melissa Davis, Meryl Junik, Stacey Conroy, and Denise Steiner. The library looks great! We also continue to be extremely grateful to our wonderful Library

Volunteer Coordinators. Many, many, thanks to Sue Garland, Katie Henry and Lucia Antras. The Wellington Library appreciates all the support!
- Rose O'Neil and Jitka Raidl

Nurse's Notes: When is a face lesion concerning?

There have been a few students with chapped lips that have worsened into a bacterial infection called impetigo. The main symptom is red sores that form around the nose and mouth. The sores rupture, ooze for a few days then form a honey-colored crust. There can be one sore, or many. Impetigo is a highly contagious condition caused by staph or strep types of bacteria, and is easily spread from person to person by direct contact with the lesions and/or indirectly by touching items (clothing, sheets, or toys) that have been used by individuals with this skin disease. Indirect transmission is less frequent than direct person-to-person transmission.

School policy, for the protection of all students, is that undiagnosed skin lesions need a physician exam before return to school. Teachers send students to the clinic for an exam if they have a concern, so please let us know if your child is receiving treatment for an issue. Thank you for helping to keep our children healthy! Feel free to call me with questions at 617-993-5606. Terry Grimm RN

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU

Thank you to April Julich Perez and Priya Narasimhan for an Amazing & Diverse Multicultural Night! Thank you to April, Priya and all of the volunteers who brought their time and culture to the Wellington on Friday Night! Sixteen Countries were represented by our Wellington Families, and we learned so much about the Fairy Tales and Legends around the World! Thank you to those who shared their favorite desserts, there was something for everyone!



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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Third Annual Wellington Science Night- Register your 3rd and 4th graders for Science Night! Registration deadline: Monday, February 27, 2017! Join us for 3rd and 4th grade Science Night on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria and gym. The purpose of the Science Night is to: encourage students' interest in science; develop their inquiry and investigation skills; learn to work as a team; and give them a sense of pride in completing a research project.

- Register your **3rd or 4th grade student by February 27th**, in teams of 2-3 students here: <https://goo.gl/forms/bDsCFleiee4CdjbQ2>
- Teams will have the opportunity to work together (outside of the regular school day) to research and present an idea within a theme selected by the 3rd and 4th grade teachers.
- Ideas, experiments and examples to help students (and family members) navigate the science fair process smoothly are available at the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6xTqjgxxaLGWFBwcm51TEZsVGM?usp=sharing>

This year's themes are:

- **3rd grade: Water, Weather and Climate; Electricity; Animal Adaptations**
- **4th grade: Rocks and minerals; Sound; Experiments with Plants; Changing Earth (weathering, erosion, deposition, earthquakes, volcanoes)**
- *Questions?* Please contact the organizers at WellingtonScienceNight@gmail.com

IT'S ALMOST CARNIVAL TIME!!!! We are very busy getting ready for the Wellington Carnival which will be held at the Belmont High School Field House on Saturday, March 18th. Get ready for some super fun bounce houses, inflatable slides, carnival games, crafts, a clown, face painting, a sports raffle, book sale, food and fun, fun, fun! Of course we can't pull off this fabulous event without the help of parents at the Wellington and lots of planning, so, here are some things we're looking for at this stage:

- **Sports Raffle:** Check your child's backpack for your raffle order forms in the next couple of weeks. We have some great prizes including Red Sox tickets, a gift certificate to Champions, and passes to Central Rock Gym and Launch!
- **Volunteers:** Each classroom will be assigned an event or game to run. In the next week, look out for an online volunteer sign-up genius from your child's room parent.
- **Bake Sale:** Every year we have a very successful bake sale with a fabulous array of baked goods. We will need lots of bakers to make some delicious treats for our bake sale. Please contact Kim Swanson at kmswanny@gmail.com to donate items.
- **Experienced Face Painters:** If you have skills in face painting, please let us know! We're looking for some experienced painters. Please contact Lisa Brookins at lisa@brookins1.com
- **Book Sale:** Start paring down your shelves and collecting books to donate for our book sale. There will be donation boxes at Wellington near the office where you can donate children's books that are in good condition. For questions contact Joanna Valenti at joanna.valenti@crump.com

For questions about Carnival, please contact Kristina Cardello kristina.cardello@gmail.com, Lisa Engler lisa.engler@gmail.com, or Katie Martorana jkmartorana@msn.com.

GREEN TEAM NEWS!

Has your family come up with any creative ways to save energy or reduce waste in your home? If so, you can multiply your impact by sharing your idea with the Wellington community. The Wellington PTO Green Committee is looking for families to share their 'green tips' in this newsletter. Please email Anna Churchill, aquarianna6@hotmail.com, if you have something to share!

Wellington Green Family Tip:

If you have a prolific artist or maker in your family, you may notice that you have a LOT of paper scraps that are going to waste. As long as they aren't covered in glitter and glue, recycle! The Curtis family makes sure to keep a paper bag next to the waste bin in areas where the kids get creative to collect all that leftover paper and make sure it gets out for recycling and doesn't go into the trash. Too often we only recycle the paper that comes out of the kitchen and forget about the rest of the house. Collect it and recycle it!

Wilson Farm Shopping Day is Coming Soon! Support the Wellington and enjoy fresh, local food & plants! Show the attached flier when you shop at Wilson Farm any time on March, 7, 2017 to earn 20% of your purchase for Wellington! Spring will be here before you know it, check out the offerings at Wilson Farm!

Get 20% back! **SHOP AT Wilson Farm Day** Mar 7th 2017

March 7, 2017
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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, & Multicultural Night

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! Ask your child about outside presenters who've come to speak at school! 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

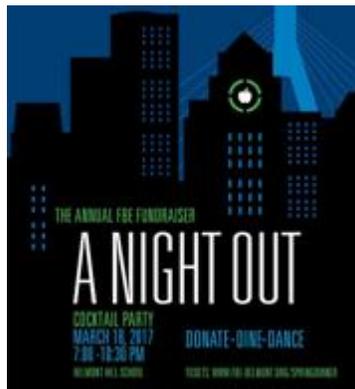
more info or to sign up, go to: <http://schools.mightynest.com/schools/ma/belmont/roger-e-wellington>

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:



Join the **FBE** for **A NIGHT OUT** and Help
Make A Difference in the Belmont Public Schools!

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#) OR [MAKE A DONATION](#)

Tickets for this event sell out quickly, so Don't Wait!

NEW THIS YEAR!

Silent Auction with great 'night out' packages & experiences
Cocktail Party & Much More – Stay Tuned

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