

The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **January 2-31:** Wellington PTO Helping Hands Gift Card & Coat Drive
- **January 16:** Executive Functioning expert, Sarah Ward, parent presentation, Wellington School from 7-9PM (Please do NOT bring children to this event)
- **January 17:** 1:40 Dismissal
- **January 19:** Spirit Day at Wellington!
- **January 19:** PTO Moira Gavin Bingo Night, 5:45-7:30pm
- **January 22:** Winter ASE classes begin
- **January 26:** Report cards posted for parents
- **February 2:** Gwen Irish Comfy Cozy Day
- **February 5:** General PTO Meeting, 7pm with special guests Devin Mailloux & Cindy St. Clair
- **February 9:** Multicultural Night

Dear Wellington Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend! Today, in remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let us recall one of his famous quotes: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' " May we all continue to support each other in our community and reach out to help our neighbors.

Last Thursday, many Wellington teachers participated in a district wide professional development opportunity, led by executive functioning expert, Sarah Ward. We are thrilled Sarah Ward will be back at Wellington on January 16th for our parent presentation on executive functioning. Please see more information below.

This Friday, we will have a spirit day. The students filled the buckets in the office with their tickets, for following expectations, and they voted to have a "backwards day" at Wellington.

Please review the important calendar dates, as well as the PTO newsletter, to stay informed with what's happening at our school. As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your child at Wellington.

And, how are the children? Well, very well indeed.

Annemarie

Attendance Reminder: If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please call the attendance line at 617-993-5602.

Student Drop-Off SAFETY Reminder: With the new year and the winter weather challenges, this is a friendly reminder for all families! The SMALL loop on the K/1 side of the school is NOT a drop-off (or pick-up) area for students; however, students *may* be dropped-off along Orchard Street. Drivers must first pull into a vacant parking space BEFORE unloading students; please DO NOT double park in order to drop-off students. Students may also be dropped-off in the MAIN parking lot on the flagpole side of the school. Staff members are there to assist students in getting out of the vehicles.

Keeping all students safe takes all of us working together. Thank you for your cooperation and for following the drop-off procedures at Wellington!

Sarah Ward Parent Presentation: Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP and Co-Director of Cognitive Connections in Concord, MA, has over 20 years of experience treating a wide range of brain-based learning difficulties and behavioral issues. A popular speaker, Ms. Ward regularly presents on the topic of executive functions to a variety of professional and parent organizations. This program on January 16, from 7-9pm, is co-sponsored by the Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) and Wellington PTO.

Lost and Found: Please be sure to check the lost and found for jackets, gloves, hats and snow pants. We will be DONATING all remaining items in our lost and found on **Friday, January 26**. Thank you!

Electronic Report Cards Are Coming!

Our January elementary school report card will be shared with families via a link to PlusPortals and no longer sent home in hard copy! Those of you with students at the Chenery or BHS are already familiar with this portal. All elementary schools will be using the same portal with the January release of our report cards. An e-mail will be sent to parents from the portal stating report cards are available. If you have any questions or concerns about access, be sure to let us know. Anyone who cannot access the portal for any reason will still be provided with a hard copy of the report cards. Thank you!

Nurse's Notes: Viruses (including flu) are around

There have been reports of illnesses involving fevers, some including nasal congestion and cough. Some viruses can cause rashes on hands, face or belly. A child who is actively coughing/sneezing/blowing nose, or has a new rash, even in the absence of high fever,

should spend some time at home resting, both for their benefit, and to help prevent the further spread of their illness to others in the school. Your child's doctor should advise you on when it is wise to resume school attendance. Viruses are spread through exposure by air from coughing/sneezing, from close contact, and from touching contaminated objects. Let's work together to keep their spread to a minimum!

Terry Grimm RN

PTO News:

Helping Hands Gift Card & Coat Drive Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated coats to our Coat Drive! These will be much appreciated donations to Children's Services of Roxbury. We are also collecting gift cards to local grocery stores and Target to be distributed by the school administration to Wellington families in need of a little extra help throughout the school year. Please send gift cards in any donation amount into school in your child's folder. We are so lucky to have such a generous and supportive community!

Library Shelf Read - Tuesday, January 23rd from 1:00 to 2:30 pm Please come help get the library ready for the second half of the school year. We will organize the books and do a deep clean of the shelves. The event is open to all Wellington parents, grandparents, and guardians. **There is no need to be a trained library volunteer, but please make sure you have a current CORI form on file in the school office.** All supplies, instructions, and snacks will be provided. Any time you can give is much appreciated! If you're able to join us, even if only for a short amount of time, please follow this link to let us know you'll be there: <http://signup.com/go/qvXqnSx>, and please email wellingtonlibraryvolunteer@gmail.com with any questions.

Multicultural Night Volunteers Needed! Multicultural Night (Feb 9th, 6pm) brings the community together to learn about and celebrate the many international cultures we have at Wellington. The event features country tables where students and families can discover different cultures, a dessert potluck and a live performance. This year's theme is **Song & Dance**, and the Senegalese drumming ensemble Rambax will perform. We need a lot of help to make this event a reality! Have you lived abroad or are you from a different country? Share your culture by volunteering to host a country table! Interested in helping out another way or before the event? **Check out all of the volunteer opportunities and sign up here:** <http://signup.com/go/izDbwHO> **Questions?** Email April Julich Perez at aprilpomme@gmail.com

PTO January Newsletter In case you missed it, follow [this link](#) to read our January PTO Newsletter. Make sure to catch all the awesome upcoming programs on page 2!

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