



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **April 12: Third Grade MCAS, English Language Arts #2**
- **April 13: Third Grade MCAS, English Language Arts #3**
- **April 13:** Third and Fourth Graders' Science Night (See below for registration information)
- **April 14: Wellington Rocks Day; Wear Wellington Rocks tee-shirts or blue and white**
- **April 17-21: Spring Break, School is not in session**
- **April 27:** Belmont Shopping Night
- **April 30:** Becca Pizzi Family Fun Run, see below
- **May 3:** PTO Spring Walk To School Day
- **May 16: Third Grade MCAS, Math #1**
- **May 17: Third Grade MCAS, Math #2**

Dear Wellington Families,

Please join me in thanking Libby Boss for her delightful concert during the Wellington Fine Dining Day #2 last week. It was absolutely incredible to experience this lovely event. Thank you, Libby Boss!



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

Amy and Sarah

Nurse's Notes: EpiPen Recall

There has been a recent recall of EpiPens with particular lot numbers. All student EpiPens in the clinic were checked and found NOT to be part of the recall. Please look at EpiPens you have at home and compare lot numbers with the following website:

<http://www.mylan.com/en/epipenrecall>

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

Incoming Kindergarteners:

Do you or someone you know have a kindergartener planning to come to Wellington next school year? If the answer is YES, we need your help in getting the word out about registration, Information Night, and Intake Screening Day.

- **Registration:** This year ALL registration should be completed as soon as possible. Please go to the Belmont Public Schools website to begin this process. Begin registration online. Once you have completed the online forms, bring required documents to the office (as outlined in the directions from the website). We will complete your registration at that point and also sign you up for the Intake Screening Day.
- **Intake Screening Day:** * You must have a completed file **and** you must make an hour-long appointment to participate in this event on **Thursday, April 27**. Creating this appointment happens on the day when you bring your documents to the school, as outlined above. * You MUST bring your incoming Kindergartener to this event!

Green Team Update: The Green team did a data collection during lunch for the past week at Wellington. Please see below for our data:

- **Compostable organic waste - 200 lbs**
 - (Fruit peels and napkins, but was mostly Leftover food, including home lunches, a lot of veggies, and salad provided with the school lunch;
- **Trash - 40 lbs** (mostly Ziploc bags, plastic cling wrap, snack wrappers, juice pouches, half eaten yogurt and such)
- **Recycle - 60 lbs** (mostly milk and juice carton from school lunch and some from home)
- **Liquid - 120 lbs** (leftover milk and juice)
- **Unopened, Uneaten Food - 27 lbs**
 - (Mostly apples and carrots served with school lunches, also some milk, yogurt and cheese, some bananas and oranges, some packaged snacks brought from home)

Hope we can work together to reduce wastage at our school.



PTO News:

A full calendar of PTO events can be found online

[http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/wellington/pto/index.asp?pageID=1.](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:

Third Annual Wellington Science Night this week – Thursday, April 13! Join us for **3rd and 4th grade Science Night** this Thursday, April 13, 2016 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Wellington. Nearly 70 students are participating in this year's Science Night. Come and check out their hard work and find out what they learned from their experiments. 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.

The Science Night Committee needs volunteers to help out at Science Night on April 13th. Tasks include helping with set-up / clean-up, check-in, and helping with hands on activities organized by the committee (instructions provided!). Please sign up for one or both time slots, depending upon your availability, at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445AFA722A3FC1-science>

Wellington Staff Raffle is coming – the week of April 11! The Wellington Staff Raffle will run this year from April 24-28, with winners announced Friday, April 28. For \$1 a raffle

ticket, students will have a chance to win great prizes sponsored by Wellington staff – and the money goes towards funding training and continuing education opportunities for our teachers and staff, as well as new curriculum initiatives. This year's prizes include: principal for part of a day; a painting party; second grade games with staff and teachers; third graders can win bowling with their teachers; first grade lunch surprise with teachers, kindergarteners and fourth graders can win a trip to Ranc's with their teachers and friends; a special musical instrument session; and more! Raffle tickets and prize information will be sent home this week in your child's Communication Folders! Enter as many times as you like, extra raffle tickets will be available to print online and in the office.

Belmont Shopping Night Coming Soon! Belmont Businesses support Belmont Elementary Schools! Grab a friend and hit your favorite stores in Belmont Center to support our schools! **Thursday, April 27th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**, Champions Sporting Goods, Bessie Blue, Chocolate Dream, Bells & Whistles, Irresistibles, Thirty Petals Boutique, Westcott Mercantile, Toy Shop of Belmont, Revolve, Cuvee and more, will open their doors for a private shopping event between 6:30 - 9:00 pm to benefit the Belmont Elementary PTO/PTAs. Stop by Il Casale and Patou Thai for refueling or a post shopping cocktail! **All participating businesses will donate 15% of sales directly to the Belmont Elementary Schools' PTO/PTA.**

Green Team Update:

The Wellington PTO Green Committee is committed to helping our school reduce waste in the cafeteria. You'll be hearing more from us about that. For now, here are some 'Astonishing Facts' about food waste:

1. In the US, wasted food contributes 33 million tons of trash to landfills, where it proceeds to decompose, producing 25 percent of U.S. methane emissions. This contributes to global warming.
2. Only the best-looking produce makes it to the supermarket, meaning entire crops of perfectly edible fruit and vegetables are discarded because they do not meet exacting marketing standards for their physical characteristics.
3. In the U.S., wasted food costs \$165 billion per year (more than \$40 billion from household waste). Of that, \$750 million per year is spent just to dispose of the food we carelessly toss in the trash.

To read the full article, check out this link: <http://www.takepart.com/photos/food-waste-facts/food-waste-facts>

For more information about the Wellington PTO Green Committee, contact Priya Narasimhan, lpriyas@hotmail.com.

2017 Fourth-Grade Send-Off Information for Fourth-Grade Parents ***What is the "Fourth-Grade Send-Off"?***

The Fourth-Grade Send-Off (4GSO) is an annual tradition at Wellington. It is a party held just for the fourth graders and their parents/guardians to celebrate the end of the students' time in elementary school and the transition to middle school. The event includes a dinner for the fourth graders (and light fare for the grown-ups), music, a slideshow, and special presentations by Principal Spangler and others. In addition, the fourth graders receive a

special memory book, t-shirt, and other mementos from their time at Wellington. Due to space constraints, each student may be accompanied by up to two adults- no younger siblings please!

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!** Look for emails and a flyer this week about how you can contribute photos of your child and his or her classmates to the party slideshow and memory book. There will be two separate requests for photos, one specifically for the slideshow and the other for additional photos to be used in the memory book.
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

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 kid's, 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/i5EcRMC1fU9M431kYO3E>
- 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/mlXfssgDYYups3CSei4y>
- 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/AvwY7hsKxD2OBZP9o6qV>

- 3rd Grade 2015/16 Freedom Trail trip:
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/K93Wzxtbfyb9ul7XXpCf>
- 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

Join us for the

BECCA PIZZI



FAMILY FUN RUN

2017

5K and 1 Mile for kids

Sunday, April 30th | Belmont High School Track
5K begins at 9:30am | 1 Mile Kids Race begins at 9:00am
In addition to the run join us for: Awards & Giveaways

Register on racemenu.com/beccapizzi

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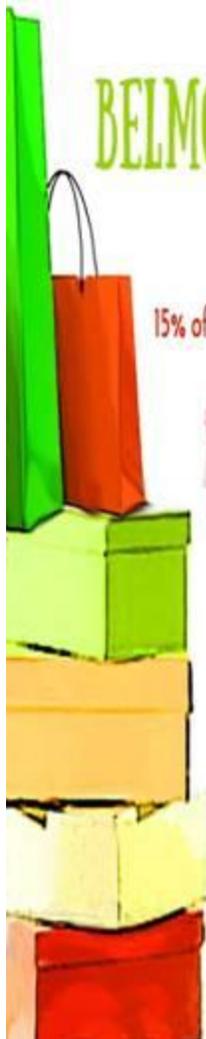


For sponsorship opportunities, contact Becca Pizzi at beccapizzi@yahoo.com

BELMONT SHOPPING NIGHT

Thursday, April 27, 6:30pm-9pm

15% of proceeds will support Belmont elementary schools!





Coffee And Conversation

Drop by for a chat with members of the
Belmont League of Women Voters

Thursday, April 27
10 AM-noon
or 7:30 PM-9 PM
22 West Street, Belmont

Children are welcome to the 10 AM event

Join us for an informal discussion about the work the League does to

- Promote voter education & participation in government
- Study and take action on issues including Education, Natural Resources, Voting Rights, Affordable Housing, Healthcare and more

Everyone, women and men, is welcome at this gathering to talk about current issues of importance, and is encouraged to consider League membership.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, multi-issue organization with representation at the local, state and national levels of government. The League takes positions on issues but does not support or oppose political candidates.

questions? email: Coffee@BelmontLWV.org