



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **November 14:** PTO Book Fair Pizza Night and Bake Sale
- **November 14-16:** Wellington PTO Book Fair; FEED Captain Fuzz!
- **November 18:** LAST DAY for PTO Gift Card and Food Donations (see below)
- **November 21:** PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- **November 22:** PTO Wilson Farm Pie Pick-Up; in the Community Room
- **November 23:** 11:40AM; Early Release WEDNESDAY—School closes for Thanksgiving Break

Dear Wellington Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support! We hope you all had a fantastic Veterans Day.

Amy and Sarah

Nurse's Notes: Head lice are around...

There have been reported cases of head lice. This is VERY NORMAL, especially after a vacation, when families congregate more closely and relatives from far away come to visit. This is a reminder to all of us that head lice are **always** in the community, and **routine inspection** of children's heads by parents is ESSENTIAL to combat the spread. Instructions for inspecting and treating head lice are available in my office, or on the Belmont schools website, under Health Services. 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/0e3o095rv2hl8b4m561sigmm7k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Last week was a whirlwind! Settle back into the routine this week, and catch up on opportunities to support our Wellington students! Stop by the Book Fair this week to pick books selected by your children and their teachers, volunteer to help the sale run smoothly, purchase some tasty treats from our talented Wellington bakers, or take a break from the Book Fair to enjoy pizza with friends! We can also support families with emergent needs at the Wellington by contributing to the Gift Card and Food Drive, extended through this week. Double your money towards books for the Belmont Community, by feeding Captain Fuzz in the Main Hallway. Finally, while you are up at school, please stop by the Lost and Found (located outside the Cafeteria) to check for any items your child might have misplaced. We have quite a collection and colder temps will bring many new items to lose at school! We appreciate your support with these many endeavors! Thank you!

THANK YOU:

Thank you Ms. Mailloux and Mr. Tenhor for presenting Playworks at the PTO Meeting!

Thank you to Wellington 3rd grade teacher Devin Mailloux and 4th grade teacher Steve Tenhor for presenting information about the Playworks curriculum in its second year at the Wellington. We appreciate you taking the time to share with the PTO! Thank you to all who attended our second meeting. The PTO meets next February 6, 2017.

Thank you to Superintendent John Phelan for speaking at Monday's General PTO meeting. Superintendent Phelan joined us at the PTO meeting to discuss district enrollment, the building project timeline and process, and how families can participate in and support the process of assessing the needs of our growing district. You can review his presentation slides (also presented at the School Committee meeting) here: ***Belmont High School Building Project Update:***

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Portals/0/docs/blog/BHS-BCS-Update-9-28-16.pdf>

IMPORTANT PTO NEWS/REMINDERS:

NOW EXTENDED! Gift Cards and Food Donations – October 31st - November 18th We are still collecting donations of gift certificates of any monetary value and new, non-perishable food to help families in need within our Wellington community. We are especially interested in gift cards for local grocery stores as well as for other services and shops that would be helpful to families with kids. These donations will directly benefit families in our Wellington Community. Gift Cards and checks made payable to the “Wellington PTO” and placed in an envelope labeled “gift card” may be sent in with children and will be collected by the teachers and forwarded to the office. You can also make a

donation tonight at the Book Fair or Bake Sale. Questions? Contact: Nomita Ganguly: nganguly@verizon.net or Jessica Leveroni: jyleveroni@gmail.com

Book Fair Volunteers Needed - Without You Our Bookaneers are Sunk! The Community Room has been transformed into a treasure trove of books! We are still in dire need of CASHIERS and SALES FLOOR VOLUNTEERS on:

Monday 11/14 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

Tuesday 11/15 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

Wednesday 11/16 1pm, 2:45pm, 4 pm, 4:30pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7:00 pm

Please take on a shift! Follow the link and put your name down today!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4faeab2da2fd0-wellington1>

Have a middle schooler looking for community service hours? Sign them up to help at our Book Fair: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4faeab2da2fd0-wellington>

Wellington Book Fair Is Here - a Swashbuckling Good Time! The Wellington PTO Book Fair opens TODAY! Your children are previewing all of the wonderful books available in our Pirate Book Fair this week, and we cannot wait to share it with you! Please come shop with us:

- **Monday 11/14** 8-10am & 2-8pm
- **Tuesday 11/15** 8-10am & 2-8pm
- **Wednesday 11/16** 8-10am & 1-6pm

Support the Fourth Grade Send Off at the Book Fair Kick-Off Party TODAY! If you pre-ordered pizza, do not forget to join us for dinner before checking out the Book Fair. Did not pre-order? Join us for a slice between 5:30 and 7:00 pm, while supplies last! Grab a tasty dessert at the Bake Sale before you head home and support the 4GSO. You can also pick up your very own Welly Doll at the BAKE Sale.

Tuesday, November 15 (3:30-6pm) and hang out with **Clifford!** Students visiting the Book Fair in the evening (Tues 6-8pm only) can enter to win a **COMFY COZY DAY** and a special book for their classroom!

You can also visit our online fair (beginning 11/14 – 11/28) to shop or create a wishlist at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wellingtonma>.

Captain Fuzz Is Still Hungry – Feed the Coin Pirate During the “All For Books” Challenge Campaign, Going On NOW! The Wellington All for Books Challenge is an important part of our Swashbuckling PTO Scholastic Book Fair. Through our annual All for Books Challenge, we raise money to buy and donate new books to children in our community. This year, the books will be donated to the Belmont Food Pantry. **Our goal is to raise \$1,300 in donations.** If we reach the goal, there will be an all school PAJAMA DAY this winter! *Crack open that piggybank and check for coins under the couch cushions!* You may send donations to school in your child’s folder or feed **CAPTAIN FUZZ** yourself – he is visiting Welly in the Main Hallway!

Sign up for the next Teacher Appreciation Breakfast! Please help the teachers make it through the hectic holiday season, while showing them how much we appreciate all they do for our children. Donate an item to the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on **Monday, November 21**. This is a fabulous way for those with packed schedules to show support for Wellington's amazing faculty and staff, as it entails only dropping off an item to school on a Monday morning before school starts.

Please consider signing up to provide items or give a short bit of your time to set up and/or clean up in the Teachers' Lounge using the SignUp link below. All provided items should be labeled "Teacher Breakfast" with an ingredient list where appropriate and left in the Teachers' Lounge on the morning of the breakfast (8:00-8:30 am). We're using SignUp.com to organize the event, but feel free to contact Lauren Capitani with any questions at 917.797.4837 or laurencapitani@gmail.com <http://signup.com/go/XK4Jo5>

Wellington Directory is Under Construction! We are completing the process of compiling and printing the Wellington Directory. If your information is not currently included in the information provided by the District for the directory, you will receive an email from the Wellington Directory Volunteer Team to the email address on file with the school. If you wish to be included in the directory, you MUST reply to the directory email. Be sure to clearly state that you are authorizing inclusion in the Wellington Directory. If you wish to include multiple contacts or have other specific requests regarding your family directory information, or if you have any questions about directory information, please contact Maureen Todaro at: wellingtonptodirectory2@gmail.com.

Green Team News:

The Next Green Committee is on **Wednesday, November 16th at 8:45am**, in the Cafetorium. The Wellington PTO Green Committee is a subgroup in the PTO, made up of parents who are interested in raising environmental awareness and encouraging healthy habits at Wellington. If you want to get involved but cannot make it to the meeting, or for more information, email Priya Narasimhan, lpriyas@hotmail.com.

Nov 15th is **America Recycles Day!** A program of **Keep America Beautiful**, *America Recycles Day* is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. **Did you know that 75% of garbage is recyclable but we only recycle around 30%.**

<https://www.timetorecycle.org/pdf/EDUCATION/Recycling%20Fun%20Facts.pdf>
RECYCLE TODAY, FOR A BETTER TOMORROW!

Volunteers Needed - Help us continue the Trex Recycling Program!

Thank you to everyone who has brought plastic bags in to Wellington as part of our Trex recycling program. Currently we are short on volunteers to support this program. If you pick up your child by car a few times per week, we could use your help transporting the bags to Star Market. Email Anna Churchill, aquarianna6@hotmail.com, if you are interested in helping out. As always, please remember to use your own reusable bags when you shop - if you do have clean plastic bags, they can be dropped off in the collection boxes at Star Market or Whole Foods. Remember plastic bags are not collected curbside on your

recycling day, so do not put plastic bags in your recycling bin. For more information about the Green Team, email Priya Narasimhan at lpriyas@hotmail.com.

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 us try for even more this year!! The money raised is used for field trips, in-school enrichment, classroom supplies, equipment and more. We will 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 is 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>.

As always, our thanks to all Wellington families for your continued support of the PTO - we could not do it without you!

Melissa & Lynne

GIFT CARDS &

FOOD



STILL TIME
TO DONATE!

EXTENDED DONATION DATE
NOVEMBER 14-18

FROM NOVEMBER 14-18 THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE
TO COLLECT MUCH NEEDED DONATIONS FOR A GIFT CARD AND FOOD
DRIVE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.