



The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **November 28:** Last day to order online Book Fair items!
- **December 9:** FALL PTO ASE courses end
- **December 26-January 2:** No School
- **January 3:** School resumes
- **January 4:** Winter PTO ASE course registration begins

Dear Wellington Families,

Welcome back, everyone! We sure hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few reminders today:

Dogs: We all love our family doggies; however, for the physical and emotional safety of all children (and adults) we really need each and every dog to stay off of school grounds.

Important to note: The Wellington school grounds officially begin and end at the parking lot entrances/exits. Thank you, in advance, for helping everyone to feel safe on our school's grounds.

Morning Drop-Off: Please stay inside of your vehicle when dropping-off students and be sure to pull your vehicle ALL the way forward and then wait for a staff member to assist students with the unloading process. This helps with the traffic flow. Thank you!

And, how are the children? Well, very well indeed. Please let us know how we can best serve your family.

Amy and Sarah

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 YOUS:

Thank you to Lauren Capitani and Volunteers for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Breakfast last week! The teachers and staff are always grateful for these extra special treats in the morning. Thank you to everyone who was able to provide a delicious assortment of baked goods, juices and coffee for our fabulous teachers. Interested in signing up for our next Teacher Appreciation Breakfast? Email Lauren Capitani for details: laurencapitani@gmail.com

Thank you to Cindy Wang, Susan Ye and the Fourth Grade Send Off Committee for organizing the Wilson Farm Pie Sale! All proceeds from last week's Pie Sale will support the Fourth Grade Send Off at the end of the school year. Thank you to all who purchased pies for their own holiday dinners and also to those who donated pies for the Belmont Food Pantry.

Thank you to families who have donated to the Wellington PTO this year! Your generous donations enable the PTO to provide our children and their teachers with educational resources, such as in-school enrichment opportunities, field trips, classroom materials, professional development, and more. As we approach the New Year, please consider the Wellington PTO when making your charitable contributions for 2016. As always, thank you for your support!

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: Recycle your clean plastic bags at Wellington! We have a plastic bag recycling bin by the lost and found area. You can also bring your bags directly to Star Market or Whole Foods. Remember that reducing waste is the first step, so bringing your own reusable bags to the store is the best way to reduce pollution. However, when you do

end up with plastic bags, you can conveniently bring them to Wellington. Also you can recycle more than just grocery bags. We also take newspaper sleeves, clear sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, and any kind of plastic wrapping around things like paper towels and napkins. These plastics CANNOT go in the curbside recycle bins. Please help reduce waste and start bringing them into Wellington! Thank you to our TREX volunteers, Dawn Donahue and Alison Kemp!

IMPORTANT NEWS/REMINDERS: [SUPPORT WELLINGTON DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!](#)

- ***It is 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

Community News:

- ***Green Corner-***
The Belmont DPW wants to help you recycle your holiday cardboard. During this holiday season, the Belmont DPW will offer extra options for cardboard recycling. On the first Saturdays of December, January and February from 9:00am – noon, residents can drop off their cardboard at the Town Yard, 37 C Street. The cardboard must be flattened, but does not need to be cut into 3' x 3' sections. At the end of February, the Town will evaluate the program to determine if it should extend beyond these three Saturdays.

Cardboard Drop-Off Only; Town Yard, 37 C Street:

- Dec. 3rd 9:00am-12pm
- Jan. 7th 9:00am-12pm
- Feb. 4th 9:00am-12pm

Also this holiday season think carefully about the packaging of your gifts. If the packaging is excessive choose something else. Remember you pay for that packaging and you pay again to get rid of it! If you really cannot do without a product, write a letter to the company's corporate office requesting sustainable packaging.

This is the time of year for an increase of trash sent to Wheelabrator. Please do your part and be mindful of what you purchase and what you throw in the trash. Have a happy, healthy, green holiday! Mary Beth Calnan/Belmont Recycling Coordinator/ mcalan@belmont-ma.gov

- *Girl Scout Troops Forming Now for Kindergarten and First Graders!*

Right now there are TWO Girl Scout troops that are forming with girls from the Wellington school! Both troops have leadership and are looking for new girls. With the days getting shorter, the weather getting colder, and cookies right around the corner, Girl Scout troops are forming here at Wellington! We have troops with a limited number of openings for Kindergarten and 1st grade girls. Do not delay, register today! Here are the instructions to register:

- Go to <https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl>
- Fill out the first page of the girl registration and click 'continue'
- You will then be brought to a "Ways to Participate" page. Here you can enter in the specific troop number depending on which grade. Please enter Troop 72145 for Kindergarten and Troop 62152 for 1st Grade.
- Once you select the troop, continue through the registration until complete.