



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **June 9: SPIRIT DAY: Stuffed Animal Day. ALL stuffed animals must be able to fit into a regular sized shoe box.**
- **June 12:** PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, 8AM
- **June 13:** Library Shelf-Reading, 10AM-noon, see below for details
- **June 15:** Fourth Grade Send Off, 6-8PM
- **June 19:** Volunteer Celebration, 9AM, Wellington Library
- **June 19:** PTO Spring Picnic! NOTE the NEW DATE!
- **June 21:** Final Walk—Join our community at **11:10AM SHARP** to celebrate FOURTH GRADERS; Turf-side of the school.
- **June 21:** Last Day of School, 11:40AM Dismissal for ALL students

Dear Wellington Families,

A huge thank you to Aimee Doherty and her merry band of volunteers for making field day a reality at Wellington! It takes a great deal of organization, planning, and time to make this a fun event for all students. Thank you, to everyone! It was truly a wonderful day.

Also, a giant thank you to Angela Holmes for organizing our Kindergarten volunteers in building amazing planting beds underneath the Kindergarten windows! This enabled our Kindergarten team to teach all elements of our new science standards. Thank you for beautifying our school and adding so much to our students' lives.

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

Amy and Sarah

Staff Updates: It is that time of year when we begin to say goodbye to our fellow colleagues and hello to new or returning colleagues. What follows are our current staff updates:

Farewell:

- **Ms. Forrey-Pettit** and her husband will be moving to Maine in order for him to pursue his career in medicine, so she will not be returning to Wellington next school year. We are grateful for Ms. Forrey-Pettit's enthusiasm for teaching and her excitement for being part of the Wellington School Community during these past two school years. Please join me in thanking Ms. Forrey-Pettit for her effortful service to our school and in wishing her well in her all of her next endeavors.
- **Ms. Sheila Powley:** Will not be returning to our preschool next school year. We are excited to hear that she is planning to take some time off and plans pursue other interests. Please join me in thanking Sheila for these past two years of service to the Wellington Community and in wishing her well in all of her future endeavors.
- **Ms. Maggie Roler** will be staying home with her growing family in the coming school year. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Roler and her husband on the birth of their second child. We will all miss Ms. Roler in the coming year, and we are happy that she is taking this time to be with her children.
- **Ms. Natalie Ward** will not be returning to our school next year, but she will be continuing on in her role as an ELL teacher at the Winn Brook School. Ms. Ward has done an exceptional job working with our ELL students and families these past two year and we will all miss her presence in our school. We are grateful that she will remain in Belmont!

Welcome:

- **Ms. Marella Averill** joined our team in January as our third resource room teacher, and we are so fortunate that she will be returning next school year. In her short tenure she has already made a remarkable difference in the lives of the students she serves and the teachers that she supports. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Averill for another school year.
- **Ms. Molly Arnason** joined our team when Ms. Roler took her leave earlier in the year. I am most happy to announce that she will be returning as a second grade teacher. Ms. Arnason has been a wonderful addition to our second grade team and we look forward to continuing to work with this exceptional educator.
- **Ms. Erin D'Alleva** joined our team in January as a very part-time ELL teacher from the Butler School. We are thrilled to learn that she will be returning to Wellington for the coming school year as a fulltime ELL teacher. We are so fortunate that she

will be partnering with our other ELL teacher, Michelle Moeller. They will make a dynamic team!

- **Ms. Meg Dagon** will be joining our team as our sole instrumental music teacher this coming fall. We are very excited to have Meg join our Wellington family. Please join me in welcoming her to our community.

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***Would you like to volunteer with the PTO next year?
We're still looking to fill these positions for 2017-18:***

1. ***Directory: lay-out & ads***
2. ***Graphic designer(s)***
3. ***Insurance advisor***
4. ***Traffic supervisor***
5. ***Field day liaison***
6. ***Grant Writers***
7. ***Fall & Spring Picnic coordinator***
8. ***School Committee Meeting Reporter***

Please Help us spread the word! Please let us know if you are interested!

Email us at: wellingtonptopresidents@gmail.com

FINAL Staff APPRECIATION BREAKFAST JUNE 12 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please consider donating an item for the last Staff Appreciation Breakfast of the school year! Help the teachers sail into summer, while showing them how much we appreciate all they do for our children. *Donate an item to the Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Monday, June 12th.* This is a fabulous way for those with packed schedules to show support for Wellington's amazing faculty and staff, as it only entails dropping a breakfast item off at school on a Monday morning before school starts.

- **Please consider signing up to provide items using the SignUp link below.** You may also volunteer to set up and/or clean up in the Teacher's Lounge. All provided items should be labeled "Teacher Breakfast" with an ingredient list where appropriate and left in the Teacher's Lounge on the morning of the breakfast (8-8:30 am). We're using SignUp.com to organize the event, but feel free to contact Lauren Capitani with any questions at [917.797.4837](tel:917.797.4837) or laurencapitani@gmail.com

- Click this link to SignUp: <http://signup.com/go/fdXZdEv>
- Enter your email address: You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp
- Sign up!: Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.
 - (Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.)

A REQUEST FROM THE WELLINGTON LIBRARY: *PLEASE SIGN UP FOR LIBRARY SHELF READING EVENT!* After all the books have been returned, it is a good time to take inventory, neaten the shelves, and prepare the library to rest before another busy year begins. Even if you can only stay a short time, please come to help us on **Tuesday, June 13, between 10:00am and 12:00pm.** Everyone is welcome! Please click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/WdNPFcl>

Save The Date! Wellington Spring Picnic - Monday, June 19th Finish the School Year with Friends at the Wellington Spring Picnic! Join us at Underwood Park on Monday, June 19th for Fun, Food and Friends!

Bring food from home, or purchase delicious offerings from grill master, John Madden and *The Loading Dock*. Menu and prices will be available soon. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

ENRICHMENT UPDATE:

STEPPING INTO THE PAST ON THE FREEDOM TRAIL! Third graders took a walk into history along the iconic Freedom Trail - this tour included a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond! After a picnic lunch on the Boston Common, they enjoyed a scenic spin on the Swan Boats!



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE FIELD DAY FUN! Thank you to Ms. Doherty and her platoon of volunteers for putting on an action packed day of field day fun for all of the 3rd and 4th graders! It was a gorgeous day to run, jump and throw all around the school. Looks like everyone had a great time!



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!
Third Grade Parents, please volunteer to help out on the night of the party!
 _Not only will you be allowing the 4th Grade families to enjoy the evening with their children, you will also get a sneak peek at what to expect for your own child next year! Select a time frame that works best for your schedule and as the event nears, you will hear from us on your evening's assignment (i.e. table set-up, distributing gift bags, handing out burgers/dogs, and clean-up).
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fafac2fa75-4gso>

2. ***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.

Please email questions to farewellington@gmail.com. **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):

- 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

Community News:

Kids Triathlon New England 2017: Belmont kids 6 and above, please come and join the "Belmont Super" race and volunteering team at Kids Triathlon New England 2017!

- For those of you who don't know yet, the 6th annual New England Kids Triathlon is a super fun event, which will be held at the MIT campus on July 16th this year. Last year, it was a sold out event with more than 1000 participants age 6 to 15. It's expected to be one of the biggest kids triathlons in the United States this year! This is the 3rd year a group of Belmont kids teamed up as Belmont Super to race. Last year, the Belmont Super team was the largest team at the race (over 70 kids). Together with the volunteers, Belmont Super raised over \$1000 for the Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE). This year we are trying to repeat the feat! If your kids are interested, the race can be registered at:
<https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/register-new-england.html> Remember to use the

team name "Belmont Super" when you register, this way the organizers can make a donation of \$10 to FBE for each participating "Belmont Super" kid.

- There is also a great volunteering opportunity for kids 14 and older:
<https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/new-england-volunteer.html> Again, make sure to put down the group name "Belmont Super" when you register to volunteer. For each volunteer the organizer will donate \$10 to FBE too. This can also be counted as your community service hours.
- To help the kids prepare for the race, the organizers offer free training through the Belmont Recreation Department. There will be a total of 6 sessions, including 2 for swimming, 2 for biking and 2 for running. The first training session starts June 1st, so please hurry to sign-up for the training. You don't want to miss the opportunity to train with your friends under the direction of a professional triathlon coach! Detailed information about the training and registration can be found at:
<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/recreation-division/pages/kids-triathlon-competition-and-training>
- It's fun to practice, race and volunteer with friends, so get your friends to sign up with you!
- In addition, there will be a post-race celebration party at Payson Park including food, drinks, and lots of fun games. Last year, we had tug-of-war, bubble soccer and much more. Please check last year's Belmont Super report.
<http://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/20160728/belmont-children-participate-in-new-england-kids-triathlon->
- If you have any questions, feel free to email: contact@bcaa-ma.org