



## *The Wellington News*

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### *Important Dates:*

- **October 13:** First day for the PTO Fall ASE
- **October 20: PICTURE DAY!**
- **October 31:** Wellington Gift Card and Food Drive Begins
- **November 8: NO SCHOOL, Election Day**
- **November 11: NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day**
- **November 14:** Wellington PTO Gift Card and Food Drive (see below for details)
- **November 7-11:** Wellington PTO Book Fair Previews
- **November 14-16:** Wellington PTO Book Fair

### *Dear Wellington Families,*

Thank you for filling our buckets this past week! We have genuinely appreciated those sweet notes and generous ways people have let us know how much we are appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to reach out!

Amy and Sarah

### *Nurse's Notes:* (P.A.C.K. Week: October 17-21)

We will join the other schools in Belmont when we "Pack Assorted Colors for Kids" during the week of October 17-21. This is a fun and educational program that encourages kids to eat a wide variety of colorful fruits and vegetables, as each has its own nutritional benefits. To get the broadest range of nutrients, all colors are important – Purple, white, red, yellow, orange and green. And kids love eating the rainbow! Each day of P.A.C.K. Week has been assigned a different color and we're asking you to pack a fruit or vegetable for your child's snack/lunch based on the color of the day.

(Monday=Purple, Tuesday=White, Wednesday=Red, Thursday=Yellow/Orange, Friday=Green)

For more fun, encourage your child to wear something to match the color of the day! The school lunch will be offering a "color of the day" item as well. Feel free to call me with questions at 617-993-5606. Terry Grimm RN

## *All Town Chorus:*

All-Town Chorus sign ups are still open for singers grades 3-5. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30pm in the Burbank Music Room to enjoy making music together. You can register at:

[https://docs.google.com/a/belmontschools.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo4CMrz9Zcw20lyy\\_zHQnnj2SIdBPAVvnjbzOIIn5ouGHdCfg/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/a/belmontschools.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo4CMrz9Zcw20lyy_zHQnnj2SIdBPAVvnjbzOIIn5ouGHdCfg/viewform?c=0&w=1)

## *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>

## **THANK YOU:**

### ***Thank you to Niki Colombo for a Beautiful Pumpkin Fest to kick-off Fall!***

Thank you to Niki and all of you who volunteered to deliver and sell all of the delicious and festive Fall decorations at Pumpkin Fest! Who can resist doughnuts and mini-pumpkins? All proceeds from Pumpkin Fest benefit the Fourth Grade Send-Off, our annual end-of-year celebration of the fourth graders preparing to graduate from the Wellington!

### ***Thank you to Diane Hutchins-Fridmann for a celebrity-studded International Walk-to-School Day!***

Thank you to Diane for organizing another exciting group of community celebrities to join our Wellington walkers! We had a beautiful morning for the walk, and it was great to see so many families checking out the "Safe Routes to School" and getting a jump start on their Travellers Tickets!

### ***Thank you to our amazing Wellington Faculty and Staff for an information packed Curriculum Night!***

We really appreciate the time and effort that you put in to help families better understand what our children are learning this year! It was great to see so many families at the Wellington getting to know each other and the team that engages our students every day. Thank you to Jen Manganaro for the delicious treats at Curriculum Night and to our Room Parents for providing information about the PTO. **Special thank you** to Wellington parent Fuad Mukraker and the Loading Dock for providing our teachers with a lovely appreciation breakfast Friday morning!

***October is Principal's Month in Massachusetts!*** October is "Principal's Month" in Massachusetts. Please join the Wellington PTO in recognizing the achievements of our amazing principal team:

Principal Spangler and Assistant Principal Forrey-Pettit! Some ideas for parents interested in celebrating Principal's Month are below, courtesy of [PrincipalsMonth.org](http://PrincipalsMonth.org) (please visit the site for more ideas, or come up with some of your own!):

- Write a letter to Superintendent Phelan showing your support.
- Send flowers as a festive way to promote a sense of celebration.
- Ask local restaurant(s) to donate a gift certificate in honor of National Principal's Month.
- Have your child create a picture or card with thanks or a card depicting what it means to be a Principal.

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS/REMINDERS:**

- ***School Picture Day is October 20!*** Hayward Photography will be at Wellington on Thursday, October 20th to take your child's school picture. Envelopes with the photo packages offered will be sent home next week. Please send in the envelope & payment with your child on Picture Day. Every child's photo will be taken, even if you choose not to purchase pictures through Hayward Photography. In addition, each child will receive a class photo. If your child is absent on Picture Day or you are not happy with the photo that was taken, there will be a picture re-take day announced at a later date. Questions? Email the School Picture Day Coordinators: Meryl Junik ([meryljunik@gmail.com](mailto:meryljunik@gmail.com)) or Angela Holmes ([acoveny@gmail.com](mailto:acoveny@gmail.com))
- ***Wellington Directory is Under Construction!*** We've received the information collected by the BPS District Office and are beginning the process of compiling and printing the Wellington Directory. If you did not already complete the district email update, please be on the look-out for a Directory Information Form in your child's student folder. If you wish to be included in the directory and did not complete the email form before Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, you MUST complete the paper form and return it to the Main Office. Be sure to check the box authorizing inclusion in the Wellington Directory. More information about the directory and expected distribution coming soon. If you have a business that would like to advertise in the Wellington School Directory, please submit your business card size ad content and payment of \$25.00 in an envelope marked "Directory Ad" in your child's folder, or send your information as a PDF to [wellingtonptodirectory2@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonptodirectory2@gmail.com) and coordinate payment with our Directory Ad Sales volunteer, Kate Sacca.

#### **EVERYDAY WAYS TO SUPPORT 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!!
- ***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 information or to sign up, go to: <http://schools.mightynest.com/schools/ma/belmont/roger-e-wellington>.

***Reminder: No Idling At Wellington.*** For the health of our children, the faculty/staff and Wellington's neighbors, please don't idle your car engine around the school while waiting to pick up a student. It is against the law to idle your engine for more than five minutes. The Massachusetts Anti-Idling law aims to improve air quality by reducing unnecessary air pollution from idling vehicles. Please consider others while you wait. For more information please see: <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sites/default/files/ehs/docs/massidlinglaw.pdf>.

**As always, our thanks to all Wellington families for your continued support of the PTO - we couldn't do it without you!**

*Melissa & Lynne*