



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **April 27: No School for Kindergarteners or Preschoolers**
- **April 27:** Belmont Shopping Night; see flyer below!
- **April 28: No School for Kindergarteners or Preschoolers**
- **April 30:** Becca Pizzi Family Fun Run; flyer see below!
- **May 2:** FBE Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony, ALL welcome! **6:30PM Chenery Middle School**
- **May 3:** PTO Spring Walk To School Day
- **May 9:** Wellington PTO Moozy's Day!
- **May 11:** PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Community Room
- **May 16: Third Grade MCAS, Math #1**
- **May 17: Third Grade MCAS, Math #2**

Dear Wellington Families,

Please join me in congratulating **Ms. Meaghan Clow, the FBE 2017 Teacher of the Year!** We are thrilled to be celebrating all Wellington staff member's dedicated work and positive impact on children through Ms. Clow this year! All Wellington Community Members, especially current and former students of Ms. Clow, are welcomed to join us in celebrating all of the Belmont educators selected for 2017. The event will take place on **May 2 at 6:30PM at the Chenery Middle School**. More details will follow.

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 and Intake Screening Day.

- **Registration:** ALL registration should be completed as soon as possible. Please go to the Belmont Public Schools website to 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:** Families must have a completed file **and** they must make an hour-long appointment to participate in this event THIS **Thursday, April 27**. Creating this appointment happens on the day when the families bring their documents to the school, as outlined above.

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

Amy and Sarah

PTO News:

A full 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:

Send in Your Wellington Staff Raffle Tickets This Week! The Wellington Staff Raffle will run this week from April 24-27, 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 came home in your child's Communication Folders last week! Enter as many times as you like!

Print extra raffle tickets below or pick up more in the office. **Money must be included with tickets, and all tickets must be submitted by dismissal on Thursday 4/27!**

Belmont Shopping Night is This Thursday! 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, Irresistables, 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.**

THANK YOU: *THANK YOU to Sridhar Narayan and the entire Science Night Planning Committee for a fantastic Science Night experience two weeks ago!* Students presented very thoughtful, organized, and interesting science projects based on the science curriculum standards for 3rd and 4th grade. It was wonderful to see the excitement and pride each student group had for the work they created. The Science Night Committee also prepared some fun, hands-on activities that everyone enjoyed. Thank you to the staff members who came to share the excitement with their students! One final note of thanks, to Belmont Light, for their generous light bulb donation for visitors of the event.



THANK YOU Lauren Capitani and the many volunteers who donated their time and baking skills for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast two weeks ago! The faculty and staff are always so grateful for such a delicious assortment of baked goods, fruit, and coffee. What a wonderful way to say thank you the week before April break! If you weren't able to participate this time, please consider donating an item or two for our last Teacher Appreciation Breakfast of the school year on Monday, June 12th. Questions? Email Lauren Capitani at: laurencapitani@gmail.com

ENRICHMENT: *Before April vacation, the 2nd graders experienced 'Jambo Africa', a wonderful narrative led by Gail LaRocca about the wildlife and culture of East Africa. Through images, video, and inspection of artifacts from Kenya and Ethiopia, the students identified cultural similarities and differences and how it is important for communities to work together.*



Green Team Update:

The Wellington PTO Green Committee conducted a lunch waste audit the week of March 27th through March 31st.

Volunteers helped students sort their waste into compostable, trash, recyclable, liquid, unopened/uneaten food, and styrofoam trays. Results are listed below. We've also attached a photo that shows all the unopened/uneaten food collected from Monday through Thursday. As you can see the kids threw away a lot of good stuff!

A few takeaways that we would like to share:

1. There was a lot more uneaten food that you won't see in the photo. Some children emptied their full thermoses and dumped their containers full of fresh fruit and veggies (there was even smoked salmon) directly into the compost. We hope parents will encourage your child(ren) to bring uneaten food back home and use the opportunity to open up conversation about food waste without blame.
2. There was a lot of disposable plastic (Ziploc bags, sling wrap, etc.) that is not recyclable. Check out this website for some tips for reducing lunch waste: <http://www.wastefreelunches.org/parents.html> and if you purchase reusable products from MightyNest you can help support the Wellington PTO: <https://mightynest.com/shop/lunch-gear/food-containers>
3. Juice Boxes are a better option than juice pouches because they can be recycled.

Here is the grand average for the week:

- Compostable organic waste - 200 lbs
- (Fruit peels and napkins, but mostly leftover food, including home lunches, a lot of veggies, and salad provided with the school lunch)
- Trash - 40 lbs (mostly Ziplock bags, plastic cling wrap, snack wrappers, juice pouches, half eaten yogurt and such)
- Recyclable - 60 lbs (mostly milk and juice cartons 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)
- Plates: 890 styrofoam trays

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

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! ****Photos of your student and his/her classmates are due now! Photos for the memory book and slide show are needed ASAP. Students will be working on their memory book pages beginning THIS WEEK! ******
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

*****PHOTOS ARE DUE NOW!! WE NEED YOUR CHILD'S PHOTOS NOW TO MEET OUR PRINTING DEADLINES!*** ***

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 kids, 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/i5EcRMC1fU9M431kY03E>
- 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/6u4y2SITfvxbeJhoxReZ>

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/mlXfsgDYYups3CSei4y>

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/AvwY7hsKxD20BZP9o6qV>

3rd Grade 2015/16 Freedom Trail trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/K93Wzxtbfyb9u17XXpCf>

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



FAMILY FUN RUN 2017

5K and 1 Mile for kids

Sunday, April 23rd | 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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Proceeds benefit the

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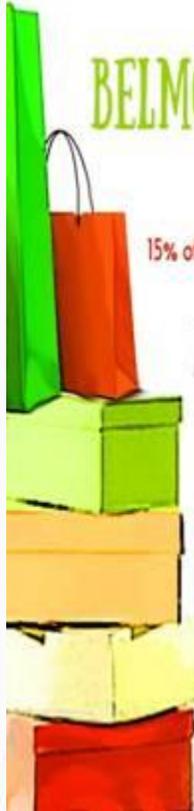


For sponsorship opportunities, contact Becca Pizzi at beccapizzi@yahoo.com

BELMONT SHOPPING NIGHT

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

15% of proceeds will support Belmont elementary schools!



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WELLINGTON STAFF RAFFLE!

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH through THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH (by end of day)
WINNERS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH.

Dear Wellington Families,

It's the Wellington Staff Raffle, created by the Wellington staff, and sponsored by the Wellington PTO, to directly fund our recently created teacher innovative fund. The raffle is open only to Wellington students, so our kids can win to spend special time with members of the Wellington staff.

Attached is a list of fabulous raffle prizes being offered by our staff - your child can enter as many tickets as they wish - but please note, they can only win one prize. You do not have to be present at the draw to win.

READ THE ATTACHED LIST OF RAFFLE ITEMS, AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose an item (or items, no limit), and write the item number on your ticket/s.
2. Fill out your contact information (First and last name, Grade and Teacher).
3. **PLEASE CUT OUT ANY TICKETS** you are entering, and put them, and your payment (\$1 per ticket) in an envelope and give to your teacher. Please make checks payable to Wellington PTO, or enclose cash (no coins please).
4. Please make sure your child is eligible for the prize being offered before entering it.

Any questions, please contact Lyn Hamer at lyn.hamer@mac.com.

For additional tickets, please make copies BEFORE filling them out OR go to: <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/wellington/pto/> to print more.

 PLEASE REMEMBER TO CUT OUT YOUR TICKETS :-)



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PLEASE CUT OUT YOUR TICKETS, AND PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH PAYMENT, THEN GIVE TO YOUR TEACHER



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PLEASE CUT OUT YOUR TICKETS, AND PUT IN AN EVELOPE WITH PAYMENT, THEN GIVE TO YOUR TEACHER

ITEM

STAFF RAFFLE PRIZES

GRADE

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| # 1 | BE THE PRINCIPAL FOR PART OF THE DAY! <i>Sponsored by: Mrs. Spangler</i>
Date: To be determined with the winner's family. 1 student can win. | ALL GRADES |
| # 2 | ENJOY A SPECIAL TREAT AT VICKY LEE'S IN BELMONT! <i>Sponsored by: Ms. Farrey-Pettit</i>
Meet Mrs. Farrey-pettit at Vicky Lee's in Belmont to enjoy a special treat together.
Date: TBD. 4 students can win this prize. | GRADES 2, 3 & 4 |
| # 3 | INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO!
An instrument petting zoo with Mr. McMahon for 1 winner & a friend of their choice!
Date: TBD. 1 student can win this prize. | ALL GRADES |
| # 4 | TIE-DYE TIME! <i>Sponsored by: Mrs. Markley, Ms. Benanti & Miss G</i>
Spend a sunny Monday afternoon getting your tie-dye on with Mrs. Markley, Ms. Benanti & Miss G!
Choose an item to tie-dye while enjoying snacks & music in the sun!
Future Monday after school, 2017, 2:50-4:30 pm. 6 students can win this prize. | ALL GRADES |
| # 5 | CREATIVE FUN ON THE IPAD! <i>Sponsored by: Ms. Kalajian</i>
Experience an i-pad creativity session with various art apps in Wellington's art studio!
Tuesday, May 23 rd , 2017, 2:55-3:55 pm. 6 students can win this prize. | GRADES 2, 3 & 4 |
| # 6 | ICE CREAM PARTY WITH THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS!
<i>Sponsored by: Mrs. Cox, Mrs. DeBello, Ms. Fink, Ms. Vahedi, & Mrs. Walsh</i>
Tuesday, June 6 th , 2017, 3:00-4:00 pm. 1 winner from each class, AND each student can bring one friend! | KINDERGARTEN ONLY |
| # 7 | LUNCH & SURPRISES WITH THE FIRST GRADE TEACHERS!
<i>Sponsored by: Mrs. Bell, Ms. Colavito, Mrs. Judge, Mrs. Nyanzi & Mrs. Slattery</i>
Lunch will not be provided. Students may buy or bring a lunch from home.
Date: TBD. 5 winners (one from each class) and winners may each bring one friend. | FIRST GRADE ONLY |
| # 8 | PLAY BOARD GAMES WITH THE SECOND GRADE TEACHERS!
<i>Sponsored by: Ms. Arnason, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Ebdon, Ms. McBride, & Ms. Reilly</i>
Thursday, May 25 th , 2017, 3:00-3:45 pm. 5 winners (one from each class) and each may bring one friend. | SECOND GRADE ONLY |
| # 9 | BIG BALL BOWLING at LANES 'N GAMES WITH THE THIRD GRADE TEACHERS!
<i>Sponsored by: Ms. Clow, Ms. Dinh, Ms. Lesiczka, Ms. Malloux, & Ms. St. Clair</i>
Meet us at 3:30 pm at Lanes 'n Games in Cambridge for an afternoon of bowling!
Thursday, June 15 th , 2017, 3:30-4:30 pm. 3 winners and each may bring one friend. | THIRD GRADE ONLY |
| # 10 | ICE-CREAM AT RANCATORE'S WITH THE FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS!
<i>Sponsored by: Ms. Endres, Mr. Ogilvie, Ms. Severy, Mr. Tenor, & Ms. Westfall</i>
Thursday, May 25 th , 2017, 3:00-4:00 pm. One winner from each class and each can bring a fourth grade friend. | FOURTH GRADE ONLY |
| # 11 | AN HOUR OF FUN & GAMES IN THE GYM! <i>Sponsored by: Ms. Doherty</i>
We will vote on your favorite games and activities, and play as many as we can in one hour.
Date: TBD. 10 students can win this prize, and each may bring a friend. | GRADES 2, 3 & 4 |



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